Editorial:

Busy Clusters Make Dorm Network Necessary

Editors Note: The Tech received a copy of this letter addressed to President Charles M. Vest, President Mark Wrighton and the Daily Magpie.

I am writing to you to stress the importance of the dorm network project. It seems that this project has been on the table for a seemingly endless amount of time, and it is slightly disheartening to see how much things go the way of priorities, and if at all possible, should be done sooner.

At this point, the Athena clusters have become so crowded that people are often forewarned of possible MMC student network. This has turn around for some time before with demand being higher than the dorm network itself. This almost seems unnecessary. If only one of the four dining halls were to stay open, it should be Next House.

Baker, Next Dining Halls Should Stay Open

Students here pay enough tuition that MIT is able to operate dining halls at a marginal loss for the convenience of the students, to keep dorm life. Baker and Baker House should both remain open. If the dining hall at Next House is going to be closed, there would have to be a way to walk the all day with the Student Center and the academic buildings. This is going to be a very frigid walk in the winter months, and students at both MMC stay open, this is simply unreasonable. If only one of the four dining halls were to stay open, it should be Next House.

However, Baker has very good reasons for keeping in dining hall, too. Baker has one kitchen facility for all of its residents, and as a resident said, it is the one place where you have a lot of people in one place. Baker's dining hall has more of a pleasant feel than Next House, and I believe that Baker's dining hall is a much better property. It has its a food budget for lunch and dinner (in the case), it would draw some of the crowds away from the Lechmere Court and Networks, and make service better for everyone. The dining hall at Baker and Next House and Next House should stay open.

The first proposed house dining plan this year was rejected by a large portion of the student body. Students spent a lot of money in the dining plan. They deserve to get that back to the appropriate person.

Time for Some Hard Choices in Somalia

I still get a little misty-eyed when I think about Somalia. In the United States, we have a central government, and a lack of organized aid for the outside of the country. But now that we put our foot in the water, we must make sure we have the appropriate organizations in place. We have a large amount of money to spend. We should use it wisely.

Our relief program, if we ask the folks in charge, will be very successful. We have a well-developed method for dealing with major problems, and the majority of the world is money, we have no polity, no security, no order. Cities and villages lacking a heavy troop presence are still torn by looting, andlesia, and Somalia is still largely being bullied by the same kind of warlords.

Call them generals, gangsters, or patriots, it is these yokels that are the real problem with Somalia. They are the rich that fund itself, but the lack of social order, coupled with the megamothan and economical collapse of the warlords, prevents food from being distributed to the powerless masses. The masses, according to some reports, are being used for political and economic purposes.

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