Police Investigate Burton Fire Scare

By Ramy A. Arnous

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Cambridge Police are investigating a series of four apparent arson attempts in Burton House suite kitchens, according to Captain John E. Driscoll.

The most serious attempt, one of two discovered in different suites, occurred after 6 a.m. last Wednesday, led to a small fire in suite 424 and prompted an emergency dormitory-wide evacuation.

"I was woken up at a little past 6 a.m. by a smoke alarm outside my door," said S. Roper Banerjee '96, who lives in the suite. "I scrambled out. When I got outside the door, I saw a blazing newspaper on the stove. The flames were 1.5 to 2 feet high," he said. "I was totally shocked.

I grabbed a pitcher full of water and doused one side of the newspaper." Banerjee said. "The stove sizzled when I threw water on it — that's how I knew it was on."

- The newspaper, a copy of the Harvard Street Journal, appeared to have been taken from the suite's nearby recycling bin, Banerjee said.
- Wednesday morning's other attempt, which took place in suite 215 shortly after the first one, was under control by the time residents had returned from the evacuation, said Cynthia S. Liu '95, a suite resident. "We walked right past the stove when the alarm went off," Liu said. "You could smell something burning but you couldn't tell where it was coming from."

The planning of all the attempts was similar, said Burton-Conner President Steven A. Luperchio '95. At each site, newspaper or other materials were burned, according to the statement.

Volunteers for Project America Assist 31 Local Organizations

By Jennifer Lane

Over 300 MIT students volunteered at 31 area organizations Saturday as part of Project America, a nationwide service project day co-ordinated with the Campus Police and the Harvard Club of MIT and MIT Pro-Life ($175).

"Finboard tries to be as equitable as possible," and groups realize that

scheduled budget compilations meeting on one student group makes funding requests, he said.

Of the 20 groups requesting funding last week, most of them forget to request funding last term or turned in their requests too late, Wyatt said. Few groups were appealing original funding allocations, he said.

Finboard, which decides how to allocate funding to student activities, held the standard budget compilation meeting to set the budget and make activity funding recommendations for this term last April, Wyatt said.

Twenty groups requested funding during last week's appeals meeting, according to statistics provided by Wyatt. During the regularly-

In response to the recent robberies at area automatic teller machines, the Institute will extend the hours of the Lobby 10 ATMs, according to a crime alert bulletin

by the Campus Police.

The ATM room will be accessible until 8 p.m. on weekdays, starting Monday. Previously the room was only open until 6 p.m. The machines, which serve Baybank and Shawmut customers, will continue to be closed on weekends.

According to the statement, Chief of Campus Police Anne P. Glavin said the additional hours were "arranged in the interests of community safety following hold-ups in Cambridge of people using outdoor ATMs."

Students approved of the extended hours for these on-campus ATMs.

Rade T. Agbipiti '98 said he tends to use ATMs off-campus since he lives in a fraternity house in Boston. The extended hours are good for on-campus people, especially East Campus residents, he

Jogger Injured in Mass Ave. Crash

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A motorcyclist struck and seriously injured a pedestrian on the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Memorial Drive yesterday around 6:30 p.m., according to the Massachusetts State Police.

Cambridge resident Emmanouil Stamatakis was driving the motorcycle that hit the jogger, according to State Police Trooper John Gentile. Both the jogger and the driver were thrown a considerable distance, Gentile said.

"The jogger was a 25-year-old female and has a broken leg and two broken ribs," Gentile said. "She also has multiple cuts and bruises."

"The motorcyclist, who was wearing a helmet, had a CAT scan and is also in the intensive care unit," Gentile said.

Stamatakis was arrested at the hospital and charged with operating to endanger, failure to maintain control of the vehicle, failure to stop at an accident scene, reckless driving, and operating a motor vehicle without a license.

Witnesses say the motorcyclist was speeding in excess of 40 miles per hour, Gentile said.

Daniel C. Stevenson contributed to the reporting of this story.

The Weather

Today: Partly sunny, 60°F (16°C)

Tonight: Cloudy, rain, 6°F (17°C)

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