World

China, Vietnam want peace. - In an effort to restore normal relations after their four-week border war, China proposed yesterday that peace talks open with Vietnam on March 28. Last week Vietnam said talks could begin one week after all Chinese troops left Vietnam soil.

Birth control vaccine tested — Dr. Alex Shivers, a University of Tennessee zoologist, has successfully tested a vaccine in dogs and other lower mammals. The vaccine, which could be used by humans in about ten years, would prevent a woman from becoming pregnant for about two years.

Local

BU faculty to postpone classes — Last week members of the Boston University Faculty Union voted to "postpone" classes tomorrow and Thursday to protest the university's failure to agree to the union's negotiation demands. BU President John S. Silber sent a last-minute appeal yesterday, but if there is no substantial progress the union executive committee is expected to recommend that the 400 faculty members proceed with the walkout.

IFC Officers elected — At the general IFC meeting of March 14 the following officers for the upcoming academic year were elected: Barbara Holm 80 (DP), President; Bruce Willcox 80 (SC), Vice-President; Paul Frisch 80 (TC), Secretary; Robert Graham 80 (SC), Treasurer; Mike Johnson 80 (BTP), Judcorn Chairman; Bob Matteo 80 (PGD), Rush Chairman; Tom Colten 80 (LCA), Financial Management Chairman; Scott Paul 82 (TC), Purchasing Manager; Frank Huston 80 (PKS), Community Relations Chairman; and Kevin Maruza 81 (OU), Activities Chairman. Nominations for positions on the Judicial Committee will be accepted in the DSA office, 7-133, until the election April 11.

— By Richard Salz

Weather

Partly sunny conditions with mild temperatures will prevail today. With a northerly wind, highs should drop to near 37. For tomorrow, partly sunny and pleasant, with the highs in the lower 50s. Lows tomorrow night again near 37.

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ions would be to enhance the current situation to "take advantage of the wide diversity of the MIT environment." Suggestions have come up addressing the problems faced by individuals who cook for themselves, including educating those who have never cooked before, have been made. Another proposal, establishing an on-campus food cooperative for students who eat with nearly universal approval.

The one proposal likely to meet with substantial opposition is a combined room-and-board plan — in effect compulsory commons. The primary rationale behind the idea is to improve student-student interaction; thus, the plan seems to be oriented towards freshm. Although it had been considered for all dormitory frosh, Kasakian quickly pointed out that such an idea "would make little sense, for example, for Random Hall residents; Kasakian noted that the most likely dormitory for such a plan would be Baker, though other dormitories were possible. He commented that one of the most interesting aspects of working on the committee was to observe the dramatic turnaround by students on the working groups from total opposition to compulsory commons "to almost a zeal approaching that of a missionary" in favor of the idea.

Kasakian felt that the most positive outcome of the committee's work would be "a very firm sense that the dining program is an ongoing responsibility of the Dean's office" after the committee's work was completed. The problem, he said, that most people originally addressed was the construction of the Whitaker College, which would necessitate another dining facility on the east side of campus. He stressed, however, that the CESS work was far from complete, and encouraged students to comment to either him or other committee members.

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