By Beckett W. Sterner

Despite appearances, MIT411, a Web site that allows MIT students to sell and purchase used textbooks and browse nearby restaurant menus, has not shut down forever, although two new sites, MIT412 and CampusBeacon, have sprung up as competition.

The Web site for MIT411 (http://www.mit411.com) was not functional as of last night, although founder Mark Rosen ’02 said that he and some of his friends at MIT are working to have the site up by this week or next.

In past years, at any given time, MIT411 had between 1500 and 1800 books for sale. Rosen said. A count at MIT412 (http://www.mit412.com) and 169 on CampusBeacon (http://www.campusbeacon.com) — the only site of the three that currently lists restaurant menus — Terence T. Chang, Campusbea- con employee, said that the site will open its restaurant feature in two or three weeks. CampusFood (http://www.campusfood.com), unrelated to CampusBeacon, is a national business allowing students to order food online from nearby restaurants.

MIT411 founder buys back site

After founder Rosen sold MIT411 to Raymond Morales ’02 for about $300, Rosen said, though, that Morales ultimately was too busy to develop the site further, and hence is selling the site back to Rosen.

During the transfer of the Web domain this summer, MIT411 was unavailable, which led many to believe that the service had permanently stopped. Rosen said he does not know why the domain name www.mit411.com linked to a Massachusetts As- sociation of Special Education Parent Advisory Council’s Web site while it was being transferred.

“I’ve gotten like a ton of e-mails from people they want to see MIT411 again,” said Rosen, who is now working full-time at Market Lynch in New York. He said he and several of his friends who are PhD students at MIT are planning to get the book exchange up by the beginning of this week. The restaurants listing will follow a week or two later, he said.

Plans for future changes in the site are mainly to “improve on what MIT411 had,” he said. “After that, my friends have a lot of suggestions, like integrating with Google Maps for res- traurants.”

The newest incarnation of MIT411 will have improved longevity, Rosen said. “My friends are going to be there for a really long time.”

New sites compete for users

With the creation of MIT412, a non-profit service, and CampusBeacon, a for-profit business, MIT411 suddenly has more competition for MIT students’ attention.

CampusBeacon grew out of a pre- vious project called HSBookmark for MIT students’ attention.

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By Marissa Vogt

Renovations of the Lobdell Food Court should be complete by next year, said Director of Campus Din- ning Richard D. Berlin III. Three new vendors serving Japanese, Middle Eastern, and Italian food will replace the previous food offerings catered by Sodexo.

In addition, other dining facili- ties, including the Grounds Grille and Building 4 Cafe, will soon be re- opened following renovations.

The new vendors for Lobdell were chosen after MIT reached a mutual agreement with Sodexo to begin of- fering the space to individual restaur- ants, Berlin said.

After the opening of Alpine Bag- gels in the Student Center, the Lob- dell food court “wasn’t really com- petitive,” Berlin said, though MIT was impressed with the success of indi- vidual establishments such as Anna’s Taqueria. The new vendors will offer food that “is more authentic than what people were getting before,” Berlin said.

The types of cuisine and vendors were chosen based on existing part- nerships with MIT and student inter- est expressed in a survey last year regarding the space vacated by Arrow Street Crepes. Berlin said that they received over 1,000 responses to that survey and that could accurately represent student opinions because data were only a year old. Berlin said that based on experience with the food trucks, he expects a favorable response from stu- dents, particularly toward the falafel restaurant, which he says will offer a better quality product at a competitive price and will be on the TechCASH System.

Prices in the new food court will be “significantly lower than before,” Berlin said. In addition to the three new food locations, a seating area will be created for use after the dining room opens in the evening. At least one of the vendors plans to serve din- ner until 8 p.m.

That is also to plan adds Indian food and a burger and cheese- steak area to the food court next Jan- uary, he said. A complete list of stores is available on their Web site. It’s just a 15-minute walk from Kendall Square, and if you buy a lot, you can take the mall shuttle back to Kendall and the Tech Shuttle back to your dormitory.

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Look in tomorrow’s Tech for a complete list of similar shopping options.

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For those who are unfamiliar with Target, it’s a one-stop shop with a variety of clothes, furniture, electronics, bed- ding, toys, and more at low prices.

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Mao’s Death

A Likely Suicide

A spokesperson for the Mid- dlesex District Attorney’s office said that the death of graduate stu- dent Zhenxiu Mao is a “suspected suicide.” Mao, a first-year math graduate student, was found dead in his apartment on Feb 28. The final results of his death will not be made public because they are private information for the family, and are still pending a toxicology report.

By Beckett W. Sterner

Updates

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Presumed Dead

Zachary Weston ’06 was pres- sumed dead as of Aug. 24, accord- ing to an Aug. 26 letter from Rob- ert M. Randolph, senior associate dean for students. Randolph’s let- ter to The Tech was the first indication of the editors only yesterday. Weston went missing while hiking on Mount Rainier and was not found during a week-long search by park rangers that ended on Aug. 18.

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Bufferd Will Retire

As Treasurer in ’06

By Kelley Riviere

President Susan Hockfield’s an- nouncement yesterday that Treasurer Allan S. Bufferd ’59 will retire by the end of this academic year will leave MIT to not only another empty position in MIT’s upper-level administration, but also a major restructuring of MIT’s fi- nancial offices.

Bufferd’s duties include both re- sponsibilities as treasurer and manager of MIT’s investments, following his de- parture, the two will be run by separate administrators. Managing the endow- ment will be a chief investment officer chosen by the MIT Investment Man- agement Company. The next executive vice president for finance and administra- tion will assume the responsibilities of treasurer, said Senior Advisor to the President Kirk D. Krohnbeiner.

Current Executive Vice President John R. Curry will depart from MIT next month, Sherwin Greenblatt ’62 has been appointed the interim execu-}
Another Storm Casualty: Oil Prices
By Jad Mouawad and Simon Romero

The region that produces and refines a major portion of the nation’s oil and natural gas was largely shut down by Hurricane Katrina on Monday, further tightening strained energy markets and sending prices to new highs.

As oil companies evacuated offshore facilities throughout the Gulf of Mexico, oil production in that region was reduced by 92 percent and gas output was cut by 83 percent.

The latest interruptions in oil supplies are likely to send retail gasoline prices in the U.S. and Europe to $2.60 a gallon or higher, a move that prompted the Bush administration to say it would release emergency oil stockpiles.

Katrina could result in insured damage of more than $10 billion, making it perhaps the costliest storm since Hurricane Andrew in 1992, according to Risk Management Solutions, which assesses cata-

drophes and is based in Newkirk, Calif. The storm has disrupted maritime traffic and trade, as well as caused losses at port and shipping facilities.

Egypt Resumes Terrorist Hunt
By Michael Slackman and Mona El-Naggar

Thousands of security troops have spread out across a sprawling mountain range in the northern Sinai in an increasingly violent hunt for terrorists in which two high-ranking police officers were killed by a land mine, the worst such incident since the Islamic insurgency of the mid-1990s, Egyptian security officials say.

A week ago, the Interior Ministry issued a statement saying it had cap-
tured, killed or identified all of those responsible for the suicide bombing attacks in a Cairo hotel in October and Sharm el Sheikh in July.

But what was supposed to be a mopping-up operation, seeking a handful of suspects who were believed hiding in the caves and hideaways along the eastern border of the Sinai Peninsula, turned into tragedy when two police officers, Maj. Gen. Mahmoud Abdel-Latif and Capt. Omar Abdel Moniem, were killed by an explosive belt and another officer was wounded in a firefight.

Other police officers were also reported wounded in the weekend operation.

The timing could hardly be worse, as Egypt heads into the final week before its first multicandidate election for president. The authorities have hoped to focus international news media attention on their efforts to bring order and stability to the nation, but the failure has yet to quiet a lively opposition that includes Islamists and communists.

Market Place: Satellite Industry Consolidates
By Ken Belson

A plan by Intelsat, announced Monday, to purchase PanAmSat Hold-

ing for $3.2 billion is the largest takeover in recent years in the fast-con-
growing fast enough to sustain them all.

By Jonathan D. Glater

Eight former partners of KPMG, the once-mighty accounting firm, are being indicted for their role in creating and selling questionable tax shelters, were named in an indictment in federal court in Manhattan. The indictment is the long-an-
ticipated next step in prosecutors’ broadening investigation into shelters that from 1996 through 2002 helped wealthy individuals evade billions of dollars in taxes. It is also strong evi-
dence that the government is prepared to pursue the accountants, financial advisors, lawyers and bankers who had helped them.

The indictment refers to unidentified foreign banks and other entities, which suggests that the government may file other criminal charges at some later date. While the banks are not identified, a 2003 report by a Sena-
tate subcommittee said that Deutsche Bank, UBS of Switzerland and HBV of Germany, among others, had roles in the questionable KPMG shelters.

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An article in yesterday’s paper about MIT student Zachary Weston, who disappeared hiking on Mount Rainier, incorrectly described him as a member of the Class of 2006; he was a member of the Class of 2007.

A caption for a photograph of James J. Koschella ‘78 in yesterday’s paper gave incorrect information about the club in which he juggles. Koschella is a member of the MIT Juggling Club, not the MIT Student Juggling Club. The MIT Juggling Club meets on Sundays from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. The MIT Student Juggling Club meets on Fridays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.; it met from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. during the summer.

An item in the Police Log on Aug. 3 incorrectly recorded a suicide on July 10 at Eastgate. The item should have been listed as a follow-up by the MIT Police for the Cambridge Police related to the suicide of Shin-Kyu Yang, a research associate and former Eastgate resident. An article appearing in yesterday’s Tech provides further information. Because of an editing error, a July 6 re-
hover” of “Howl’s Movie Castle” switched two words in the headline. It should have read “The Animation Master Strikes Again. Though Only in Form, Not in Plot,” not “Only in Plot, Not in Form.”

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The spring is coming to an end. The air is getting warmer, and the days are getting longer. It's the perfect time to start thinking about what you want to do in the coming months. Are you planning to travel? To start a new hobby? To learn a new skill? Whatever it is, you should start planning now.

In this issue, we have a variety of articles to help you get ready for the coming months. We have articles on travel, health, fitness, and more. We also have a section on budgeting, so you can make sure you're saving money for the things you want to do.

As always, we encourage you to share your thoughts and experiences with us. You can do this by leaving a comment on our website or by sending us an email. We love hearing from you!

We hope you enjoy this issue of the magazine. Happy reading!

The Magazine Staff
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Changes to other dining options

In addition to the Pritchett, the newly-remodeled Building 4 Cafe is also expected to reopen on Reunion Day, Berlin said. The new design was made by the same architecture students who updated the Shansi building and is designed to improve the flow of people. In addition, the ceiling has been lifted to create a more spacious appearance.

The new color scheme is "pretty wild," Berlin said, with bright greens and magenta. "It will be interesting to see how people react to it," he said. Berlin said changes have also been planned for the kosher dining hall, which is being converted in a process called kosher de. "We found the all-inclusive meal was just too expensive and students really didn’t want to spend that kind of money," he said.

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**SPORTS**

Club Sport Tae Kwon Do: Success Built on Beginners

By Brian Chase

No sport in recent MIT memory has had as meteoric and successful a run as the Sport Tae Kwon Do club. Founded about five years ago by Master Dan Chuang, the club has been winning league and national awards since gaining MIT recognition two years ago.

This remarkable run was built not on the backs of experienced martial artists, but rather on the strength of students who learned Tae Kwon Do at MIT. Most of the students on the squad fall in this category, making Sport Tae Kwon Do one of the best sport clubs to join at MIT for someone who has not participated in a sport before and still wants to succeed against his peers.

Tae Kwon Do is a relatively new martial art that “emphasizes kicking a lot more than most other martial arts,” said Alicia Y. Zhou ’06, a senior on the Tae Kwon Do team. Sparring in a Tae Kwon Do competition is like “boxing with your feet,” she said.

The Sport Tae Kwon Do club teaches four different aspects of the art. The first of these aspects, poomse, or forms, which Master Chuang calls “body poetry,” is a series of choreographed moves using poses and stances performed in a specific manner.

The second aspect, sparing, involves fighting an opponent. And the third fourth is demonstration, which teaches students more difficult, visually impressive kicks and kick combos (sometimes involving breaking boards) designed to impress and entertain an audience. Chuang said that he hopes to expand the club’s demonstration offerings.

Tae Kwon Do is “really the perfect sport to come into college, without any experience,” Chuang said, and the club is geared specifically to first-time Tae Kwon Do students.

There are no minimum physical requirements for joining the club. Zhou said she played no sports before coming to MIT, “so it’s definitely not one of those things that you have to be in shape for to start.”

In Tae Kwon Do, athletes do “things they never thought they could do before. People who never thought they could kick as hard as they are kicking their own heads by the end of the first year,” Chuang said. He added that seeing that progress one of his favorite things about coaching Tae Kwon Do.

The structure of Sport Tae Kwon Do competitions allows beginners to succeed. Divisions are limited to students of a certain level, or rank. Beginners and those relatively new to the sport are given much more time to prepare and compete against other newcomers.

MIT students have an advantage in this because sparring in practice against large numbers of experienced, dedicated students builds up valuable experience that pays off in meets and at national competition. This has contributed greatly to the club’s success at nationals, said Zhou.

The flexibility of the team structure and practice schedule also make joining easy. Tae Kwon Do practices four times a week for two hours, but because of its club status, it does not have to mandate attendance, and squad members can show up as little as one practice a week.

A second benefit of its club status is that Tae Kwon Do does not have to limit its roster. There are no tryouts, and there is no intense pressure to stay ahead of peers. Additionally, because Sport Tae Kwon Do is the largest martial arts club on campus, it “harbors a really nice sense of community,” and friendships between members provide a support group, according to Zhou.

To spread instruction over a large number of students, 10 or 12 black belts, who may have attained the rank while at MIT, teach different subsections of the group.

Chuang noted among the groups, Zhou said, “it doesn’t matter what rank you are, you’ll get the same amount of face time with him as anyone else.”

Tae Kwon Do began with four or five black belts and many beginners, and has since grown immensely, Zhou said. From that day to this, the MIT Sport Tae Kwon Do club comprises and owes its success to students who had no experience in it at all before arriving at MIT.

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MIT cycling coach Nicole Freedman (right) placed first overall in the combined men’s D and women’s field at the Wells Avenue Crit- race on Sunday, April 28.

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Tuesday, August 30, 2005

03:00

03:17 — Random Hall — RHOP

— More pancakes... Of DOMINO! (We don’t know why they’re dooey pancakes. We just know that they are. They told us to tell you that.)

04:00

04:44 — EAST campus — I bit my tongue three minutes ago and I haven’t felt it yet. — Senior Bigotes

05:00

05:45 — Bexxxxley — If the horse kicks you, it’s your own damn fault.

06:00

06:00 — Bexxxxley — Miles Coleman presents cooking with fish sauce. Miltos puts you up like he’s the founder of the team. Lebensraum! Trunk twist- ers are 90% MENTAL 30% PHYSICAL.

08:00

08:00 — New House — 1/17

Breakfast — Pancakes, bacon, sausage, ham, eggs, French toast... need we say more?

09:00

09:00 — New House — tours — With nine hours left until the adjustment lottery, this is a reminder to take a tour of New House. Have we mentioned that we’re air-conditioned?

10:00 — EAST campus — It’s you’re awake now, an upper-classman at EC is crying in disappointment at your lack of enthusiasm Monday night.

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11:00 — Bexxxxley — Seeley Nature Walk. Come observe some of Massachusetts’s native species in their “natural” habitat, from the Somervillian hissing cockroach to the woody Cam- bridgeportlower leaver. 12:01 — EAST campus — Time for your early hot beef injection. Mandatory, like all those other mandatory events. 12:17 — Random Hall — Leftovers in the kitchen. We’ve fed you a lot of food this weekend. Come eat it again!

13:00 — Random Hall — Ceiling Tile Art. Games in the Main Lounge — You could even paint a game on a ceiling tile. Heh heh.

13:30 — Senior Haus — Uncle Pevner hits up the Garment District! The clothes are sooo fabulous and the prices couldn’t be lower. This alternative department store is a staple of questionable fashion. The questionable Pevner will lead you there from 3-4 and have you loving every minute at this time!

13:59 — EAST campus — Heavy Petting Time. We’re not quite sure what this means, but we’re open to suggestions.

14:00 — EAST campus — Hey, stop petting me. You. 14:17 — Random Hall — Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream — Here’s your last chance to sample new and exciting flavors of ice cream. We hope to serve some marshmallow flavors! Take a last-minute tour before the hous- ing lottery closes while you’re savoring your final few bites.

15:00 — EAST campus — Make the curtains match the car- pet. Hair dying, EC Courtyard. IceCareful, though, beale ching stings.

15:30 — Spanish House — Ice Cream Social. Join us in the lispens House dining area (first floor of New House 3) for some tasty sweets! Ice cream will be the main attraction, but you never know if one of us will bake something delicious in our kitchen. ;)

16:00 — Bexxxxley — In the future, we will all drive standing up. In the future, plates of food will have names and titles. In the future, we will be able to find a place without culture.

17:00 — Dormitory Council — You have ONE hour left to enter the housing lottery! (It’s all the rage among the kids these days.)

18:00 — Dormitory Council — 15 minutes before the hous- ing lottery closes! It’s your last chance!

21:00 — Bexxxxley — Mac- Gregor Panabola demonstration.

23:00 — EAST campus — “God is dead.” — Nietzsche “Nietzsche is dead.” — East campus 23:59 — EAST campus — Up on the hill? What hill? There is no hill.