In most places, the holidays are a time for traditions. MIT does have some seasonal custom—term papers, finals, and all that. As a leader in science and technology, however, the Institute tends to disregard all of these. For those seeking out-of-the-ordinary seasonal melodies, here’s the first annual End of Semester News Review and Holiday Special.

The first important news story of the year should obviously be set to the tune of The First Noel:

A Homecoming Queen, the SoCo agreed
Was exactly the touch that the Weekend would need
She’d been chosen by a vote in a fair way
But she’d been chosen with school spirit, too
any say
A Homecoming Queen, A Homecoming Queen
Girls flocked to the social scene.

A controversy which began in the middle of the term has recently been resolved by special investigative reporting and immortalized to the melody of Jungle Bells:

Dashing through the dorms, checking dryers on the fly
Cynically serenaded to the strains of

Mandate of Commons was news throughout the semester.

The first annual Holiday Songster was published in the last week in July for $10.00 per year Third Class by

Who’d have thought it would be so hard to give money away.

They’d rather talk to Brezhnev than be nuked until they glow.

It’s fifty bucks for every offense

While portion’s may be smaller, and quality appalling
One aspect staysunchanging—the large subsidy.

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Of course we are mailing this issue postage free.

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To the Editor,

The residents of East Campus and Senior House request they be taken off mandatory commons.

The current plan changes the lifestyle of the east side of campus. Senior House is no longer a dormitory, it tends to attract many students with financial difficulties. Because of the addition of a large number of students to the east dorm, Senior House is no longer a low budget place to live. This is mainly because the cost of cooking for oneself ($15-$30/week) is much lower than the cost of commons.

Many students, in order to use the minimum number of points in Pritchett, they would normally would as shown by the 40% increase in Pritchett business over the last two years. Pritchett does not offer nutritionally balanced meals. One of the arguments of the Kassarop report is that students who cook for themselves do not sustain balanced diets. Many of the foods served on commons are high in calories. Because of the lower amount of calories women must consume, and the small amount of physical activity most MIT students get, many women can only eat one meal a day on commons and still keep their weight stable. Therefore, in order to fulfill the minimum requirement of points, many women must eat all their meals at Walker.

If kitchens were installed in Senior House and East Campus, students could cook food according to their own dietary needs.

Cooking would also give students a chance to get together at dinner and cook.

The installation of kitchens would also eliminate cooking in rooms, which is against Cambridge health codes. Also, the renovations needed (plumbing and rerouting) to facilitate cooking in the two dorms will probably be much less costly than doing major renovations to Walker. In addition, these renovations are not a waste.

Economics, not nutrition is Dining Service focus.

To the Editor,

Your recent article by Laura K. Darling ’83 titled “Company’s policy revealed some interesting attitudes held by the management of Dining Service. The presentation of these statistics is also interesting.

The table states there are 36 freshmen, required to be on commons, living in Baker House. This figure is clearly in error (three should be approximately 70). Are the rest of the statistics this accurate?

“On Target” is defined as less than thirty dollars behind schedule. Based on this odd definition, Anna Witten makes the extravagant statement that twenty-seven percent behind target is too high. Part of the logic justifying this statement is that people use their plans (money) in the last two or three weeks of the term. Of course people use their plans more in the last weeks in the last two or three weeks of the term. Of course people use their plans more in the last weeks of the term.