The first dinner was a success, with plans to replace Burton-Conner's kitchens with underground rooms, though administrators claim there are no plans to do so. The rumors surfaced in the week before President Susan Hockfield's Feb. 13 visit to Burton-Conner, prompting a petition, two bills by the Undergraduate Association, and a small flutter of e-mails across the bc-talking list.

Dean for Student Life Gary L. Benedict said "there are zero plans" to remove Burton-Conner’s kitchens. "It's all just rumor," he said. "I told the UA that this isn’t happening." Despite his assurances, the UA passed two resolutions concerning Burton-Conner’s kitchens. Resolution 6.1 describes Burton-Conner’s kitchens as “local points of the suite, floor, and dorm-wide community interactions,” and “indispensable to students.” The bill also states that the UA Senate “opposes any plans to remove [the] kitchens” unless residents are involved in the decision-making process.

"Even if this is just a rumor, we need to be proactive," said Ruth Miller ’07, co-sponsor of resolution 6.1. Miller is the UA Vice President for Student Life and also a Tech campus life columnist.

"We just wanted to be proactive," said Joel S. Wyne ’08, UA Senator from Burton-Conner and a Tech opinion staff writer, who also co-sponsored the legislation. He said there was not a single person he talked to in Burton-Conner that was in favor of removing the kitchens.

"The point was that in the event this proposal is seriously considered we would have the petition and bill ready." While no one seems to know the source of the rumor, Benedict suggested that it could have come from the 2004 Housing Strategies Interim Report. That report has been accurate so far, correctly describing the construction of NW35 and an expansion of the underground class size.

The report also suggested random Hall dorm into a servery, closing Bentley Hall for use in “non-food purposes,” and ending Senior Segue, a program where undergraduates can live in graduate housing during their senior year.

"Every now and then, people start reading that report and they get hysterical," said Benedict. He said that none of those options are currently being considered.

Miller, however, was wary of statements that no plan existed to remove Burton-Conner’s kitchens. "This seems to happen a lot, when [the administration] tells us there are no plans to do so while we can see people working there," said Joseph W. Presbrey ’08, UA Senator from Burton-Conner.

Two vehicles involved in an accident in front of Simmons Hall yesterday caused damage to five other neighboring parked vehicles.
Afghans Say US Strike Killed Nine Family Members Sunday

By Warren Hoge

The U.N. Development Program said Monday it was suspending work in North Korea because the country had failed to meet conditions set up in response to American complaints that the U.N. program had been diverted to the government of Kim Jong Il.

"We have decided to suspend our operations, and the ball is really now in the court of the DPRK Korean authorities," said David Morrison, director of communications for the agency, referring to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, its country's official name.

The decision, which cuts off 20 programs with a budget of $4.4 million, was made Friday, a day after Pak Gil Youn, the North Ko-

Address to the U.N., met with Ad Melkert, the development program's associate director, to say that his country would not agree to new conditions for assistance.

The conditions were that the U.N. would stop furnishing payments in hard currency to the government, local vendors and individ-

uals, and stop making in-country human rights subject to government approval.

The demands, along with a March 1 deadline, were imposed by the development program's ex-

ecutive board on Jan. 25 after the U.S. mission charged that the U.N. program had been "systematically diverted for the benefit of the Kim Jong Il regime rather than the people of North Korea."

Morrison said there was no con-

nection between the announcement and the beginning on Monday, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, of two days of talks between North Korea, represented by Kim Kyre Gwan, and the U.S., represented by Christo-

pher R. Hill, the assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, on the North Korean nuclear-

ar program.

"The timing was driven by our undertaking as made explicit in the 15th of March resolution to only continue our operations in the DPRK if certain conditions were met by March 1, which was Thursday," he said.

The development program also said in January that it was narrow-

ing its program to what Morrison said were "activities designed more directly to benefit the North Korean people rather than to build capacity of the North Korean government."

Morrison and the North Ko-

rean responded that this action "represented a politicization of the foreign assistance process."

UN Agency Suspends Work With North Korea, Curtails Programs

Weather

Arctic Blast

By Scott Stranisky

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Air advecting from the north tends to be cold, since it is coming from the Arctic region.

High pressure also leads to a clear sky. In a high, air is "subsiding," or sinking, so there is no cloud base to be formed. Dense adiabatic heating, cloudless, air is evaporated very quickly. We can also expect a very windy day. Wind speed is, in part, determined by the gradient of the isolines of pressure isobars. When the isolines are very close, as in today's situation, wind speeds are high.

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But in the final half-hour, prices dropped sharply. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 63.69 points, or about 0.5 percent, to close at 12,050.81. The broader Standard & Poor's 500-stock index fared even worse, losing 13.05 points, or about 1 percent, to close at 1,374.12.

By Carlotta Gall and Abdul Wahed Fata

Nine members of a family, in-

cluding five women and three chil-

dren, were killed in an American airstrike in Afghanistan late Sunday, during a battle with mili-

tants, Afghan officials said Monday. The American military acknowl-

dged that it dropped two 2,000-

pound bombs on a compound on Sunday night, but said that it could not confirm the casualties.

The strike occurred 12 hours after American forces in eastern Af-

ganistan fired on civilians follow-

ing a suicide car bombing next to an American convoy. The American fire-

ce killed at least 10 people and wound-

ed 25, Afghan officials said. In re-

sponse, protests on Sunday blocked the main highways in the area.

On Sunday night, American forces at a small base in Tapeh Ahmed Beg, in Kapisa province, northeast of the capital, Kabul, came under rocket fire at 9 p.m. The U.S. mili-

tary said in a statement. When two men with Kalashnikov rifles were spotted entering a compound, the Americans called an airstrike on the compound, which ended the engag-

ement, it said.

"Coalition forces observed two men with AK-47's leaving the scene of the rocket attack and entering the compound," Lt. Col. David Accetta, a military spokesman, said in the statement. "These men knowingly endangered civilians by retreating into an occupied area while con-

ducting attacks against coalition forces."

"We did this in self-defense," said Gen. Muhammad Izzad Moalmon, the police chief of Kapisa province, whose men work beside Americans at the base. "The enemy of Afghani-

stan is trying to use different tactics to destroy the peace and stability in our area, especially in the districts of Tagab and Nahrejan, and they have repeatedly attacked our bases."

He said that members of the Islamic Party, which is led by the renegade mujahedeen commander Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, and Taliban supporters were active in the area.

But a local representative of the provincial council, Suraya Bahadar, who comes from Nijar district, where the bombing happened, con-

demned it. "I condemned both the suicide attacks and the rocket at-

tacks by the enemy of Afghanistan, and also I condemn these type of mistakes," by American and NATO forces, she said. "We never want our civilian people to be killed."

John Sifton, a senior researcher at Human Rights Watch, which is based in New York, also expressed concern about the level of force. "That is heavy firepower to respond to two men, even if they have Ka-

lashnikovs," he said in a telephone interview. "If that version of events bears up, it would strongly suggest that the attack was disproportionate."

Sifton said insurgents also regularly violate the rules of war by using force near civilian areas. On Monday, President Hamid Karzai condemned the killing of the civilians in eastern Afghanistan on Sunday morning. He blamed the "enemies of Afghanistan" for the suicide bombing, which "caused the American forces to fire on civil-

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Bomb Kills at Least Twenty in Famed Baghdad Book Market

By Edward Wong and Wissam A. Habeeb

AN, Iran

The book market along Mutanabi Street was a throwback to the Baghdad of old, the days of students browsing for texts, turbaned clerics hunting down religious tomes and cafe intellectuals debating politics over backgammon.

Somehow it had survived the war, until Monday, when a powerful suicide car bomb hit the market, slicing through the heart of the capital's intellectual scene. It killed at least 20 people and wounded more than 65.

In the hours after the nonsite explosion, books and stationery, some still tied in charred bundles, littered the block. Flames of black smoke billowed above ornate buildings dating to the Ottoman Empire. The storied Shabbtancan cafe, where elderly writers puffed away the afternoon on water pipes, lay in ruins.

Firefighters unleashed powerful sprays of water, only to have flames regnate because the paper had been transformed into kindling.

This part of Baghdad dates back centuries, to the era when the Abbasid caliphate ruled over the Islamic world. On Monday, victims lacereated by shrapnel were carried over shards of glass here to waiting ambulances.

“There are no American or Iraqi politicians here — there are only Iraqi intellectuals who represent themselves and their homeland, plus stationery and book dealers,” said Abdal Baqi Fadulbabiri, 61, a poet who frequently visits the street. “Those who did this are like savage machines intent on harvesting souls and killing all bright minds.”

The bombing was the latest of a half-dozen major blasts aimed at civilians in the capital in the three weeks since the Iraqi government and American military announced the start of a new Baghdad security plan. The number of gunshot killings attributed to sectarian death squads appears to have dropped — militia leaders have ordered their followers to lie low.

But deadly bombings have continued with frequency.

American officials have said they are still struggling to tamp down on the bombings, and intend to bring in thousands of additional troops into Baghdad over the next two months.

Iranian Authorities Arrest Women After Protests Outside Courtroom

By Nazila Fathi

Iranian authorities arrested 33 women on Sunday after protests outside a court where five of the women were being tried for leading a campaign to gain more legal rights for women, newspapers reported Monday.

The five women were put on trial after they organized a demonstration in support of two bridges in the Alaskan exurbs, the fight over whether to build them is not dead.

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Correction

Defend Free Speech, Not Academic Dishonesty

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At MIT, freedom of speech must be protected and honored, but so must academic honesty. Mr. Weiss most certainly has the right to speak at MIT, but it is wrong and an insult to Jews everywhere to present him as presenting a Jewish view - in fact, it's just not wrong, it's simply dishonest. Sponsoring Wuye and SHASS and FAP means to espouse their viewpoints. Indeed, I fiercely disagree with most of their arguments: Rabbi Weiss does not deny the Holocaust. His grandparent's perished in Auschwitz, as did many of his aunts and uncles. While The Tech noted this fact in the "Corrections" section of its Feb. 27 issue, I am disappointed that the author of the news story in question, "Forum Features Controversial Speakers," did not exercise greater care with her language.

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http://web.mit.edu/arts/about/awards/wiesner.html

Scott's Travels

A Night on the Town

By James Scott Berdahl

I have the great fortune of being able to begin this week's column in the same way as Be- gan last week's column, as once again I found myself and alone in the streets of Mos- cow, only this time it was in the middle of the night. My companion Oscar, who happened to have the only key to the apartment complex in which we were staying, had failed to meet me as planned, and so I found myself wandering the large section of city between the bar where we were supposed to meet, and our apartment complex. The streets of Moscow at night are a little scary. At one point a scruffy man jumped out of a car, and I listened for them to die out, but about ten minutes later, they were two kids about my age. "Are You a Dumbass?" The show's website (http://www.fox.com/youaresmartier) says "every few others could pull off!"

I am thus, in my current capacity as a Cam-

pus Life writer (and not an Arts reviewer rec-

ommending you watch this show. It'll lift your spirits, make you feel smart again (something you may not know you needed), and all use hundreds of millions of dollars! But if you've got all the questions right, which come in such categories as "fourth grade math" or "first grade geogra-

phy," I think you'd be hard pressed to tell me sure, because nobody's done it yet. Hence what I call it in my head.

Now, if you think about it, this show is a pretty brilliant idea. It combines the game-

show fun of "Jeopardy" and "Millionaire"; the humiliation of "Fear Factor" and "Million-

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By Tuan Huynh

How many of you recall your very first se-
ating at MIT? I’m sure you can’t forget it.
know, that one time long ago when you put
minimal effort into your classes and end-
ed up passing with that obscure letter P. Man,
wasn’t pass/no record great? My young self
thought naïvely at the time, “This place isn’t
all that bad. MIT is a pretty darn fun place.
People shouldn’t be complaining about it.”
All this complaining just coalesces into a nega-
tive stereoty pe of this place.” That’s to, is outsiders
all we do is work and work. Yeah right, I
guessed. I laughed, and laughed some more when think-
ing about that. Then that faithful day came
second semester started.

Maybe I would be exaggerating just a little bit if
told reality came crashing down on me. I
mean, I knew I would have to work when I made
the decision to go to college. But . . . not
this much. Who the heck spends hours and hours on end studying and work ing? (On
the weekends, too! I’m not including
those crazy pre-med. I kind of feel for them.
But not really . . . I’m sure they must somehow
like what all that work. I am, however, no pre-med.

Recently, the 59 class released its Brass
Band ritual, which features Kerberos guarding
the school. I’m 99.9 percent sure that it isn’t a
coincidence that the three-headed dog,
Ker-
beros, also guards the gates of Hell. It just so
happens that Kerberos is also the name of the
network authentication protocol MIT uses.
You know your Kerberos ID — the one you use to obtain
your personal certificate, log onto an
Athema cluster, or whatever it is you need to do through MIT’s network. All of these
Halts to Florence correlate well with my sec-
ond semester . . . thus far.

One day, I caught myself complaining to a
high school friend about the workload. Yes,
that same grievance I had earlier, which propa-
gates a bad image of this life (let me take a
moment to say that hypocrisy is a natural hu-
man characteristic). Anyway, he said he wants
to come here for college. I told him he’s crazy.
All of a sudden, he called us half-baked, being
capable of doing just about anything I scoffed.

Sure, a compliment is nice and all, but we’re
hardly divine. It seems to me that the more time
you spend here, the more incapable of anything you
find yourself. Then I complained some more
by giving an anecdote of a really bad. He
responded that even though a lot of MIT
students complained, we enjoyed the intensity
that is MIT.

I thought about what my friend said for a
bit. Do we really enjoy this agony? Are we all
out-of-our-minds-mauchis? I don’t know about
you, but in high school I was pretty com-
pliant. High school was easy. High school
didn’t provide the unique intensity we all come
to “appreciate” here. I admit, though, I do sort of
like it. It’s definitely a love-hate relationship.

IfHTP can be an acronym for two statements,
which expresses this relationship well. You re-
ally can’t compare high school with MIT, can
you?

About two weeks ago, I was working al-
most nonstop for an entire day, operating only
on two hours of sleep. When my day was over,
I was relieved. I rushed back to my dorm to
make sure to mix them well if there’s a mixing
step, even if that means breaking up a still fri-
zenn middle, because that’s what’s most likely
to not get heated up all the way and therefore
be less enjoyable. A basic beef dish like the
beef stroganoff or the Salisbury Steak is fine, though nothing spe-
cial, and kinda like eating a slightly seasoned
hamburger. Of course, sometimes that’s what
you’re in the mood for.

Your “some variety of Asian” chicken
dishes tend to be okay too, though the sauces
also tend to get old fast, and they all vaguely
resemble each other. They’re a lot better than
they were, say, ten years ago, but if you had
them then, these’ll probably remind you of
their previous incarnations, and somewhat un-
pleasantly so.

Chicken Fettuccine is a little bland but oth-
erwise fine. Chicken Enchilada was not my fa-
vorite. In general, I do not enjoy chicken as they
generally don’t have much flavor. If they’ve had mashed potatoes,

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SUMA Elections Study Break

SUMA is currently seeking talented new members to serve on the Executive Board.  
Please email candidacy declarations for a maximum of 2 positions by Wednesday, March 7th to kshcho@mit.edu

The Following Positions are available:

Director of Finance  
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Director of Internal Operations  
’08 and ’09 Class Representatives

Please Submit Candidacy declarations by Wednesday, March 7th
Politically Correct?! No Way, José. Chorollaries Leave Audience Offended, Laughing, and Covered in Toilet Paper

Presenting Your Mom, in Stereo
Audience Offended, Laughing, and Covered in Toilet Paper

Premiering 

The Chorallaries’ annual concert, “Bad Taste,” took place on Saturday, March 3 in 10-250. The concert featured a mixture of off-color comedy skits and songs. As is tradition, toilet and Athena paper was distributed ballistically to the audience members at the beginning of the concert. Audience members then continued to re-distribute the paper (directing most of it at the Chorallaries) until the end of the evening.

(center left) Besides showing up over twenty-four hours early, some students also showed up to Bad Taste in costume.

(Clockwise from top left) Jehan R. deFonseka ’07, David R. Harrison ’08, Michael P. Scartozzi ’10, Samantha M. Palazzolo ’10, Lyric P. Doshi ’08, and Esteban L. Hufstedler ’09 (left to right) camp outside 10-250 at 1:30 a.m. on the morning of Saturday, March 3 in order to get good seats for their dormitory, East Campus. They started waiting at 3 p.m. on Friday.

The Reefer Madness cast surprised the audience in the middle of the show, singing modified excerpts from the musical.

Jared C. Sadoian ’10, as a member of the “Boston Bomb Squad,” rushes fellow Chorallaries off-stage at the mention of the word “bomb” after a sketch about affirmative action’s prevalence at MIT.

The Chorallaries wait to perform as they watch Benjamin M. Schwartz ’06 read off the list of people to be offended.

Karen K. Tyan ’08 holds up an LSC-style cue card

The Chorallaries and the group’s alumni join together to sing the famous “The Engineers’ Drinking Song.”

Tess E. Wise ’10 (left) listens to advice about relationships with significantly older men from her guardian angel, Anna Nicole Smith (Yelena S. Bagdasarova ’10).

YeeKwan Lo ’08 sings about her drunken freshman experience to the melody of Daniel Powter’s “Bad Day.”

Michael R. Blaisse ’10, as the “emo kid,” writes down his dark thoughts.
Run Bug

What answer did you get for problem 5.f in the probability problem set?

\[ 1 - \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^n \]

...and you?

Aha. Ok. I see. Hem. What is the probability that both answers are right?

I would say about (0%)!

2007-Mar-03

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GUSTAV the ANTISQUIRREL

Great news, Gustav. Our new research proposal has been approved!

Does this mean that I’ll get to eat apples?

Yes. The grant covers funding for anti-quirks, anti-quirks, and a brand new vivisection laser.

Vivisection laser?!

Actually. We can use a normal scalpel or you, now can we?

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PHD

PILED HIGHER AND DEEPER

2AM REPORT DUE IN A FEW HOURS.

TIME TO BRING OUT THE OUI WHIZ KID MAGIC.

CRANK IT OUT LAST MINUTE. JUST LIKE THE OLD DAYS. I CAN DO THIS.

BUT FIRST I’LL CHECK EMAIL.

ZZZZZ...

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PHD

PILED HIGHER AND DEEPER

YES! I DID IT! IT WORKS!

I ACTUALLY GOT IT TO WORK! THAT IS SO AWESOME!

I CAN’T BELIEVE IT!

OH, MAN... ALL THE PAIN AND SUFFERING... IT’S MOMENTS LIKE THESE THAT MAKE IT ALL WORTH IT!

...FOR ABOUT TWO SECONDS.

There’s a typo in your calculations.
Doonesbury
BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Doonesbury Flashbacks

Dilbert® by Scott Adams

Pseudoscience by Daniel Klein-Marcuschamer
Fraction of awake students as a function of Professor talking speed

Figure 4. This graph illustrates the distribution of students that are not sleeping in a freshman Chemistry class as a function of the instructor’s talking speed. Note that the study did not measure alertness, but was based purely on eye opening and snoring scores. Therefore, false positives are possible. Also note that the graph is much flatter than expected for a random sample of individuals (data not shown), implying that students are prone to sleep at any talking speed.

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Fill in the grid so that each column, row, and 3 by 3 grid contains exactly one of each of the digits 1 through 9.
Solution, tips, and computer program at http://www.sudoku.com; see also solution, page 15.

Crossword Puzzle
Solution, page 12
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Junior
Earns
Millions
For Site

Millionaire, from Page 1

pretty much non-stop on the site.” “We’d get up and start programming,” with the television playing in the background, he continued.

Originally, “marketability was not the initial concern,” Presbrey said. Instead, he and Laraqui focused on coding interesting features and getting “the students excited about this stuff.” Later, however, the two collaborators worked with a friend from Harvard to obtain input on how the features they had designed would be seen from a business standpoint.

After Alloy — whose clients include Proctor & Gamble, Schick, and Nintendo — purchased Sconex, Presbrey said that the focus shifted largely onto marketability, which is “probably why I ended up not working there anymore.”

Sconex, whose name came from the site’s motto, “Stay connected,” is used nationwide, but it is especially popular among urban high school students on the East Coast. The site allows students to post their class schedule, create photo albums, blog, and leave notes on their friends’ “blackboards.” To ensure safety, registrants must answer security questions relevant to their high school, and students may remove others they do not recognize.

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Presbrey said that he is “thinking about school right now” and is not currently working on any other startups. With only a few semesters left before graduation, he said, “I’m gonna crank it out before I go off starting another company.”

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MIT's Sloan School of Management is opening a search for a new dean to succeed Richard L. Schmalensee '65, who is scheduled to step down in June after nine years at the helm of the business school.

A search committee of outside business leaders and Sloan faculty members has retained two professional search firms: Heidrick & Struggles, which recruits top executives for corporations, and Isaacson, Miller, which specializes in recruiting for nonprofit organizations.

Committee members completed a job description for the Sloan dean last week and circulated it within the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. It calls for a dean who, among other things, will "lead the faculty and other key stakeholders in the development of a strategy for 21st century management education and research at MIT Sloan."

They will begin sharing the job description more widely this week, targeting potential outside candidates, search committee cochairmen Lawrence K. Fish and Gabriel R. Bitran PhD '75 said in an interview.

Members of the search panel, which has been meeting weekly since December, have already compiled a list of about 100 candidates from within Sloan and MIT and from outside the Institute, said Fish, chairman and chief executive of Citizens Financial Group Inc. Other high-powered business leaders on the panel include John S. Reed, former Citicorp chairman, and Cara Carleton "Carly" Fiorina, former president and chief executive of Hewlett-Packard Co.

"We haven't limited our thinking to an academic or nonacademic, a domestic or a nondomestic candidate," Fish said.

Schmalensee, who disclosed his plans last fall to return to teaching, led Sloan through the past decade's technology boom and bust and sharpened the school's focus on global business and the management of high-technology and life-sciences companies.

Schmalensee has raised $220 million and launched a $142 million building initiative for the Sloan campus. Sloan is breaking ground this spring on construction of a new 209,000-square-foot main classroom and administration building on Memorial Drive in Cambridge.

Along with the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, Sloan is one of the few elite business schools in the United States offering an undergraduate program, as well as a two-year master's of business administration degree and executive education programs. The school has 96 full-time faculty members and 1,000 students.

MIT president Susan Hockfield named a search committee of business leaders led by Fish and a search committee of faculty members led by Bitran, a Sloan professor of management. At their first meeting in November, Fish and Bitran decided to merge the panels into one committee that would conduct the search jointly.

With construction soon to begin on the new campus and the school moving forward with Schmalensee's initiatives, Sloan is well positioned for the new dean, Bitran said. Among the goals for the next dean will be strengthening Sloan's ties with the rest of MIT, perhaps expanding its joint degree programs with other MIT schools, and directing its education and research toward new sectors, like alternative energy, a field Hockfield has identified as a focus for all of MIT.

"We are becoming more and more focused on actions that can have a strong impact on society," Bitran said. "For example, the energy effort at MIT is one that is tackling a very important issue. You will see a lot more integration with the institute, with Sloan working more closely with the engineering and sciences departments in the institute."

Fish said the search committee is looking for candidates who can work in an academic environment and who can relate to the people who practice what we teach," he said. "This is a major, powerful business school in the heart of one of the elite universities in the world." Fish concluded. "We'll have no shortage of strong candidates."
Panel Discusses Learning Methods at MacVicar Day

CME Will Soon Need Other Funding Sources

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caring about the welfare of the stu- dent. “Teachers with big egos don’t become good teachers,” he said.

Fink added that though he has not given much thought to what to do with the MacVicar funds, managing the quality of teaching assistants is an important concern. “In my ex-
perience, TA quality is at least as more important than the quality of the textbook,” Fink said. “He would like to see a program similar to the UROP program devoted to teaching. Such a program would expose undergraduate teaching op-
portunities, giving potential future teachers an earlier start and getting more people interested in teaching.” As a Public Finance and Public Pol-
icy (14.41) professor, Gruber said that he “bring[s] a real passion to the subject and is an example for other students to see. I think he conveys that well because he has already developed a teaching style.”

Lucas dismissed the possibility of the CMI contract being extended be-
cause “they feel the project did what it was supposed to do.” About half of the money has been spent in research collaborations . . . which has led to the design of a very quiet aircraft.”

Lucas acknowledged that the CMI funding might mean a slight re-
duction in the number of projects. “We have no reason to believe that the remarkable re-

sults of the program is for five years about 3 percent of each class has spent some time in Cambridge.”

According to Hedrick, the main cost of the CME program is the $5,400 each MacVicar student receives. This stipend would “make it easier for students” in light of the high living expenses in the United Kingdom and the exchange rate. According to Chancellor Philip L. Clay PhD ’75, MIT’s goal is to give students a comfortable living but “not to rest on their laurels. We are excited by various initiatives, and smaller department programs.”

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Students Hope to Give Input on Needed Renovations

Stowell Enjoyed Physics, Teaching

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18.03 students, according to course instructor Professor Arthur P. Mattuck. In an e-mail to 18.03 students Sunday, Mattuck described Stowell as "highly knowledgeable about the subject and deeply concerned with how best to teach it."

"Before the semester, he came in several times to discuss what the best of his own recreation was," Mattuck said in the e-mail. "Entirely on his own initiative, he announced and ran one of the two evening quiz review sessions last week."

Stowell was a "very bright, capable young physicist" who was "full of good ideas," said Ronald C. Davidson, professor of Astrophysical Sciences at Princeton University and Stowell's PhD thesis advisor. Davidson, who attended Stowell's wedding a few years ago, also described him as a "very serious physicist" and a "very determined young man." David said he thought of Stowell as "adventurous."

Davidson recalled that, one summer on his way to the California Institute of Technology, Stowell decided to take a road trip instead of flying so that he could stop in Colorado for a few weeks to attend a high-energy physics workshop.

Stowell's PhD research focused on antiproton/drogen plasmas — combinations of protons and antiprotons. His thesis was titled "Kinetic Theory for Antihydrogen Re-Combination Schemes."

Kevin M. Farino '10, who sat in on several of Stowell's 18.03 recitations, said Stowell seemed like "a really outgoing guy who liked what he was doing," Farino said that Stowell was "lively" in section. "That's why this is so shocking," Farino said. Mattuck requested a moment of silence in his two 18.03 lectures yesterday.

According to the Somerville Police, the case is currently with the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which could not comment on the investigation. A representative of the Boston Police Executive Office of Public Safety said that the cause of death was pending and no additional information could be released.

Stowell was a resident of Somerville, Mass. and is survived by his wife and infant daughter.

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no plans, then goes ahead anyway," she said. "We don't want [Burton-Conner] to end up like NW35." she said, in regards to the administration's private discussions about removing a floor and amenities from the building. The administration ultimately decided not to remove a floor, after the plan drew complaints from graduating students and was reported in The Tech.

Benedict said that the NW35 student committee was "not actually involved in the exterior design of the buildings." He suggested that a Burton-Conner committee could possibly have a say in renovation changes, including preserving kitchens.

Wyne was optimistic that a student committee could oversee any Burton-Conner changes. "Because of the fallout from a lot of the student proposals that have been implemented without student input, the administration is starting to realize it's not the best way to do things," he said.

Kitchens or not, renovations will eventually have to be made. "The buildings are just very old and tired," said Benedict.

Dennis Collins, Director of Housing, concurred with Benedict that a plan to remove Burton-Conner's kitchens "isn't on the table at all" and that "East Campus and Burton-Conner are certain are in need of renovations."

Logistically, renovating dormitories poses a series of problems. Collins suggested renovations could parallel those at Senior House, where the dormitory was closed for a summer. Past proposals have included using W1, the current Ashdown House, as a swing dormitory to house undergraduates while renovations take place. That proposal is unlikely, according to Benedict, now that MIT has decided to increase the undergraduate class size.

Right now, however, housing is being analyzed through the "2004 Housing Strategies Interim Report" which is available at http://www-tech.mit.edu/127/n9/ktkitchens/housingreport.pdf.

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SPORTS

Men's Tennis Sweeps Doubles, Wins 3 Singles to Beat Brandeis

Mindy Brauer
ASSOCIATE DEAN OF SPORTS INFORMATION

The MIT men's tennis team swept the doubles matches and won the top three singles matches en route to a 6-3 victory over Brandeis University on Saturday. With the win, the Engineers improved to 2-0 on the year while the Judges dropped their first contest of the season.

The No. 5 doubles team of Melvin C. Mahnke '07 and Colin L. Klick '07 defeated Adam Caminello and Cliff Silverman, 6-2, for MIT's first victory of the day. David E. Bha '09 and Mark D. Egan '07 collaborated for an 8-5 decision over Adam Sher and Scott Schulman in the No. 2 slot. Thomas H. Dohlman '07 and Eric A. Beren '08 wrapped up doubles play by posting an 8-4 win in the top spot versus Sam Jonas and Jordan Bieber. Dohlman extended the Engineers' lead to 4-0 following a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Jonas. Egan clinched the match with a 6-3, 7-5 decision against Bieber in the No. 3 position. Silverman put Brandeis on the board following a 6-1, 6-4 win over Peden P. Nichols '09. MIT notched its last victory of the day in the No. 2 singles slot when Beren defeated Sher, 6-5, 7-6 (5).

The Judges closed the gap by winning the No. 5 and No. 6 matches in the super-tiebreaker. Egan recorded a 6-2 score in the first set, but Schulman answered with a win of his own by the same margin. He then outlasted Klick, 10-7, to earn the No. 5 singles victory. In the final match of the day, Derek Tesser posted a 6-4 decision in the opening set, but MIT's Manuel L. Rivero '10 won the second set, 6-3. Tesser bounced back to register a score of 10-6 in the super-tiebreaker.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Thursday, March 8, 2007

MIT's Men's Tennis vs. Salem State College
4:00 p.m., J.B. Carr Tennis Bubble

Hockey's Brennan Nabs ECAC Award

Mindy Brauer
ASSOCIATE DEAN OF SPORTS INFORMATION

Sophomore defender Stephanie V. Brennan '09 was named ECAC East All-Conference Team Honourable Mention after tallying seven goals and seven assists to rank third in scoring on MIT's women's ice hockey team. She is the second player in the program's history to receive this award as goaltender. Regina M. Sullivan '05 was chosen in 2004-05. The Engineers recorded the best season in the program's existence as they finished the year with an overall record of 5-14 and set new Institute standards in every offensive category.

Sports Illustrated Chicago Fire

Men's tennis wins hard-fought dual against Creighton in America East opener. Senior Steve Wilson and junior Peter Kittredge posted the only doubles victory for the Engineers. Wilson and Kittredge defeated the Bluejays' top team, 6-4, to even the score at 1-1. The Engineers then won two straight singles matches to claim the victory. Senior Steve Pemmaraju defeated RC Foshay, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5, in the second match to clinch the win for MIT. Freshman Michael A. Hauser then posted a 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 victory of the day in the No. 3 singles slot when Pemmaraju defeated Foshay, 6-3, 6-2.