Dormitories Discuss In-House Dining Plans

By Waseem S. Daher

MacGregor House and McCormick Hall are discussing reopening in-house dining halls that were closed ten years ago because MIT's dining contractor could not make money off of them.

The idea is receiving serious consideration by the dormitories and MIT administrators led by Larry G. Benedict, the dean for student life.

"We're exploring what it would take from an engineering standpoint," said Richard D. Berlin III, the director of campus dining.

McCormick and MacGregor dining would likely be patterned after existing models in Simmons, Baker, and Next House, where students make a mandatory down payment of $200 at the beginning of the year and are reimbursed during the year with a 50 percent discount on meals, Berlin said.

East Campus is unlikely to have a dining hall in the near future because it does not have the appropriate facilities, Berlin said.

Currently, the main dining hall for East Campus is Walker Dining, which will be relocated to the Stata Center when it opens. Benedict has predicted a March or April 2004 opening.

Dorms consider dining possibility

"We've been looking into reopening the McCormick dining hall for about four or five years," said Professor Charles Stewart III, the McCormick housemaster.

"The McCormick dining hall was a great place to go to ten years ago, and we'd like to bring that back," Stewart said.

Last spring, McCormick's dining committee investigated the issue by administering a survey to McCormick residents "to try to ascertain what people's dining habits were [and] what kind of options they were interested in," said Stewart.

"We've gotten some good feedback," Stewart said.

McCormick currently offers an optional all-you-can-eat buffet-style dinner on Wednesdays to its residents for $6.50 per meal.

While MacGregor is also investigating the possibility of reopening its dining facility, this would not replace its store, Campus Convenience.

"The store has a different role than a dining hall ... it fills an important niche," Berlin said. He said the distinction is that students often stop by the store for a small snack such as a candy bar or a soda, especially late at night.

Students have mixed reactions

Residents have different views about the possibility of having a meal plan.

"I think that having a meal plan sometimes makes it more difficult to eat when you want to," said an anonymous student.

Jonathan A. Goler & asks to be allowed to hang a flag outside his dormitory window at the Undergraduate Association Senate meeting Monday night. Housing Director Karen A. Nilsson, who threatened Goler with eviction until he brought his flag inside, looked on. The Senate heard presentations from each side and will discuss the issue at next week's meeting.

Daytime Shuttle to Start in December

By Gireeja V. Ranao

MIT transportation will offer a Boston Winter Shuttle this year to bring students back and forth across the Charles River during the day.

The shuttle will run from December through April, except for the January Independent Activities Period, said Lawrence R. Brunti, the operations manager of the MIT Parking and Transportation Office.

Franco Modigliani

Institute Professor Emeritus Franco Modigliani passed away in sleep on Friday. He was 85.

In 1985, he and his student Richard Brumberg received the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Science for their life-cycle hypotheses, which he developed at the Carnegie Institute of Technology, now Carnegie Mellon University. Modigliani and Brumberg disagreed with previous theories that people saved money only if they were rich, and theorized that people save early on in their lives and become wealthier as a result. Then, in old age, they spend the wealth that they have accumulated.

"He was the greatest living macroeconomist," Professor Emeritus Paul A. Samuelson told The Boston Globe. "He could have gotten a Nobel Prize for several different subjects."

"Franco was a giant among economists and played a decisive role in the intellectual development of corporate finance," Dean Richard Schmalensee '65 of the Sloan School of Management said in a statement. "His legendary enthusiasm and intensity never flagged. He inspired generations of students and colleagues with his passion for using economics to benefit society."

Modigliani was a member of the National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

He joined MIT in 1950 as a visiting professor. He taught at MIT for 28 years until his retirement in 1978. He continued to teach a course each spring, according to the Times.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, the News Office said in a statement. MIT is planning a memorial service.

OCW Posts 500th Class

By Beckett W. Stermer

Yesterday, the OpenCourseWare project published course materials in its 500th MIT class, at http://ocw.mit.edu.

The project offers syllabi, lecture notes, homework assignments, and exams in MIT classes for free on the Web, and has received 115 million hits from across the nation and other countries since it first opened in spring 2001, said Jon P. Potts, the OCW communications manager.

Potts said that the goal is to have 1,800 courses available by 2007. He said that MIT has approximately 2,000 total courses right now, but that approximately 200 of them are not easily transferred online because they are held in the form of discussion sections.

OCW has so far been funded by two $5.5 million grants from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, and $2 million from MIT, Potts said.

"That will carry us until the end of this calendar year," he said. OCW is currently applying for a second round of funding, he said.

The shuttle will run every half hour, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., said David N. Rogers, the director of fraternities, sororities, and independent organizations.

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Boulder high school has cleared the way for its students to pass the 10th-grade English and French exams, thereby passing the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) graduation requirement, according to results released Monday by the state's education commissioner.

Nearly 57,000 students from last year's senior class have passed the MCAS tests, leaving about 3,300 students still struggling to get over the 10th-grade MCAS hurdle, said Deputy Education Commissioner David P. Driscoll's original predictions.

"The White House on Monday dismissed as "ridiculous" the suggestion that Karl Rove, senior advisor to the President, had leaked the name of an undercover CIA officer, according to a senior Department of Justice official who said that it was a "good-faith belief.""

At the same time, the White House acknowledged that the leak of the name to Democrats for the appointment of a special outside counsel to determine whether someone in the administration had disclosed the officer's identity in an effort to protect its intelligence has been a "personal concern." The White House has been in contact with senior Democrats about the possibility of appointing a special counsel to investigate the matter.

The illegally leaked information was obtained by President Bush in the course of a major federal antiterrorism campaign. The leak has caused some concern among some Democrats about the possibility of appointing a special counsel to investigate the matter.

President Bush has been in contact with the Department of Justice about the possibility of appointing a special counsel to investigate the matter.
The number of people without health insurance shot up last year by 2.4 million, the largest increase in a decade, as the cost of insur-
ance, as health costs soared and many workers lost coverage provided by employers, the Census Bureau reported on
Monday.

In its vigil for a possible return of SARS, health officials
have maintained on finding where the virus hides in nature.

In a separate incident that
involved any offerings, but the National
Council of Underwriters has stopped
investigating the Singapore case, the
Laboratories can be likened to
"laboratories that are like a security
agency, known as a BSL-3 facility. But some
infectious disease specialists are con-
cerned that the laboratory, which is one of the largest in the
world, might not be equipped to
handle the virus.

In a separate incident that
called for an investigation in August through contamination in a
laboratory where he worked on vaccines.

Inappropriate laboratory stan-
 standards and a cross-contamination of
Viruses with the samples with SARS could have led to an
case of the disease.

In 1998, even when the economy was
sluggish, the number of uninsured was likely to
rise this year because the job market
is growing again, with about 9 million
people, and no infection is known
to have been transmitted in Hong Kong.

The link between tobacco use among women," said Dr. Corinne Husten, chief of epi-
From Breast Cancer."}

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Uninsured Swell to 15 Percent

By Robert Pear

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Letters To the Editor

Must America Change?

I dispute some of the assertions and implications made by Basil Enweah in "Why America Must Change" (Sept. 23). He claims (1) that the U.S. has in most cases obstructed democracy and capitalism in other nations, (2) it must lead the world in R&D investment (as if it did not already) to be great, (3) that it acts only in its interests and does not present an image of "an America that cares about the rest of the world."

Against the first, there is the example of South Korea, which is now a free and prosperous nation, for which most older Koreans who remember the old days are grateful. Among other nations, the U.S. has helped to build them is my mother. I can list many other nations where the U.S. has helped to build them, like the former bases those who deploy, like sanctions enforcement in Iraq, Afghanistan and so on.

Against the second are data from the 2002 NSF Indicators on Science and Engineering. In 1999 the U.S. spent more in R&D than all other G-7 countries combined, and recent trends suggest that difference will grow even wider. Among G-8 nations, the U.S. spends a larger percentage of its GDP on R&D than all but Japan.

Against the third I offer a few recent examples: the U.S. led the campaigns to help Muslims in Kosovo, where its interests were another obvious no compelling; the U.S. will spend much rebuilding Iraq, more than is recoverable; the U.S. has pledged billions of dollars to fight AIDS in Africa. Many criticize the U.S. for spending half to a third of what the EU spends in aid and as a percent of GDP, but this neglects private aid sent with missionaries, NGOs, etc. According to the Hudson Institute, private aid is three times Federal aid. It also neglects America's unique military role. According the Department of Defense's Stars and Stripes, the U.S. spends $12 billion a year maintaining its forces in South Korea, protecting freedom there. I do not know how much the U.S. spends in its many other deployments, like sanctions enforcement in Iraq, but it is no doubt many times more.

Mr. Enweah has a bold vision for what America must become. It is a vision, I believe, that America largely already is.

Shelby Jay Savages G

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Republican Environmental Awareness

Gretchen K. Aleks

Everyone, by now, is aware that Arnold Schwarzenegger, one of the many candidates trying to replace Gray Davis as Governor of California, has been hounding the Hummer — which gets around ten to twenty miles per gallon, depending on who you believe, to be an environmentally-friendly candidate.

Mr. Schwarzenegger has zealously publicized his six Hy-Fleet Hummers with hydrogen-powered fuel cells. Long publicized, however, thanks to the fact that Republicans in Congress are playing in order to ensure that all the other red-blooded, Hummer-hating Americans out there can afford gas to fill up their behemoths.

Right now, the House and Senate are negotiating an energy bill. Each house has already passed its own bill, and now those two versions must be reconciled. When the committee charged with this task successfully fuses the two bills, each house votes on the joint legislation. If this version passes, the bill goes to the president to be signed. Usually when a bill, or two bills, each house votes on the joint legislation, it must be reconciled. When the committee assigned an energy bill. Each house has already voted for his intention to retrofit one of his six Hummers with hydrogen-powered fuel cells.

Interestingly, however, thanks to the fact that Republicans in Congress are playing in order to ensure that all the other red-blooded, Hummer-hating Americans out there can afford gas to fill up their behemoths.

The Republicans, however, are not content to destroy the arctic wildlife refuge; they’re also hell-bent on putting a provision in the bill that would allow more offshore drilling on both coasts.

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Deploying Troops to Eastern Europe

Daniel Barclay

The American military is currently reposturing its forces around the globe. Shifting bases in Afghanistan is one, but also bases in Germany from Saudi Arabia, and reducing their number in Europe to make NATO more capable of responding to changing global conditions. But one proposed move attracts more controversy: transferring troops posted in Germany to Poland.

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**A Resurrection of Sorts**

Cambridge University Orchestra Performs Mahler

By Jeremy Baskin

Cambridge University Musical Society

Stephen Cleobury, conductor

Carolyn Foulkes, soprano

Catherine Denley, contralto

Krege Auditorium

Sept. 27, 8 p.m.

ne should always be a bit wary of a concert whose advertisements focus so heavily on the dignitaries in the audience as opposed to the supposedly superlative product on stage. Surely, one hopes, there will be more to the concert than seeing President Vest with his eyes firmly fixed on the woodwinds or the vice-chancellor of Cambridge University staring intently at the organist.

There was a healthy crowd in attendance at Krege Auditorium on Saturday night, but were we there to look or to listen? In any case, we were led to the latest manifestation of the multifaceted exchange program between MIT and Cambridge University. Last year, MITSO traveled to Cambridge, England, to perform, among other pieces, Mahler's Symphony No. 1 (Titan), and the favor was returned with an event co-sponsored by a concert featuring the Cambridge University Musical Society Chorus and Orchestra in Mahler's Symphony No. 2 (Resurrection).

So much for cultural exchange: What if the American college orchestra had performed Gershwin and Copeland in the original Cambridge last year and the British college orchestras had brought Britten and Holst to the new world? Instead, both orchestras beat their proverbial chests with the symphonies of those they thought were the biggest names of the time.

The first musical impression of the evening was how dry the cellos sounded in the opening bars of the first movement, Allegro maestoso. Maybe it was the unusually large number of people who attended the concert (upwards of three quarters of the hall was filled), or simply the cavernous space that is Krege Auditorium.

Or perhaps it was simply a matter of tidiness: The art of the players, a timidity that was unfortunately emulated by the violas later on and the ever drifting horn section throughout the evening.

The piece contains five movements, the outer two of which are, well, Mahlerian, with the middle three being of a more modest size and scope. It is in the inner movements where the performance showed bursts of inspiration.

The second movement, a minuet and trio, Mahler-like, was featured as a curtain raiser, section, which came as a surprise, given that you could fairly fall apart in other parts of the evening when the bows were on the strings.

Even for a slightly impudent but readily talented principal, the clarinet section shone in the second movement, a scherzo, though one did get the sense that the orchestra was conducting the conductor at times. That, however, isn't always a bad thing. Like most Mahler symphonies, the Resurrection has choral and solo vocal parts, and the merging voice of contralto Catherine Denley, who sang the poem Urlicht in the fourth movement, couldn't have come too soon. Both her and soprano Carolyn Foulkes, who joined in the final movement, captured the emotional element that had been lacking up to that point.

When they sang the duet near the end of the piece, I was reminded of why composers tend to give their sweetest melodies to the voices. You wouldn't want a bad note as you are the way of God's Will. And speaking of divine emotion, how did the performance fare as a whole? The Resurrection is a dramatic one to pull off in a unified way. Composed over six years, it starts out like a tone poem and ends like an oratorio, with marches and scherzos in the middle.

One has to summon not only all of one's humanly abilities but also the full gamut of emotons, mortal and otherwise. This performance may have started flat, but it ended unified, with a strong choral, made up of members from Cambridge University, MIT, Harvard, and the Boston Festival Chorus, supporting the orchestra.

On Saturday night, Jesus wasn't quite resurrec
ted, but a performance, which by 8:25 p.m. I had written off for dead, came to life before it was all over.

**INTERVIEW**

**Not Cho Average Comedian**

Margaret Cho Talks About Sex, Clothes, and What She'd Do as Governor of California

By Jessica O. Young

Margaret Cho is not running for governor of California and she is not being considered by the RIAA. But Margaret Cho, one of the funniest comedians of our time, is coming to MIT this Friday, September 26.

You may know Cho from her short-lived NBC series, All-American Girl. Or perhaps you read her book or took in her movie, The One That I Want and Notorious C.H.O. But however much you think you know Margaret Cho, you have never seen her like this before. Cho is about to release a rap CD, on which she adopts the character of a pedestrianণarian named M.C. But unlike 50 Cent or P. Diddy, Cho is doing this one for the children.

The CD is an effort to educate kids about health — features songs such as "Manic Depression" and "I Want FTD's, not STD's." Cho says she chose this style of really hardcore gangsta rap for the food pyramid, the dangers of smoking, osteoporosis, and more.

But don't worry, Margaret Cho claims to be an awfully good role model and has continually on her Revolution Tour, is stopping by MIT on her way. She will talk about her new CD, sex, politics, and politics, among other things. As a comic raised in California, Cho is very interested in politics. She recently was elected governor of California, she would make "a very, very strong effort to see that the marriage equality for everybody, more money for edu-

cation and health care, and a focus on the future. All this from the woman who proudly wears MC Hammer pants, but admits that they 're not flattering to anybody.

Actually, Cho came out with her own clothing line. In a joint venture with designer Roberta Viol, Cho, via the internet, invites you to sign up to her line: High Class Cho. Available at [http://www.highclasscho.com](http://www.highclasscho.com), the line features "high end quality for low end pricing." Cho does indeed wear her own clothing, and chances are good she'll be modeling some of it on October 1 during her show.

Cho is known for being one of today's raunchiest comedians. She explains why, "The generation that my parents are of is very puritanical... They just kind of ignore that townies have sexuality at all, or consider it very dangerous. Therein lies a weird reactive thing in me that makes me want to be even more extreme, more outrageous, because it's the direct assault on the way I was raised. And it was joyful.

Cho jokes about everything from experimenting in college to experimentation after college, and she won't tone anything down for the MIT community, either: "I don't edit anything, ever. I never have.

If you have a spare moment, check out Cho's Web site [http://www.margaretcho.com](http://www.margaretcho.com) though she does not associate herself closely with a religion, Cho writes daily as a spiritual offering. Cho advises that we "pace out time on Earth with something creative.

And if you want to know even more about Cho, check out her biography at [http://www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com). You may not be running for governor of California — unlike everybody else — but she will be showing MIT all that she's got to offer this Friday. Do yourself a favor and go.

Margaret Cho will be performing at Krege Auditorium on Friday at 8 p.m. Tickets are $5 for students, and detailed information is available at [http://www.mit.edu](http://www.mit.edu).

**RESTAURANT REVIEW**

**The Real Seafood Place for Locals**

If You're Sick of Legal and Low on Cash, Try Village Fish

By Ruby Lam

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Many of my out-of-town friends always ask me, "Where is the best place to have seafood in Boston? Is Boston the seafood capital of the United States?" I am not so sure, but many think so. I wish I could give them more rec-

tions but just telling them to go to Legal Sea Foods.

I like Legal Sea Foods, but going there too often could break the bank. For the locals who dine on a budget, I think Village Fish in Brookline is probably the best.

Freshness is key. With fresh ingredients, seasoning and cooking methods need not be fancy to create a great meal. And this is exactly how Village Fish distinguishes itself from other seafood restaurants.

The best way to start at Village Fish is at their raw bar. Half a dozen of littleinks, half a dozen of cherrystones, and half a dozen of oysters is always the way to go. They are all fresh and perfectly fried. And you can get your seafood from the sea on each of them when you are served.

Moving on to the raw bar, the fed calamari is another great starter on the menu. They are crisp and freshly fried and go very well with lemon juice and cocktail sauce. You also get a very nice portion for the price you pay. For another starter, I went for the chilled beer and there is a wide variety of beer, draft and bottle, from which you can choose on the list. When you go along with the starters, we were already half full.

For entrees, the divalo is their signature dish. Divalo is a linguini dish topped with spicy red sauce, and it comes with lobster (for two), seafood, or crab (special, not on regular menu). The lobster divalo for two is a classic. Its portion is large enough to feed at least four people. If I tried the crab divalo this time for a change. It was delicious, but it would be even better if the crab had been cleaned more properly and had the inedible parts removed before cooking.

On the fish menu, you can find a wide variety of fish to choose from: fresh seafood, lobster, mookfish, salmon, bluefish, trout, etc.

Some special items were written on the chalkboard as well. Grilled or broiled, all variety of fish to choose from: swordfish, fresh seafood, or crab (special, not on regular menu). The dessert menu is a little weak, so we went to LA Burdicks for hot chocolate instead. Nonetheless, Village Fish is a great price to bring your out-of-town friends for authentic New England-style seafood at a great price.

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Mike the Dog

And then Timothy the Beaver remembered why he hadn't left his medieval dagger at home.

This battle was to be to the death.

OK, let's get studying. Let's start with Chapter 3, and then we... WHOA WHOA. HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, DOG. WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?

Look, I've been around long enough to know you can't just bush in to these things... you gotta have a clear plan of attack...

Um, OK... what's the plan?

Well, obviously, we first need some snacks. You guys go get some free food and I'll look after our stuff. Wake me up when you get back.

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students, others already have an alternative. "I cook my own dinner," said MacGregor resident Cynthia D. Walker '07. "It's cheaper, and it's better for me."

She said that she would probably continue to cook for herself even if the dining hall were opened at MacGregor.

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"I think [the payment system] is working to some extent," Berlin said. "Participation is better with this implementation."

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Broader Interests Drive Review

GIRs, from Page 1

badly broken," he said, but "a lot of things have changed over the years.

Redwine said that there remained "a strong consensus on the existence of a core," but that "less may be more" in the area of required classes.

Redwine said that MIT is open to the possibility of implementing an alternative to the GIRs, although no plans currently exist.

In an e-mail, Vest wrote that the outcome of the review "could be revolution, evolution or reaffirmation.

More information, like the timetable for the task force's work, is expected to be announced when Vest gives his charge to the task force.

Effect of greater diversity unclear

"There is no question that the breadth of interest of our students... have changed enormously during the last two or three decades," Vest wrote. "We should acknowledge and understand this."

Redwine said that "very bright students these days tend to have a lot of interests" and can make stronger connections between classes in different fields.

However, he said, the effects are "not totally clear," and would take further study.

He said he expected that the task force will not loosen the requirements but might "try to integrate it a bit more" instead.

Talk of engineering GIR class

Professor Jerome H. Milgram '61 said at the faculty meeting that he was "surprised" that there was "no thought given to how to introduce what engineering is" to freshmen.

He said that perhaps students could have the option of biology or an "Introduction to Engineering" course as one of their requirements.

Mary freshmen, he said, do not appreciate how essential the math and physics GIRs are to engineering, but "might have a lot more interest... if they knew how well those courses fit in with engineering subjects."

"It seems to me almost obvious we should have it," he said, but "it's very hard for me to find what can afford" to be cut in the GIRs to make space.

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"Most of the people who live across the river have bus passes, which are really cheap," Yandell said. A monthly bus pass costs $9.50. Ortiz is confident that the Boston Winter Shuttle will be prompt. "It may be possible to track the shuttles online using the GPS; we do have the capabilities," he said.

A student project funded by the MIT-Microsoft iCampus alliance added Global Positioning System receivers and radios to MIT shuttles earlier this year. The shuttles can be tracked at http://shuttletrackmit.edu.

Rogers says the route will be evaluated as the program proceeds. "Our goal is to make it less than thirty minutes," he said.

"We are really not sure about the demand," Ortiz said. "We will have to see what it will be like eventually." The transportation sub-committee of the Graduate Student Council is also working with the administration to "assess the feasibility of altering routes or starting new routes to better serve graduate students," said R. Eric Caulfield, the GSC president.

Some may not use shuttle

Although most students living across the river would have the shuttle available to them, some are unsure of whether they would actually use it.

"I myself probably would not be using the shuttle as much, since I use a bike to get around campus," said Julia E. Thrower ’05, from Student House.

"More and more people will get used to it and then they may need to increase the number of trips of the van," said Gustavo A. Gil ’04, a member of Pi Lambda Phi. "I know that I will certainly use it."

Positive response expected

The shuttle “has been something people have wanted for a long time,” said Christine M. Ortiz ’05, the president of the Panhellenic Association. "It will eliminate concerns that people have about transportation," she said.

The Boston Winter Shuttle will have four stops in Boston before returning to 77 Massachusetts Ave.

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The Tech's Predictions: Yankees, Sox, Braves, and Marlins

By Yong-Yi Zhu

Finally, the playoffs are here. Boy was I excited a week ago, when it seemed like every team in the National League would have a chance to make the postseason. Between the Astros, Cubs, Dodgers, Marlins, and Phillips, I was expecting some huge complicated playoff before the playoffs. But the Marlins swept the Phillies, and the Cubs swept their games against the Reds and Pirates to dispel all the potential drama. Well, a whole new drama will start today, when the playoffs open. Some things never change, like the Yankees and Braves. But some things just seem out of place, like the Cubs and the Marlins. It’s been a crazy season, and I hope it’s an even crazier postseason. But no matter what the playoffs bring, it’s October; it’s baseball; and it’s time to watch and enjoy. Sorry 6:002, I’ve got other plans this week.

American League: Yankees/Twins

I don’t anticipate any surprises from this series. The Yankees are just too offensively talented. Look at their lineup, and you really see any holes. Whom can you casually pitch to? From Alfonso Soriano, to Derek Jeter, to Jorge Posada, to Nick Johnson, you really can’t play around all that much with them. Of course, the big man in the middle, Jason Giambi, can go deep at anytime, anywhere.

The Yankees' pitching isn’t too shabby either. Mike Mussina, 17-8 with a 3.40 ERA, has had a great season and is ranked fourth in strikeouts. Roger Clemens, despite and Jason Giambi, is ranked fourth in strikeouts. Roger Clemens, despite

Andy Young? Too much of the Twins' lineup that features a slew of good, but not the best young players of the season, that is indeed a factor. Greg Maddux, or Tom Glavine will pitch in games one and two of the series. Man, the times have changed.

Pick: Braves in 5

National League: Giants/Marlins

Well, come to think of it, this match-up won't be so bad. Outside of Barry Bonds, there's nobody spectacular in the Giants’ lineup. That week when Barry was gone, the Giants just sat there and died offensively. They don't have that much pitching either, outside of Jason Schmidt, who does sport a 17-5 record with a league best ERA of 2.34. Posson has been oky, but not outstanding.

Good thing is that the Marlins don’t have that much of an offense. Mike Lowell has been inconsistent, he is not as substantially as they are now offensively led by Juan Pierre and Luis Castillo. The Marlins have the slight edge in pitching, as they can throw Brad Penny, Dontrelle Willis, and Mark Redman at the Giants. I may be still the only one in the world who doesn’t believe the D-Train is here to stay, but he has played decently in his last few starts. They may just have enough juice in this department here to knock off the Giants.

I think with the way the Marlins have been playing recently, if they continue with the momentum they’ve gathered, the Wild Card Express will steamroll it’s way through San Francisco. Well, maybe more of a slow roll.

Pick: Marlins in 5

Boston Red Sox reliever Ramiro Mendoza leaves the mound amid cheers celebrating Boston's 24-5 victory over the Baltimore Orioles. The Red Sox' win secured the wild card position in the American League playoffs.

By Phil Janowicz

The falling of the leaves and the sharing of equal amounts of sunlight across the globe signal playoff baseball. For those of you who have been flying under a rock this season, a whole new drama is about to begin. Owner John Henry decided that the champagne showers shouldn’t be kept to the players and bought enough for the Red Sox to spray on the fans behind the dugout.

After their slaughter of the Orioles, the Red Sox stormed out of the dugout and the Minneapolis got stuck on the last batter. Overall, the Twins' offense is ranked fourth in strikeouts. Roger Clemens, despite

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MIT Soccer Remains Undefeated After Win Over Wheaton College

By Aaron Parness

The MIT men’s soccer team beat the Wheaton College Lyons 4-2 on Saturday at Wheaton College in a dominant performance. The team has now won three consecutive games and has a 6-1-0 overall record. The Lyons are 2-2-0 this season.

MIT dominated the game from the outset, scoring four goals in the first half. The first goal came just two minutes into the game when Brian Loveridge scored on a penalty kick. Another two goals were scored in the 11th and 33rd minutes, respectively, by Matt Ramirez and Tom Kilpatrick.

Wheaton fought back in the second half, scoring two goals, but MIT was able to maintain its lead. Ramirez scored again in the 54th minute to stretch MIT’s lead to 4-2. Wheaton was able to get one goal back in the 65th minute, but MIT sealed the victory with a 74th-minute goal by Ramirez.

MIT’s next game is scheduled for October 11, when they will face Wellesley College at 7 p.m. at MIT. Wheaton’s next game is also on October 11, when they will face Springfield College at 7 p.m. at Springfield.

Women’s Tennis Gets 4 in a Row

By Caroline Tien

This year’s team is relatively young, with four newcomers (Emily Chen ’07, Alex E. Coso ’07, Joanne M. MacKay ’07, and Jennifer A. Hiep ’04) on the roster. The team has six members and has played two matches so far.

The new team members are bringing a lot of fresh faces to the team, and they are working hard to get points on the board. This season, the team has won two matches and lost one, with a total score of 7-1-0.

The team’s next match is scheduled for October 11, when they will face Wellesley College at 7 p.m. at MIT. They will then travel to Springfield College on October 13 for a match at 7 p.m.

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- October 2: Women’s soccer vs. Wheaton College at 7 p.m.
- October 3: Women’s volleyball vs. Wheaton College at 7 p.m.
- October 4: Women’s field hockey vs. Massachusetts-Dartmouth at 7 p.m.

Joie Kim of South Korea gets kicked in the face by Solveig Pedersen of Norway during the Women’s Cup 2003 game at Massachusetts at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Norway defeated South Korea 7-2, advancing to the next round against the United States on Wednesday.

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