Medical may cut overnight care

Community care proposed

By Ana Lyons

MIT Medical has proposed to eliminate its inpatient unit and close its overnight urgent care services by the end of 2010. The space vacated by the inpatient unit would be filled with a new “Community Care Center.”

Urgent care currently operates 24 hours a day but would close between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. under the proposed plan. During these hours trained nurses would run a phone service to advise community members and direct them to local hospitals for overnight care.

Community Care Center nurses would also provide on-site transient care services during the day, coordinate care and hospital discharge plans for patients, organizing community-wide vaccine clinics, and visit sick students in dorms and fraternity, sorority, and living group houses. Medical would lay off some nurses by eliminating overnight urgent care and the inpatient unit, but Director of MIT Medical William M. Kettle said he could not provide an estimate of exactly how many nurses would lose their jobs or how much money Medical would save.

Data collected by Medical in 2009 shows that only 2.6 percent of urgent care visits occurred between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

Of these visits, “many...are for convenience, not clinical emergencies,” according to the Medical website. And, on average, only 10 percent of beds in the inpatient unit were filled at once.

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The end of Northwest Shuttle? MIT considers replacing service with EZRide

By Robert McQueen

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China's spectacular real estate boom may presage bubble

By David Barboza

SHANGHAI — The spacious duplexes with crooked-skin-bud
post, hand-carved bronze doors inlaid with stained glass lights — and a $45 million price tag.

It is still on the market, but Charles Tan, the developer, and his partner, Tomo Rinovone, a luxury waterfront complex in the heart of the city's finance
district here, says he is having no trouble finding takers for similarly priced
asures.

“We’re selling three to four apart-
ments a month and we’re sitting in a white seat, each chair facing the
sea. “So, now people here want something more than just a sea view. They want lifestyle.”

Tan’s company is one of the middle of a rapidly growing
boom. The question is whether it is

China’s rapidly-growing middleclass is large, and so is the engine pulling the world out of

recession.

Tan’s development project is clearly concerned. Authorities have recently moved to slow the easy credit that has helped finance China’s hyper-devel-

opment, including making it more difficult for developers to

get access to mortgages.

A record $600 billion of residential property was sold in Chi-

na, an increase of 80 percent from January to March, according to govern-

ment statistics that are widely

seen as underreporting actual activity. And as home prices have climbed,

developers are scrambling to build more mansions, villas and apartments in

places like Rich Gate, Park Avenue and Palais de Fortune.

Signs of euphoria are every-

where. A Shanghai investor recently bought 24 apartments in a single
day, a villa sold for $30 million last

week; in December, half a dozen

of developers made up $3.5 billion for a huge tract of land in

mengzhuang, one of the highest prices

for any property, anywhere.

Just as when other bubbles have

collapsed — in the United States, for instance — they depressed entire economies. In China’s case, a burst-

ing bubble could affect much of the

world. China is the fastest-growing large economy, with 1.3 billion people, and so is the engine pulling the world out of

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One man’s gains are another man’s gains.

The solar array is being grafted onto

the back of the nation’s largest fos-

tor plant, which is producing enough

power to make the sun an important asset.

This is the world’s largest solar power project, which is expected to

produce about 3,800 megawatts of power, enough for more than 11,000 homes. But that is dwarfed by the adjacent gas plant, which can produce about 3,800 megawatts of power. Utilities are being pulled in different directions.

They must ensure that the lights re-

main on at all times as well as pro-

vide the lowest-cost power to their

customers.

In the city of Tianjin, in north China, directly across the

Bay, the solar plant is likely to be $3 billion “floating city,” a series of

islands built on a natural

reservoir, with gas-fired turbines, a water amusement park and

what the world’s largest indoor ski resort.

“ This is wild,” said Andy Xi, a foreman on the site, who is not an independent analyst. “The only way to make these measures, like rental yield, this is a bubble.”

“Speculators are snapping up

properties, but those prices will continue to rise, as prices for

newer projects go up for more than a decade. And powerful developers are working with local governments to

build commemorative old men’s

dreams.

But Shanghai’s wealthi-

est and most dizzying city, is the epicenter of the boom. Prices here have risen more than 150 percent since 2003, pushing the price of a

megawatt up to $20,000, according to real estate experts. (Shanghai resi-
dents typically earn less than $1,000 a year.)

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Tech can do without sex column

By Keith Yost 

March 3

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Cheryl D.'s letter mentioned that Democrats did not seriously attempt bipartisanship. Barack Obama had run on the health care reform issue and had closed doors and without Republican input, wrote a bill so left wing that it couldn't secure even a simple majority. Between Ar-

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Ideas for questions? Send them to opinion@tech.mit.edu by 4pm today!
Why you should care

Or, what student government can actually do for you

By Ethan Solomon

Sometimes it seems like the Undergraduate Association can’t do anything for you. After all, isn’t it really just the same powerless, ineffectual government-ish organization that couldn’t do anything for you in high school, either? At the end of the day, doesn’t the MIT administration really call the shots? Maybe. But that doesn’t mean that participation in student government isn’t valuable for other reasons.

Some people might think that their time would be better spent improving their own situation than participating in a student democracy where other students try and improve your situation for you. After all, this is America, home of the self-made man. Plus, you’re one of those super-smart MIT entrepreneurs who’s going to save the world and make a killing doing it. So why should you waste your valuable time and limited mental energy thinking about UA policy when you can just forge your own path? You’re only here for four years, after all.

But what if the solutions we can come up with collectively can serve you and everyone else better than what you could come up with on your own? What if there is a positive multiplier for working cooperatively? Shouldn’t there be some kind of apparatus to organize student efforts around coherent goals? Ostinblishly, the UA can do this. But that raises questions of practicality and implementation issues — for every great idea we come up with, financial and bureaucratic roadblocks stand in the way. Fortunately, the point isn’t really to see every idea go from theory to practice. The point is to try.

Those who think that their time at MIT would be much better spent worrying about themselves, rather than working collectively as a student body via a student government, are laziness enablers.

For many reasons, it’s much harder to care about campus issues and to try to work together to solve them. So most people don’t bother, don’t care, and take the easy way out — they just worry about themselves. But if MIT has been doing it’s job, most students should realize that the easy way out is never, ever as rewarding as a more difficult option. That’s why our school has a reputation for rigor and a reputation for producing successful scientists and engineers. It’s not a coincidence.

So even if you do believe that the administration will put a halt to any great and student-focused idea that the UA would try and implement, it’s still important to give it a shot. It’s a learning experience and it exercises the part of your brain that tells you to try something not because it’s easy, but because it’s a challenge. This part of your brain is why you chose MIT, but now that you’re here, don’t let it atrophy.

Don’t be lazy — give a damn about the UA, student elections, campus community and all that other stuff you don’t really care about now. If you’re feeling particularly inspired, run as a write-in candidate for UA president this season.

On Campus runs every Friday and features campus-related content from the tech’s Opinion staff.
**Steal My Comic** by Michael Ciuffo

I RAN OUT OF ALUMINIUM
LAST NIGHT SO I DID MINE
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EARLIER…

I HAVE TO REPLACE
THE WHOLE
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RIP OFF!

Help Desk by Michael Benitez

WHY IS THERE A KNIFE IN IT?
I LEAVE IT IN THE POT TO HEAT
IT UP FOR WHEN I NEED TO
PUT THE BUTTER IN, THAT
HORRIBLE CUTS THROUGH BUTTER
LIKE… OH...

THIS MACARONI & CHEESE IS
GOING TO BE SO GOOD!

Like a hot knife through butter?

Hmm…

Crossword Puzzle

Solution, page 14

**ACROSS**
1 Miss Lane’s man
5 Mob enforcers
10 Challenge
14 ESS designation
15 Snooze alarm option
16 Inventor Sikorsky
17 Exploits
18 Ms. Verdugo
19 Lubricates
20 Redundant amount of land?
23 Ethical Culture founder
24 Gas. pref.
25 Big galoot
27 Observe
28 Nautical notes
32 California sea
34 Nabokov title
36 Morays
37 Redundant amount of chocolate?
41 Bugle call
42 Works out
43 Mountain ridges
46 QED word
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30 Notty gritty
31 Stockpile
33 Camera part
34 Excessive libido
35 Beyond sight
37 Demonstration participants
38 Light musical production
39 OSS, now
40 Paid to play
41 Summer shade
44 Pseudoscience
45 Mouths off
47 Pergolesi’s oratorio, “__ Mater”
48 Jazz pianist Hancock
49 State with conviction
52 Freewheel
54 Penuses
56 ADC
57 Ravel
58 Feast the eyes upon
59 Ann and Ang
60 Ref. set member
I Am

I AM THAT I AM, THE LORD YOUR GOD
AND THE GOD OF YOUR FATHERS, OF
ABRAHAM, OF ISAAC, AND OF JACOB.

AND THIS IS MY COUNTERPART, R2-D2.

Alice and Bob

I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD ALL ABOUT THIS
SORROG DAT AR FAYL IN THOSE GOOSS CRYPTOGRAPFIC
PROTOCOL SPEZS WITH THOSE, BOSBODIES
SCHNEIER AND RIVEST. ALWAYS TAKING ALICE'S
SIDE, ALWAYS LABELING ME THE ATTACKER.

YES, IT'S TRUE. I BROKE BOB'S
PRIVATE KEY AND EXTRACTED THE
TEXT OF HER MESSAGE. BUT DOES
ANYONE REALIZE HOW MUCH IT HURT?

HE SAID IT WAS NOTHING BUT
EVERYTHING FROM THE PUBLIC-KEY
AUTHENTICATED SIGNATURES ON THE
FILES TO THE LIPSTICK HEART SPEARED
ON THE DISK SCREAMED "ALICE."

I DIDN'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT.
OF COURSE ON SOME LEVEL
I REALIZED IT WAS A KNOWN-
TRANSIENT ATTACK, BUT I
COULDN'T ADMIT IT UNTIL
I SAW FOR MYSELF

SO BEFORE YOU GO QUICKLY LABEL
ME A THIRD PARTY TO THE COMMUNICATON, JUST REMEMBER:
I LOVED HER FIRST. WE HAD SOMETHING, AND SHE TORE IT AWAY. SHE'S THE ATTACKER, NOT ME
Not Eve.

Easy Sudoku

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by Jorge Cham

by Randall Munroe
**MOVIE REVIEW**

Scorsese taps into the core of fear

By Jeff Chen

From the very start of Shutter Island, even in the opening credits, director Martin Scorsese is out to mess with minds. The first frames of the movie show a vomiting Leonardo DiCaprio, hunched pitifully over the toilet of a rusty ferry, stricken by the ruthless waves and impossible thick fog. “Get it together, Teddy,” he coughs. Scorsese has no time for pleasant introductions. The ominous music never ceases.

As with the opening scene, the entire premise of Shutter Island is delicious and unsettling. Two duly appointed federal mar-shals travel to Shutter Island, a remote island for the criminally insane, to investigate the disappearance of one of its patients. During their stay, the marshals discover cloisters in the behaviors of both the ward’s patients and staff.

There ought to be, I think, such a thing as the Leonardo DiCaprio Scale of Acting, which covers the spectrum of his typecast characters. On the left, there is Jack Dawson from Titanic, with his scrumbling dash-ing. In the middle of the spectrum there is Howard Hughes from The Aviator, an un-stable conglomeration of genius. Then, a few long strides to the right Teddy Daniels from Shutter Island. In es-sence, Teddy Daniels is a wily DiCaprio who has wanted to play his entire life. Teddy is a re-verse figure, no doubt about that, but deeply troubled by past traumas. He smokes exces-sively, his brow is permanently furrowed in thought and he is plagued by lingering pain. He’s smart, but erratic, and one wonders how he got to his peak of intelligence. DiCaprio is the perfect lead for the role, and since we experience Shutter Island only through his unreliable eyes, we don’t know what he believes. And doesn’t uncertainty form the core of all of our fears? Imagine learning that a me-teor will crash into the Earth, destroy-ing all life, within the next year. The only problem is, no one knows exactly when it will appear. How will you live your days? Now imagine that you know the precise date and time it will fall. Does that change your plans?

Scorsese un-derstands this principle, and is relentless in his assault. He uses cheap suspense tactics with relish. He cranks up the music, pieces nor-mally reserved to tie a knot in the audiences’ hearts just before a climactic explosion, creating perfec-tional scenes, like a car ride or a walk in the rain. He hides facts in un-reliable narrators. He confuses the au-dience with rapid, mysterious shots, some that end too early, and some that over-take their welcome. A woman, igniting into flames. Dead children, frozen in a block of ice. They come without warning, without explana-tion.

There is one scene that does particularly well to emphasize the unnerving you feel throughout the entire movie. Teddy and Chuck are interviewing the patients in the therapy group of the missing patient. One lady asks for a glass of water, prompting Chuck to leave. While Chuck is away, he grabs Teddy’s notebook and scribbles down one word. The piercing screech of a violin fills the emptiness of the theater. Chuck comes back with the water. She picks it up and drinks it. Cue split-second spliced shots of her drinking with no glass in hand, her putting the glass down empty, and a cut showing the glass half full again. Later on in the film, Teddy rushes to the cemetery in the pouring rain, looking for a hidden body. About suddenly, he checks his notebook and finds the word the lady wrote down. Wouldn’t you like to know what it was?

**CONCERT REVIEW**

If high school’s a bitch, become a rock star

Rogue Wave’s special brand of honest, tender rock

By Matt Fisher

Returning from a hiatus that has kept them off the stage and out of the spotlight for the last couple of years, Rogue Wave kicked off its American portion of their latest tour at the Paradise Rock Club in Boston, March 1st. The band is a fairly recent guitarist, Rogue Wave sprout-ed some aggression than usual and played more than 100 minutes of honest, earnest rock to the mostly full “Disco Queen” (Relentless Records 2002, Rogue Wave attracted a “college plus” aged crowd, that eluded the standard categorizations of “hipster,” “indie” and “early-thirties music enthusi-ast,” and shed some light on the diverse, almost disparate groups of people that en-joy their music. While not particularly en-tertaining, the crew knew the band’s work well, and were vocal about the songs they would like to hear. In an unusual display of attentiveness, the lead singer changed their planned encore, acquiescing to a sea of requests for one of the band’s best hits, “Sleepwalker” — seem to experiment with slightly heavier bass lines, and the remain-ing new songs seemed more electric than anything they’ve played in their earlier albums. The rest of the show was devoted to the more pop-pular songs from their catalog, including “Like I Needed,” “Bird On A Wire” and the full-sounding “Harmonium.”

Katharine and fuzzy, lead singer Zach Rogue frequently chatted with the audi-ence over the course of the evening, car-rying on several prolonged conversations, from likening his rock career to his bar-mittor, to discussing his inability to suc-cessfully purse women in high school. (Don’t feel too bad, there were several vociferous offers made from women in the audience to assuage this traumatic pain.) In addition to frequent crowd polls, Rogue made an impassioned appeal on behalf of the band’s drummer for the National Kid-ney Foundation, citing them as respon-sible for their drummer’s life. Despite having a little in common with Elliott Smith or Brendan Benson, Rogue Wave songs possess a “singer/songwriter” quality uncommon to most rock groups. Possibly explained by Rogue’s emotive vocal style, I believe that the reason is different: Rogue Wave songs lack the affected articles in which other similar-sounding bands bathe. Al-most all Rogue Wave songs take their title from their central refrain and address bio-graphical events. Nerdy in more ways than one, their lyrics include references to both classical literature and Star Wars (spe-cifically, the lyrics from “Like I needed” that twice repeat “not the droids you are looking for”). The personal content mixed with straightforward song constructions and a dearth of technical habilites make their songs sound honest and empathetic. To me, no longer a nerdy high school stu-dent solely because of maturation, the lyrics are inclusive and kind. The personal connection that listeners form with Rogue Wave’s music clearly explains the diversity of the crowd. While not propelling the music indus-try forward with innovation or being the heads of queiring animals to make news, Rogue Wave is nevertheless a band that has captured its audience and found its stride. Rogue promised to return in Sep-tember. Try them out, maybe they will speak to your awkward high school phase too.
Perfectly inappropriate
Bad Taste was shocking, disgusting, horrible, and delightful, as usual

By Linlin Huang

Most of us remember our first times — especially if in the process we were raped painfully on the head several times by streaming toilet paper rolls.

Yes, I’m talking about Bad Taste. An MIT tradition, the 4th Annual Concert in Bad Taste showcases the MIT Chorallaries at their raunchiest, most politically incorrect, offensive, and entertaining. It’s the result of countless late nights of planning, traditionally held in Athena chapters.

On the night of the event, fans begin the queue as much as 72 hours in advance for a chance to experience the offensiveness first hand.

5th Annual Concert in Bad Taste
The MIT Chorallaries
26-100
February 7, 2010

Last Saturday, the long wait, the pushing, shooting and sweat-imregnated air were all worth it when a naked Asian man carrying a black box sauntered nonchalantly into 26-100, the same lecture hall shared by the likes of Eric Lander and the creator of XKCD. After mounting the table and artfully dogging several well-aimed toilet paper rolls, he began enunciating this year’s Long List of the Offended.

This year’s performance included Thomas M. Groszkowyk, an inferred version of the best quips from I Saw You MIT and a bed-time story narrated by the Blue Boy, Brian G. Coffee ’13, who just stepped into the realm of adulthood.

And of course, there was Michael R. Blaisse ’10, who pulled off a hilariously convincing Lady Gaga.

The I Saw You MIT updates say it all. “I saw you at Bad Taste, on stage, as Lady Gaga. Was your muffin really blushing? I hope not. I have a Crisco stick I could use your help with.”

5. Know the basics

Restaurant Week is actually a two-week event that happens twice a year, once in March and once in August. Hundreds of Boston’s best (and priciest) restaurants prepare special menus at discounted prices. From March 14-19th and 24-29th, these restaurants will be offering 2-course lunches for $15.10, 3-course lunches for $20.10 and 3-course dinners for $33.10. See restaurantweekboston.com for full listings.

4. Find menus online

Duh. But this is especially true during Restaurant Week, when everyone is serving meals for the same price. Not all restaurants participate in both lunch and dinner, nor do they all have weekend availabilities. On the same token, some restaurants, like L’Espalier, have extended their participation; L’Espalier is offering their Restaurant Week menu for the entire month. Aquitaine, among other places, is offering discounted wine pairings to go with your meal.

1. Tip Well

Yes, you are paying for a discounted meal at a nice restaurant. I’ve never worked as a server, but I can only imagine how stressful these two weeks must be for waiters and waitresses. People who normally would not step foot inside their restaurants march on in, expecting to be blown away by the four-star ratings they’ve read in the Boston Globe. They get upset when they show up for their 7 p.m. reservation on a Friday night and their table isn’t ready yet. They ask questions about the menu that regular clients would never dare ask (FYI: coq au vin is braised chicken cooked in wine, tagliatelle is a type of pasta, and arancini refers to fried risotto balls). And when the check comes, they leave a measly 15 percent tip on their $33.10 meal (they drank tap). Don’t be that customer from hell, especially if you insist on wearing your MIT sweatshirt. For good service, tip 20- to 25 percent at minimum, or at least 15 percent of how much your meal would have cost at any other time during the year. The smiles may be cheaper for you, but the servers are still getting paid the same amount. At the end of the day, it’s just good karma.
**EZRide bus would replace Northwest Shuttle**

**Plan would add EZRide stops on campus and increase operating hours**

Northwest Shuttle, from Page 1

All day, from 7:25 a.m. to 6:41 p.m., while EZRide runs only during rush hours, from 6:20 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. EZRide does not stop at 77 Massachusetts Avenue or the Stata Center, like the Northwest Shuttle does.

The plan, once fully developed, must be approved by the Charles River Transportation Management Association, of which MIT is the largest member, and then by the City of Cambridge, said Brutti.

The changes could go into effect as soon as this summer.

MIT Facilities is working with the Graduate Student Council to come up with a plan that will make the Northwest Shuttle’s elimination less of an inconvenience to students who use it.

Currently, EZRide does not have a GPS locator for the NextBus system, which allows students to track up-to-date bus location via the NextBus website. Brutti said that GPS locators will be installed in the EZRide buses if they replace the Northwest shuttle.

Wendy Lam G, Chair of the GSC Housing and Community Affairs Committee, said that Brutti has been “open” and “receptive” to students’ concerns about replacing Northwest shuttle services.

Brutti said this project is separate from the Institute-wide Planning Task Force Report recommendations, which call for the possible reduction or elimination of redundant bus routes.

Brutti said that the plan to replace the Northwest shuttle has been in the works for four years. The idea has been laying dormant but was revived when an MIT thesisp by Aimée K. Brasley ‘08 entitled “Sustainable Transport at MIT: Enhancing service.”

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Over 1000 students participated in the survey, which asked questions about the current services as well as possible future services.

Among those who participated in the survey, 84 percent of students used the shuttle services at least once during the semester. On average, students ranked their satisfaction with the current services a 4.3 on a scale of 1 to 7.

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Of the 1943 respondents, about 20 percent said they would use the service 3 to 4 days a week. Another 20 percent said they would never use it.

**During a typical week this semester, how often did you use the MIT Shuttle services?**

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Many students use shuttles but few use the M2, according to a UA survey.
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"it's the kind of efficiencies we need to bring to the organization," said Jeffrey Mullan, transportation secretary. "It does not affect customer service. It does not affect service."

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To make up most of its shortfall, the T will refinance $67.9 million in debt, which has been a persistent concern of watchdogs and outside reviewers, who have expressed concern that the T's $8.6 billion debt load will continue to grow larger as problems get pushed farther off into the future. Payments on the debt, which will make up nearly one-fourth of every operating dollar the agency spends next year, have the T struggling with a budget gap nearly every year.

The Orange Line move will eliminate 15 operators' jobs, from layoffs and attrition.

Governor Deval Patrick, who is up for reelection this year, announced in November that fare increases would be put off until at least July 2011. Wednesday's news that the T would also resist cuts in bus routes or train service for at least another year came as a relief to passengers.

"It's important to everybody," said Mike Tomasi, 16, a student at Boston Latin School who was riding the Red Line home to Dorchester Wednesday.

His classmate, Kevin Baptista, agreed that people who depend on the T would be hurt by any loss in service: "There's enough time between trains as it is."

"Today was a good day for people who use the T" he said. "We were able to close the budget for next year without impacting service." But the T will continue to have financial challenges, even in the short term. The budget approved Wednesday assumes no increases for the majority of labor union employees, whose contracts expire June 30. And the down economy has meant fewer people are paying to ride the MBTA’s buses and trains.

To reduce staff on the Orange Line, the T has spent the past several months adding mirrors to stations and making other modifications that will allow drivers to see the entire platform. Operations will be trained in about two weeks in anticipation of moving to a single driver on June 23.

The Boston Carmen's Union, Local 589, which represents subway operators, has been working with MBTA managers on the issue, but continues to oppose it, worrying that the T would have fewer employees available to evacuate passengers in case of fire or other emergency.

"We're uncertain whether or not it's something that can be done effectively, efficiently, and safely for the workforce and for the passengers," said Stephen MacDougall, union president.

MacDougall said the T has promised to address the union's concerns as they arise, but "at the end of the day you have less people and we can carry extremely precious cargo, and there's a lot of lives on the line."

In addition to approving the MBTA's operating budget Wednesday, the MBTA board also delayed voting on a plan to spend $2 million to study a more modern automated safety system for the Green Line. Federal safety officials have said a better crash prevention system could have prevented a 2008 fatal accident on the line in Newton. Janice Louis, MBTA board member, questioned the $2 million contract, saying she has been frustrated that the MBTA's staff has yet to offer the board a detailed explanation of its Green Line safety plan following the 2008 crash and a second serious crash a year later. She said she also had concerns that the contract under consideration Wednesday did not deal broadly enough with Green Line safety issues.
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Layoffs likely if Medical cuts overnight services

Care Center services may be offered this fall

Kettle said the changes would be rolled out gradually. Nurses would start to provide Community Care Center services during the fall of 2010 before the inpatient unit and overnight urgent care close in order to assess the efficacy of the new system before fully committing to it.

Without maintaining the current overnight services, Medical will be able to devote more resources to following up with patients, Kettle emphasized.

The new system will likely be “a way of taking advantage of what’s available that’s in operation 24-7 and making best use of facilities while still providing on-campus service,” Kettle said. The changes would allow Medical to “maximize[ ] resource utilization,” he said. More resources would be allocated to following up with patients, Kettle said, by “working[ ] closely with housemasters, residential advisors, Housing, Dining Services, and other campus resources to make sure that sick students in dorms and FSILGs are getting appropriate monitoring and care” and provide optional house visits, at the student’s discretion.

“Sometimes connecting the dots for students is a bit of a challenge,” said Clinical Director for Campus Life Maryanne Kirkbride. By expanding the current care management program, Medical will more likely be able to monitor and accommodate student recovery and health, she said.

Kettle said the cost of visiting off-campus hospitals would stay the same for students using the MIT Student Extended Insurance Plan. Student directed to local hospitals during overnight hours, however, will be under the jurisdiction of the hospital’s confidentiality policy rather than Medical’s.

Use of Medical’s inpatient unit

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Use of Medical’s urgent care service

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- Inpatient Unit: 17, 16
- Emergency Room: 24, 18
- Unknown: 20, 18

Only about three percent of all urgent care visits occur between 12 a.m. and 7 p.m. Medical is considering closing urgent care during those hours.

Students take a 7.013 test in Walker memorial on Wednesday morning. This was the first week of exams for many students.
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Vrajesh Y. Modi ’11
Major:
2 and 15 dual degree
Living Group:
East Campus
Affiliation:
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Hometown:
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Living Group:
Burton Conner House
Affiliation:
Pi Beta Phi
Hometown:
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Living Group:
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Solution to Crossword

Solution to Easy Sudoku

Solution to Hard Sudoku
Men's swimming wins fifth NEWMAC title
Engineers win 15 out of 20 events

By Paul Blascovich
SPORTS EDITOR

The MIT men's swimming and diving team won 15 of 20 events to defend its NEWMAC Championship. The Engineers, whose five league titles are one shy of the Coast Guard's six, claimed 947.5 points, while Spring-Guard came in second with 946.5 points. Coast Guard's five league titles are the most in the league.

MIT also won four of the five relays. Men's athlete of the meet, David Chen—the Tech's Lucas R. Cummings '10 played a role in six event victories, anchoring four relay teams. In addition to the team's regular-season NEWMAC title, Noel Hollingsworth '12 and Mitchell H. Kates '13 were given post-season awards. Hollingsworth, after averaging 20.5 points and 9.1 rebounds a game, was named first-team All-Conference and Conference Player of the Year, while Kates, averaging 13.3 points, 4.2 assists and a league-leading 2.2 steals a game, was named second team All-Conference.

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"I hope they come in full force," says Tashman, "but we understand that it is a pretty long drive." While a small crowd can be expected, given the MIT workload, there has been an inexcusably small following for a team that has had so much success, especially for such big events—a quarter of MIT students play a varsity sport and almost three-quarters play a club or intramural sport, yet apathy for athletics pervades our campus.

The game is Friday, March 5 at 6 p.m. hosted by William Paterson University in Wayne, N.J.

With this recent success, I ask only one thing of the MIT community: support our team in a conference championship. Without the support of the student body, the Engineers' faithful, MIT fans have not come out in full force. For the team in a conference championship, it needs us to be even better, to force the Tech to come out and support us," said starter Will Tashman '13.

An article in the Bulletin said, "We know who our main guys are, but every game really comes down to us and we way we play. If we come out with intensity and play a smart game, we will have a chance to win every game, no matter who the opponent is," Tashman said.

But, how large will that following be? Members of Alpha Phi worked to organize buses for the approximately 1.5-hour trip to Rhode Island for last year's tournament, but this year's site is in New Jersey—a four-hour drive each way. The players would definitely appreciate the support.

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Who cares about men's basketball?
Student support missing at games

By Russell Spivak
SPORTS EDITOR

The MIT men's basketball team, even after its loss in the NEWMAC tournament this past weekend, are having their most successful year in the program's 50-plus-year history—did you know?

On a campus that seems to be far too prone to the bandwagon effect, MIT students have not come out in full force. For the game in Rockwell last weekend, there were more parents and fans of other teams present than MIT students. Heck, there were more people lined up to see Paul Krugman speak or to watch professors de- bate hamtramck than to support an MIT team in a conference championship.

"It makes us want to be even better, to force students to come out and support us," said starter Will Tashman '13.

The Engineers' 15-3 record is not the only thing motivating the true fans to work harder.

Tashman and his teammates are coming off of a tough upset by the Clark Cougars at home last weekend. Monday eased the pain though, as the Cardinal and Grey were given an-at-large bid to play for the national championship in the Division III NCAA tournament.

In addition to the team's regular-season NEWMAC title, Noel Hollingsworth '12 and Mitchell H. Kates '13 were given post-season awards. Hollingsworth, after averaging 20.5 points and 9.1 rebounds a game, was named first-team All-Conference and Conference Player of the Year, while Kates, averaging 13.3 points, 4.2 assists and a league-leading 2.2 steals a game, was named second team All-Conference.

DeSales University is the nation's No. 1 ranked team in the men's volleyball match against the Engineers that will be played for a national title.

The now number 21-ranked team in the men's volleyball match against DeSales University on Friday, March 5th; the team in a conference championship. Without the support of the student body, the Engineers' faithful, MIT fans have not come out in full force. For the team in a conference championship, it needs us to be even better, to force the Tech to come out and support us,” said starter Will Tashman ‘13.

An article in the Bulletin said, “We know who our main guys are, but every game really comes down to us and we way we play. If we come out with intensity and play a smart game, we will have a chance to win every game, no matter who the opponent is,” Tashman said.

But, how large will that following be? Members of Alpha Phi worked to organize buses for the approximately 1.5-hour trip to Rhode Island for last year’s tournament, but this year’s site is in New Jersey—a four-hour drive each way. The players would definitely appreciate the support.

“[I] hope they come in full force,” says Tashman, “but we understand that it is a pretty long drive.”

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Tuesday, 3/2
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Patrick J. Vatterott ’13 leaps for a spike in the men's volleyball match against Newbury College on Tuesday night. The Engineers won the nail-biting match, 3-2.
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