Students Protest at LaVerde’s with Post-it Notes

By Swheta Kambhampati

A group of students expressed their discontent with changes at LaVerde’s Market by covering the front door and windows of the store with suggestions and complaints written on Post-it Notes this past Friday night. This student protest comes barely two months after a change in the store’s ownership. The three major student complaints were about the shortened deli hours, a reduction in product selection, and the elimination of the suggestion box, according to Greg H. Belote ’07, one of the organizers of the protest.

The group of 15 students, primarily from East Campus, spent about half an hour late Friday night “Post-it Noting,” writing messages like “Bring back sandwich cards,” “24/7,” and “Verde’s is my anti-drug.” The elimination of the suggestion box “was the real kicker,” Be- lote said. “I got the impression the management no longer cares about customer opinion. … If LaVerde’s brings back the suggestion box and perhaps even distributes customer surveys, my hope is that they can better adjust to their market and will maintain their customer loyalty.”

LaVerde’s owner Chris Chris- tensen said yesterday that he was not aware of any complaints from students. Specifically, Christensen said that he had just then received an e-mail regarding the Post-it Note protest and would look into it further. Mark Semon, the manager of LaVerde’s, declined to comment and deferred questions to Christensen.

Dining Pilot Draws MacGregor Crowd

By Hanhan Wang

MacGregor House kicked off their pilot dining program last night, a 10-week trial which will survey students’ preferences. Many residents, first-year and upperclassmen alike, turned out to MacGregor for the first time, to sample the buffet-style meals

Ashdown Conversion Committees To Recruit

By Valery K. Brobbey

As construction continues on the new graduate dormitory, recruitment is underway to staff a steering committee and three subcommittees that will lead the efforts to convert Ashdon- dow House into an undergraduate dormitory by fall 2008. At the same time, current residents of Ashdown are pushing to bring the name of the dormitory along with them to the new graduate residence, NW35, which will be located near Sidney-Pacific Quad.

The steering committee and its three subcommittees Transitions, Feasibility, and Programming will be responsible for overall planning, the phasing in of students, technical design issues of the building, and living-learning issues, such as ad- vising and dining, respectively. The recruitment, which began Saturday, is aimed at attracting committed sophomores and juniors who will be working on “all issues involved with opening a new dormitory.” Dormitory- Council President David A. Ned- zel ’07 said MIT administrators will also sit on the committee. According to Nedzel, W1, the

UA Voter Turnout Lower This Year

By Hyjoo Kim

The Undergraduate Association Senate and 2010 Class Council elec- tions for fall 2006 concluded on Fri- day with a slightly lower voter turnout than last year and no representatives chosen for Bexley Hall and the Liv- ings Group Council. Compared to a voter turnout of 1,160 votes last year, 1,083 votes were cast this year, with a general increase in freshman participation and a decrease in upperclassman participation.

The slight decrease in voter turnout may be due to problems in obtaining viable candidates for all of the open positions and engaging the students to vote, according to UA Technical Coordinator Joseph M. Freehly ’09. Upperclassman participation decreased, as seen by a drop in votes for sophomores and senior classes. However, freshman participation rose from just 464 votes last year to this year’s

The new leaders of the 2010 Class Council are President Jason A. Scott ’10 and Vice President Priya Bhandarkar ’10. Additionally, 26 UA Senators were elected as represent- atives of off-campus students, fraternities, sororities, and campus dormitories. Both the LGC and the LOC have not elected senators because their candidates received only one vote each.

According to UA President Andrew T. Luhmann ’07, Bexley’s most popular write-in candidate “Na- kedman,” a fictional student, received about 35 votes, while the official Bexley candidate for Senate, Grace C. Lee ’09, received one vote. There were also several other write-in candidates that received one vote each.

“Rather than hold a runoff be- tween each of the one-vote valid can- didates,” Lukmann said, “the elec- tions commission decided to choose no winner.”

Usually, in such situations, the dormitory president will appoint a senator, but Bexley does not have a president. Miller said. She said that Lukmann will e-mail Bexley resi- dents to find interested parties, and if there is more than one, another vote will take place.

The LGC also did not have an elections commission, as there were no of- ficial candidates running and a few write-in candidates that all received one vote each. Miller said that the LGC speaker will appoint a senator.

In Short

A Campus Dining survey, ob- taining feedback about which food vendors the MIT community would like added to Ladlell Food Court has been posted. After the results are tallied, Director of Campus Din- ing Richard D. Berlin III said that he hopes to open the new outlet before or during spring term. The survey, located at http://web.mit.edu/dines- ing/feedback/surveys.html, will be open until Oct. 17.

The final exam schedule was announced by the Registrar in Late September. See http://web.mit.edu/ registrar/www/schedules/exams.html.

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**WEATHER**

### Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Tuesday, October 3, 2006

**Situation**
- Cold Front
- Trough

**Precipitation Symbols**
- Light
- Moderate
- Heavy

**Temperature**
- 40°F
- 50°F
- 60°F
- 70°F
- 80°F

**Pressure**
- 1000 mbar
- 1010 mbar
- 1020 mbar
- 1030 mbar

**Wind Direction**
- N
- NE
- E
- SE

**Wind Speed**
- Light
- Moderate
- Strong

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**World & Nation**

### Shootings Raise Tensions in Already Tense Public Schools

By Kirk Johnson

Schools around the country were on alert Monday after the second hostage event and third homicide case, in less than a week in a public school.

The killings in Nickel Mines, Pa., with at least three students dead, occurred five days after a man took over a classroom here in Colorado and killed one teenage hostage and himself as the police closed in.

On Friday in Wisconsin, a student fatally shot a principal. Two schools in the Las Vegas region were locked down on Monday after witnesses reported seeing an armed person on the ground.

Some school administrators and security experts said they were worried about a new pattern of violence that schools were not well prepared for — outside adults with grudges or suicidal urges entering schools — and that news coverage could inspire more crimes.

Others said those factors did not matter because vigilance, pre-emption and resources would be the same either way.

### 2006 Nobel Prize For Medicine Awarded For Discovery of RNAi

By Nicholas Wade

This year's Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine was awarded to two American researchers, Andrew Z. Fire and Craig C. Mello, for a far-reaching discovery about how genes are controlled within living cells.

The Nobel Foundation in Stockholm, Sweden, which sometimes lets decades elapse before awarding its ac- colade, found the foundation's caution, born of the fear of giving unwarranted reac- tion to recognition that may prove unfounded, may have been dis- pension this year by the evident prom- ise of the new field, several scientists said.

The finding by Fire and Mello made sense of a series of puzzling re- sults obtained mostly by plant biolo-
gists, including some who were try- ing to change the color of petunias. By clarifying what was going on, the trio has given rise to a quite unexpected system of gene regulation in living cells and began an explosive phase of research in a field known variously as RNA interference or gene silencing.

A natural method of switching genes off has turned out to be a su- perb research tool, allowing scientists to understand the role of new genes by suppressing them. The method may also lead to a new class of drugs that switch off unwanted processes in diseases.

Two gene-silencing drugs designed to target malignant degene- ration are already in clinical trials.

"This was such a nice Nobel, on everybody's list of discoveries that would receive the prize soon," said Dr. Thomas Cech, an expert on RNA and president of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

Dr. Bruce Stillman, president of the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory on Long Island, said the prize was "not the recognition of a field of research, which has had "a spectacular birth and expansion," as well as the discov- ery of Fire and Mello that started it.

Fire, now at Stanford University, and Cech, now director of the National Cancer Institute in Washington when he made the discov- ery, "It raises everybody's awareness of the potential of RNA."

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**A Week of Extremes**

By Angela Zalucha

This week's weather features relatively warm temperatures during the be- ginning of the week, then a shift to the coldest temperatures we have seen this autumn. This afternoon will be pleasantly warm with an afternoon high temperature in the lower 70°F. A warm front moves through this evening, which will help push Wednesday's high temperature to near 80°F. As a low pressure system approaches the west, we will have an increased chance for rain Wednesday night and Thursday morning. This system comes much cooler temperatures, possibly as low as 40°F Thursday night. The high temperature on Friday will be lower than the low tonight!

Extended Forecast
- Today: Partly sunny. High 73°F (23°C).
- Tonight: Partly cloudy. Low 60°F (16°C).
- Wednesday: Partly sunny and comfortably warm. High 80°F (27°C).
- Wednesday night: Chance of showers. Low 57°F (14°C).
- Thursday night: Partly cloudy. Low 42°F (6°C).
- Friday: Partly sunny. High 58°F (14°C).
Gov't Records Confirm That CIA Head Warned Rice on Al-Qaida

By Philip Shenor and Mark Mazzetti

WASHINGTON - A review of White House records has led to new details about the CIA director's warning to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on Al-Qaeda, according to people familiar with the matter.

The source of the warning is believed to be John K. Negroponte, the former director of national intelligence, who told Rice in a July 10 meeting that "we need to be extremely concerned" about the threat posed by the terrorist group. The White House has not confirmed the meeting or its content.

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Abstinence Education An Effective Way to Combat STDs

The American Social Health Association maintains that as many as one in four Americans has genital herpes. An estimated 80 percent of those affected will never know that they have the disease. An estimated 20 million people in the United States will have contracted human papilloma virus (HPV) by the time they turn 50. It also notes that each year, there are more than 15 million new cases of STDs in the United States. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention projects that within the next 20 years, nearly 40 million people will be infected with this virus.

In addition, many people are not aware of the limitations of the contraceptives. The National Institutes of Health and Human Services maintain that there is no substantial evidence that condoms prevent the spread of some of the STDs, including gonorrhea in women, chlamydia infection, genital herpes, and syphilis.

In addition to STDs, being sexually active is also linked to other societal problems. It results in out-of-wedlock childbearing. In 2000, 240,000 children were born in the U.S. to girls 16 or younger, nearly all of whom were unmarried. Furthermore, those who are sexually active are much more likely to be depressed and attempt suicide.

According to the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, 17 percent of American aged 14 to 17 who were sexually active were depressed “a lot of the time” or “most of the time” in the past week and 22 percent have attempted suicide, while six percent of those who are not sexually active were depressed and three percent have attempted suicide.

Then why do many Americans oppose abstinence education? The most likely cause of the prevailing perception that adolescents are incapable of abstinence. However, this notion is challenged by statistical and historical evidence.

Abstinence is certainly a viable option; in fact, it is used to be expected among adolescents. Abstinence was the norm for unmarried teen-age girls in America up until about 1982. Only recently has it been dismissed as unrealistic.

However, abstinence is still a popular alternative among today’s youth. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, six out of every ten American teenagers are not sexually active. In one survey, 93 percent of teens said that teens should be given a “strong message” that they should abstain from sex. Emory University study of 1,000 girls found that 12 percent of the sex problem, the most popular, chosen by 84 percent of those surveyed.

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The fact is that abstinence education is the most effective and realistic way to stop the epidemic spread of STDs and other societal problems in the United States.

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Anacostia Society

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The Sept. 29 article “ILGs Offer Bids For Fall Semester” mistakenly reported that all bids have open dates. Although this applies to some of the ILGs, Epsilon Theta’s bids expire a week after rush.

Many people assume that abstinence education does not teach about STDs or contraception. Despite all the talk about abstinence- only education, many abstinence programs do teach these topics. Indeed, they teach them accurately, explaining the truth about so-called “safe sex” and helping adolescents understand that their choices have consequences. “Safe sex” or misleadingly named “abstinence plus” programs, on the other hand, do little or nothing to encourage teens to abstain from sex and often implicitly encourage sexual activity.

Despite allegations to the contrary, available evidence conclusively shows that abstinence education is effective. There are ten reputable evaluations showing that abstinence education is effective in reducing sexual activity among teens, five of which have been published in peer-reviewed journals. The “Not Me, Not Now” program affected a 32 percent decrease in the sexual activity of 15-year-olds in the country in which it was practiced. An article in the Journal of the American Medical Association found that participating in an abstinence program and taking a chaperone pledge were by far the largest contributors to teenag- ers delaying sexual activity.

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Science Studies Would Enrich GIR

In reconsidering its General Institute Requirements, MIT has pursued at least two major goals. One is to update the curriculum requirements to satisfy present needs while guarding against an onerous load of requirements by keeping them simple and flexible. A second goal has been to add more energy and common spirit to the freshman year. So far, the GIR committee has treated the science requirements in detail, but has encountered greater difficulty with improving the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences requirements. The HASS requirements, especially those involving CI-H and CI-M classes, are complex and vary greatly in the quality of their implementation across classes and departments. For many students, the intended purpose of the HASS requirements—a general education about the qualities of human existence—fails to be relevant to them personally or professionally.

The suggestion I make here has the potential to address many of the above problems. I propose that MIT require all freshmen to take a semester of Science Studies, broadly conceived as the cultural, social and logical critiques of science and technology. The class would demonstrate the relevance of the humanities to MIT undergraduate, provide a basis for lively intellectual discussion for freshmen, and put MIT on the cutting edge of the growing convergence between the concerns of science and society.

Science Studies is a growing field that crosses many disciplines to study science as a human practice, recognizing the essential and central role of people in creating knowledge. (While there are a number of similar fields, including Science, Technology and Society at MIT, I use Science Studies as the closest to my intended focus.) This class would be highly controversial, but such controversy would only work to its advantage, because the class would force students to confront their preconceptions about science and engineering.

To support my suggestion, I will discuss the importance and relevance of the class’s content to students and to MIT’s goals as an institution overall. I will also sketch out a possible way to accommodate the requirement in the GIRs.

Science Studies is a class that would show a far-sighted vision and demonstrate leadership in almost every discipline of academia. As a common experience in the freshman year, the class would give students something to talk about in the best tradition of the liberal arts, as well encourage them to think critically about science and engineering in novel ways. The class would serve as a bridge to the humanities for students who saw them as irrelevant before—obviously, nothing can force them to cross that bridge, but the choice should be a conscious one.

As a practical matter, the class would necessarily cover material from a number of disciplines: STS, anthropology, philosophy, history, and sociology. It could thus serve as a unique introduction to many disciplines, although it would not function simply as a survey course: the material would be aimed at critical questions about science and engineering as practices, such as, “How do social values influence science?” In terms of MIT’s current requirements, the class is an obvious candidate to be a HASS-D and even CI-M class (i.e. satisfies a distribution requirement and communication-intensive requirement), and thus would not interfere with the concentration requirement that students pursue three or more classes in a single HASS discipline such as music or economics. It could also count as one of the eight required HASS-designated classes.

Thus the class would not increase the total number of requirements, and only marginally decrease the choices available to students. The practicalities of holding enough small (25–30 students) sessions of the class for the entire freshman class to enroll would be more challenging. However, by allowing freshmen to take the class either fall or spring term, the task would be easier, and would also allow any students who fail MIT’s Freshman Essay Examination to take a remedial writing class in the fall. Moreover, the requirement would allow MIT to make a more concerted effort to teach writing skills to all students in a uniform way, allowing other HASS classes to assume a higher degree of average competency.

The proposed requirement is therefore feasible in practice, satisfies many of MIT’s major educational goals, and is sufficiently foundational to our understanding of science and engineering to merit inclusion in the GIRs. I respectfully submit it for the consideration of the GIR committee, the Student Advisory Committee, and the MIT community.

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This past summer, I started swearing a lot, unfortunately. I write differently, but even now my inner child is proud, happy to have such a dirty mouth. What is it about saying those ‘bad’ words that makes me feel so adult, so cool, so hip? It’s like smoking, but without the cancer or the stains, or ash, or cost...

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MIT Glass Lab Pumpkin Sale Exhibits Over 1550 Pieces

This weekend, the MIT Glass Lab held its sixth annual Great Glass Pumpkin Patch sale. The sale featured about 1550 pumpkins. Most of the proceeds went to the Glass Lab; the pumpkins’ creators receive a small amount of the profit.

On Friday evening, the pumpkins were exhibited but not sold in a tent on Kresge Oval. Volunteers kept a vigil in the tent throughout the evening to keep the pumpkins safe. The lab’s printers, used to make sales on-site, were covered with plastic just in case the Kresge sprinklers were to go off overnight (as they did last year).

On Saturday morning, the pumpkins were arranged in small clumps around the roped-off Kresge Oval, as a crowd of eager Beavers grew. Within a few hours, roughly 1500 pumpkins were sold; about twenty went home with their creators; and 10–20 were broken, said Houk. The main cause of broken glass pumpkins was people lifting them by the stems — just as with real pumpkins.

(clockwise from right)
Many pumpkins had a Halloween theme.
The more than 1500 pumpkins were displayed Friday afternoon.
A group of pumpkins get some sun just before the crowds are let into Kresge on Saturday.
The colorful pumpkins attracted discriminating eyes of both the young and young at heart.

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New England Universities Launch Recruitment Site

By Diane E. Lewis

The New England Higher Education Recruitment Consortium’s site, found at www.newenglandhers.org, is free to job seekers and not restricted to people who work in academia. Jobs listed range from positions for professors and lecturers to openings for physicians, scientists, laboratory technicians, researchers, and medical and support staff. “This will enable us to have an integrated database for many institutions in the area,” said Laura Fisher, associate dean of the Harvard University Faculty of Arts and Sciences. “It is a way to initiate a job search. The database goes beyond jobs because it gives people a sense of what the region offers. Anyone can access it, not just someone we would like to recruit.”

Initiated by Harvard University, the site was inspired by similar efforts in California and the New York-New Jersey region, said Jacqueline Hogan, director of the consortium. She said the site should make it easier for academia to place dual-career couples in faculty, administrative, or staff positions.

Evelyn Hammonds, senior vice provost for faculty development at Harvard, said meeting the needs of a job candidate whose spouse is also an academic can be especially difficult when an institution has no openings suited for the candidate’s significant other. “The fact that places like Stanford, Princeton … have joined consortia speaks to the fact that this is a problem for higher education right now, and everyone is trying to address it,” she said.

Harvard University made an initial investment of about $280,000 to launch the job site, which has listings from public and private institutions, free Boston-area hospitals, and several community colleges.

Each pays a fee to the consortium based on the number of graduate and undergraduate students enrolled at the institution. Fees range from about $2,900 per year for an institution with fewer than 3,000 students to $13,000 for large private institutions, with unlimited opportunities to post jobs. Consortium fees will be used to pay administrative costs and licensing fees and to maintain the site.

Hogan said letters went out last year, inviting the region’s colleges and universities to join. At the time, more than 100 institutions were interested. About 60 attended an inaugural meeting. In all, 25 became founding members of the site. Since then, the number of participating institutions has increased to 36.

Besides jobs, the site has information on schools, child care, relocation services, local government, transportation, religious services, as well as items of interest to gay, lesbian, and transgendered applicants.

Members of the consortium include MIT, Boston University, Boston College, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Brown University, Dartmouth University, Worcester State College, University of Vermont, Bentley College, Berkley College of Music, Emerson College, Northeastern University, Babson College, Simmons College, Emmanuel College, and Wheelock College. Hospitals in the consortium include Massachusetts General Hospital, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, and Brigham & Women’s Hospital.

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No UA Senator Elected From Bexley and LGC

The UA is planning on changing the write-in voting procedures for Spring 2007 elections. “In living groups that historically rely on write-in elections, it was argued last year that there should be more write-in blanks on the ballot,” UA Vice President Ruth Miller ’07 said. “Discussion took place about creating a formula to decide how many blanks appear on a ballot, but the fall election took place early enough in the year that we weren’t able to sit down with a representative group and look over the specifics of any changes.”

Of the Senate candidates, 12 decided to represent their respective Fraternity, Sorority, or Independent Living Group while 26 chose to represent their dormitories, according to Presbrey.

For the 2010 Class Council, there were 14 official candidates with a total of 60 including write-in candidates. For the UA Senate, there were 33 official candidates with a total of 235.

This year, there were 1,053 online votes and about 20-30 paper votes compared to last year’s nearly 60 paper votes, which represents the increasing convenience of online voting. On average, 48 percent of votes cast were for the winners, although there was a wide range of percentage of votes obtained by winning senators.

“I am very happy with this year’s elections,” UA Election Commissioner Michelle Jeong ’08. This election ran relatively smoothly without any foul play or illegal campaigning issues.

### UA Election Results Fall 2006

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ferred dining and pricing, Berlin said that he thinks there is “an agenda for a system that makes sense for campus, and it evolves through the years … It’s a dynamic process over time.”

The pilot program will be reevaluated at the end of the month with feedback from students, according to Donovan. Based on the feedback, the one-day-a-week pilot may be held on a different day and other adjustments may be made for the month of November, Donovan said.

“You would want an overwhelming majority to be behind the idea,” Berlin said.

MacGregor’s housemasters proposed the idea of re-opening dining facilities to their House Committee shortly after January this year, and a dining committee was set up to look into the possibility. According to MacGregor Social Chair Joseph S. Pokora ’09, a member of the committee, the housemasters hoped that a dining hall would bring a greater sense of community to a dormitory consisting of mostly single-person rooms.

Last spring, a survey sent to all MacGregor residents revealed that about 50 to 75 percent of students who responded would use the proposed dining facilities, Pokora said. The considerable response in favor of dining led to the dining trial this month, he said.

According to Pokora, the trial serves to accurately measure the true demand before Campus Dining decides whether or not to re-open MacGregor’s dining hall, which was shut down in 1993. MacGregor Dining was shut down when students were told that they would each have to purchase a mandatory $1,150-per-year meal plan in order to keep campus dining halls open.

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Poor Weather Does Not Keep Activists at Bay

In spite of the torrential rain, about a hundred anti-war activists joined at Boston Common bandstand on Sunday to protest war in the Middle East. Folk songs, handwritten signs, unidentifiable flags, and a veteran’s impassioned speech characterized the “Bring the Troops Home Now” rally. The rally was connected with the national Declaration of Peace campaign, which boasts the participation of over 600 organizations in its Sept. 21-28 “Week of Action.”

(left) The poor weather doesn’t stop this activist from getting her message out.

(below) An activist delivers a speech calling for the end of the Iraq war.

MIT Students March For Life

The 20th annual pro-life Walk to Aid Mothers and Children also occurred Sunday afternoon. The march was both a demonstration of the power of the Boston pro-life movement and a fundraiser for the organizer, Massachusetts Citizens for Life. Participants aged over 18 were encouraged to register and to seek additional sponsorships for the 5K walk; one flyer said “It is imperative that you get as many sponsors as possible.”

(clockwise from right)

Kevin J. DiGenova, members of MIT Pro-Life and the Wellesley Alliance for Life joined the pro-life march on Sunday.

A group of about twenty pro-choice protestors stood at the corner of Charles St. and Beacon St. and chanted at pro-life marchers as they passed. Most of the marchers politely ignored the chanting counterprotestors. The counter-protest was organized by the National Organization for Women.

Marchers filled the left side of most streets; traffic halted altogether on some.
### NW35 May Increase Undergrad Class Size

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The building currently named Ashdown, is expected to be open to undergraduates in the fall of 2008. Construction work on NW35, the graduate dormitory that will house displaced Ashdown residents, is also expected to be complete at that time, the Division of Student Life Web site states. Director of Housing, Karen A. Nilsson, however, would not commit to a date for the opening of W1 to undergraduates, saying that she “can’t say at this moment in time.”

Reacting to speculations that W1 will serve as temporary housing for undergraduates while other dormitories are renovated, Nilsson said that, in the long term, “renovations for East Campus, Random Hall and Bexley will be necessary.” “However, the W1 project is currently in a feasibility study only and decision regarding the renovations/upgrades to other buildings has not been discussed,” Nilsson added.

While the cost of the new graduate dormitory NW35 is estimated at $104 million, the renovation costs for W1 is “dependent on the scope of the project,” Nilsson said. “Rents will not be set until closer to the re-opening of W1 as an undergraduates dorm,” said Nilsson. “Renovations will include adding Graduate Resident Tutor apartments to W1.

NW35 may allow for more fresh.

Some of goals of the NW35 project, according to the Division of Student Life Web site, includes “ending Senior Segue” or the placing of seniors in graduate residences, “achieve a net gain in graduate beds on campus,” and “increasing the size of the freshman class.”

“I expect that we’ll grow the class a bit over the next few years, but only as much as the housing stock can accommodate,” Dean of Admissions Marilee Jones said in an e-mail. “Though the size of the class is never determined by one person, I don’t believe that the freshman class will ever grow to more than 1,100 students, the all-time high number in the 1980s.”

Class size will not affect the kind of students we admit or affect our recruitment strategies because the fluctuations are so minor from year to year,” Jones added.

**Students worried about prices**

Ashdown residents have requested to “bring the name ‘Ashdown’ to NW35,” Nilsson said.

According to Sian A. Kleindienst, chair of the Ashdown House Executive Committee, residents want to carry the name over to the new building because Avery Ashdown PhD ’24, then a faculty member in the Department of Chemistry, was the first Housemaster of Ashdown and a big proponent of graduate student life.

The names of the rooms, including the Hulsizer Room in W1, would also be transferred to the new building. Kleindienst said.

Graduate students continue to have concerns about the transition. Kleindienst said that some students cannot pay the higher rents in NW35 and worries that other students may move into the new building at the expense of current Ashdown residents.

But at the same time, students are hopeful.

“The Northwest sector of campus,” which already has three graduate dorms, will enhance “a strong graduate student presence,” Nilsson said. Kleindienst hopes that this will “facilitate more collaboration” between graduate students.

“We’re very happy with the final design of the new building,” Weese said. “I’m excited about the proposal for food in the new building. Given the large number of grad students in the area, it seems like it should be possible to have a dining hall serving dinner on a daily basis.”

The application deadline for the steering committee and subcommittees is Oct. 9 and Oct. 15, respectively. Nine undergraduates are currently needed, according to Nedzel. Interested students can send their applications to dorm-founders@mit.edu.

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Soccer Loses in 2OT Marathon
Each Team Fires 23 Shots, Coast Guard Wins 3-2 in 103rd Minute

By Jeff Lemieux
SPORTS INFORMATION ASSISTANT

Midfielder Andrew M. Bishara ’09 scored two goals, including a dramatic equalizer with under three minutes remaining in regulation, but it wasn’t enough for men’s soccer (3-6, 0-3 in NEWMAC) to overcome Coast Guard (6-2-1, 2-0) in a 3-2 double overtime loss on Saturday afternoon.

The Coast Guard Bears proved that every second of each half counts, as they scored in both the first and last minutes of the opening half. Tech found itself in a hole from the outset after Coast Guard took the lead just 35 seconds into the contest when senior Ryan Poitinger scored off an assist from fellow senior Casey Steuer. The lead was extended to 2-0 with just 45 seconds remaining in the first half when Peter Deneen found Ben Weber for the finish.

The Engineers refused to go down without a fight, however, and their efforts paid off when Bishara slashed the lead in half in the 65th minute. The Toledo, Ohio native then scored his second goal of the game — and third of the season — in the 87th minute to knot the game at 2-2. Both of his goals were unassisted.

Despite having three chances in the extra sessions, it wasn’t to be for the Engineers, who conceded the game-winner to Steuer three minutes into the second overtime period.

Each team put its opponents’ keeper to the test, getting off 23 shots apiece. Freshman Timothy Olah made nine saves for the Bears, while Thomas S. Caldwell ’09 stopped six shots for the Engineers.

MIT will look to end a five game losing streak when it begins a five game home-stand against Brandeis tomorrow at 3:30 p.m.

This past weekend, the MIT women’s volleyball team earned second place at the Tufts University Invitational. The Engineers started out strong, sweeping Emmanuel College and SUNY Cortland on Friday. Play resumed on Saturday with the Engineers sweeping Salisbury University at Tufts. MIT took the first two games of the championship match against Tufts but the Jumbos roared back to win the next three games to take the title.

(left) Ellen E. Sojka ’08 prepares to dig for the ball, helping MIT defeat Emmanuel College.

(below) Katrina M. Ellison ’10, left, and Ellen E. Sojka ’08, attempt to block the ball coming from Emmanuel College.

Ilan L. Brito G (#834) accelerates at the start of the women’s category 4 cross-country mountain bike race this past Saturday, Sept. 30. Seven MIT students, including Brito, participated in various mountain bike races held on the University of New Hampshire’s Kingman Farm trail system.