Shelter Proposal Awaits Final Vote

By Charu Chaudhry

Three months after MIT announced a proposal to move the Cambridge and Somerville Program for Alcohol Rehabilitation shelter, MIT land to a permanent site, officials say.

Under the current proposal, supported by MIT, CASPAR, and Cambridge officials, MIT would purchase and renovate the property at 300 Green St. in Central Square at an expected cost of $3 million. MIT would then deed the land and buildings to Cambridge, and the city would enter into a long-term lease with CASPAR.

In exchange for the property, Cambridge would transfer ownership of three sidewalks on the MIT campus to the Institute, along with a portion of the sidewalks on a fourth street. These sidewalks include Carleton and Hayden Streets, Amberstreet West near Massachusetts Avenue, and Vassar Street between Massachusetts Avenue and Audrey Street. MIT has relinquished all development rights to the land.

Residents of Green Street and the surrounding area object to the proposal, saying that moving the shelter would bring a dangerous, The suspects were "targeting

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Three Fall prey to Pickpockets

By Sarah Y. Keightley

In a series of similar incidents, three people have been pickpocketed on campus since Nov. 23. Two incidents occurred at the main entrance of 77 Massachusetts Ave., and the other occurred in the Student Center.

Campus Police Chief Anne P. Glavin said she knew of the names of the victims, but she said she believes there were more students rather than staff or faculty.

The suspects were "targeting people carrying backpacks and pocketbooks — anyone carrying something that might be of value," she said.

This trailer at 240 Albany St. currently houses the Cambridge and Somerville Program for Alcohol Rehabilitation shelter.

By Hyun Soo Kim

Following a recent decision by the faculty to allow students to minor in any academic department, all five science departments have created minors for their students. Engineering minors will probably follow next fall. Students and faculty have expressed support for the proposed science minor program.

To enter a minor program, students can sign on at any time before Add Date in the fall of their senior year, according to Biology Professor and MIT's chair of the committee that reviewed science minors. As a special exception this year, seniors can still sign up for a minor if they satisfy the Department of Science, Mathematics, and Engineering's requirements.

The proposed science minors range from 60 to 72 units and meet the General Institute Requirements. "We are a committee together to make sure the minor programs were approximately similar in scope and number of subjects. There was a remarkable agreement about the scope and intellectual content of the programs, Brown said.

For example, the proposed biology minor in biology requires a total of 60 or 63 units, including Organic Chemistry 1 (5.12), Genetics (7.03), General Biochemistry (7.60), and two additional subjects from a given list. The proposed mathematics minor entails six 2-unit subjects of diverse content, including at least four advanced subjects. The School of Engineering may also offer minors as early as next fall. "It's expected that most engineering programs will be done at the departmental level. That is a great interest in all eight departments to come up with minor programs," said Bruce F. Britton, MIT's chair of the School of Engineering, Education Committee.

Each department will have a faculty advisor to answer questions about the minor program.

Energy Efficient Lights Installed Across Campus

By Michael A. Sagisawa

From Building E51 to the Infinite Corridor, MIT has begun installing new lighting of all kinds, with the hope that a 20 percent reduction in energy consumption could be reached even by students, MIT said.

The goal of the Green Lights Program "is to reduce pollution by reducing the amount of electric generation by putting in more efficient air conditioners, lights, and other things that add to the pollution, said Donny Ip, a social work major and environmental science student.

The new lights save energy because they use electronic valves which open and close 2400 times a second. By contrast, the older lights use magnetic valves which open and close only 60 times a second.

"Because they are operating at a very high frequency, the new lights' excite the phosphors inside the tube more completely, and therefore you get more output for the same energy you put in," Ip said.

MIT will use 25 to 30 percent less electricity by using the new lights. Because of this savings, the lights will pay for themselves in about five years.

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Hunger Group Sponsors Banquet

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By Sarah Y. Keightley

"Children of the World" was the theme of this year's Hunger Awareness Week, said Mehran Islam '94, co-president of Hunger Action Group. The main events were the hunger banquet on Nov. 17 and Columbia's annual fast on Nov. 19.

Hunger Action Group is a supporter of Oxfam America. According to Geetha G. Krishnan '93, chair of the club, Oxfam is a natiocal organization which raises money for grass roots development projects in developing coun-

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