Housing Team to Issue Report, Draft Includes Only Raw Data

By Keith J. Weinstein

The Residence System Implementation Team, created in 2001 to develop and execute a plan for the revamped residence selection procedure, will dissolve next week after submitting its final report, said members of the team.

A Jan. 13 draft of the RSIT report, obtained by The Tech, includes a lengthy chronology of the 2002 residence selection process—the first new system in more than 20 years—and results from a series of surveys of freshmen and living groups conducted in fall 2002 by the team.

But the draft report makes no recommendations for changes in the residence system, generally declines to analyze the results of the surveys, and makes no mention of a widely-signed Dormitory Council petition last November that called for dormitory selection to be "brought back as an uninterrupted multiday event."

Members of the team said the draft is substantially the same as a proposed final copy, which they said has been distributed to RSIT members by the report's principal author—Associate Dean Barbara A. Baker—but was not provided to The Tech.

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NASA to Look at Amateur Shuttle Videos, Photos

The Washington Post

NASA investigators continue their hunt for clues from the fallen Columbia, new attention is being given to images taken by back yard astronomers as the shuttle streaked across the Western skies.

In the videos and still photographs, the amateur astronomers seem to have found more possible wreckage, but only as far west as California. These images are flying around the Internet and among space buffs and now being sent to NASA.

However, the challenge is in determining what all the images show, cautioned NASA shuttle program manager Ron Dittmeyer at a news conference Thursday afternoon.

Dittmeyer asked the public to continue to provide images, even as he appealed for patience. "I'm not aware of any video that shows breakup of the spacecraft. As far as we know, the shuttle was flying well" until it reached Texas, Dittmeyer said. NASA has it has not found any confirmed shuttle wreckage west of Fort Worth.

U.S. Allowed to Renovate Turkish Bases for Use in Possible Iraq War

The Washington Post

AMERICAN TURKISH

Parliament authorized the United States to renovate several Turkish military bases and ports Thursday for use in a war against Iraq, the first step in an emerging decision to allow U.S. troops to use Turkish soil to carry out potential attacks on Iraq.

In a closed session and secret vote that underscored deep anxiety here over the kinds of pressures others have against it, the United States overall permission to station troops here. But Turkish officials and Western diplomats said that, with the government now pushing for it, permission is needed for thes to be formulized when parliament reconvenes after the Muslim holiday of Bayram, in about 12 days.

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Democrats Call Bush Funding Proposals Misleading to Public

By Dana Milbank

WASHINGTON

Several new programs that President Bush proposed in the buildup to his fiscal 2004 budget have turned out to be somewhat smaller than they first appeared.

One topic is that of AIDS funding, mentoring, and homeland security. Democrats have accused the president of misleading the public. Bush aides say the president's budget proposals, released Monday, back up his promises.

Thursday, Bush burnished his green credentials by promoting an initiative to produce hydrogen-powered cars. "I'm asking Congress to spend $1.2 billion on a new nationwide commitment to take hydrogen fuel cell cars from the laboratory to the showroom," Bush, echoing his State of the Union address, said after examining fuel-cell technologies at the National Building Museum.

But a fact sheet distributed Thursday by the White House indicated that $720 million of the $1.2 billion is to "new funding." The rest — 40 percent — is the government's existing fuel-cell spending.

Democratic lawmakers accused the president of repackaging existing programs to conceal his preference for expanded energy drilling.

Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.) a Democratic presidential candidate, called the counting of existing funds "a shell game." adding: "Rumors of this administration's commitment to hydrogen fuel cells are greatly exaggerated."

Amy Call, spokeswoman for the Office of Management and Budget, defended the administration's consistency. "The president has made clear his priorities, outlined them, and his budget reflects them very clearly," she said.

In his State of the Union address, Bush proposed spending $15 billion to combat AIDS overseas over five years. He said that $10 billion of that would be in new funds. His 2004 budget plan, however, called for spending $1 billion — of which $450 million would be new funding,OMB said.

Justice Department Revises Guidelines for Corporate Crime

WASHINGTON

The Justice Department has issued new guidelines for bringing criminal charges against corporations, emphasizing that it wants "genuine" cooperation from businesses in high-profile investigations.

"Too often business organizations, while purporting to cooperate with a Department investigation, in fact take steps to impede the quick and effective exposure of the complete scope of wrongdoing," Deputy Attorney General Larry Thompson wrote in a Jan. 20 memo to federal prosecutors nationwide.

Some defense lawyers and business groups fear the policy will force companies to waive attorney-client confidentiality in exchange for leniency from prosecutors, leading businesses to release documents that could expose them to shareholder lawsuits. "This is the most critical issue in the relationship between corporations and government today," said George Terwilliger III, who was deputy attorney general in the administration of George H.W. Bush.

Terwilliger said that even when companies want to help the government and turn over the results of internal investigations, courts have found that legal advice and other related materials can later be made available to plaintiffs' lawyers, leaving a company open to potentially serious civil liability.
Opinion

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February is Black History Month, which means many things to many people. Some see it as an opportunity to focus on the tremendous contributions that African-Americans have made to society, while others see it as a way to celebrate the achievements of people from all racial backgrounds. In any case, the month is an opportunity to reflect on the past and to think about the future.

But there is one thing that every Black person should remember: we are not a monolith. We are not all the same. We are not all the same in terms of our experiences, our identities, or our histories. We are a diverse group of people who come from different places, with different backgrounds, and with different perspectives. And that means that we cannot and should not be treated as if we are all the same.

For example, when we talk about Black History, we often focus on the contributions that Black people have made to society. But there is a danger in doing this. If we only focus on the positive contributions that Black people have made, we risk ignoring the negative contributions that Black people have also made. We risk ignoring the fact that Black people have also been responsible for some of the worst things that have happened in our history.

This is not to say that we should ignore the positive contributions that Black people have made. On the contrary, it is important to celebrate the achievements of Black people. But it is also important to acknowledge the negative contributions that Black people have also made. Only then can we truly understand what it means to be Black in America.

In conclusion, Black History Month is an important reminder that we are a diverse group of people who come from different places, with different backgrounds, and with different perspectives. And that means that we cannot and should not be treated as if we are all the same. We must remember that there is no such thing as a "typical" Black person, and that each of us has our own unique story to tell.
**Campus Profile — Antonio Saravia**

**Jose’s Mexican Restaurant food truck employee discusses life, work, and politics**

By Brian Loux

Antonio Saravia has a job the world has come to expect from his courtesy and salutatory nature. Recently I spoke to Saravia about his life and job after polishing off a question. The most important thing I learned is not to do an interview at peak lunch time, when you can be a liability to business.

The Tech: How many regular customers do you get a day?

Saravia: Oh, we usually get about 25 to 50 regulars a day. Or at least that’s the number of faces I recognize.

TT: How many one-time customers do you think you get?

Saravia: I don’t know. I think once in a while I get some, but most are graduate students and construction workers and people from the building.

Maybe they come once, and I don’t recognize them. But there are a lot I know by face and I talk to them … and ask them where they’re from. I get some people from Australia, Argentina, Chile, India, Yugoslavia, England, and Albania. They’re from all over, believe me.

I like that I get international customers because I’m not from here, either. I’ve been here for about 17 years, when an American family adopted me. My mom was from Madison, Wisconsin and my dad was from Wesleyan, Michigan. I went through high school in Madison.

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Saravia: Nope, it’s still the same.

TT: What time do you get up for the job at all.

Saravia: My alarm clock goes off at 6:30 a.m. I usually get there around 7 a.m. and start preparing.

TT: Do you have any other job besides this one?

Saravia: Yeah, this one. Eventually, one of the things I want to do is become … a periodista de guerra [war correspondent]. I think that would be a very interesting job.

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By Kaila Narendran

**Gadget Review**

**Roomba Intelligent Floor-Vac from iRobot**

Why toil endlessly to clean up the floor of your apartment when you’re just going to get it dirty again? The answer to this question divides the population more than any political or religious controversy (kind of like the question of “Do you like Harry Potter?”). On one hand you have the “duster” and “amen brother!” and on the other you have “because” and “it’s disgusting.”

When I first saw the Roomba, I had used handheld, battery-powered vacuums before with very limited or no success. Products such as the Dust Devil required me to cover the spout of a large, heavy doghair vacuum cleaner. I also purchased a Roomba, which does not pick up all the hair and dirt, but it does pick up the dead cat hair and lint from the floor instead. The Roomba is a new automated vacuum cleaner made by iRobot, a company I have come to know through their research and development of robotic vacuum cleaners.

The Roomba is the world’s first robot vacuum cleaner. You simply put the device in the middle of the room and select a room size (small, medium, and large). After that, the Roomba takes over, driving around like a tiny, robotic housewife, cleaning the floor.

**How the Roomba works**

The Roomba starts by spiraling outward from the center of the room. Once it runs into something (caused by the bumper on the front end), it starts a wall-following algorithm using the bumper and proximity sensors.

A small spinning brush picks up dirt off the floor, powering it into the path of Roomba’s brushes. After a bit of wall following, the Roomba starts to cut across the room in a somewhat random pattern, cleaning as it goes. It uses sensors on its front end to ensure that it doesn’t drive off a step or any other dangerous architectural formation. The wheels are soft, knobby rubber, allowing it to easy traverse all types of flooring (l.tiled carpet, tile, and hardwood), and transitions without getting stuck.

TT: Why do you think there are so few Mexican restaurants in Boston?

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Alexandre Gustave Eiffel was born in Dijon, France on January 15, 1832, and spent his entire academic and professional career in the world of engineering. From his early days in architecture, Eiffel became actively involved in the design and development of French trains, telegraph lines, viaducts and bridges. Eiffel is best known for his architectural genius behind two of the world's most historic structures: the Eiffel Tower and the Statue of Liberty.

In 1885, Eiffel began work on the Statue of Liberty, which was given as a gift from France, as a symbol of international friendship and the vision of freedom shared by the two countries. He was responsible for the design of the wrought-iron skeleton used to support the statue itself. He supervised the raising of the statue, calculated how much pressure would be put on each joint, and determined the structure's weight distribution. He advised the assembly of various pieces of "Lady Liberty" to make sure that they fit together correctly and met the statue's specifications. His methods were economical and helped speed up the project for modern engineers.

Eiffel is best known for the ultimate manifestation of his immense talent — the Eiffel Tower. At 1878, the tower was 324 meters high, but due to the thickness of iron and concrete, it is often said to be "without error, seated, we discuss whether or not that guy is a plumber and science, Eiffel studied at the Ecole Centrale des Arts et Manufactures, and upon graduation, became a professor. In 1885, he founded the engineering firm "Eiffel & Cie." to help modernize the French railway network and construct various civil engineering projects.

After his withdrawal from commercial life, he focused his attention on thermodynamics, architectural engineering and aerodynamics. He was fascinated by the construction of a tunnel under the English Channel, and this led him to develop a method of undersea tunnel construction for the Panama Canal. Eiffel also designed the first flying boat, the "Eiffel Type A," which was flown in 1906.

However, nothing was as impressive as his design of the Eiffel Tower, which was completed in 1889. It was the tallest structure in the world at 324 meters. The tower was designed to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the French Revolution and has become an iconic symbol of Paris and French engineering. Eiffel studied at the Ecole Centrale des Arts et Manufactures, and upon graduation, became a professor. In 1885, he founded the engineering firm "Eiffel & Cie." to help modernize the French railway network and construct various civil engineering projects.

The tower was completed in 1889, and it quickly became a popular tourist attraction. It was originally intended to be temporary and dismantled after the Exposition Universelle, but it was so popular that it was allowed to remain. Eiffel was also responsible for the design of the wrought-iron framework used to support the statue of Liberty, which was given to the United States as a symbol of international friendship and the vision of freedom shared by the two countries.

Eiffel died in 1923, but his legacy lives on in the tower he designed and the many projects he worked on throughout his career. His contributions to the field of engineering have left a lasting impact on the world, and his designs continue to inspire and amaze people around the globe.
THE ARTS
A Production of Only Hamlets

Hamlet, Stanford's latest production, opens this weekend with a unique interpretation of the Shakespearean play; all of the characters on stage are Hamlet and other characters are played through Hamlet's perspective.

Claudius, Hamlet's father, as himself.

Claudius' son, Hamlet, as himself.

Virginia L. Corless '06 as Ophelia as she drinks herself.

Hanyi H. Lin '04 as Claudius.

Virginia L. Corless '06, as Hamlet, contemplates.

The eight Hamlets make a common decision to kill their uncle Claudius.

Hanyi H. Lin '04 plays Hamlet gone mad.

Photography by Assan D. Mihal, and Dang Wang
A weekly guide to the arts in Boston February 7 - 14, 2003
Compiled by Devdoot Majulldar

This Saturday, the poppy and mellow OK Go (above) join garage girls The Donnas at Doors. At 8, tickets are $34, and the show is 18+.

THE ARTS

Alain Gilbert conducts with violinist Alistair Mackintosh for Orchestra II, Schuman's Symphony No. 4, and Stravinsky's Violin Concerto. Presented on Feb. 13 (7:30 p.m.), 14 (8 p.m.), and 15 (8 p.m.), and 18 (8 p.m.).


Concerts, Free student recitals and faculty concerts, trap music, dub, and New Wave. $15, 19+; $10, 21+.


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Begin tickets, contacts, give aways, and so on. Call 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission $1.50, $3.00.


Comedy Connection 617-354-8238. Fri. 10 p.m. - 1 a.m. Admission $5, $7.

Exhibits


February 7, 2003

European House, $10, 15+.

February 14: Babaloo's Family Circus
February 15: Willie Alexander
February 16: Grandmaster Flash
February 17: The Pretenders
February 19: Nick Carter, Justincase
February 24: I repress, Sunset is a Bat
February 25: American Hi-R
February 27: Max Creek, Uncle Sammy
February 28: The Music
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Hay Fever by Qian-nifer

This is Chen. She has big 80's hair and small eyes.

This is Jen. She has freckles and no hair.

Together... they are Qian-nifer

Their mission... to get a guy!

Come here, freshmen!

No! Don't look into their eyes!

You may not like what you will find!

I don't have to warn you, I jumped for it!

I've searched too long to give up now!

It... it is only a piece of paper... only a paper...

'The treasure lies not in the thesis,' said my disreputable advisor... but in the journey itself...
**Down the Hatchet**

**Exposing My Psyche**

By Akashay Patil

I have a new smoke detector in my room. It's a behemoth of a device that hangs on my ceiling and winks — err, blinks at me. A few weeks ago, a bunch of insane urine cans came into my room and stuck it on my ceiling, since then I have lived in fear. Granted, I was living in fear before the ceiling monster took up residence in my room, but that was a different kind of fear — a healthier, purer kind of fear.

A few months ago, my smaller, gentler, yellower smoke detector went crazy. It started beeping something crazy and would just not shut up. Even after leaving my window open for numerous hours (dropping the room temperature to a delicious 3 degrees Fahrenheit), the blasted thing would go off every time I plugged it in. This made me a big hit with the neighbors.

So I left the thing on my desk, emailed my house manager, and continued to live my life the way I always did — except now I was afraid of dying in a crispy in my dorm room while asleep at 4:13 a.m. on a Wednesday. People would come to my room and marvel at my dare-devil behavior and dashing good looks.

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Friday, February 7

10:45 a.m. - Campus Tour. Student Led Campus Tours are approximately 90 minutes long and provide a general overview of the main campus. Please note that campuses tours do not visit laboratories, living groups or buildings under construction.

Groups over 15 people need to make special reservations.

Campus tours begin at the conclusion of the Admissions Information Session. The Campus Tour begins in Lobby 7 (Main Entrance Lobby at 77 Massachusetts Ave.). Free. Room: Lobby 7 (Main Entrance Lobby at 77 Massachusetts Ave.). Sponsor: Information Center.

1:10 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Muslim Friday Prayer. Weekly congregational prayer for Muslims. People of other faiths welcome to attend. Email [muslimcenter@mit.edu](mailto:muslimcenter@mit.edu) for more information. Free. Room: W11-110. Sponsor: Muslim students' Association.

2:45 p.m. - Campus Tour. Free. Room: Lobby 7 (Main Entrance Lobby at 77 Massachusetts Ave.). Sponsor: Information Center.

4:00 p.m. - Ronnie Harris Pummendment Dance Company. Ronnie Harris and his company are well versed in the vernacular of hip-hop, popping, locking, stepping. Break, house and other styles that have emerged from the African-American and Latino communities of inner city America. Free. Room: Hillman Hall. Sponsor: Music and Theater Arts Section.

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Paul Pfeiffer: Opening Reception. This is the most substantial exhibition to date devoted to Paul Pfeiffer’s video, photography, and sculpture. Pfeiffer’s work addresses the many problematic aspects of present and future worlds dominated by extensional revolutions in visual representation, while exploring universal themes of identity, race, and culture, often through imagery from sports, film, and popular culture. Free. Room: List Visual Arts Center. Sponsor: List Visual Arts Center.

7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - MIT Anime Club showing. Join us on a trip to a world of new and classic Japanese animes from Japan’s fabled animators. Films about giant robots and big hair, but also films about romance, growing up, and some truly bizarre comedy. Free. Room: E15-120. Sponsor: Anime Club, MIT.

7:30 p.m. - Women’s Ice Hockey vs. Sacred Heart University. Free. Room: Johnson Ice Rink. Sponsor: Department of Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation.

8:00 p.m. - Star Wars: Musical Edition. World premiere of musical by Rogue Shindler and Jeff Seuss (original lyrics and order). Based on the film “Star Wars: A New Hope” by George Lucas. $9, $8 MIT/community/seniors, $6 MIT/Wellesley students. Room: Sala de Puerto Rico. Sponsor: Musical Theatre Guild, MIT.

Saturday, February 8

12:00 p.m. - ‘Men’s & Women’s Indoor Track & Field Greater Boston Championship. Free. Room: Johnson Indoor Track. Sponsor: Department of Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation.

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Paul Pfeiffer: ArtTalk. Paul Pfeiffer: His solo exhibition viewed at the List Visual Arts Center. The artist will give a talk about his work of art. Free. Room: List Visual Arts Center Gallery. Sponsor: List Visual Arts Center.

2:00 p.m. - Women’s Basketball vs. Smith. Free. Room: Rockefeller Cage. Sponsor: Department of Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation.

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8:00 p.m. - Hamlets. $8, $6 students. Room: Kresge Little Theater. Sponsor: Dramashop.

Sunday, February 9


5:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. - Panhellenic Recruitment. Free. Room: Student Center. Sponsor: Panhellenic Association, MIT, Student Life Programs.

Monday, February 10

10:45 a.m. - Campus Tour. Free. Room: Lobby 7 (Main Entrance Lobby at 77 Massachusetts Ave.). Sponsor: Information Center.

12:15 p.m. - Women’s Basketball. Free. Room: Johnson Indoor Track. Sponsor: Department of Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation.

Tuesday, February 11

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Future Committee To Recommend Changes

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the residence orientation program; the timeframe for the formal aspects of the FSILG recruitment process; the issue of room squatting; and, ways to support and develop some of the under-subscribed theme houses to increase student participation.

The RSIT report "doesn't have any recommendations about how to change those things," Gray said. "That will go to a new committee. A new group will make those sorts of decisions." Redwine said that he and Benedict are working on a plan for the new group, which will also help plan next year's residence selection.

"Room squatting" raises eyebrows

One senior student government officer, who asked not to be named, said he was disappointed with the inclusion of "room squatting" in the list of "areas for resolution" in the report.

"That's not the way we've considered it," he said. "We've had Dean Benedict sign off on the joint UA-DormCon proposal that there is no room squatting," he said.

"Room squatting," a practice not present in 2002, refers to the ability of freshmen to choose to remain in the dormitory room assigned to them over the summer and occupied by them during orientation week. Benedict could not be reached for comment.

Another practice that was first available to freshmen in 2002 — the ability to remain in the dormitory they were assigned over the summer — was not examined by the RSIT report, despite the general position of student organizations and living groups against it. This option, known as "dorm squatting," was exercised by 82 percent of freshmen.

Kessenich said the RSIT did not view changing "dorm squatting" to be an option. "If you want to go by the Bacow report," dorm squatting is a requirement of the new system, she said.

"I don't think the issue any more is the Bacow report," Redwine said. "It's where we are now," he said, adding that dorm squatting had been successful in allowing freshmen to select their housing over the summer.

The "Bacow report" is the December 1999 document The Design of the New Residence System by former Chancellor Lawrence S. Bacow '72. The "new residence system" was the first to incorporate the controversial 1998 "freshmen-on-campus" decision and was first put into place in the fall of 2002, after Bacow's July 2001 departure to become the president of Tufts University.

But changing parts of the system, even those prescribed by the report, remains an option, Redwine said. "I don't think any report is inviolable."

Draft omits mention of petition

In November, Kessenich spearheaded the Dormitory Council's petition drive for dormitory selection to be "brought back as an uninterrupted midway event." The petition included about 500 students signed the petition, but that it was never formally presented at a meeting of the RSIT because the team "only met sporadically," she said.

The draft report leaves out any mention of the petition, although it does mention the question of "the appropriate and desirable length and structure of the residence orientation program" in its list of questions that need to be considered by the new, as yet unnamed and unformed, group.

By making those sorts of changes at the Institute, she said, "This is a good opportunity to get involved, because the UA deals with the entire student body rather than just a small group," said Hannah Choe '06, a candidate for class of 2006 treasurer.

UA elections will be held March 6-11. In addition to UA president and vice president, the positions of 2004, 2005, and 2006 class council officers, president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, social chairs, and publicity chairs, are also being contested.
Fewer Prospectives Interested in EECS

By Kathy Lin

The number of prospective freshmen listing Course VI (Electrical Engineering and Computer Science) as their "intended major" dropped noticeably in this year's applicant pool. Freshman application numbers remained largely unchanged otherwise.

Fewer students pick Course VI.

"Overall numbers within Course VI are roughly 19 percent lower than they have been in the past," said Elizabeth S. Johnson, associate director of admissions. "That has little to do with MIT and just reflects the current economy," she said.

The decreased interest in EECS by prospective freshmen was mentioned at a faculty meeting, said EECS Professor Nancy A. Lynch. Lynch said, however, that undergraduate enrollment in Course VI classes hasn't changed significantly.

Application numbers down slightly

"The total number of applications we have for this year is 10,529," said Johnson. Of those, 3,373 were early action applications.

That number is about a 1.3 percent decrease from the 10,664 applications received last year. "These numbers are basically the same to us," Johnson said.

Enrollment target still unknown

Johnson said she does not yet know what the target number for Class of 2007 enrollment is, but expects it to be somewhere around 1,000. "Last year, the target was 980," she said.

However, "crowding is no longer an issue, and there are spaces in the dorms that are open at the moment. Simmons has made a difference," Johnson said.

Johnson said that the office plans on admitting "about as many students as last year, which was a little over a total of 1,700." The Institute has admitted 524 students already under the early action plan.

"We've been reading the applications like mad, but we haven't been admitting people yet. We'll begin that in the middle of February ... and we won't be mailing our letters out until around the third week of March," Johnson said.

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SEVIS Could Prompt MIT Policy Changes

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Stanford will "absolutely not" report details such as changes in classes or small disciplinary events like library fines. This information "was not requested" in the federal guidelines, Pierce said. While being suspended for cheating, for example, might affect immigration status, it would not be reported through SEVIS, he said.

Steiner-Lang noted that there was "some discrepancy with what [the SEVIS] help desk said and the regulations" require to be reported. She emphasized only disciplinary actions resulting from criminal convictions are required to be reported.

Dean of Graduate Students Isaac M. Colbert has previously said that MIT would report only severe disciplinary problems and only basic registration information. Library fines, for instance, would only matter if they hold up registration, he said.

MIT will have to review those circumstances that lead to registration status to take into account that registration holds have a very significant effect on international students," Colbert said.

Colbert said that "at the Washington end of SEVIS they're not quite there yet." Currently, MIT is capable of submitting the data for individual students one by one or in a batch mode, Colbert said, but the government is not ready to receive files in large groups.

They are "overwhelmed over in Washington and they have an incentive to be reasonable" about delays and bugs in the system, he said.

The process "was time-consuming," and had "ups and downs" because of changes made by the government, Steiner-Lang said.

She said Washington University had been ready for SEVIS long before the original government deadline of Jan. 30.

Currently, the university offices in charge of SEVIS are entering student data as new students are admitted or as current ones need to enter or leave the country.

Eventually, following the federal deadline, the universities must send the student data for all current international students through SEVIS by Aug. 1.

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By Nathaniel Collins

Controversy over a proposed construction project near the Sidney-Pacific graduate residence remains unresolved as the Cambridge Planning Board approaches a decision on the future of 100 Landsdowne Street. 100 Landsdowne was previously planned in a residential building. Forest City Enterprises, which manages the University Park area, requested an amendment last November to allow research space instead of apartments. The plot is located adjacent to Sidney-Pacific.

Jeffrey C. Roberts G, Sidney-Pacific outreach chair, said that developing 100 Landsdowne for biotechnology or other research would hurt the quality of life for graduate students living in the area.

"If you want to try to foster some sense of community and encourage interaction between MIT and non-MIT residents, more housing would be "better in the long term," he said.

Roberts said that he would like to see more shopping and foot traffic in the evening, both to foster community and for safety.

"I think University Park provides a pretty good quality of life" independent of what 100 Landsdowne becomes, said Peter B. Calkins, Forest City's senior vice president for development and planning.

"University Park as a whole is a 24-hour environment," Calkins said. Biotechnology firms at University Park operate well into the evening and there is a significant number of people present, he said.

"We have some students there, and we think they would enjoy having more activity there," Calkins said. "I hope we can work this out and that we can get something that would bring a lot of people to the area and that would bring an economic benefit to the area as well as to the city."

The Planning Board is trying to determine whether or not the IPOP was granted because 100 Landsdowne was planned as a residential building, said Lisa Paden, a Planning Board staff member.

At the time of the IPOP, 100 Landsdowne was designated as a "luxury high-rise residential tower," according to No. 5 letter from Calkins to Thomas Anninger, the chair of the Cambridge Planning Board.

The letter says that University Park has met its requirements for 150 units of affordable housing, as well as other requirements, and that a research facility would fit in better with existing buildings.

He further argued that the IPOP authorized, but did not require, residential development, and that research space was consistent with existing zoning. He asked that 100 Landsdowne be removed from the permit.

"There was a short discussion" about the implications of the request at the meeting, Paden said, but no final decision was made because one member of the Board could not be present. Roberts said a straw poll suggested that, between the absent member and one undecided member, the vote could go in favor of Forest City's request.

"It seems like the Planning Board is still split," Roberts said.

"People who are pushing for the amendment steered it away from what they were asking for," Roberts said. "That's disappointing to me."

Forest City has indicated it will build housing at 23 Sidney Street, across from the University Park Hotel. Forest City originally planned to develop retail space there. "Given the economy," retail space would not sell well, so a residential building with a first-floor retail component would go there instead, Calkins said.

In a separate Nov. 5 letter to the Planning Board, Executive Vice President John R. Curry, speaking before the Cambridge Planning Board, said that MIT is aware of the city's "impatience" to have an agreement and that he expects a "true turn resolution."

"Last year MIT gave the city $1.164 million in lieu of taxes and paid $15,29 million on its taxable properties. The size of the in-lieu of taxes payment has remained relatively unchanged since 1997, when MIT gave the city $1.100 million."

Future development plans

Davis also raised concerns about the Institute's future development plans. Although the Institute is only required to present the city with any developments that it has planned, Davis asked Institute representatives to "give us some of their thoughts" on future developments which may not have reached the formal planning stage.

"During his presentation to the board, Curry described a proposed "east campus project" which would redesign the campus of the Sloan School of Management along with the planned Brain and Cognitive Science building. Davis also said that the Sloan buildings are "not in a terribly good state" and that Sloan has always felt they were a little in left field."

"Curry also said that the Institute may construct a fine arts center with a "black box theater" and performance rooms. Both the east campus project and fine arts buildings are tentative and awaiting for funding. Curry said that MIT plans to rely more on gifts for future construction and that such gifts have not been forthcoming in the current economic climate.

In response to a question from Planning Board member Pamela Winters, Curry said that MIT had no plans for additional graduate housing in the near future.

Report well received

During his report, Curry touted MIT's impact as an "economic engine" and outlined the Institute's recent addition of the Sidney-Pacific, Warehouse, and Simmons dormitories.

"In general, a lot of what MIT does is positive," Murphy said of the report, and added that "the Cambridge community Local universities are part of what make Cambridge a great city just as Cambridge makes the universities great."

Davis cited MIT's commitment to reducing carbon dioxide emissions as a positive contribution of the Institute. An IAP course and UROP student would be studying ways to improve the environment in Cambridge, Davis said. Cambridge residents in attendance were less generous.

"We are planning on doing something," Steven Karter said, "but I don't think we should be making in-lieu of taxes." Davis responded that "we would like to have the MIT students come up with something that is going to make a difference."

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