DKE House License Revoked Until Rush

By Beckett W. Stemer and Marilisa Vogt

The Cambridge License Commission decided yesterday to revoke the housing license of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity until the end of Rush in fall 2004. DKE appeared before the CLC on Tuesday to answer questions regarding an unregistered party in August where minors were allegedly served alcohol. DKE has also had its housing privileges suspended by the Interfraternity Council (IFC) pending DKE's appeal for a permit to have more than one hundred e-mail communications since March 2004. The motion made by the CLC was "to mirror the IFC recommendation" via their sanction of suspending DKE, said Chairman Benjamin C. Barnes.

Revoking the license means that no more than three people can be in the house at a time and that there can be no food service such as a buffet, he said. It is "up to MIT to monitor that the conditions they imposed" are carried out, he said.

DKE will be suspended from its potential relocation to campus on Saturday.

Sloan Planning to Offer Undergraduate Minor

By Iisel Anne L. Lim

The Sloan School of Management will offer a minor to MIT undergraduates, starting in the 2005-2006 school year.

"In order to do it well, I think this will be an important step for Sloan and an important step for MIT," said Sloan Dean Richard Schmalensee. "It will play an important role in linking Sloan to MIT. Hopefully, it will play an important role in undergraduate education. It will add a lot to people's educational experience here."

According to Schmalensee, a survey conducted a few years ago showed that approximately half of all MIT undergraduates would be interested in a well-organized Sloan minor. At the time, the Department of Management Science did not have the faculty capacity to sustain a minor program.

Because of a recent anonymous donation of an undisclosed amount, additional professors could be hired. Sloan, Page 20

Noise at Necco Aggravates Edgerton House Residents

By Victoria Y. Chang

Residents of Edgerton House discussed construction noise issues with representatives of Novartis, a company renovating the former Necco factory adjacent to the graduate residence, on Monday. Students have complained about excessive noise, the hardest noise being in the early morning, lasting for about an hour, after which there are often several hours of relative silence, said David D. Dief, G, Edgerton House president.

Dief said that he has received about one hundred e-mail complaints from residents. Edgerton residents have been complaining about problems resulting from the neighboring construction site since March of this year. There are current cold temperatures combined with strong winds over the weekend led to below-freezing windchills.

MIT Considers Additional FSILG Housing Projects in Cambridge

By Ray C. He

MIT is considering the possibility of building housing for fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups that wish to move into Cambridge or do not currently have their own houses.

Chancellor Philip L. Clay PhD ’75 and Executive Vice President John R. Curry head the committee investigating this. The committee "has to do with understanding what we have in housing need, in housing asset, and in housing opportunity within the foreseeable future," said Stephen Immerman, senior associate dean of student life.

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Two Truck-Bombs Explode, Wreck British Sites in Turkey

By Craig S. Smith

Two truck-bomb explosions wrecked the British consulate and a British bank here on Thursday, killing at least 27 people and injuring 450 in an attack that coincided with President Bush's state visit to London.

As Bush and Prime Minister Tony Blair prepared for a joint declaration of anti-terrorist resolve, the 18-story Istanbul headquarters of HSBC bank, and minutes later the British consulate were blown apart by bombs that witnesses said were contained in pick-up trucks driven up to the buildings.

The British consul general, Roger Short, a 58-year-old career diplomat, was among those killed instantly.

Distracted people, screaming for help with blood streaming from their injuries, ran through the busy streets that surround both the bank and the consulate. Rescue workers dug into rubble searching for the dead and injured, and guided others from the carnage via second-story windows or wrecked storefronts.

Foreign Secretary Jack Straw of Britain said that the bombings, which occurred just minutes apart, bore "all the hallmarks of international terrorism," by a cell of al-Qaida. An anonymous caller to the Australian news agency claimed Thursday that the attack was a joint effort of al-Qaida and a Turkish group, the Islamic Front of the Raiders of the Great Orient, or IBDA-C, the agency reported. The same group also claimed responsibility for the twin bombings of two Istanbul synagogues on Saturday, in which 21 people were killed.

American officials did say they do not see evidence of coordination between attacks in Iraq and the terrorist bombings in Turkey, a long-time NATO member and American ally whose government nonetheless refused after long hesitation last spring to allow U.S. troops to pass through Turkish territory to invade northern Iraq.

Most Turks also opposed the war itself. But this week's attacks suggest that terrorists want to punish any country, and particularly Muslim nations, allied with the United States. As Bush noted in a speech in London on Wednesday, Islamic states allied with the West have become terrorist targets many times in recent months - in Bali and Jakarta in Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim country, in Saudi Arabia, in Morocco, and in occupied Iraq.

Since the war in Iraq this spring, one fear of neighboring governments had been that instability and violence would spread outward from Iraq itself. In recent days, attacks both in Iraq and neighboring countries have seemed to gain in gruesomeness.

Seventeen people died in the Saudi capital, Riyadh, when a bomb ripped through a housing compound in November. Now, two carefully targeted twin bombings in less than a week have struck at both Turkey's close ties with the West and with Israel, and the centuries-long coexistence of Jews and Muslims in a proudly secular Islamic state.

In the United States, Attorney General John Ashcroft said on Thursday that this week's bombings were very much in the mode of al-Qaida. "We should make no mistake in thinking that terrorism is somehow abating," he said. "Terrorism is still a very serious threat."

While Turkey, by far the largest terrorist attacks, largely because of its long war with Kurdish separatists, the country has not seen anything like this week's bombings in its 80-year history as a secular Muslim state.

Bush, Blair Remain Steadfast In Fight Against Terror in Iraq

By Warren Hoge

A grim President Bush and Prime Minister Tony Blair pledged defiantly Thursday to continue the fight to combat terror and stabilize Iraq, only hours after Bush's historic state visit to Britain was jarred by two coordinated truck bomb attacks on British targets in Turkey.

The blasts in Istanbul hit the British consulate and the offices of the London-based bank HSBC, killing at least 27 people and injuring 450. They cast a deep pall on a day that London itself was placed on high security alert, as Bush's heavily armored limousine moved eerily in high security alert, as Bush's heavily armored limousine moved eerily in London.

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Lawmakers Struggle With Next Move on Issue of Gay Marriage

By Pam Belluck

The Massachusetts legislature was about to convene on Wednesday as lawmakers struggled to come to terms with the meaning of gay marriage and its impact on state government. The number of Democrats who support gay marriage had dwindled to 17, far short of the 25 votes needed to pass legislation.

Mary Ann McLeod of the Massachusetts House of Representatives said that the legislature was "in a bit of a mess because of the numbers." She added that the leaders of the legislature were "in a bit of a mess because of the numbers." However, she expressed confidence that the bill would pass with the support of a bipartisan coalition of lawmakers.

The bill, which would have made the state the first in the nation to legalize same-sex marriage, was introduced last month by Rep. Stephen J. Thomas, a Democrat from Boston. It passed the House by a vote of 100-97 and is expected to be debated in the Senate this week.

Police in New York, Los Angeles, Miami Begin to Use Palm Prints

By Shaila K. Dewan

For more than a century, the fingerprint has been a cornerstone of criminal investigation. But a new field of computerized prints is only a tiny part of the story. It involves a new class of technology, known as biometric systems. A biometric system is a device that can rapidly and accurately match the fingerprints of a person with those of another individual. The system was designed to be used in law enforcement agencies to help solve crimes and identify suspects.

The ruling, issued Tuesday by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, states that same-sex marriage is "inherently different from" other forms of marriage and that it would violate the state's constitution. The court said the legislature had no authority to change the definition of marriage.

The decision is likely to fuel political battles in the state, where same-sex marriage has been a divisive issue. Opponents of the bill have argued that it would undermine traditional marriage and that it would open the door to other forms of marriage, such as polygamy. Supporters of the bill, on the other hand, have said that it would provide equal rights to all couples, regardless of their sexual orientation.

The decision is also likely to have implications for other states that have tried to pass similar legislation. It could be used as a model for other states that are considering same-sex marriage laws.

Mikeo Linked to Global Extinction Eons Before Death of Dinosaurs

By Kenneth Chang

About a dozen microscopic spheres washed ashore in Antarctica may be the fragments of a meteor that killed off 250,000 people on Earth 250 million years ago, scientists said on Friday.

Researchers from the University of California, Berkeley, and the University of Texas, Austin, reported last week that they had found evidence of a meteor that hit Earth 250 million years ago, causing a massive extinction event.

"The meteorite impact was so severe that it caused a major impact with the Permian-Triassic boundary," said Asish R. Basu, a professor of earth and environmental sciences at the University of Rochester and lead author of the paper. He added, "It is the most reasonable interpretation that there was a meteorite impact at that time."
Offensive Advertising

To the Editor:

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I recognize that many ads misuse sexuality and images of women’s bodies to sell products (which is a problem in and of itself), but this ad takes this problem to an unacceptable level of demoralization. I expect The Tech to act in its role as a service to the MIT community and be more responsible in accepting ads. Please remove this ad and any others like it from your publication.

Cristie Cowles (Editor’s note: At time of deadline; "Take 3, 216")
**What's in a Name?**

**Holly Laird**

Praise the Lord, same-sex marriage is finally legal. Indeed, on January 24, the Massachusetts Supreme Court voted 4-3 to strike down the ban on same-sex marriages between same-sex couples, becoming the first Supreme Court in the United States to do so. Vermont already has laws for same-sex "civil unions," and California, Alaska, and Washington D.C. have now passed gay marriage laws.

I was ecstatic when I heard the news. It is morally wrong to deny gay couples the right to marriage. Just as religious leaders cite religious beliefs as reasons not to legalize it, but then they forbid their children to do so, so must I forbid my children to walk down the aisle of salvation with a partner of any religious background.

``It's unfortunate that in a clash of ethics, we have to decide who will be the happiest,'' said a former arts editor and night editor of The Tech.

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**OPERA REVIEW**

 `'Rigoletto' an Adventure in Italian Excess`

Boston Lyric Opera Production Marked by Impeccable Set, Stage Direction But At Times Melodramatic

By Jennifer DeBoer

Baritone Mark Rucker (Rigoletto) and soprano Dina Kuznetsova (Gilda) sing to each other in the Boston Lyric Opera's Rigoletto. (Artwork by Thomas Paul)

**Mezzo-soprano Beth Clayton (Maddalena) and tenor Gregory Turay (The Duke of Mantua) look each other in the eye in the Boston Lyric Opera's production of Rigoletto.**

Rigoletto

By Giuseppe Verdi

Boston Lyric Opera

Shubert Theater

Nov. 5, 7, 11, 14, 18, 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 9, 19, 3 p.m.

I nearly wrote off the entire performance when the curtain opened during the overture. Despite the frenzied wave from the conductor, I was still apprehensive about the scene to come. It was the staging and the set design that led the production. The scenery was incredible. The set designer, stage director, and light designer outlawed themselves in the most poignant synthesis of visual symbols I've seen onstage. The blocking of the principal parts and the cast as a whole reflected each thematic subtext. A gallery surrounded the stage and looked down upon a wooden platform. This platform served as a metaphorical stage for the action within the opera that the cast observed. The gallery made for a splendid two-level Bella figura dell'amore.

Verdi wrote for the masses, and the BLO catered to the same crowd. The bareness onstage was almost unbearable, as, at certain points, it seemed to distract from the breath-taking music being performed. The Duke bumbled that sketchy guy at a dance club who guards every girl in sight more than he resembled a 16th century cavalier. His "Ella mi fa rapita," the piece that could have saved his sleazy persona, was faltering, and his "Possente amor mi chiama" was completely unconvincing. Throughout Act II, he seemed to forget that he was supposed to be a greaseball.

I realize that Verdi was criticizing the heartless power trips of his contemporary rulers, but, the story still applies today. The Duke resembled the Duke and Maddalena bordered on pornography. (I'm still not sure how they can sing so beautifully in those positions.) The daughter of Monterone (who is still in love with the Duke's overwhelming charm) was way too young by any statutory laws we have today in the Italians had way back when.

I felt like the BLO was trying to appeal to some wine.” (As a side note, the Duke was in tight leather pants by this time.)

The company might as well have lowered the rape scene that was censored after the first few performances of Verdi's work. The sex served as comedic diversion, not satirical commentary, in this case.

Don Kuznetsova was more suited for Lucia’s mindless mental problems than for Gilda’s blossoming innocent passion. I could barely watch her eyes bulge out of her goofy face during the emotionally charged parts. (I can’t be too judgmental here, since it was my father the jester locked me up for life with my servant, I might get cabin fever, too.) Her lyric soprano voice worked well for the young maiden that she played, but her cagy interpretation of Gilda’s naivete was a cost for the character as a whole. Sometimes her voice was too innocent (weak and breathy) to be heard over the pounding orchestra or the overpowering voice of the Duke.

Mark Rucker’s Rigoletto was the only believably principled part. Rucker truly stepped into the role, despite his late addition to the bill after the original singer of the title role was called away. His interaction with Gilda was natural, as you could see the origins of their looney behavior were genetic.

I was duly impressed by the symbolism and the representations that shone through the murkiness of the principals in the staging and the set design. They could not have been more Verdiian. Somber lighting illuminated the walls and corresponded to the various settings of the opera. Blue ripples dominated the final scene, while angry red flames licked the walls during Rigoletto’s hateful solo in the middle of Act I. Mysterious yellow candles and a single white one were alone on the stage at the end. And then there was the end. It was incredible. It was heart-stopping. It was perfect. Almost.

After Gilda’s comical slow-motion stabbing, she summoned all of her musical talents to produce a Lasso in cloth that went on par with the best recordings I’ve heard. Unfortunately, she also summoned up her corny B-movie impressions for a death that drew more than one uncontrollable snort from the audience.

The cortizone had returned to the gallery for the final scene — they were fortunate enough to hear the lovely arts and see the face that accompanied it — and they rounded up the heavy night of symbolism. With a simply heavenly spotlight on him, Rigoletto sang the closing lines of the piece with an insane fervor that left him fatigued even through the curtain call. These appropriate overdramatics, detracted from the structured splendor of the overall work, were reminiscent of the entire evening.

All in all, it was a pleasing, one-encore performance. With an extra round of applause for the stage.

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**Dance Troupe: Bodies in Motion**

(right) Dance Troupe veteran Vanessa A. Nada’l ‘04 shakes it up in a provocative dance by William F. Mintie ‘04

(left) Pallavi S. Mishra ‘05, Jyen Han ‘06, and Vanessa A. Nada’l ‘04 (l to R) dance to “Thola Tholin” by R. Kelly.

Photography by Jimmy Cheung
Boston Symphony Goes Small-Time

By Brad Balliett
Boston Symphony Chamber Players
Jordan Hall
Nov. 16, 7:30 pm

B etween the free outreach concerts in cities like Brockton and Lowell and the profanity-laden four-concert series of recitals by the Boston Symphony Chamber Players, the Boston Symphony Orchestra probably offers more regular chamber music concerts than any other major American orchestra. The afternoon of Sunday, Nov. 16 marked the first concert for the Boston Symphony Chamber Players this year. The group consists of the principals of each section, and is supplemented by other orchestra members or outside musicians when necessary (the program designates unambiguously who is member of the players and who is a guest).

The chance to see some of the finest players from the symphony interacting on an intimate level is almost a privilege, so it was disappo...

A Healthy Restaurant, For a Change

By Lauren Nouvelier
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D ining out is practically taboo for those who are trying to lose their weight. Most restaurants worry more about food presentation, portions, and taste than they worry about how many calories and fat are in each plate.

Often, food that is prepared at a restaurant contains far more of the greatest caloric content than the same dish prepared at home. The menu in most homes do not account for the nutritional information of each dish. Occasionally you will encounter a restaurant that asterisks the healthy choice menu, so you can look at there, but in fact, is one of the tastiest items on the menu. Other entrees include sweet-and-sour chicken, chicken pastrami, sausages, salads, as well as

How Do You Measure the Growth of a Child?

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Positive Sinking
Return of the Rhubarb

By Akshay Patil

Dearest Akshay (or Positive Sinking or pseudonym of your preference),

Your last several columns have left me terribly concerned. First, the stand deaf of insightful and anguished advice that you give that you, with your lack of knowledge about rhubarb, that ultimately prompted my reply. At first, I thought of sending you a rhubarb for

Column

In addition to being the stalk of a plant used as a “substitute for” “a” different plant, also known as rhubarb, is a sort of medicinal root. In theatre, the word “rhubarb” was frequently muttered by evil, old malevolent characters or spirited young maidens to express their pettiness, anger, or violence. Even though in U. S. slang from the mid-20th century “rhubarb” was a “low-level tool to get people to work.”

rhubarb appeared as slang for “nonsense, worthless stuff”

... and how I always... when I...

Dear Akshay (or Positive Sinking or pseudonym of your preference),

Your last several columns have left me terribly concerned. First, I don’t think I ever got around to reading that one. Sad, isn’t “dearth” a great word?

This is not the case for all students. MIT is really stay between you, your psychiatrist, and your cat. The only way to do this is to stop mentioning things like my favorite color being jaded and those interviewees.

The Sloan School of Business has students all the time: Course XV is the easy way out! If you can’t do your major, you can degrade Course XV (Management) stu-

Students have formed their own committees, and the role that these undergraduates gained worldwide prestige in part because of

Start changing your wardrobe. Now. All it is. Their mission is to stop mentioning things like my favorite color being

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word of the day

Salubrious – favorable to or promoting health; healthful
Gadget Review
Ionic Breeze Quadra

By Kallas Narendran
COLUMNIST

Pros
• Makes breeze with no moving parts.

Cons
• Very expensive.
• Creates ozone and ions that can cause harmful side effects.
• Frequent cleaning required.
• Sometimes noisy.

The Lowdown
The Ionic Breeze Quadra is the new air purifier that Sharper Image has been pushing. It creates a "breeze" with no moving parts, just some charged wires and collection plates. The unit stands about two to three feet tall and can easily sit in the corner of a room. Cleaning the collection plates is easy to do, but must be done frequently (especially if you want to leave your windows open). While the device is cool in concept, the flashy TV ads don't tell you about some of the side effects that are on par with some prescription drugs.

Side effects
While evaluating this device, I came to the wonderful realization that it gives my wife and I headaches. While it was running, we both woke up with mild headaches every morning. After two weeks of evaluating, I found myself in the urgent care department of the medical center with a migraine (yes, I go the extra mile for my readers).

I had suspected the unit might have been to blame, but wasn't sure until I did some Internet searching and found many reviews of the device where headaches were reported as a side effect. Others had also mentioned that the ozone the unit emitted led to respiratory problems. Needless to say, after suffering the most excruciating natural pain I have ever been subjected to, I boxed up the unit.

Cleaning
It does seem like the device picks up stuff floating in the air, but it doesn't really keep up with a room that has an open window. If you don't clean the unit regularly (weekly, at least in the beginning), it makes a noise and sometimes creates a burning smell. If you like burning candles, forget this device as the soot from the candles will quickly "clog" the device and cause it to start making noise.

Unlike the ads suggest, I didn't find cleaning to be as easy as "just wiping off the collection grids." Most of the time debris was caked on and required some effort to wipe off.

The bottom line
All the bad stuff aside, for students with a small room and about $350 that's burning a hole in your pocket, this could be the solution you're looking for.

But personally, I think this thing sucks and can't believe it is on the market with no warning of the possible side effects. It's true that you don't have to replace filters and this device doesn't use much energy (only 10 watts), giving you cost savings. You do, however, lose these savings with the co-pay on your emergency room visits and lost wages you're looking for. And personally, I think this thing sucks and can't believe it is on the market with no warning of the possible side effects. It's true that you don't have to replace filters and this device doesn't use much energy (only 10 watts), giving you cost savings. You do, however, lose these savings with the co-pay on your emergency room visits and lost wages you're looking for.

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Mike, the Page

Reply:

Noted:

Ring Ring, you going to the hospital.

SMDD:

Area Message: I'm heartbroken.

I'm going to get you.

I'm gonna tell your parents.

Mac Miller is number one!

I'm heartbroken processing an injury.
Dear Nutty B,

I am usually not a jealous or paranoid person, but the recent behavior of my girlfriend makes me clueless as to how I should respond. Every time I call her, there is always some sort of excuse to prolong the conversation or find something else to talk about. When I confront her, she just tells me to give her some space or that she is just busy. I can't help but feel that there is something going on behind the scenes. I mean, she used to be so loving and caring, but now she seems distant and uninterested in us.

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DKE, Office of Housing Consider Residential Options for Brothers

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G said that he expects that the president, residential advisor, and house manager will stay in the house for the year.

Hohm said that prior to yesterday's decision by the CLC to revoke DKE's housing license, DKE had been considering taking on boarders.

Trujillo said that MIT would conduct unannounced spot checks to make sure only three brothers were present.

The CLC also required that the president of DKE attend the monthly Campus Alcohol Advisory Board meetings and "come up with a creative response through CAAR," Barnes said. He called the decision by the BIC to suspend DKE a "significant wind change" on MIT campus.

DKE met with Tyrell and Director of Housing Denise A. Valley on Wednesday evening to further discuss housing alternatives. Valley said that a final decision has not been made, but the current residents are exploring housing options on and off campus, as well as in other fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups.

"We'll be looking at on-campus housing after we run the housing change lottery," Valley said.

Student Center Piano Rooms Open 24-Hrs.

By Matt Burns

Students will now have 24-hour access to the piano rooms on the fourth floor of the Student Center, provided that they sign up by the four deadlines set throughout the year.

Sign-up forms are due four times this year, on Nov. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13, and June 18, according to an e-mail announcement from President Rafael B. Smith, manager of event planning for the Campus Activities Complex.

The three piano rooms contain one upright piano and two baby grand pianos. The pianos are tuned regularly, said Smith.

The change is a result of the closing of the Coffeehouse, which had provided keys to the piano rooms 24 hours a day. Following its closing in January, there was a demand for a return to the twenty-four hour access, said Phillip J. Walsh, director of the CAC.

Walsh said that since the Coffeehouse had closed, the keys to the piano rooms were given out by the CAC, which is only open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.

The Campus Activities Complex is also planning future enhancements to the piano rooms. "Our next step is to improve the instruments in there," Walsh said. He said that the CAC hopes to buy new pianos next year, provided that budget allows for it.

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Capital determined in new study

Financing a project as large as a new facility for an FSILG requires a significant amount of capital. In the previous study, the proposed contributors were to be the FSILG, the Independent Residence Development Fund, and MIT, Immerman said.

"In the original model ... MIT will make land available and maybe some infrastructure for central utilities, Immerman said.

By this original model, moving FSILGs would sell their property in Boston and use the money for the new construction. The remaining costs would be split between MIT and alumni corporations, which owns the houses, he said.

The IRDF is a program set up by the MIT Treasurer's Office to make low-interest loans and grants to FSILGs. The program's funds come from tax-deductible donations. "In the past, the university has helped individuals buy property through the IRDF," said Dean for Student Life Harry G. Benedict.

The committee is far from making a decision, having only met in its entirety for two times. "The decision-making process is long and strategic," said Immerman. "As you know, right now, given the current economic conditions, that many, many things are on hold ..

He said that he could not guess when the next housing development project might begin.

The final decision to act on the conclusions of the housing feasibility study will be made by the Building Committee, which consists of student officers, deans, and members of the MIT Corporation.

Sorority seeks own house

One FSILG interested in having its own house is the sorority Kappa Alpha Theta, whose sisters currently live in the Student Center or Kresge Auditorium by contacting the CAC.

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"We'd love to live there, but I don't think they're going to be guaranteed housing in Sidney-Pacific until they find a house eventually," said Sarah S. Rhee '04, president of Kappa Alpha Theta.

"Under our understanding, we're going to be guaranteed housing in Sidney-Pacific until they find a house to lease from MIT or they build, mostly likely on Vassar Street," Rhee said.

"If we can get the guarantee on Vassar Street, it's a target" for future housing development, Immerman said.

The size of a possible Theta house is in question. "We'd love to have as many sisters as possible to live there, but, ... planning to build a house for eighty sisters," Rhee said.

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McCormick to Offer Meal Plan Next Fall

By Julian Villarreal

McCormick Hall will offer in-housing dining next fall. The dining facility will most likely operate under a plan similar to the one that is currently implemented at Baker, Simmons, and Next House Dining, said Richard D. Berlin III, director of campus dining.

Berlin said that he expects that McCormick freshmen will be required to participate in the dining plan. This plan requires that residents pay a $200 dining fee per semester, which entitles them to a 50 percent discount on all of their dining purchases. Meals cost approximately $7.00, but with the subsidy, residents would pay $3.50.

The McCormick Hall government is currently holding discussions with the campus dining office about renovating its former dining hall to create a new one. Berlin said McCormick had a dining hall 10 years ago, but it was closed down because of monetary issues. McCormick residents have expressed a commitment to having a dining facility, Berlin said.

Details of dining to be determined

"We haven't hashed out all the details, but it's pretty much agreed upon," that a dining facility will exist, said Priyanka M. Sundareshan '06, McCormick government co-chair.

Sundareshan said that the dining committee would be meeting over the next few weeks to discuss details such as menu variety and the layout of the facility.

She said that the McCormick Hall government felt that a dining facility would be beneficial to incoming freshmen and help to build community within McCormick.

Sundareshan also said that it is still undecided whether the dining plan will be mandatory for residents. She said that they had not yet determined whether the plan next year would be required for all McCormick students, required just for freshmen, or not required at all.

Currently, the specific requirements of the dining plan are different for each residence hall. In Simmons, for example, the dining fee is required for all residents, whereas in Baker and Next House the requirement only applies to the class of 2007.

Berlin said that all freshmen who will move into Baker and Next House next year and beyond will be required to pay the fee, thus gradually integrating the dining plan into those dormitories. Current students who move to Simmons, Baker, and Next House next year will also be required to pay the fee.

Berlin said that the discount meal plan that is currently in effect at Simmons, Baker, and Next is "open to all MIT students."

Some students dislike dining plan

Some residents do not support the implementation of a dining plan. "There is always some amount of discussion," Berlin said.

"For me, it's just another $200 to live in Simmons," said Devan E. Koo '07.

Lincoln W. Pasqua '07 agreed. He said that he usually dines at his fraternity and rarely dines at Baker.

At McCormick, Sundareshan said that some residents have "mixed feelings" about the nature of the dining plan.

Berlin said that current dining policy is focused on providing students with campus dining options. He said that in past years the dining office has attempted to "strike a balance between student eating in dining halls, cooking for themselves, and eating off campus."

He said that the campus dining office has worked with the Office of Student Life to clarify the options available to incoming freshmen and help to build community within McCormick.

Berlin said that many residents who decide to live in dormitories without dining plans such as Batten-Comer "are making a conscious decision to cook most of the meals for themselves," whereas Simmons residents are aware of the dining fee requirement and making the choice to eat in the dining hall.

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IFC Officers Review Disciplinary System

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common by-laws. Specifically, the system of disciplinary levels within the IFC Judicial Committee is undergoing the most scrutiny.

Currently, Judcomm can take one of four actions against a fraternity: warning, probation, suspension, or expulsion.

"I think it's a good system, but they should have more levels because there's a huge gap," Daneshvar said.

Concerning the existing system has also sparked some frustration among the IFC membership.

"Within my house, there seems to be more interest in running for IFC office, and higher participation," said Matthew H. Wilkerson '04, president of Phi Beta Epsilon.

"If anything, it's caused people to look at the IFC differently," he said.

The new IFC officers also have other ideas, including a modified system of levels of disciplinary action may occasionally be necessary to fraternity self-image.

Fraternities want more openness
Several fraternities have expressed their desire for more openness from the IFC, especially the Judicial Committee.

Arthur G. Fitzmaurice G, president of Zeta Beta Tau, said that one of the major flaws of the IFC was its lack of communication with the IFC President's Council. Judcomm would hear cases, and report the rulings to the President's Council, but not provide any explanation for the rulings.

"Judcomm basically puts the rest of the IFC in a paper bag, and that's definitely a flaw," Fitzmaurice said.

"We should be able to know what's going on. It just appears very covert, and you don't want that," he said.

Similar views were expressed by the newly-elected IFC Vice President, Joshua A. Grochow '05. "The biggest issue we currently have is how to maintain privacy, but tell people enough so that they understand why the decision that was made was actually fair," Grochow said.

Officers discuss Judcomm
Daneshvar sympathizes with DKE's situation. "I don't think anyone was happy with the DKE decision. It was very tough, and I don't envy the people that were on the board and had to make it," Daneshvar said.

However, the new administration recognizes that in order to maintain IFC independence, disciplinary action may occasionally be necessary. "The IFC has to be self-governing and self-regulating," said William R. Fowler '05, the new IFC Judcomm chair. "This particular ruling happens to be one of the more severe cases of the IFC having to govern itself," he said.

"It may send a signal to the MIT community that when fraternities say that they are not going to have alcohol during Orientation and Rush, they are serious about it," Fowler said.

Daneshvar and Fowler were also both quick to note that Judcomm was attempting to act in the best interests of the fraternity system.

"The important thing to remember is that the Judicial Committee is made up of five members from five different fraternities. It would be extremely difficult to find a group of people that are more pro-fraternity than the Judcomm review board," Fowler said.

Council to be strengthened
Daneshvar said that he hopes to address the concerns of various fraternities regarding the DKE decision by strengthening the President's Council. First, this would involve the President's Council holding a comprehensive review of existing IFC policy, to "ensure that these rules truly represent our interests," said Daneshvar.

One policy criticized by some is the system of levels of disciplinary action set forth in the IFC Judcomm by-laws.

"Reform would almost certainly include a review of the Judcomm by-laws, something about which fraternities seem excited," he said. "I think that a few small changes would be in order, such as creating an extra step between the second and third violation tiers," Daneshvar said, referring to the probation and suspension of privileges tiers.

"I am happy with the initiative that people are taking to try to revise, if need be, the Judcomm by-laws," said Shawn P. O'Neill '04, president of Nu Delta.

In addition, Daneshvar hopes to make the IFC President's Council a place where fraternities could truly communicate with each other and make important decisions.

"Before, it wasn't really a board that had that kind of oversight," he said. "By-laws were kind of forced upon us, and people were afraid to speak up. I'd like to make it more important again, and one of the key steps towards that is to make sure that we all know each other's names," Daneshvar said.

Other proposed policy changes
Daneshvar said that he also hoped to make some changes with Rush.

"While we have to respect the dorm's ability to rush, and we don't want to infringe on that, we also need to balance it with being reasonable to fraternity members in terms of our recruitment," Daneshvar said.

Daneshvar said that he also has changes in mind. He said that he would like to focus on the self-image of fraternities.

"One of the things I noticed was that amongst a lot of the members of the IFC, they don't really understand that they are more than just a social organization," Grochow said. "Really, what all houses offer are learning and leadership experiences. A lot of people do understand it, but a surprising number don't." Grochow said he hopes that helping fraternities to recognize the versatility of the services they provide will ultimately help to retain Rush as well as the IFC as a whole.

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Proposed Winter TechShuttle Route Change

Current regular and winter TechShuttle route:

Proposed winter route for the second TechShuttle:

The MIT Parking and Transportation office is considering a proposal brought forward by the Graduate Student Council to expand the Winter TechShuttle route to cover areas that are currently not serviced.

Current TechShuttle service:
- Covers most of the southern and eastern parts of main campus
- Has a wait time of 20 minutes between shuttles
- Additional winter shuttle (Dec. – Apr.) reduces wait time to 10 minutes

Effect of proposed change:
- Provides morning coverage to residents in the northwest part of campus (Edgerton House, the Warehouse, Sidney-Pacific, Random Hall, WILCO)
- Over 1200 additional undergraduate and graduate students would have convenient and direct access from their residences
- Some stops along the current route will not experience a decreased waiting time of 10 minutes

Summary:
- Current TechShuttle route and times won't be affected
- Second shuttle will be partially re-routed from the hours of 8am – 11am
- Outside of this time window, TechShuttle operation will remain unchanged

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UA Goals Update

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- Host dinner discussions with UA members and dorm residents in Pritchett, McCormick, Baker, Next, and Simmons dining facilities.

### Daytime Shuttle
- Facilitate the crossing of the Charles River through the Harvard Bridge Shuttle during the winter months.

### East Side Student Space
- Create a working group charged with the following: “We would like to create a UA working group to oversee the creation of a ‘Student Space’ on the East Side of MIT’s campus. The nature and location of this space is to be determined by the working group. Ideally, this space would emulate the success of the Student Center first floor lounge, with the possible addition of some basic electronic media. The management of this space will also be handled by the committee.

### SEVISAC
- Form a committee to accomplish the following: “The purpose of this committee is to (1) ensure that MIT is following this pledge of reporting only the minimum required information and to (2) generally safeguard the privacy rights of students affected by the SEVIS program. This committee will be expected to work with the International Students Office to audit the types of data being sent about students as well as obtain and publish other relevant statistics, culminating in a yearly or semesterly report, as appropriate. This committee will serve an important purpose in adding transparency to the SEVIS program and adding some accountability, in case privacy rights are being violated. Eventually, this will become a joint UA-GSC committee.”

### 2003 Events
- **First dorm to be stormed by the UA** will be Simmons Hall on Monday, Nov. 24th at 6:00 p.m. Other locations to be stormed soon.
- **Shuttle** is operational. Information about routes can be found online: [http://web.mit.edu/parking/WINTER_BOSTON_SHUTTLE.html](http://web.mit.edu/parking/WINTER_BOSTON_SHUTTLE.html)
- **Nominations Committee has interviewed applicants. Committee is to be formed and hold first meeting after Thanksgiving.**
- **Nominations Committee has completed its interview process for those interested in SEVISAC. The selected members are being notified and the first meeting will be during the week after Thanksgiving.**

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**PLEASE NOTE - Application Deadline is DECEMBER 1, 2003**
Previous Noise Complaints Have Led to Financial Reimbursement

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recently about 180 students living in Edgerton House.
Karen A. Nilsson, director of housing, said that some students suffered from damage to personal items during the heavy part of construction in the spring, as well as extreme disruption due to the noise.

Diel said that Edgerton House residents have also lost parking spaces because of the construction of a multiple story parking garage for Novartis.

Students talk to construction reps

Approximately 50 students spoke with representatives from the Swedish pharmaceutical company and John Moriarty and Associates, the construction company working on the former Necco factory, about the construction situation on Monday.

The tech was originally intended to be a company presentation from Novartis, but the residents used the time to address the construction noise problem.

"I know they would like us to start working later, but that's something we just can't do, because we're on a schedule to get the building completed," said Jeffrey Lockwood, director of external and government relations for Novartis.

Recently, another source of noise has been the construction workers as they arrive on site before beginning construction. Diel said that residents told him that the workers have loud conversations, often including foul language.

Chris Brown, a representative for the construction company, said that they have spoken to the workers, given them a handout about the problem, and told them not to congregate near Edgerton.

As for the rest of the ongoing conflict, Lockwood said that he understands that the construction is disruptive, and that he and John Moriarty and Associates were trying to be accommodating as possible.

Brown said that loud construction should end in December.

Bernard Arbischer, global head of research and facility operations for Novartis, said that Novartis chose the Necco factory as the site for its newest facility because it is adjacent to the MIT campus and would offer opportunities for interaction with the campus.

Residents receive compensation

Some of the students who filed formal complaints with MIT received financial compensation in late August. About 12 students came forward with claims, and they received reimbursements on their bursar's account, said Nilsson.

Diel said that he received $33.37 in compensation for "distress due to noise." He said he did not know if the money was from Novartis, MIT, or the construction company.

"It was a negotiation settlement between housing and the company," Nilsson said.

Nilsson also said that students living on the side of the building facing construction will be allowed to break from their one-year housing contract without penalty. The usual penalty is a $250 fine and the remaining rent if MIT is unable to find a tenant for the emptied room, Diel said.

Other options include room changes within Edgerton and the graduate housing transfer lottery, which closes on Nov. 2.

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Sloan Minor Design Currently Underway

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A faculty committee created this fall and chaired by Professor Thomas A. Kochan is currently designing the minor.

The Sloan faculty, in conjunction with the Committee of the Undergraduate Program, intend to finalize the minor's design this spring. The department will hire at least three new faculty members to implement the new classes for the minor, Schmalensee said.

Working with faculty, Sloan undergraduate students, and MIT alums, the committee is still deciding how many students will be permitted to participate in the program, which courses will be offered, and other intricacies of the minor.

Schmalensee said that the committee will probably ask the C.U.P. to limit enrollment in the minor during the first few years, while the faculty works out the initial organizational details.

Sloan majors expected to decrease

Jeffrey A. Meldrim, associate dean of undergraduate education, said that there are 292 students enrolled in the Management Science major, down from 321 last year.

Schmalensee expects the number of majors to decrease even more, particularly the number of double majors, with the addition of the Sloan minor.

Mike Y. Young '05 is currently majoring in Courses I and XIV. He said that he had planned to major in Course XV, but was not interested in everything the major had to offer.

"I'd have liked to take classes or minor in certain concentrations, but the major would take too much time," he said.

However, Vincent S. Young '05, a current double major in Courses VI and XV, does not see this as an advantage to a minor. "If there's a minor, I don't see what subset of courses they'd choose to be the 'most useful,'" he said. "There are lots of useful classes in Course XV, and a minor would only give you one fourth of that knowledge."

Marcus B. Felder '05 is a current Course XV major, but would have majored in Course VI and minor in Course XV if he had previously had that option. "I'm noticing how companies want the technical side with the business side," he said.

"If you really want to delve into business, you should take the major," said Tian Yu '05, a member of Sloan Undergraduate Management Association. "The minor probably would be more for management courses, and if you're promoted to manager, it's not your primary focus."
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Swim, Dive Team Wins Splash Coast Guard

By Victoria K. Anderson and Jonathan A. Tevault

The MIT men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams nabbed their first dual meet victory of the season, defeating USMMA Coast Guard Academy 81-69 on Nov. 15. The women handily topped the Bears 118-16, while the men triumphed 103-43.

Senior sweater-topper David A. Brown ’04, and Mabel Y. Fung ’06 took the end-of-meet honors after her relay swim, Thornton took the 100 free in route to a new school record (48.10), while Jennifer DeBoer ’05 took third in the 100 breast after a standout perfor- mance to win the 200 free (2:07.70). Chu and Chambers swept the top two places in the 100 breast (1:18.12 and 1:12.23). In the 200 fly, Hilf finished second (2:25.10).

The Beavers continued to widen their lead in the pool, with two more wins in the stroke events. In the 100 breast, Zoller won first (1:04.14) and Victoria K. Anderson won third (1:07.88), while Chu and Chambers swept the top two places in the 100 breast (1:12.18 and 1:12.23). In the 200 fly, Hilf finished second (2:25.10).

The following first round of stroke races, DeBoer posted two more pro- visional national qualifying times by taking the 50 and 100 breast (26.35 and 53.98), defeating the reigning place finish (2:20.65). Following back (53.17 and 1:58.49). Josiah Free (22.45), as well as the 100 and 200 free (22.19), while Matthew N. Sty- nerson back (53.17 and 1:58.49). Josiah Free (22.45), as well as the 100 and 200 free (22.19), while Matthew N. Sty- erson back (53.17 and 1:58.49). Josiah Free (22.45), as well as the 100 and 200 free (22.19), while Matthew N. Sty-
Men's Soccer Takes NCAA New England Championships, Advances to Elite Eight

By Aaron Parness

The MIT men's soccer team won the New England Championship by beating Williams College last Sunday in overtime. The game was the second victory of the weekend for the Engineers; they beat Lasell on Saturday 5-0. The victory advances Tech into the Elite Eight of the NCAA Division III National Tournament. This is the first time in MIT history that the team has been invited to the tournament.

Long time coach, Walter Alves, was thrilled after the game. "After we lost in our conference tournament to Wheaton last Sunday, this team was very, very down," said Alves. "At that point, we thought our chances of even getting in the tournament were gone." Well, one week later, MIT not only is in the tournament but also is fighting for a trip to the Final Four and a spot at the national championship.

"I told these kids the first week of the season that I felt we could beat any team in the country," Alves said. "Today, we weren't intimidated and went out and did just that. This team when they're下去 in these games many, many times." Williams was ranked third in the country at the end of the regular season and went on to win the ECAC title at Williams College on a very large field. The extra space gave the Engineers plenty of room to utilize attacks up the wings, a strategy that has created a lot of the team's goals this year.

MIT gained a few early chances in the game, but were unable to locate the shots on goal. The momentum then swung back and forth between the two teams in an emotional battle. The level of defense on the field was awesome," said MIT fan Jason G. Liang '04. "I could see how hard everyone was playing. It was really exciting to watch."

Yellow cards were issued to MIT players Doug L. Allaire '04 and Josef L. Miler '06 for playing a little too hard, but two yellow cards were also issued to Williams' players. The game turned in Williams favor when forward, Brett Olsen, slid a shot between a swarm of MIT defenders and into the net with 18 minutes left in the game. MIT bounced back almost immediately, though, scoring just four minutes later while Williams was playing with a man advantage on the sidelines. MIT defender Geoff Allaire '05 scored when they went down a goal, I was pretty worried — Williams had a really strong team in digs with 42. The team finished the season with a record of 23-7 (second best win percent in the past nine seasons), the ECAC Championship (first postseason tournament championship since 1993), and a final record of 23-5 (.875) which was better than 70 teams (highest final national ranking in over ten years).

Several individual awards were also earned over the season. Most recently Clayton and Zimmerman earned All-Conference and All-Region honors.

The last three seasons prove that the program continues to ascend to new heights. In that span, the Engineers have boasted an .820 winning percentage (93-23) to earn MIT's 13th ever-at-large bid to the NCAA Championships, while spending a majority of that time garnering national and regional rankings.

The stroke was true, and the best passed the field, swarming Nestle and the other field players. "This was the most important game we played in," said Griffith. "And I think that is true for a lot of our team. The faithful fans and parents also came out onto the field to join the celebration."

"When Nick scored again, I was, like! 'Ahhh!' I started running past all the Williams students, and all of a sudden, I felt like I went to a real school," added Liang.

With the win, MIT gains the New England Regional and will now face the winner of the Northeast Regional Wheaton College. The game will be played at Wheaton's home field, despite being located in Massachusetts, Wheaton was bumped out of the region because of the large number of New England teams entering the tournament.

MIT has quite a history with Wheaton this year. The Engineers beat the Wheaton Lyons at Wheaton College in the ECAC regular season (4-2). However, the Lyons hold the conference championship less than two weeks ago in a 3-1 game. The rubber match to decide the all time battle, so come support the team on Saturday and watch some great soccer.

Several free fan buses will be traveling to the game from MIT to Earth Share

Women's Volleyball Finishes Season as ECAC Champions

By Paul Dill

Women's volleyball finished its season over the weekend with a 5-0 win against the ECAC Atlantic Conference. This was the team's third ECAC Championship Tournament. The team was led by Nydia M. Clayton, who was named Tournament MVP. MIT beat the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and 29 kills of her own and led the recently Clayton and Zimmerman rankings.

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Women's volleyball finished its season over the weekend with winning the 2003 Eastern College Athletic Conference New England Championship Tournament. The team was led by Nydia M. Clayton, who was named Tournament MVP. MIT beat the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and 29 kills of her own and led the recently Clayton and Zimmerman rankings.

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Brandeis University, both by scores of three games to one, on route to the team's third ECAC title. Clayton had 35 kills in the two matches and ended her four year career with the final kill of the final point of the tournament. Setter Austin Zimmerman '06 diced out 108 assists, while outside hitter, Joy N. Hart '06 had a phenomenal tournament as she posted 29 kills of her own and led the team in digs with 42.

The team finished the season with a record of 23-7 (second best win percent in the past nine seasons), the ECAC Championship (first postseason tournament championship since 1993), and a final record of 23-5 (.875) which was better than 70 teams (highest final national ranking in over ten years).

Several individual awards were also earned over the season. Most recently Clayton and Zimmerman earned All-Conference and All-Region honors. The last three seasons prove that the program continues to ascend to new heights. In that span, the Engineers have boasted an .820 winning percentage (93-23) to earn MIT's 13th ever-at-large bid to the NCAA Championships, while spending a majority of that time garnering national and regional rankings.

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The fact is, they can come out winners in at least two of the four divisions. The Saints have a good shot of at least getting a wildcard card. If they do better, they will be considered among the top teams in the NFC West with a wildcard or a division title, since they are two games back and the toughest division.

So do we see it? Well, sticking with my predictions made two weeks ago, I like the Eagles (or Cowboys if the Eagles win the division) over the Seahawks. Could I be wrong? More likely than not. San Francisco 49ers at Green Bay (both 5-5): This is the loser of this game has pretty slim playoff chances, so you know both teams will be playing their hardest. While Green Bay's defense is probably weaker, San Francisco does not have a real running threat, so Green Bay can focus on limiting the 49ers' pass attack. On the other hand, the Packers must deal with one of the best running backs in football, Ahman Green. While you might think home field advantage is big for the Packers, they have lost five games already at this home season. This I think this week they will be on their best game, the Packers win a shootout, 40-32.

Carolina Panthers (6-2) at Dallas Cowboys (7-3): This game has as much defense as the last one did offense, and I think I'm not the only one that not a touchdown will be scored this game. Recent Cowboys history, like the game against the Patriots last Sunday, showed that while Dallas may have the D to win games, its offense can't take it's time on it and has scored no points this last two games. So I don't think the Panthers will change against this Carolina defense. The Panthers will win 12-0 on field goals.
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Baseball '03 Awards?

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nered three goals in the last period and lost the game 5-3, bringing their record to 0-3.

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Green Bay Packers (5-5):

Strengths: Offense. Period. Led by quarterback Brett Favre and running back Ahman Green, this team can score on anybody at will.


Sometimes the Packers can't stop an offense even if they build a brick wall across the field.

Chances: Also good, only considering that the also defense-less Vikings are only a game ahead of them, and the Packers defense may be improving. Pluss, they currently look stronger than the Seattle Seahawks, and may be front contention for the second wild card spot.

New Orleans Saints (5-5):

Strengths: The Saints have a decent defense, a decent offense, and a decent coach. There isn't really any aspect of the game the Saints seriously lack.

Weaknesses: The flip side of

NFL Week 11: Playoffs Muddle

By Brian Chase

COLUMN

Just like I promised last week, I will run down the many NFC wild card candidates today. But first let me vent a little.

Column

The Kansas City Chiefs, the NFL's last undefeated team, finally lost in a tough game to the Cincinnati Bengals last week, who are 5-5. Suddenly, at 9-1 (still the best record in the NFL), the Chiefs are no longer considered the best team. Every pundit is picking the Tennessee Titans over the Chiefs, even though the Titans looked hardly more convincing in barely beating the Jacksonville Jaguars. This annoys me somewhat because it completely discounts the Chiefs strength and success.

Many writers are saying they have no chance in the playoffs now, simply because they didn't go undefeated. It really bums me how the Chiefs are dismissed so quickly.

Anyway, on to the NFC, which has a playoff race as clear as a quantum physics lecture. There are nine teams in contention for the wild card or lead in their division. If you take away the Dallas Cowboys, Carolina Panthers, St. Louis Rams, and Minnesota Vikings as the winners in their divisions, you get the following teams, each with a description of their weaknesses, strengths, and chances of making the playoffs.

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