Housing Prices Increase by 6 Percent for ’05–’06

By Rosa Cao

MIT undergraduate and graduate students are paying about 6 percent more on average for on-campus housing this year than last. Increases for particular rooms and buildings vary significantly, from 3 percent for some rooms in Eastgate, a graduate dormitory for married students, to 12 percent in East Campus doubles, according to numbers provided by the Housing Office.

The two primary reasons for the increase are changes in MIT’s operating budget focused on making the housing system self-sufficient and recent rises in natural gas and energy prices, said Peter D. Cummings, assistant director for Business Services. By employing three years of higher than normal rent raises, the housing system gradually shifted to meet all costs of running and maintaining the system through rent income, Cummings said. He said utilities expenditures for this academic year will be about $8 million, up from $7 million last year.

Other costs include debt servicing for large expenditures, budgeted between $3 and $5 million per year such as the recent upgrade of the Eastgate heating system, security, facilities, custodial and administrative staffing, and lost income from unfilled vacancies.

Varied concern over rising costs
An undergraduate living in a double in Baker was charged $2280 per semester for the ’03–’04 academic year, said Peter D. Cummings, assistant director for Business Services.

For the current fiscal year, IST&T will charge MIT $220 per phone per month, of which Housing will pay $3 for dormitory phones. If the number of students who sign up for full phone service next year does not increase significantly, and other factors remain the same, next year’s price could be as high as $23, or $20 for students if Housing continues its present $3 contribution. The price of phone service is calculated by dividing the estimated cost of the entire service by the expected number of users.

Although full service does not bring the Institute fame and present growing safety concerns, leading to what Chancellor Philip L. Clay PhD ’75 calls “kind of a contradiction.”

The change is not intended to curtail the ingenuous hacks that make MIT famous, but rather to implement a “case-specific” policy that focuses on safety, said Robert M. Randolph, senior associate dean for students. “I think MIT has to be very clear about how we understand the value and dangers of hacks,” he said. “MIT is not out to destroy hacking.” Some students, however, said the higher fines would only increase the danger factor by encouraging them to run it discovered on a roof.

Under the new policy, Randolph said he believes the average fine will be between $100 and $200 dollars, but “we ought to have conversations about it.” The automatic $50 fine has been the policy throughout his 26 years at MIT. He said, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics inflation calculator based on the Consumer Price Index, what $50 was at that time would now cost around $135.

While Randolph and Clay have been through a small set discussing the policy for years, the announcement of the change came as a surprise to others, including the COD Chair Margery Resnick. “No one has informed me about anything,” she said. “Generally, the COD would know about that kind of change.”

The failure to notify Resnick was “an oversight,” Randolph said. “We weren’t trying to slip anything by.”

The new policy is not yet available in print or online; the MIT Police are working through the system to Big Brother.

Spurred by safety concerns, fines for students caught on MIT building rooftops will change beginning in Jan. 2006 from $50 to up to $500.

By Kelley Rivoire

Those in the hacking community may want to start lining their pockets. Right now, fines for being found on the rooftops of MIT buildings will increase from an automatic $50 to a maximum of $500, with a possibility of an appeal to the Committee on Discipline.

The new policy, decided upon in June, follows years of discussion by some members of the administration about how to treat hacks, which both
Afghanistan's Elections Complaints Commission on Monday dis-qualified 28 candidates for violations of the country's election law, 21 of them for retaining links with armed militias, six days before the country's parliamentary elections. The disqualified included a general and several former militia commanders from various provinces, but not some of the most powerful commanders, who remain in the race. The announcement came after numerous complaints that these com- manders and militia leaders were going to dominate Sunday's elections for the first time in years. Afghanistan's election law bars militia leaders from taking part in the election, and the government has tried to use the provision to press militia leaders to disarm and to try to keep them from joining Afghan and international disarmament commission drew up the list of candidates found to have links with armed groups.

Eleven commanders had been disqualified in July, but people moni-toring the election process said that action had been insufficient. Seven candidates were disqualified Monday for not resigning from their gov-ernment positions, among them several women.

Oracle Bids $5.85 Billion for Rival Siebel Systems

Oracle Corp., the giant database-software maker, announced Mon-day that it will pay $5.85 billion to acquire business software rival Siebel Systems, its largest competitor in the market for sales automation programs. The deal will bolster Oracle's effort to topple its German rival SAP AG as the world's No. 1 seller of business applications software for large corporations.

The acquisition comes less than a year after Oracle managed to achieve a hostile takeover of PeopleSoft Corp. for $10.3 billion over a contentious battle that had dragged on for nearly 18 months. Oracle said its acquisition of Siebel will make it the largest seller of sales automation software — a category also known as customer relationship management software. SAP remains a far bigger player in business applications business overall, but the Siebel acquisition, said Lawrence J. Ellison, Oracle's chief executive, "moves us closer to our goal of being No. 1 in applications globally."

Utility Workers Blamed for Brief L.A. Blackout

A large area of Los Angeles lost power on Monday after utility workers doing maintenance work accidentally cut a live line, officials said.

The blackout, which occurred just after 12:30 p.m. Pacific time and lasted less than an hour in most areas, came a day after Sept. 11 and amid reports of al-Qaida threats against the city, setting off jitters across the region.

Oracle, which is the world's largest seller of software automation technology, is part of a $5.85 billion deal. The company is facing off against its main rival, SAP, in the growing field of sales automation. The deal is expected to close by the end of the year.

Simmer Down

by Cegnon J. Chan

**South Korea**

South Korean classes are back in session and some leave around campus have even already started to change color, mother nature reminds us not to pack away those summer shorts just yet. (It is still technically summer.) The combination of yesterday's strong pressure system and the light rain that hit the area yesterday morning has created a high pressure in the mid-Atlantic states resulting in cool air advection into southern New England. The result — yesterday's high temperature of 91°F at Logan Airport was just two degrees shy of the record. With the lack of this forcing today, expect winds shifting to an onshore breeze causing temperatures to remain cooler than yesterday.

Less than a thousand miles south of Boston, Ophelia continues imitating a lost child. Just like many college students, Ophelia has not decided which path to follow — in fact, over the weekend, Ophelia did a "360" just off the coast of the Carolinas — and continues to have an identity crisis. (Yesterday it was downgraded from hurricane to a tropical storm, but has now regained enough strength to be categorized as a hurricane again today.) Although there is still high uncertainty in the storm track, Ophelia is expected to make landfall in North Carolina and then move northeastward, perhaps giving the Boston region some much-needed rain Thursday into Friday. In the meantime, observe the next two afternoons. Summer clothes will likely be needing your attention.

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Pakistan President Says N. Korea Has Equipment for Nuclear Fuel

By David E. Sanger

President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan said Monday that he believes that A.Q. Khan, the Pakistani nuclear expert who ran the world’s largest plutonium ring, exported “probably a dozen” centrifuges to North Korea, because they tend to confirm the accusations U.S. intelligence officials made against North Korea in 2002.

At that time, North Korean officials appeared to confirm that they had secretly started a second nuclear program to build atomic weapons using uranium technology obtained from Khan’s network, as an alternative to a plutonium program that was frozen under a 1994 agreement and a broad program to give up its older plutonium complex located at Yongbyon, but North Korea has suggested it may be willing to reprocess — and agrees to a broad program negotiated with great fanfare, among them one providing mutual benefit from the return of lands that does not include the thrashing market in smuggled Chinese goods.

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By Ronald Smothers

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But, here's look real from here...

Filler Space by Jason Burns

Sink or Swim by W. Victoria Lee

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Dinner 1

Step 2: Adopt Hobbits' Diet

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Step 3: Be at One w/ TV

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Students Attend Katrina Rally

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individually, and offered a campus tour, she said. “I am fortunate I am here,” said University of New Orleans student Altion A. Torregano ’07. “I think MIT handled the situation pretty well. The entire process was expedited.” Torre-
gano, who is living at the Tau Delta Chi fraternity, said he thinks he will attend MIT for the spring semes-
ter as well. MIT will provide up to two semesters for visiting students if their home schools are not open for the spring semester.

Tulane student Dorothy A. Her-
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sponse team, city council member Kenneth E. Reeves, who is running for re-election, and Claudia M. Gold ’07, an organizer whose family is from New Orleans. Two other scheduled speakers did not show up for the rally, Gold said.

Victoria Brady of the MGH pub-
lic affairs office spoke briefly about the dispatching of doctors to the area. Kristian Olson, an MGH doctor, en-
couraged the audience to help.

Reeves spoke about the preferen-
tial treatment of Katrina victims with higher socio-economic status. “We have seen in the most graphic dem-
onstration that America has not been able to find it in its heart to treat all its people equally,” he said in his speech.

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You may also be wondering how your privacy is protected when you fill prescriptions at MIT Medical and charge them to your student account. Rest assured that pharmacy charges are not itemized on the account statements sent to your home; rather, those charges are just listed as “Pharmacy” on your bill.

Hope this helps! —Jennifer ’06

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Housing Prices Vary Across Dormitories
Costs Dependent on Building, Amenities

Similarly, a graduate student living in a single in Ashdown House would have paid $532 a month (or about $2350 a semester) in 2003, an increase of 5 percent more, or $548 a month ($2646 per semester) in ‘04–’05, and an additional 8.5 percent to total $584 a month ($2916 per semester) this year, according to Housing Office numbers.

Cost appears to be a less immediate concern for undergraduates, some of whom may not pay their bills directly. Former MacGregor House resident Valerie J. Willard ‘07 said, “I guess it goes up a little bit every year, but I’m not sure.”

Eric M. Jonas G commented that, “while undergraduates spend a ton of their time caring about housing in the ‘where do I live’ sense, the economics of the situation don’t often come into play,” since most undergraduates don’t consider off-campus options other than fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups.

New dormitories such as Simmons Hall and Sidney-Pacific have significantly higher rents than other dormitories such as Dexter Hall or Ashdown. These rents reflect the types of rooms available, as well as the amenities provided in the building.

Rosal J. Bhatt G, a member of the Sidney-Pacific board of trustees said in an e-mail that he is concerned with the rapidity of price rises. “In Sidney-Pacific, for example, the amenities provided in the building... now I pay about $300 a month more, but the place is more than twice as nice.”

Rents differ based on costs, quality
Cummings said Housing’s operating budget is about $34 million this fiscal year. The distribution of rents across the 2942 undergraduate and 2221 graduate dorm beds is based on the perceived relative values of the different available rooms, depending on factors such as the type of room, the quality of the building, and proximity to campus.

For the graduate system, these values were assessed by a 2002 GSC study.

“...there are subtle differences between the way we set [graduate] and [undergraduate] rents,” Cummings said, “since graduate students are independent adults supporting themselves on stipends.”

Nilsson said that undergraduate rents are determined by a committee, involving the Budget Office, Financial Aid, and the deans. If the final prices approved by the committee are lower than those proposed by Housing as sufficient to meet costs for the year, non-crucial maintenance and renovations projects are delayed.

As a comparison, Harvard is changing its undergraduates a flat rate of $5148 this academic year (or about $570 per month) regardless of house assignment or room type. This represents an increase of 3.5 percent over the previous year’s rate of $4974, which was itself a 5.7 percent over the previous year’s rate of $4716, according to Harvard’s Web site.
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Housing’s Expenses Led to Phone Cost Increase

Phones, from Page 1

cost IS&T significantly more than basic service, the decision to charge students directly arose out of a combination of factors.

* Housing, faced with budget shortfalls from rising energy costs, could no longer afford to pay the existing rate, $5 less than the new rate. Housing now pays $3 for basic service, or $5 towards the $20 cost of full service.
* This fiscal year, IS&T raised the Institute-wide monthly analog phone rate by $3.50.
* Federal auditors noticed that IS&T charged Housing a cheaper rate ($1.50 less) than the rest of the Institute, in violation of federal accounting rules.
* Federal auditors required IS&T to begin charging Housing for dormitory networking, at a cost of about $1.1 million per year.

With energy costs expected to rise rapidly again this year, Housing will have even less capital available for unanticipated expenditures.

About half of the 185 undergraduate students who signed up did so in the past week. Most of the graduate students signed up close to, or after, the Aug. 22 switch-over. Students interested in the full service plan may still sign up, but will have to pay a $25 activation fee.

In addition to basic phones not being able to directly receive incoming calls, it is not possible to transfer outside calls to a basic telephone. Basic service phones also cannot use the “tie lines” that directly connect MIT’s telephone system with other institutions, such as Harvard, Lincoln Laboratory, and Massachusetts General Hospital.

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Opinions Among Students, Administrators Differ As to Whether Fines Serve As Deterrent or Increase Dangers

The new policy was driven by a nationwide concern about stronger campus security in the post-Sep-
tember 11 world, as well as concerns about liability. Randolph said. "What became fairly clear was that students felt that fines were fairly low," he said. "There was a need for changes."

Randolph also said that accidents, such as that of a then-freshman student who fell through a roof in 1999, led MIT's legal counsel to worry about a perception that MIT was not serious about its policies. "Safety is our fundamental concern," he said.

Over the last three years, there has been a "great deal more empha-
sis on campus security," Clay said. If cer-
tain areas of campus were found to have been improperly accessed, "we'll all be in big trouble," and the federal government might step in, he said. "The last thing we want is to have to report someone."

There's a "set of deterrents we could put into place in rising levels of seriousness," Randolph said. "You start with the least onerous."

"It's an assumption that you'd think twice if it's going to cost you money," he said.

Some students, however, dis-
agreed that the fine increase would minimize rooftop violations, sug-
gesting instead that the new policy might create additional safety con-
cers.

"I'm going to be more inclined to run away because $500 is not some-
thing I can afford," said one student who leads rooftop tours for new students and spoke on condition of anonymity. "Tours are still going to happen. It's just going to cause the people who are giving them to be more likely to run away if caught," she said. "$500 is not safe to run on the roof. Having a $500 fine is more a problem with safety than creating a deterrent for hackers."

"If the fine is at a reasonable amount ... it's not so crushing," said Undergraduate Administration Vice President Jessica L. Howell, who has also served as a UA senator for East Campus. "If it could be so high that they're really afraid, ... then they're going to run," Lowell said. Clay said that a fine of $100 might be a reasonable bal-
ance between the need for security and the preservation of hacking cul-
ture.

Clay has talked to students and alumni about the new policy and will con-
tinue to work on the issue, she said. Clay is incoming from the police would be contrary to the hackers' implicit code of conduct, Randolph said. "The hacker code has been that if you get caught, you get caught, and you don't do anything foolish."

New policy allows more flexibility

Under the new policy, some dis-
cussions would pass to the MIT Police and the Committee on Discipline. "I've been assured that the Campus Police know the difference be-
tween hacking and not," Clay said. "I trust that the Campus Police will act responsibly."

The MIT Police were involved throughout discussions about the change in policy. Clay said MIT Chief of Police John DeFronzo was not available for comment.

Between now and January, any-
one caught on a rooftop by the MIT Police will be warned about the pending fine increase, Randolph said. "I do think that students shouldn't be punished for hacks that enhance the community, as long as they're not endangering themselves or others," said Resnick, who chairs the COD and would be needed and consulted about all viola-
tions as part of the new policy. "The only question is if there are risks," she said. "Should the COD be involved in a disciplinary hearing regarding a rooftop viola-
tion, safety would be a primary con-
cern in the discussions," said David A. Needle '97, one of five students serv-
ing on the COD. He said that if the policy requests a fine, then a fine must be levied, but "there's certainly a lot of room for leniency, especially in the case of new students getting oriented to MIT who may not neces-
sarily be familiar with the rules."

However, he said, if COD be-
comes involved in changing the policy, he would strongly oppose the fines. "I don't believe that a punitive fine is appropriate for a rooftop vio-
lation," Needle said. "I don't believe they do much to affect behavior."

Stephen M. Hou, a graduate stu-
dent serving on the COD who at-
tended MIT as an undergraduate, said he believes that rules should be fol-
lowed to the letter. "If a student knows that the line is so high and goes on the roof anyway, then they deserve to be slapped with that fine," he said. "If someone was coerced into going on the roof, that might be a case" where the fine should be re-
duced, however.

He said that from a perspective of safety, "if someone did do a hack that endangered students, which is not part of the hacking policy, then I think they shouldn't be punished not only be a fine, but further disciplinary action."

Policy was long-discussed

Changes to the fine policy were suggested as many as 10 years ago, Randolph said. "There was a meeting between members of the hacking community and then-Presi-
dent Vest about 10 years ago, so the 'fines' took place early on in student understanding of the need for tight-
ening up their controls," he said.

The UA president at the time, So-
siah D. Seele '06, was the last student to be involved in discussions about the policy change, Randolph said.

Seale said that he met with Ran-
dolph once or twice, and at that time publicized the possible future chang-
es to the hacking community, but this seemed to "vanish from a lot of people's memory," in the years since.

The new policy allows MIT to set a uniform fine policy, said; under the old policy, fines were higher for violations on the Green Building, which "looks like they're encourag-
ing hacking," he said.

Seale said now, as then, he sup-
ports for alternative policies. "Make it so you have to work, and you have to care about getting up there."

MIT needs to "try to find a way to walk the middle ground to allow the culture of hacking to continue and at the same time have maximum safety," Randolph said. "On the one hand, we're not a police state. On the other, we can't have an entirely lais-
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(above) Kevin C. Amendt ’07 tosses the ball to a teammate while John Voith of Harvard attempts to block.

(right) Philip E. Cassel ’07 prepares to fire a shot against Florida International University.

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