500 Mem. Dr. still unfinished

By Stuart Gillow
Although the lounges and rooms at 500 Memorial Drive have been completed, the recreation areas, snack bar, courtyard and country kitchen remain unfinished.

George E. Hartwell, Associate Director of Housing and Food Services, said: "The last I heard was that they were waiting for some pieces of equipment before opening the snack bar. There had been rumors that the snack bar had already been completed but was staying closed because of management problems. Hartwell dispelled this rumor as being untrue.

Referring to the country kitchen, Hartwell mentioned, "They still have two carpenters working in there. The work has gone slowly since the building opened.

Many residents of Next House have assumed that a portion of their housing payments would be refunded eventually since the building is incomplete. Hartwell said. "That's quite a rumor. The rent will be exactly as planned and will be the same for all residents."

Pay phones have finally been ordered for the dormitory. According to Thomas E. Rutledge, Assistant Operations Manager of Housing, "Pay phones haven't been very successful in other dorms. The lobby phone comes free but we pay for any others. In other dorms, only the first floor has pay phones. 500 Memorial Drive will have a phone in the lobby, and one on the second and fourth floors. If students request additional pay phones, we'll install them. Last year, we added one in Senior House's basement when students asked."

East campus hit with two-hour power outage

By Kenneth Snow
A Cambridge Electric cable failure caused a power outage on the east end of campus Sunday morning. Physical plant restored the power by using a backup system.

According to Thomas E. Shepard, Associate Director of Physical Plant, Cambridge Electric has two cables serving the east end of MIT. An unspecified problem in one of the cables caused the second cable to also malfunction. Shepard explained that power was restored to the affected building by patching these buildings into lines that supply power to the rest of the campus.

MIT normally has three separate power systems supplying MIT power from Cambridge Electric. One system serves the main part of campus between Ames Street and Massachusetts Avenue. Another system serves west campus, while the third system supplies the power for east campus.

Shepard explained that the three systems are not usually connected but they can be readily linked during an emergency. Shepard noted that this backup system was not desirable, but was sufficient for the light load that is on the line during the weekends and overnight.

Shepard said that Cambridge Electric restored service on one of the cables and the second cable should be repaired "in a couple of days." Shepard added: "I doubt anyone will know when we go back on our regular system."

The Campus Police log stated that they received notification of an abnormal connection in Building E19 at 8:54am Sunday. Power was restored at 11:25am.

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