Food Services Prepares New Dining Options in Lobdell

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"This is no more than we hoped for," said Jim McBurney, associate head for research in the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics. John C. Crowley, special assistant to the president and director of MIT's Washington office, and others expect the two subcommittees to meet in conference to discuss the two versions by the end of September.

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Research Funding

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While the Senate version of the budget must eventually be squared with the House version before the full Congress can vote on the bill, most MIT officials are confident that the final funding level will be close to the $819 million decided on by the Senate, said Daniel E. Hastings, associate head for research in the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

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Place Where Rush Isn't Offers Escape from Pace and Pressure

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As rush festivities continue through the weekend, some students feel overwhelmed by its fast pace. "It is easy to get tired and frustrated. It is kind of tiring because they're always trying to get you to go someplace and do things," said Jim Dobbs, a third-year undergraduate studying homesick, or something like that," said Elsewhere Counselor Lisa M. Sopata '96.

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