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of race, color, religious beliefs, national and ethnic origin, sex, age, sexual orientation or disability in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other College administered programs."

Phillip Glenn, chair of the organizational and political communication department, under which the Judaism class falls, said the course requirement is consistent with the discrimination policy.

"I do not think this violates Emerson's non-discrimination policy," he said. "It makes

a distinction based on content knowledge, not group membership.

However, it does raise a question about the need for consistent rules across all courses that deal centrally with cultural, religious, and philosophical traditions.

I'll ask faculty in those areas to consider this issue during the current academic year."

Sophomore TV/video major Rose Azrael, a student who dropped the Judaism class, said that the policy is not discriminatory, but rather, "presumptuous in a rude way."

Axelrad started to realize that students who had a wide knowledge in Judaism were taking his class because it filled certain requirements or time slots, and was easy to pass.

To keep this from happening, Axelrad changed his syllabus to exclude these students. There is no mention of the policy in the Emerson's online course listing.

When Axelrad began teaching the course at Emerson four years ago, there was no written rule stipulating that those with an extensive knowledge of Judaism were not allowed in the class.

## College to debut new admissions office, visitors' center in October

**Ann-Marie Piantadosi**  
Beacon correspondent

The college is relocating both the admissions office and its visitors' center to the fifth and first floors, respectively, of the Walker Building on 120 Boylston St.

The office was previously located in the Berkeley Building at 420 Boylston St., two blocks from campus.

Robert Silverman, vice president of administration and finance, said that relocating the admissions office and the visitors' center was part of the major renovation project in the Walker Building that started this summer.

"I cannot break out the cost of the Admission spaces alone, but I can tell you that the entire renovation project just completed cost about \$4 million," he said in an e-mail.

Vice President for Enrollment and Student Affairs Suzanne Swope said the move would not only provide sufficient office space for admissions and visitors' center staff but would also make both facilities more accessible, especially to those visitors not familiar with the campus.

"People who came to visit the college often wound up at 120

He used an honor system with the students.

"It never crossed my mind that students who already knew the information would take the class," he said.

In defending his reason for the rule, Axelrad said, "It is an introductory course. People who have a knowledge and background history know this stuff. I don't want them wasting their time in the class."

Undeclared sophomore Trish Fontanilla, who is currently taking the class, agrees with Axelrad.

"Although I don't think it is

*"It never crossed my mind that students who already knew the information would take the class."*

—Rabbi Al Axelrad

is already proficient in a subject, it's their job as a teacher to deny entry to that student and allow another student without such knowledge into the class."

The foreign language department, another area where students might have unfair advantages if they are native speakers of the language they are taking, has no written rule about denying native speakers the chance to take the class.

"To my knowledge, there has never been restriction on enrollment in cultural content-based courses," said Sarah Gore, lecturer in World Languages.

Both Northeastern University and Boston College offer similar introductory Judaism classes, however neither school has a similar restriction.

Jacqueline DuPont, administrative secretary of the Philosophy and Religion at Northeastern said the idea of not letting Jewish students into the class was "absurd."

Axelrad said he wishes there were higher level Judaism classes offered at Emerson for Jewish students to take. Meanwhile, he said he will stick firmly by his policy.

Boylston because they'd see the [college's] banners," she said, adding that those people would assume the admissions office was located at that address.

Swope also said that other Emerson staff had to constantly redirect visitors to the Berkeley Building. She said that this was a common hassle that the relocation would help eliminate, thus making the jobs of visitors' center staff a little easier.

The admissions office handles administrative tasks while the visitors' center deals with setting up and giving campus tours.

Swope acknowledged, however, that visitors might still have a hard time finding the visitors' center, as getting there would require cutting through the Tufts Production and Performance Center, which connects to the Walker Building on the sixth floor.

She said that the visitors' center will not reopen until mid-October because renovations, including those being made on the center's entrance, in that particular location are still underway.

She said that the office would post a sign in the Boylston Place alley that would direct people to the visitors' center.

"We're trying not to ensure confusion," she said.

# Dean vies for Boston support

**David Ayers**  
**Nichole Davis**

Beacon correspondents

Democratic presidential hopeful Howard Dean sternly criticized President Bush and his administration on issues of defense, economics and democracy as he concluded his "September to Remember" campaign Tuesday in Copley Square.

"What's at stake in this campaign is democracy," Dean said to a crowd of 5,000, some of whom waved signs reading "Beantown Is Deantown" among other tokens of support. Stumping on John Kerry's hometown turf, Dean used the Boston Tea Party as a means to subtly criticize the current administration.

"What [the Sons of Liberty] did that night . . . marked the beginning of the first great grassroots campaign in our history," he said. "And a King named George—who had forgotten his own people in favor of special interests—was replaced by a government of, by, and for the people."

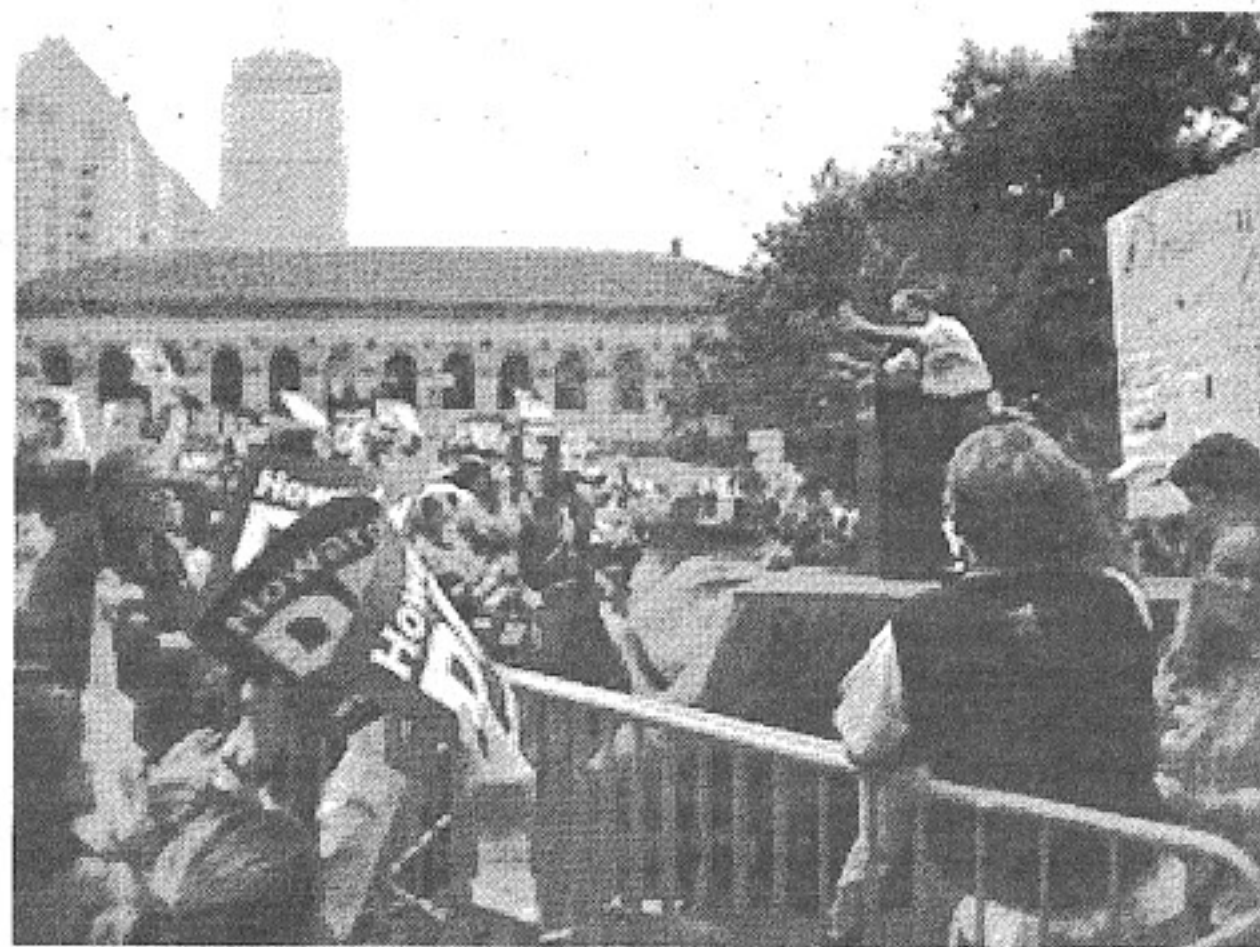
Dean also criticized Attorney General John Ashcroft and "Ken Lay and the boys," the executives behind the Enron scandal of 2002. He also cited the largest deficit in the country's history and the cutting of 164 veterans' health care benefits as reasons to replace Bush and company.

"We can do better in America," he said.

Dean also placed emphasis on the need to balance the national budget. "The budget hasn't been balanced in 34 years," he said. "We can't trust the Republicans with our money." He used the state of health insurance to further his criticism of the effect of Bush's economic policy on Americans.

"Even the Costa Ricans have health insurance," he said. "The cost [of health insurance] is less than a third of the current president's tax cut."

Bush's military tact was also on Dean's agenda. "We stand here as Americans who are no longer willing to accept an administration lying to the American people about the reasons for sending our sons and daughters and brothers



Beacon photo/Gillian Smith

Howard Dean stumps on John Kerry's turf Tuesday during an address at Copley Square. The speech was Dean's final stop on his national "September to Remember" campaign for President of the United States.



Beacon photo/Renee Nadeau

and sisters to die in a foreign land," he said.

Though Dean elicited vocal support throughout his speech, some Emerson students were reluctant to call the speech a success.

David Ballard, a freshman musical theater major, sensed a contradiction in Dean's statements regarding gay marriage. Dean has said he would leave decisions on gay marriage up to the states, and would not support a change in the definition of marriage on a nationwide scale.

Dean said, and emphasized, that he supported equal rights," he said. "But, in noting his perspectives, I know that Dean is not

quite for gay marriage."

Other Emerson students were fairly impressed. Eli Scheer, a freshman audio/radio major, said the speech was "very well put forward; personable."

Noting the pro-Bush demonstrators at the rally, who protested Dean's characterizing the president and his administration as "right-wing ideologues," Scheer justified the content of Dean's speech:

"His attacks on Bush weren't as slanderous as they could've been," she said. "He hit on a lot of important money issues. He could've certainly been rougher."

## Public Safety Log

### Wednesday, Sept 17

- An Emerson student was taken to Massachusetts General Hospital via ambulance after cutting his arm. The student was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the incident.

- A student reported the theft of his cellular phone from 6 Arlington Street.

- An Emerson faculty member reported the theft of a mountain bike from the area of Boylston and Tremont Streets after the lock was broken. All students and staff are advised not to secure bicycles outdoors, and to use the area designated for them at 180 Tremont St.

### Thursday, Sept. 18

- An Emerson student reported leaving her wallet at the 7-11 store on Stuart St. When she went back to the store to retrieve the item, it had been stolen.

### Friday, Sept. 19

- Emerson Police investigated a reported fire alarm at 100 Beacon St. The investigation revealed the alarm to be an alarm on the 2nd floor.

### Saturday, Sept. 20

- Emerson Police and Boston Police responded to the front of 80 Boylston St. for a domestic assault. Boston Police arrested one person in the incident. Neither the victim nor the assailant had any Emerson College affiliation.

- Emerson Police responded to 80 Boylston St., where two intoxicated students were found by Residence Life staff. One student was taken to New England Medical Center via ambulance for treatment.

### Sunday, Sept. 21

- Two Emerson students were taken to NEMC from 80 Boylston St. after they had ingested too much alcohol.

### Monday, Sept. 22

- Emerson Police confiscated a bicycle that was locked in a restricted area.

- An Emerson staff person reported the theft of her wallet from the dining hall at 80 Boylston St. The larceny is under investigation by campus police.

- Housing and Residence Life reports underage possession/consumption of alcohol at 80 Boylston St.

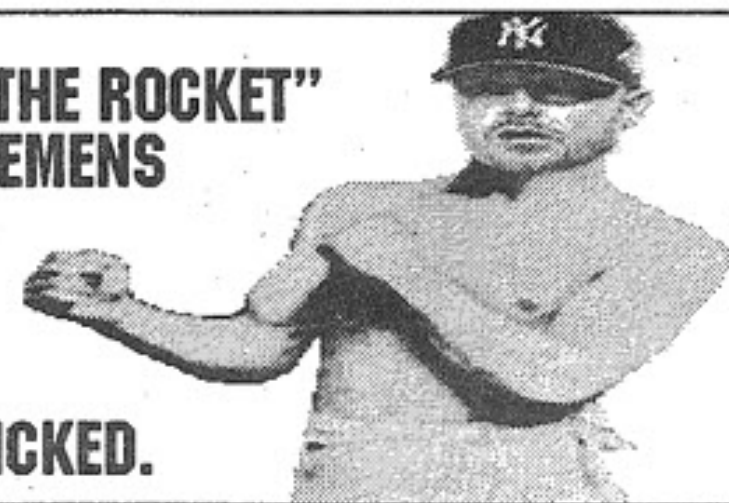


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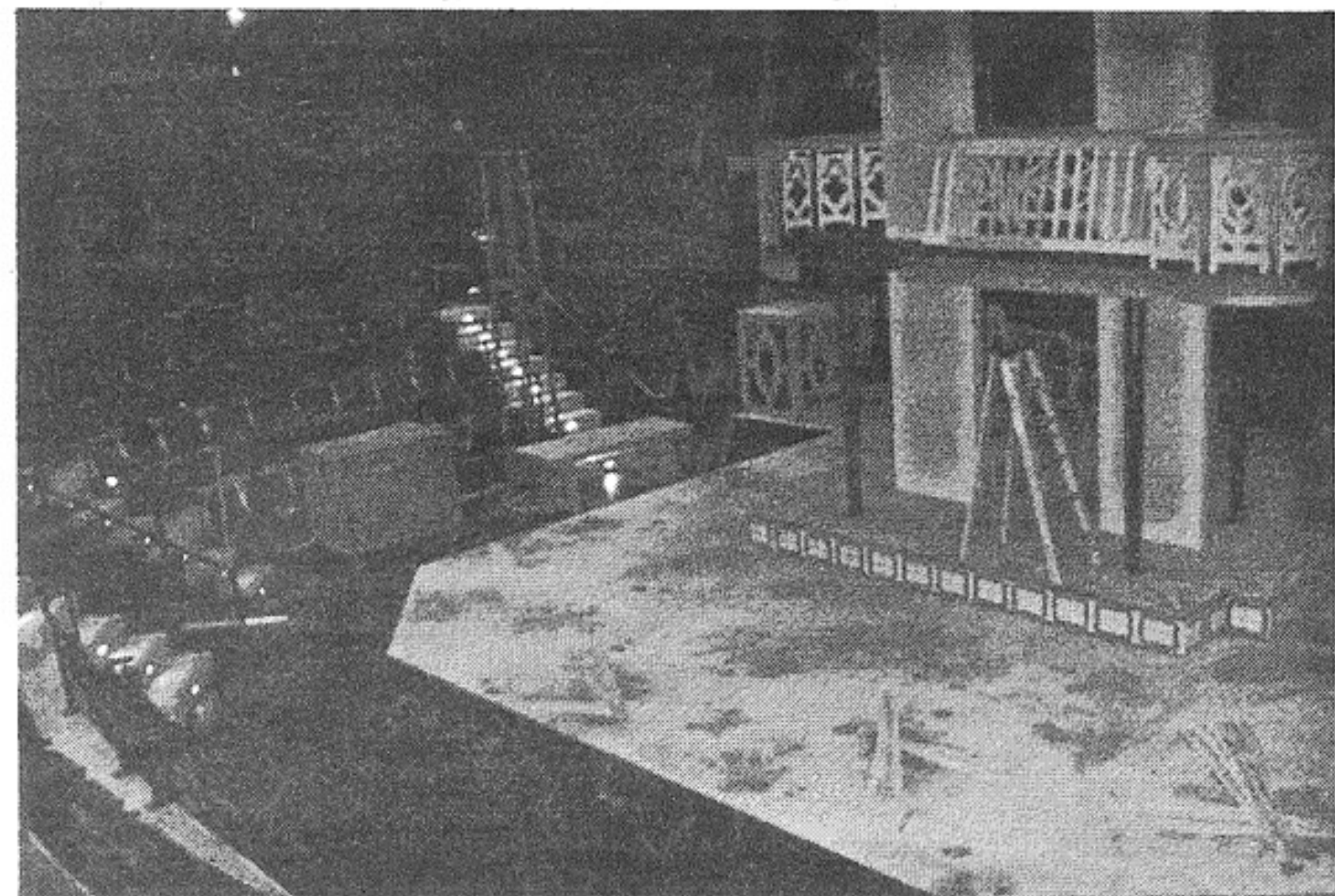


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## Performance space scarce after move



Beacon photo/Julie Polovina

The PPC's Green Theatre is one of few available campus performance spaces.

Andrea Gabbidon-Levene  
Beacon staff

Several problems involving class and co-curricular activities have emerged with the opening of the Tuft Performance and Production Center and sale of 69 Brimmer St., the former home to the performing arts department.

Student performance groups are running out of space for performances and rehearsals.

The PPC has only two theaters, which is a reduction from the four that were available at 69 Brimmer St. Student performance groups have always had to compete for limited space on campus, but this year, to many students it seems to be a larger problem.

"In the past it wasn't as difficult [to reserve space]," said Oliver Alcantara, a senior theatre studies major. "Sometimes it was a struggle, but you could do it. It's painfully obvious that it's a major problem. That's what you hear from anyone trying to do a production. Not that they don't have

a director or a stage manager but that they don't have space."

"This building was not meant for instructional acting facilities and rehearsal space," said Maureen Shea, the chair of the department of performing arts. "Originally only offices, classrooms which we would share with the rest of the college, and faculty offices were going to be in here."

Shea said that the reason there is a lack of performance space is because the college had planned on having additional space in the Loews Boston Hotel.

"I think that it's important that people know the history behind it," she said. According to Shea, Emerson was promised an entire floor in the hotel dedicated entirely to instructional and rehearsal space for actors. She said that student organizations would have had access to some of the studios when the performing arts department did not need them. After 9/11 the hotel developers postponed construction

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## Attendance policy questioned

Karen Mann  
Beacon correspondent

Pat Ronan, a sophomore print journalism major, has had some difficulty understanding the attendance policy at Emerson.

Last year, he wanted to attend a wake on the same day he was supposed to give a speech in class. He asked the professor to move him to a different day. The teacher refused, telling Ronan he would fail if he did not show up. The professor wanted to see an obituary to prove he was going. This year, Ronan missed a few classes when he flew to Oakland for game five of the Red Sox ACLS series. One of his professors applauded Ronan for going, and said that it would be counted as an excused absence.

"I think it's funny that one teacher wanted to fail me for going to a funeral, but that another excused my absence when I went to a Red Sox game," Ronan said.

Ronan says he does not disagree with having an attendance policy, but believes "that there are certain circumstances where a student should be excused for missing a class."

With no uniform guidelines throughout the colleges dictating how many classes can be missed and under which circumstances, students at Emerson are wondering what the college's attendance policy really is.

Emerson College does not set an official number of absences each student is allowed. Rather, professors make their own individual attendance policies for each of their classes.

"Sometimes it gets confusing trying to remember which professor has which policy," said freshman WLP major Allyson Rees.

There is one attendance policy that many professors use, and that many students are familiar with, set forth by the Faculty Assembly in 1996. It states that a student should be allowed three unexcused absences in a class meeting twice a week, and five absences for a class meeting three times a week.

According to Professor Bob Colby,

former Faculty Assembly president, this is simply a suggestion; there is no "force of legal requirement" for Emerson professors to follow these guidelines. It was created at a time when attendance was becoming a problem.

Student support for the policy is frayed. Sophomore TV/video major Katie Pelton does not see the need for a policy. She believes it is the students' own responsibility to come to class.

"Students should not be penalized for missing classes," she said. "Their grades on tests and papers will reflect whether they came to class or not."

Ian Grant, a senior film major, disagrees. "It is there for a good reason because Emerson is trying to prepare people for the workforce. Also how can you possibly get what you're supposed to out of a class if you're not there to learn?"

Professors are left to make judgment calls of their own. Journalism professor Paul Niwa sets a different attendance policy that is fitting for each of his classes. For his larger sized classes, like "Images of News," attendance is mandatory. Students lose a letter grade for each unexcused absence or for two tardies. Students who miss the first day of lab in this class fail for the semester.

Niwa said that many of his classes involve group projects and class discussions. Students who miss class don't learn as much.

"If being at class on time wasn't important to learning, I wouldn't impose it," he said. "I don't do this out of ego or because the administration tells me to. It helps to facilitate more learning."

Niwa says his attendance policy has had positive results. "Students are more prepared, discussions are livelier."

Other professors take different routes. History professor John Coffee has his own unique attendance policy. Students with perfect attendance do not have to take the final. Coffee instated this around 1970 for one simple reason, he said.

"It gets the kids into class, it gets them

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## Group urges free TV Campaign funding focus of Democracy Matters

Dave Ayers  
Beacon correspondent

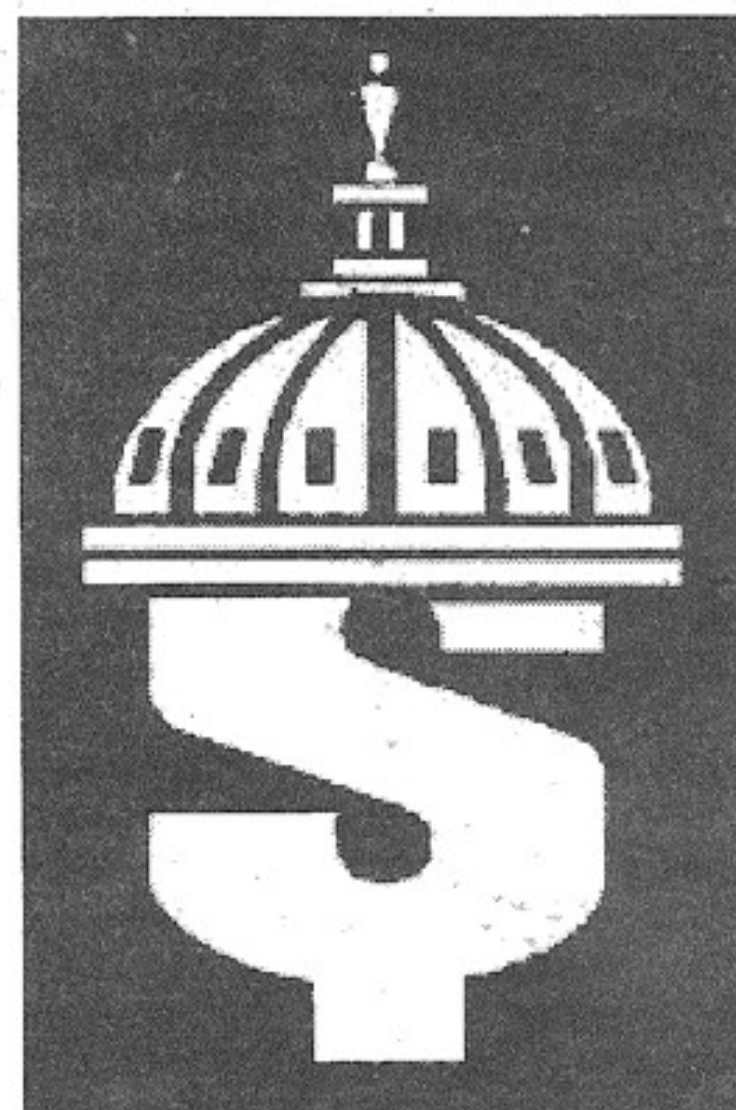
Democracy Matters, an organization advocating for financial reform in political campaigns, is trying to get big bucks out of well-financed candidates' pockets and into the campaigns of publicly funded candidates with free television time. The organization is now in its second year at Emerson, and looking to build momentum.

Founded two years ago by NBA player Adonal Foyle, the national program has been intent on restoring faith in the U.S. political system by dismissing the perception that candidates can be bought and sold.

The relatively young program is geared toward "cleaning up campaign, taking some of the money out of the game, and returning our democracy to the people, not the special interests," said Crystal Benton, Emerson's campus coordinator for Democracy Matters. The non-profit organization seeks to democratize American campaigns by working at the local, state and national level to institute change in financial disclosures, contribution limits and soft money contributions. They also support the implementation of public financing for candidates and providing free television advertising time to them.

A large part of this mission is to form solid student coalitions with a voice in

the national dialogue on money in politics. Nationwide, college campuses are instituting individual Democracy Matters chapters. Other Massachusetts colleges participating include Boston University, Harvard University and Mount Holyoke College.



Graphic courtesy of democracy matters.org

Emerson's Democracy Matters chapter is aiming to reduce the role big money plays in politics while expanding their ranks.

Looking to solidify Emerson's chapter, Benton says she is currently "looking to build a good base of support with students and professors."

Benton plans to host panel guests including Democracy Matters Staff Executive Director Joan Mandle and Representative Marty Meehan to discuss ideals of democracy and the problems with political campaigns.

Collaborative enterprise is what makes the program work in

some 60 campuses coast-to-coast.

In the last two years, the organization has been recognized by *The New York Times*, *The Chicago Tribune*, and *Sports Illustrated*, among many other student and professional publications.

This is the kind of attention and professionalism the program strives for; an attitude that comes across to its audience as serious. Foyle told *The New*

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CYNTHIA ROY

## Desperately seeking Bill Clinton

When former President Bill Clinton walked out the doors of the Oval Office in 2001, Democrats across the country let out a collective moan, counting the days until a new Bill would take on President George Bush.

Despite his penchant for women who were not Hillary, people liked Clinton. He was real. He played the sax, ate donuts and took Buddy for walks. He admitted his faults (eventually). He was someone you could relate to. And it didn't hurt that the economy had boomed, the country had a budget surplus and we were at peace.

Nearly three years have passed, and nine Democrats are trying to convince voters that they, too, can be like Clinton.

Judging by last Thursday's debate in Arizona—we're screwed.

This third debate, hosted by CNN reporter Judy Woodruff, was an opportunity for the candidates to roll up their sleeves (literally) and talk to the people one-on-one who will be casting their ballots. Set in a tight semi-circle, the Dems sat looking like their mothers had just given them the lashing of a lifetime. Only Senators John Kerry of Massachusetts and John Edwards of North Carolina looked at ease—and by ease, I mean they weren't clinging for dear life to their chairs.

It wasn't until Kerry took the lead, stepping down from his chair and pacing the stage, that the other Dems figured out that, they, too, should try to "connect" to the audience.

Most of them failed. Edwards, though, portrayed the best Bubba, using his southern drawl to ask voter Karen Dickinson how much she paid for her prescription drugs.

"That's just not right," he bemoaned.

And Kerry cracked jokes about Rush Limbaugh and the Red Sox, seeming more personable than usual.

And for the first time in months, they really invoked the Democratic Party's guiding principles: healthcare, the economy and the middle class.

But when the candidates were asked a question about why America is facing so much hatred, by a woman who appealed to them to show her their hearts, not one of the candidates gave the answer Clinton would have. They repeated their rehearsed rhetoric about Bush, and left the woman—and perhaps most Americans—wondering what kinds of humans, not candidates, these Dems are.

"Every time one of those voters asked a question about why so much hate for the United States, about how difficult it is for someone in small business to make it in this country, I envisioned...Clinton saying, boy, he could take that question and knock it out of the park," CNN political analyst Bill Schneider told Larry King after the debate. "And they stood there and they didn't really connect with the voters. They gave their speeches and recited their records and gave their campaign lines and I said, why can't you do what Bill Clinton did? Well, very few people can do that."

When Al Gore lost the 2000 election to Bush, many politicians pointed to his failure to embrace Clinton. Now, maybe the Democrats are realizing that in order to win the Party's nomination, they are going to have to appeal to those same voters who put Big Bill in office.

Ok, I must accept that until the Constitution is amended or until Hill takes over for Bill, the White House will be Clinton-less. In-the meantime, is there anyone who can fill his shoes?

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## Corrections and Clarifications

In the 10/9 issue of The Beacon, the photo of the MBTA B-Line was incorrectly credited. The photograph was taken by Julia Swanwick.

# Edwards campaigns to students

Victor Shopov  
Beacon correspondent

Senator John Edwards spoke at the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government Monday in a campaign address broadcast on MSNBC's "Hardball With Chris Matthews" as the first installment of the "Battle for the White House" series.

The talk was the first in a series of addresses geared toward college students and journalists to be delivered by the Democratic presidential candidates through November at the Kennedy School.

Edwards, a junior senator from North Carolina and Democratic presidential hopeful, discussed a number of issues and responded to questions from the audience regarding the war in Iraq, the economy and his campaign for the White House.

"I take responsibility for my vote, period," Edwards said of his support for the war in Iraq. "I did what I did based on the belief that Saddam Hussein's potential for getting nuclear capability was what created the threat. That was always the focus of my concern."

While he acknowledged his support for the war in Iraq, Edwards criticized President Bush for his handling of foreign affairs leading up to the invasion.

"I have said repeatedly that President Bush's approach to foreign policy in general is extraordinarily bad. He

"He is spending more energy looking out for his friends than he is looking after the American people," he said.

The attention turned from policy to Edwards himself as in the question and answer session.

When asked about giving up his Senate seat in the upcoming 2004 election, which coincides with the presidential race, Edwards said,

"I don't believe this is about me, I believe it is about the American people."

Edwards formally announced in September that he would seek the party's nomination for the presidency. Since then, he has pledged to hold 100 town hall meetings in New Hampshire before the

state's January primary.

"There is no way to put mind, body and soul into an election for the presidency of the United States hanging on to the side of the swimming pool," Edwards said.

"I had to let go and plunge, and give it everything I've got, which is exactly what I've been doing."



Photo courtesy of johnedwards 2004.com

Presidential hopeful John Edwards speaks to voters earlier in his campaign. He criticized the Bush administration Monday at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

doesn't work with others, he doesn't build coalitions," Edwards said.

"We were promised a plan; there is no plan. We were promised a coalition; there is no coalition," he said.

Edwards also responded to questions concerning the economy, saying the President has, through his tax cuts, shifted the tax burden from wealthy Americans to the middle class.

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York Times, "[The amount of money in politics] the one issue that connects all the other issues. This is fundamental to our democracy."

Foyle sees an emphasis on college students and young adults as essential to the mission of Democracy Matters.

"When I was in college, I saw young people very disillusioned with the political system," he told the *Chicago Tribune*.

"As a result, they fled the system and worked in soup kitchens. As admirable as that was, I wanted to bring people back into the system so they could make

changes from within... if you organize students, you organize the future."

This principle is echoed on the local level.

"It is so essential for us as young adults to accept the responsibility and power that comes along with voting, and to understand the political process so we can better it," said Linda Tan, Democracy Matters campus coordinator for Boston University.

At Emerson, Benton sees a need for more underclassmen involvement.

"Something like this affects the whole student body," she said.

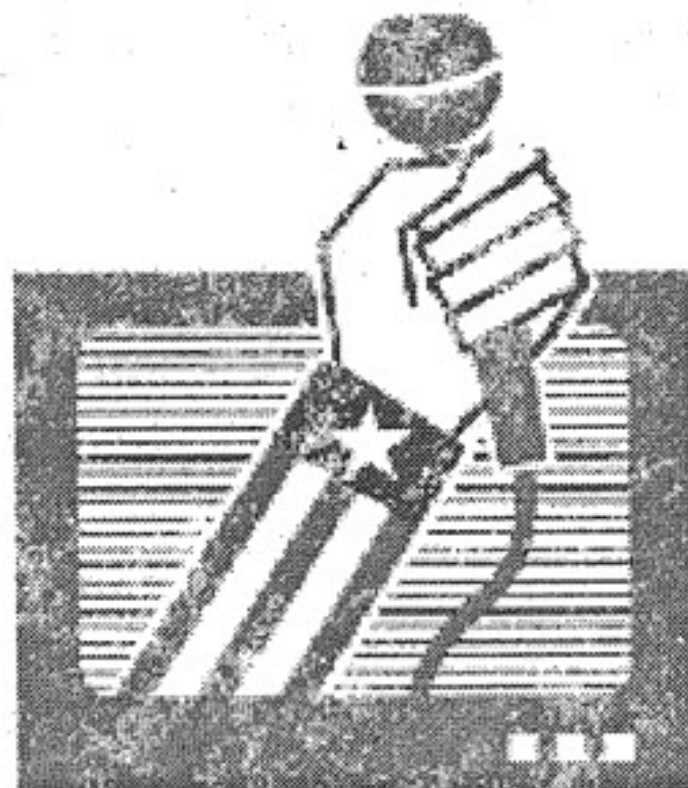
Foyle, the organization's founder, has hosted debates and speeches on college campuses across the country from Democracy Matters representatives.

Past speakers have included Jay Mandle, treasurer of the Democracy Matters Institute and professor of economics at Colgate University in New York and Adam Weinberg, secretary of the institute and current dean at Colgate.

During their visits to college campuses, institute representatives tackle issues such as the corrupting influence of money in politics, the amount of Americans who have lost faith in the system, out-of-control campaign spending, and whether or can Americans get movement on legislation that they care about.

For information on Emerson's Democracy Matters chapter, e-mail [emerson\\_dm@hotmail.com](mailto:emerson_dm@hotmail.com).

For more information on the national organization consult their website at: [www.democracymatters.org](http://www.democracymatters.org).



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## Public Safety Log

### Tuesday, Oct. 7

- Emerson Police assisted Facilities Management in freeing a student trapped in an elevator at 120 Boylston St.
- Emerson Police and Health & Hospital EMT personnel evaluated a female who had a diabetic attack, who was found to be fine.

### Wednesday, Oct. 8

- Boston Police officer gave Emerson Police three incident reports of three Emerson College students who were arrested after celebrating the Red Sox victory over the Oakland A's. The students were disorderly and trespassing.
- Emerson Police, Facilities Management and the gas company investigated a report of a gas odor coming from 120 Boylston St. No gas was found.
- Emerson Police assisted an area college student who was in need of help while wishing to hurt them. The student received help before they got injured.

### Thursday, Oct. 9

- There was a fire alarm at 120 Boylston St. after contractors were jack hammering in the basement causing dust, which activated a smoke detector.
- An Emerson student reported the theft of their wallet from a room inside 120 Boylston St.
- Emerson Police investigated and removed a person asking for change inside the Boylston Place alley.
- A RA from the Office of Housing and Residence Life reported confiscating alcohol from underage students at 80 Boylston St.

### Friday, Oct. 10

- Emerson Police received two reports from OHRL of underage alcohol possession and consumption at 80 Boylston St.
- An Emerson student reported being a victim of an assault and battery while at the Dunkin' Donuts inside the Massachusetts Transportation Building. The student was treated at Health Services for

an abrasion on his neck.

- One false intrusion/panic alarm was reported at Zero-Marlborough St.

### Saturday, Oct. 11

- Two students came into the Emerson Police station to complain about the building access schedule at 180 Tremont St. The student complaints were sent to property management who makes the building's schedule.

### Sunday, Oct. 12

- OHRL reported confiscating drug paraphernalia from a student at 80 Boylston St. The paraphernalia was turned over to Emerson Police.

Emerson police responded to 5 intrusion/panic alarms from Oct. 7-Oct. 12.

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## AFEC rallies regional support



Beacon photo/Jessica Tice

More than 80 protestors from Emerson and colleges and universities throughout the region gathered in support of Emerson part-time faculty Wednesday in front of the Little Building.

Julie Polovina  
Beacon staff

Emerson part-time faculty, joined by more than 80 supporters from throughout the Northeast, protested for nearly an hour and a half despite Wednesday's gloomy and rainy weather at the corner of Boylston and Tremont St. in an attempt to put pressure on the college's administration to settle contract negotiations which have been going on for more than two years. The rally was part of many demonstrations that are occurring nationally during Campus Equality Week.

"This protest is one piece of an enormous puzzle," said David Daniel, president of the Affiliated Faculty at Emerson College, the college's part-time union. Students and faculty from Boston-area schools like Northeastern, Suffolk and Curry participated.

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Admissions suspended for dance, B.A. musical theater majors

Nathan Hurst  
Beacon staff  
David Ayers  
Beacon correspondent

An October 24 letter from Performing Arts Department Chair Dr. Maureen Shea to students confirmed statements made in an October 17 meeting that admissions for Fall 2004 would be suspended for the B.A. Theater Studies with an emphasis in musical theater and in Dance and for the BFA Dance programs.

Shea stressed, however, that the suspended admissions are no indicator of the long-term futures of the three majors.

"We're not eliminating anything," Shea said. "We have not made a final decision on the programs."

Shea's letter affirmed for current students that "Coursework in all programs under discussion will continue to be offered and taught by a dedicated and devoted faculty...current majors will have the programs they've been promised through their graduation date."

The decision to suspend admissions came after an extensive self-study during

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## Full-time faculty union responds to administration

Julie Polovina  
Beacon staff

A letter sent out by President Jacqueline Liebergott to the full-time faculty union that said their managerial rights will be dissolved if the union doesn't disband was the topic of conversation at Tuesday's faculty assembly meeting. While some faculty members voiced concerns about the letter itself,

others said it was indicative of a larger problem between the faculty and the administration.

Several faculty members pointed out that three former academic deans of the college delivered the strongest statements against the administration. Dorothy Aram, former vice president of Academic Affairs, said, "The letter is a symptom of a much more serious problem in this institution."

Questions about the values of Emerson and who makes the decisions at the college were also discussed. Murray Schwartz, another former chief academic officer, said that "the sense of this crisis is not new. Things are bizarrely different here where there is so little effective communication between the faculty as a whole and the administration."

Schwartz said the relationship

between the college and the faculty is broken and, without new leadership, will remain so. He suggested that the faculty bypass Liebergott and go directly to Emerson's Board of Trustees with their concerns.

Thomas Cooper, secretary of the union chapter, said the faculty should address deeper structural changes dealing with

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## New Academic Vice President ushered in

Karen Mann  
Sandra Chen  
Beacon correspondents

Dr. Linda Moore, who began her term as new vice president of Academic affairs October 15, arrives at a time when tensions are high in faculty circles. Emerson's part-time and full-time unions are currently negotiating new contracts with the administration and say they anticipate Moore's presence at bargaining sessions will improve faculty contact with the administration. As vp of Academic Affairs, Moore will be represent the college's administration in contract negotiations.

In a speech given Tuesday at a luncheon for Moore held by the Faculty Assembly, she reminded faculty that her primary concern is Emerson students.

"While the dialogue of this coming year may be very interesting for all of us, let's keep in mind that our students are here

and that they are here because of the strong academic programs," Moore said. "Keep that in mind during negotiations."

Moore wants to "open the lines of communication" between herself and faculty as well as between individual faculty members. She is planning on starting a newsletter and having coffee hours in her office, where faculty can come and talk to her.

Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich., where Moore served as dean of the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts for five years, is known for its pro-labor scholarship and attitudes. The university is home to the Reuther Archives, a nationally recognized repository of historical papers from key unions that is treasured by researching scholars. One of the university's revenue streams is a consulting service to parties engaged in collective bargaining at a fee labor unions can afford.

Hal Stack, director of the labor studies center at Wayne State,

said Moore's tenure at a university deeply embedded in labor issues will serve her well in negotiating with Emerson faculty.

"I think having worked as an administrator or as a manager in a unionized setting, whether it's in a university or a factory, is an advantage in a situation like this," he said. "Linda, as a dean in the university here, certainly had to be able to function effectively in that arena."

Stack commended Moore for taking a position that will immediately put her in the middle of collective bargaining. "God help her jumping in like that," he said. "I hope there aren't any unrealistic expectations here. She just can't jump in and save the day. But I've seen her style and it's a very constructive style and the experience she brings from Wayne should be helpful."

When asked how she will use her past experience to deal with the part-time and full-time

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Beacon photo/Renée Nadeau

New Academic Vice President Linda Moore addressed the Faculty Assembly during a welcoming ceremony in the Bordy Auditorium Tuesday. Moore took office October 15.

# New SGA treasurer elected?

## Treasurer election contested; SGA to take action

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Nathan Hurst  
Beacon staff

Citing technical issues and a possible violation of Student Government Association election by-laws by her opponent, junior theater studies major Elizabeth Edwards is contesting last week's election for executive SGA treasurer that she lost to junior BJ Warminski by seven votes.

On Wednesday, Oct. 22, several people reportedly saw Warminski approaching people near computers outside of the Little Building dining hall to ask if they had voted yet and to show them how to vote if they hadn't. Edwards found this problematic because the two candidates had a meeting with the SGA before the election where they were told not to campaign near any voting sites.

Edwards chose to campaign by handing out information and cupcakes to students in areas where computers were not visible.

On Tuesday Oct. 28, SGA Elections Commissioner Andrea VanZile and SGA Chief Justice Kate Herr went over the statements made by students who claimed to have witnessed Warminski violating election guidelines and are giving potential witnesses until tomorrow to turn in statements regarding the matter.

Herr said at Tuesday's SGA

Joint Session meeting that a final decision on the matter will be announced next Tuesday, Nov. 4.

Warminski, who served as vice president of the SGA last year, raised the question of where campaigning can take place since computers are located throughout the campus. He said the SGA jumped into this

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—BJ Warminski

election method prematurely without working out all of the problems.

"This was the first time people voted using the online method," he said. "I don't think there was enough time to decide where we could and could not campaign."

Edwards also had problems with the new voting method. The paper ballots that students have filled out at fixed campus locations were replaced this semester by electronic ballots that could be completed on any on-campus computer.

Despite the alleged prob-

lems, VanZile said, "the voting method is much more efficient. We don't have to stay up all night counting and recounting the votes. Instead, the voting percentages are calculated online instantly and they are fairly accurate because no one can vote more than once."

While this system made it easier for votes to be counted, students had problems casting their votes. Several of them approached Edwards during the allotted voting time to inform her that they could not cast their votes.

Edwards also said that other students were voting off-campus and she questioned if their votes were counted.

While VanZile, a junior political communication major, said students could vote from off-campus, she discouraged it because "computers that are not updated might mess up the system. By telling people to vote using on-campus computers, we hope to avoid complications."

This election is the result of Chris O'Neill's resignation in the fall.

"Chris had over-committed himself and had decided to focus on a few commitments rather than spreading himself too thinly," said Duffy, who is performing the duties of treasurer, which includes overseeing the finances of the SGA.

Edwards, when contacted by *The Beacon*, would not comment for this story.

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the 2002-2003 academic year as mandated by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, the organization responsible for giving accreditation to Emerson and the majority of colleges in the region.

In response to the self-study, which namely noted inadequate facilities and faculty as weak-points, a three-person panel with administrators from MIT, Ithaca College, and Carnegie-Mellon University recommended that "the department discontinue the BFA in both dance and musical theater while retaining those related classes necessary to the BA and BFA in Acting."

"The recommendation was reiterating what we had said about the programs ourselves," Shea said.

While the recommendation was made in late spring, the department decided to hold off on making any final changes until fall, after a new musical theater director had been selected and the dance director had returned to work from medical leave. The decision about the programs was made after an October 7 meeting of department faculty.

Many affected students, already concerned about the lack of performance and rehearsal space since the move from 69 Brimmer St. to the Tufts Performance and Production Center and the falling through of a deal with the Ritz Carlton Garden Theatre for space, were further worried about the future of their programs after the announcement by Shea.

"I just don't know if I should be putting my faith, effort, work, and money toward a school that's trying to get rid of us," Sara Lemieux, a sophomore B.F.A. dance major, said.

Shea said, however, that Performing Arts is not trying to eliminate any program, and is not favoring one major over another. Her primary concern in suspending admissions was

to "have a deep commitment to current majors" and wrote that the department "will continue to offer all courses required for current majors to meet graduation requirements."

The only class that has been cut was Tap Dance, due to inadequate flooring in the PPC. The course can still be taken at the Boston Conservatory through Pro-Arts Consortium Cross-Registration.

"It's discouraging," Caitlin Reid, a sophomore B.F.A. dance major, said. "We're paying for a lot of TV studios, but dancing in a basement. There are beautiful spaces, but we don't get to use them."

Freshmen dance majors, who say it was misleading of the College to let them audition for entrance into the dance program without warning that it may be eliminated, agree that their situation is an unsure one. Sarah Newett, a freshman dance major, said that the situation "doesn't look good."

Dr. Suzanne Swope, Vice President of Enrollment and Student Affairs, said the admissions website and applications have been amended to reflect the changes in the performing arts majors.

"There has been a lot of interest in the programs from perspective students," she said. "But we've notified those students that already have applications about the changes."

According to Swope, over 1,100 applicants auditioned to major in Performing Arts for Fall 2003 admission. No applications for any of the three suspended majors have been received, she said.

"Everyone just needs to calm down," Shea said. "This decision was made to best serve our current students and various other students in the future."

"I hope it [the program] does succeed," freshman BFA musical theater major Ross Lekites. "We have a great faculty, and great talent amongst the students, if we build on it we can create an even better program, if we try hard enough."

## Montreal trip leaves some students behind

Bill Dvorak

Beacon correspondent

Every November, 130 Emerson students pile onto a bus and head to Montreal for a weekend of non-stop fun. But this year a number of students have been denied this opportunity.

Junior Molly Livingstone is criticizing the organization of the trip.

"The problem is that freshmen had the opportunity to sign up before most juniors," Livingstone said. "Most juniors are busy around this time of year, and so most of us weren't able to get to the sign-up in time. The trip is sponsored by upperclassmen, so I don't understand why freshmen are allowed to sign up before we are."

Livingstone thinks more precautions could've been taken to accommodate students who now feel let down by their class' leaders in organizing the annual excursion.

Since the first trek to Montreal in 2001, the classes of 2004 (who organized the first trip) and 2005, the SGA, and Student Life Department have been co-sponsoring the trip. Each contributes funds they have gathered, and working through a travel company, determine the best way to transport students over the border. This year, these organizations selected a new travel company to work with, MGL Vacations. They decided on a final number of students who could attend while still being able to keep the price tag at \$60 per student.

For such a reasonable price,

students at Emerson were willing to wait in hour-long lines outside the dining hall during the sign-up periods, which lasted from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7 until Thursday, Oct. 9. Many students, however, were placed on a waiting list, and some did not even get the chance to sign up. For many upperclassmen whose class funded the trip, they see this as not only unfair, but as result of poor planning.

"It just seems like this trip could have been better planned out by the upperclassmen in charge," Livingstone said. "Aside from the freshmen issue, it also seems like they needed more room on the waiting list and could have advertised more for when the sign-up time would be."

Despite the discontent, Kristin Belcher, junior class president, said that this year's trip went just as smoothly as last year's, and that no class can take precedence over another for the trip. "Because a majority of the funds come from the SGA, the trip has to be open to all students," she said. "The student government represents all students, they cannot bar or limit any class from going, nor can they give a class privilege over another."

"Why can't they simply rent another bus and create more spaces?" junior Jeanne Leitner asked. "This would solve the waiting list problem."

Belcher said the numbers of people cannot be adjusted once the organizers of the trip make an agreement with the travel company. The reason they cannot rent more buses to

create more room is because once the number of students goes past a certain point, the price per person increases.

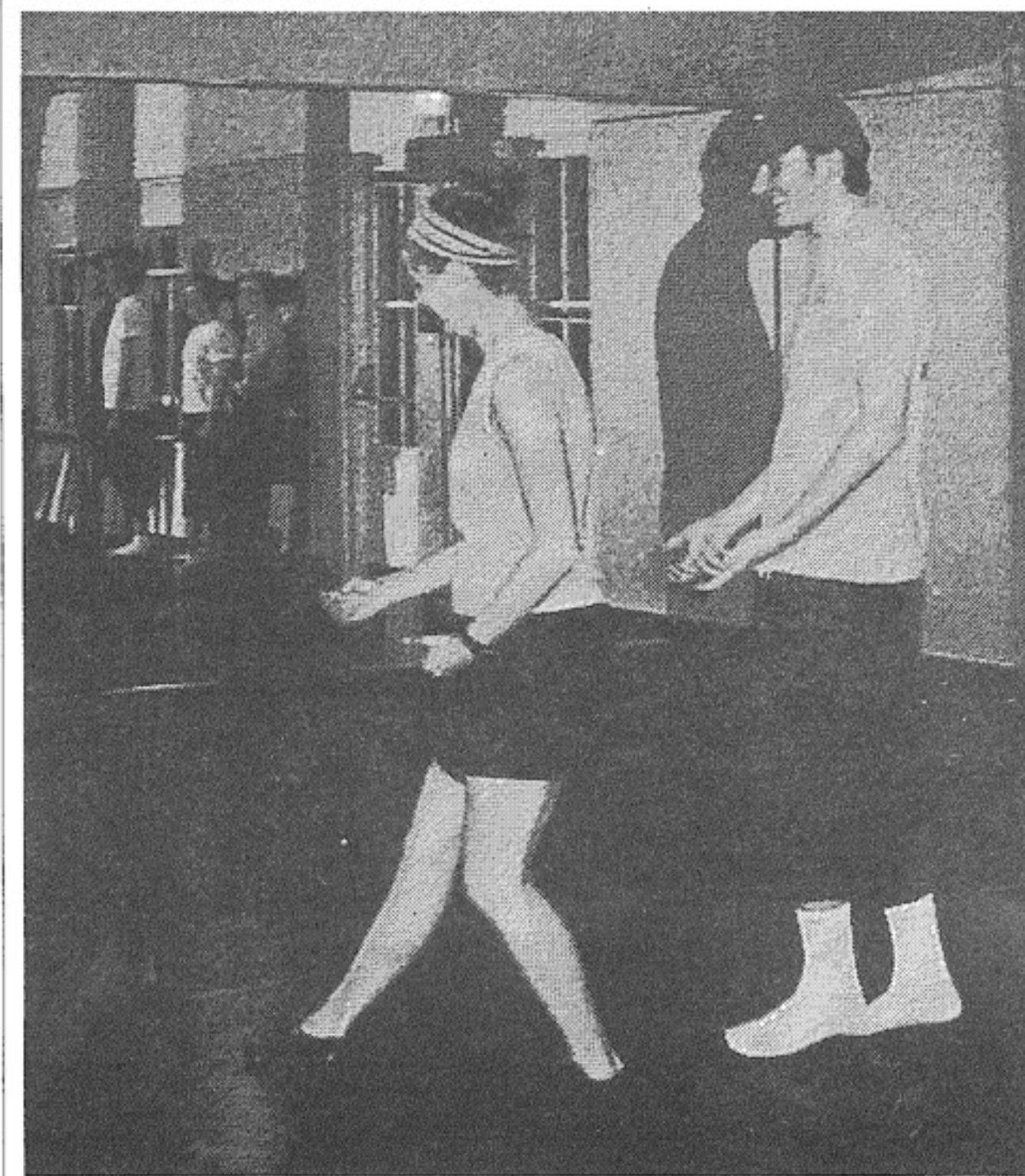
"I really wanted to go, but both days I had classes during sign up," junior Alicia Eaken said. "I tried to go freshman and sophomore year also. I was hoping that now that I'm an upperclassman I would have the privilege to go, but it didn't work out that way."

"The number is set because in order to subsidize the cost to half the price, we needed to make an agreement with the travel company," Belcher said. "The number of students who have gone in the past has always been roughly the same, and even slightly less last year, so this year we lowered the amount from 136 to 120. We did not expect the trip to suddenly become so popular this year."

While Belcher and those in charge of the trip say they realize they underestimated the amount of people who would apply this year, they have plans to change this for next year. "We are looking to increase the number of students significantly next year, so that everyone has a chance."

While changes are being made for next year, the situation this year will remain the same. As the bus departs from Boston to Canada, many students will be left behind. While this may dishearten some, a few have taken matters into their own hands.

"I'm just going to get a car and go there with my friends," Eaken said. "Nothing is going to stop me from enjoying myself in Canada."



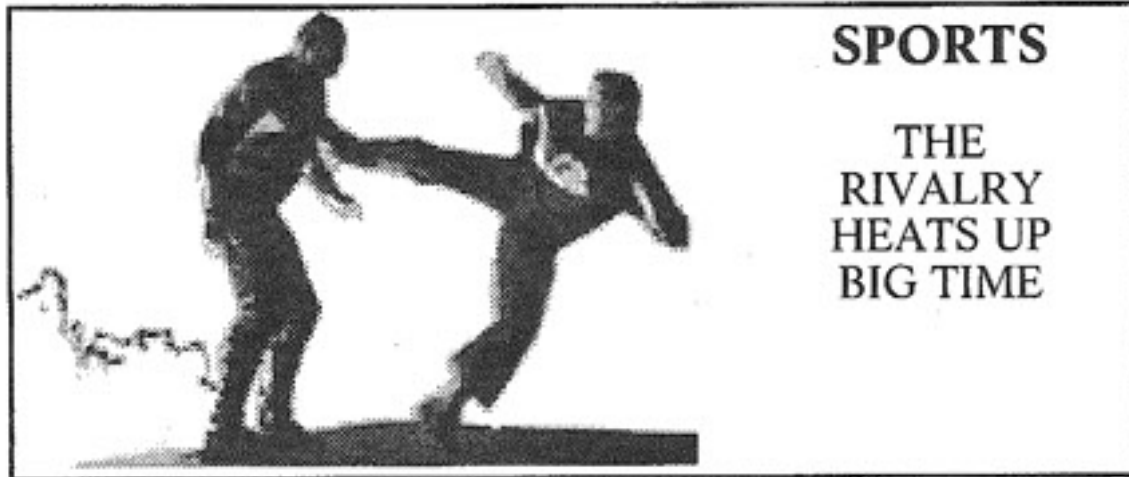
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Students practice during class in the Zero Marlborough Street's dance facility. The college has decided to close admissions to the dance and BA Theater Studies program for Fall 2004. A recent study of Emerson's dance facilities recommended that the dance program be closed until more faculty and facility resources are available.



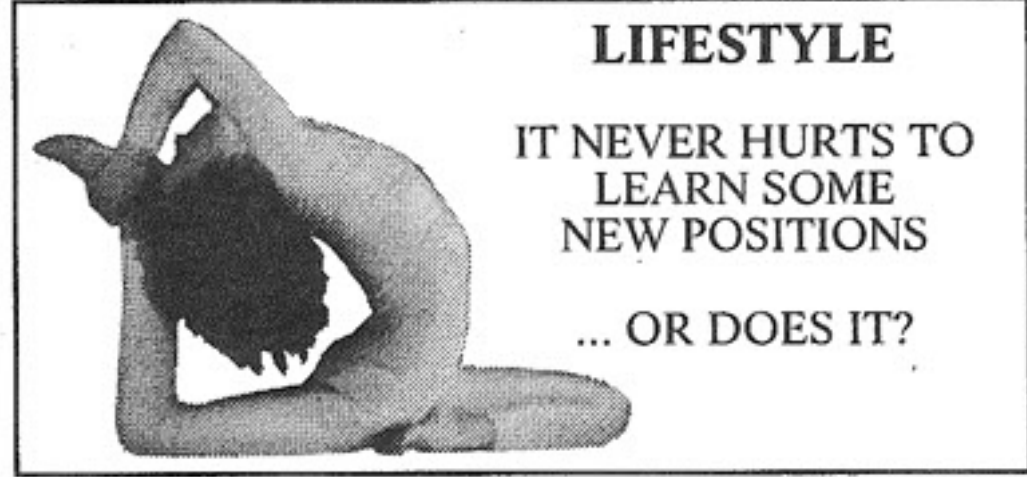
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## Junior wins school board seat

## SGA eyes new Zero meal plan

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Emerson junior Megan Foster may be the quiet one in class, but 1,240 voters have surely noticed her. The 20-year-old was elected to the Somerville, Mass. School Committee last Tuesday.

The shy political communication major slid past her nearest opponent by 200 votes to become one of the youngest committee members in the city's history.

"Everyone was joking when we were standing around holding signs on Election Day that I wasn't even old enough to take them all out and buy them drinks," Foster said with a laugh.

But age doesn't matter to her. A lifelong resident of Somerville, Foster said that politics is in her blood. "Somerville is very political-local political," she explained. "People get really crazy. My family is definitely insane." Her Aunt Sheila ran for school committee twice and her father ran for alderman. Both lost.

"I'm the first winner in the family," she joked.

This isn't Foster's first stint working with the school committee.

As a senior at Somerville High School, she served as a student representative to the committee. She said she found it interesting to see how things ran behind the scenes, and when the incumbent decided not to run, she seized the opportunity.

With the advice of family political gurus and friends, Foster started pounding the Somerville pavement in June to get her

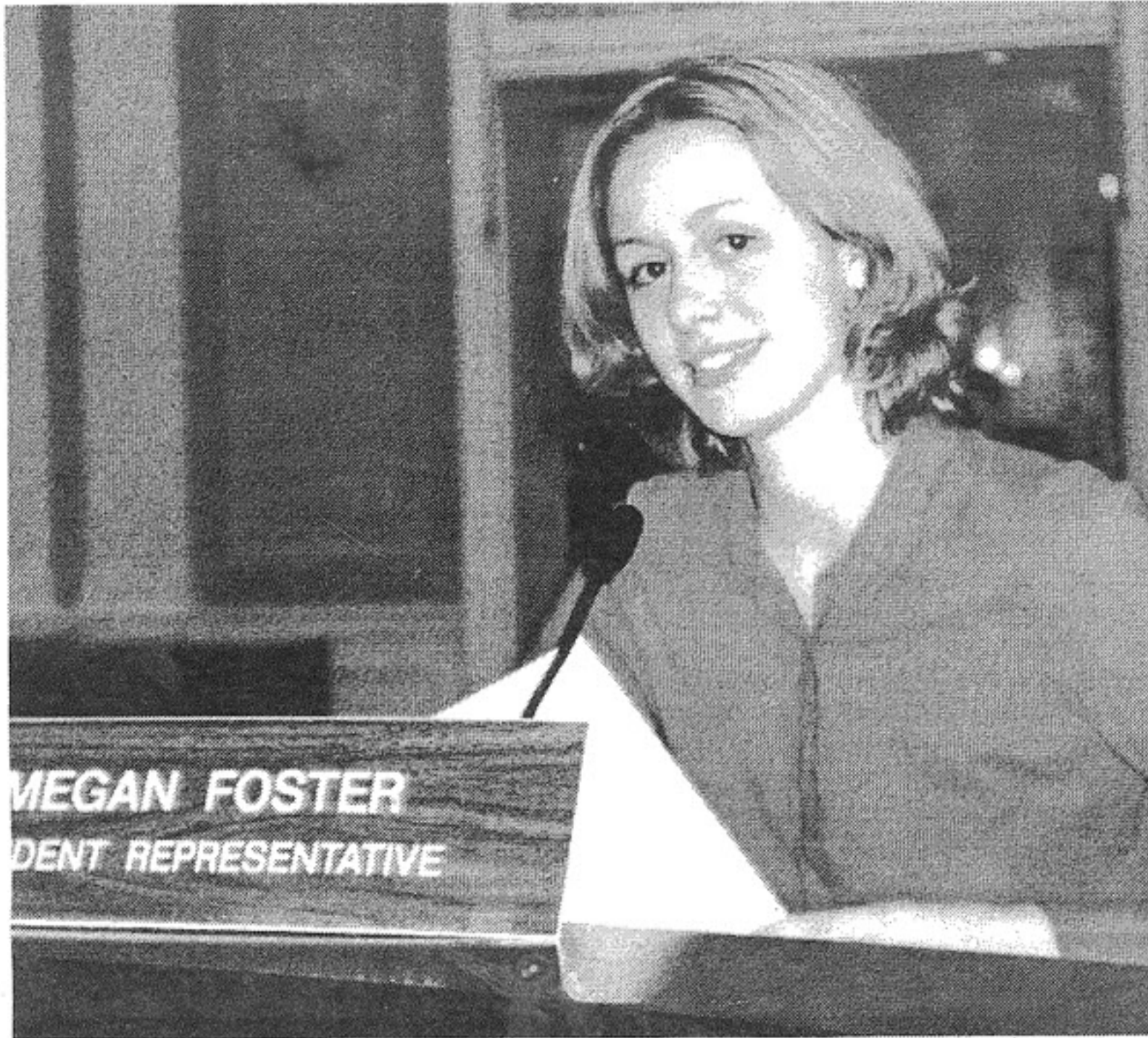


Photo courtesy of Megan Foster

Megan Foster, a political communication major, was elected to the Somerville School Committee last week. "I want to prove to people I'm serious," she said.

name known to voters. "We would just sit around my kitchen table and make plans," she said, referring to the designing of the palm cards with her campaign information

that she would hand out door-to-door, as well as mailings and postcards.

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**Dave Ayers**  
Beacon correspondent

Meals at Emerson's Zero Marlborough diner may not suck your board bucks dry any longer if the SGA is able to implement a new meal system that is being debated. Student Government Association President Andrew Wishnia, Residence Hall Association President and SGA senator Maureen Giles and Jacqueline Jedlicka, Office of Housing and Residence Life commissioner, have created a proposal and a petition seeking to make some changes in food transactions on the west side of campus.

The new plan would be similar to the Little Building's—students would have their ID cards swiped and given one meal credit, which could be redeemed for any one of the numbered value plans offered to students. However, unlike the Little Building dining hall, which is all-you-can-eat, a meal credit would most likely include a main dish, a side, and a drink.

Michael Delleo, associate vice president of Administrative Services, said that the LB dining hall policies can not be mirrored at the Zero diner. "Because of [the diner's] small size we are limited in the offerings we can provide there," he said. "For that reason, we cannot replicate the all-you-can-eat board plan which we offer at the Little Building."

Andrew Mahoney, director of Auxiliary **see Zero, page 2**

## Kicking the habit: The road to quitting starts with a single step

This is the first in a four part series tracking an Emerson freshman's attempt to quit smoking via four seminars organized by Emerson Health Services.

**Karen Mann**  
Beacon correspondent

After smoking cigarettes for more than four years, freshman WLP major Kennedy Holmes has decided it's time to quit. She stopped smoking two weeks ago and, like many people, has chosen to quit for health reasons.

Kennedy tried quitting once last summer. That lasted only a few weeks. Now, as a college student, she has two new reasons for thinking it's the time to quit.

"I'm a lot busier now, so I don't have as much free time to think about smoking a cigarette," Holmes said. "And also most of my friends here don't smoke. At home, they all smoke."

Holmes went to Emerson Health Services to get information about quitting, and saw flyers advertising a series of four "quit smoking" seminars. Holmes signed up, beginning her journey down the nicotine-free road.

"I figured this would be a good way to keep me on track and give me the support I need," she said, adding that when she quit in the past, she had no initiative to keep going. She hopes that this Emerson-run program will do just that.

Family Nurse Practitioner Kathy Fitzgerald is leading the four-week smoking cessation program for Emerson students

to quit smoking. Fitzgerald has put on anti-smoking programs before, but never at Emerson. She said she believes that it is important to reach teenage smokers, because they are they ones who are targeted most by advertising companies.

According to the Center for Disease Control, 26.9% of people age 18-24 smoke. This is higher than any other age group.

Smoking is one of the hardest habits to kick, because, according to Fitzgerald, "cigarettes contain some of the most addictive chemicals, and are considered the most socially accepted drug."

Fitzgerald, a reformed smoker, says students can kick the habit as long as they are in the right frame of mind. "When I was quitting, the biggest thing was preparing myself ahead of time for the temptations and hardships that would come with quitting."

The first session, held Nov. 5., was small, but the low turnout made for a more intimate and interactive seminar. Fitzgerald asked questions about each smoker's personal history and experiences.

Holmes liked that Fitzgerald took the time to talk to them individually, and said that she felt very comfortable being there.

To make this seminar different than other anti-smoking ones, Fitzgerald wants the students to focus on where their addiction comes from and identify their smoking patterns. The students agreed that boredom and free time is one of the main reasons they light up.

She also wants students to realize that it

is not easy to quit.

"It usually takes a smoker four to five attempts before successfully quitting," she said.

Because of this, students in the program do not quit cold-turkey. In the second week, they cut down their cigarette intake by one half. In the third week, they stop smoking completely. The fourth week is a check-in to see how students are doing after a week of not smoking.

Fitzgerald is also encouraging the students to get into a good exercise regiment.

"Walking releases the same endorphins that nicotine does," she said. "Next time you are stressed and crave a cigarette, try going for a walk instead."

Students who participate in the program receive a one-week pass to the fitness center to encourage them to start working out.

According to the American Cancer Society, a person puts on about five pounds when they stop smoking, as his or her metabolic rate slows down.

This discourages many people from quitting. A smoker, however, would have to gain 80 to 100 lbs. to equal the health risks of smoking.

After the first week, students left with a positive attitude.

"I thought that it was a really good effort on their part. Kathy had a lot of good stuff to say; I learned some new things," Holmes said.

One tip that the students seemed to really like was the ice water trick. Drinking a lot of ice water confuses the brain waves, and often the urge to smoke is lost as a result.

The program, which runs Wednesdays from 5 to 6 p.m., is still open to students, and they are encouraged to come participate.

"It is nice to have other students there that are going through the same thing that I am," Holmes said.



Beacon photo/Karen Mann

Kennedy Holmes (right) stopped smoking in the summer, but is seeking the help of Nurse Practitioner Kathy Fitzgerald (top) to stay the course.

# Flook teaches bestselling experience

Drake Lucas  
Beacon correspondent

The murder of Christa Worthington brought national attention to the quiet town of Truro. Worthington had traveled the world as a fashion writer before settling down in the small town on Cape Cod. As a result of an affair with a local fisherman, she had a daughter, Ava, who she was raising on her own. There, in January of 2002, Worthington was stabbed to death in her home. The case remains open.

Maria Flook, a writer-in-residence at Emerson, wrote about the murder and the town's reaction in her book, "Invisible Eden," published last June. The book spent numerous weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list. The book has also sparked controversy from Worthington's family.

On the Emerson campus, Flook is known outside of the success and attention of her recent book. To the graduate students that meet with Flook for class every Monday, she is a committed teacher and writer, known more for honest critiques of students' work than for her own published work.

On Cape Cod, however, Flook is known as the author of "Invisible Eden," a book that reminded the nation of Worthington's murder and brought the spotlight back to Truro. This created tension between Flook and Worthington's survivors. They accused Flook of exposing the victim and questioned her close relationship with the DA on the case.

Amyra Chase, Ava's guardian, said the book contained inaccuracies and will cause Ava a lifetime of pain. Worthington's family wanted District Attorney Michael O'Keefe taken off the case for comments he made to Flook that revealed private information



Photo courtesy of David Rosen

*Emerson writer-in-residence Maria Flook wrote a bestselling book this summer that generated controversy on Cape Cod.*

about the case. Flook was criticized for imagining Worthington's and Ava's thoughts and describing intimate scenes only Worthington could have known about.

She also said her involvement in the town brought on more criticism from locals than an outsider may have, as they were more upset at one of their own coming to talk about them. Flook notes in the book that she lived one mile from Worthington in Truro, although she had never met her.

Flook interviewed over 80 people for the book. "Nothing was invented. Nothing was fictionalized," Flook said. She compares her book to Sebastian Junger's "A Perfect Storm" and Truman Capote's "In Cold Blood," in which the authors took real facts and characters and put them into scenes.

"To get empathy from the readers, you have to make the

characters come alive," she said, adding that she remained true to the facts.

Flook identified with Worthington as a writer of the same generation and as a single mother. Flook refutes the idea that the book will cause Ava harm. She described in the book how much Worthington wanted Ava. "I think Christa will be portrayed to Ava as someone who loved Ava," Flook said, "and that will be very important to her."

Although she did not expect the controversy, Flook said she would not have changed how she wrote the book. Emerson students appreciate this honest approach to writing. Flook looks at human conflict as the basis of writing and doesn't shy away from difficult topics.

In her book, "My Sister Life," she tells of her sister's disap-

pearance and involvement with prostitution. "If the writing is very comfortable, it's got to be boring," she said. "You have to be on edge as a writer."

"I've found writing to be my survival tactic," she added, citing her sister's disappearance when she was 12 as an occurrence in her life that put her into the position of being a storyteller. For Flook, writing was a way to figure it out, accept things, and transform things.

As a writer-in-residence, Flook teaches advanced fiction writing to Emerson graduate students. It is an opportunity for her to share her experience with writers on their way toward a career. "She sees us as professionals and wants us to see ourselves as professionals," said Ellen Goodenow, a second year MFA student in Flook's class.

Carah Faircloth, another one of Flook's students, is inspired by Flook's love of literature and writing. "She tries to get at the heart of writing...she loves the craft and process of writing," said Faircloth, a second year MFA student.

Faircloth also said having Flook as a teacher is important because many people don't understand the life of a writer. "Writing can be a very lonely thing to do," said Faircloth. "It's nice to have someone teaching who has been through it."

Flook described writing as an affliction or addiction. "I like to talk to (my students) writer to writer," she said. "I want to discuss with them how to live the difficult existence of always having to think about writing something."

She is working on an afterword for the paperback edition of "Invisible Eden" that discusses O'Keefe's conflicts and new cases. She continues to write about Cape Cod. Her next novel is due out in the fall of 2004.

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Services, when contacted by *The Beacon*, would not elaborate on Delleo's comments.

Wishnia, who has lived on the west side of the Emerson campus for four years, is eager to see if the proposal generates some positive feedback and support. "I've wanted to see this happen since freshman year," he said.

The plan, which would deduct meals from the students' Emerson ID meal plan, is different from a board bucks transaction, which it would deduct meal credits rather than a cash-like sum placed on the ID cards at the beginning of each semester.

Students are supporting the plan, and see it as a convenience for those living on the west side of campus. More than 200 students signed the petition at

100 Beacon St. Twenty-four hours after it was made available at the desks of the Arlington and Beacon St. dorms. Wishnia predicted that about 700 signatures will be tallied from all of the petitions on campus, including the latest petition handed out to all LB Residence Assistants.

Many west campus students said they have to visit the dining hall at the LB because of the expensive entrees at the diner. "If say, you were one of those students with the \$350 board bucks plan, with the entrees being about \$10 each - including drink, that's 35 meals...[that's] clearly not enough for the whole semester," Erick Fos, a freshman theater

design technology major, said.

More activity may be generated on the west side, as some students think LB residents will be more prone to attend the diner for dinner or lunch once their meal plan applies there as well.

*"There's no traffic at Zero Marlborough. It's virtually a desert."*

—Andrew Wishnia

"There's no traffic at Zero Marlborough," Wishnia said. "It's virtually a desert."

Part of the reason for this lack of traffic has to do with the cost of food at the diner. Many students say that, because they don't want to spend the extra Board Bucks to eat at the diner, they try to make it to the Little Building dining hall for lunch and dinner. Breakfast is not an

option at the diner.

This is not the first time students have tried to change the meal plan. In December 2000, students protested a meal plan that allowed them either 7, 14 or 19 meals a week without guest meals. Students found the food unhealthy, and the plan an inconvenience. Time and money were among the largest concerns regarding the prior-to-2000 meal plan.

Explaining why he's bringing forth the proposal now, Wishnia said, "the proposal for a new meal plan at Marlborough is not too late." He said the SGA now has time to focus on the proposal and have it accepted by Auxiliary Services and the Emerson community at large. Progress has been steady, Wishnia said.

Wishnia said the proposal will be given to members of the administration later this week.

## Faculty authors celebrated

Meg Neal  
Beacon correspondent

The Office of Graduate Studies and In The Limelight, a campus group that celebrates Emerson faculty's accomplishments, held the seventh annual Emerson author's event last Thursday, Nov. 6, in the President's Room of the library. Seventeen faculty authors were awarded framed certificates for their recent publications.

The list of honorees included: Jan Roberts-Breslin, David Daniel, Maria Flook, Nigel Gibson, Phillip Glenn, Michele Goldsmith, Lise Haines, Robert Hilliard, Jeffrey Seglin, Jane Shattuc, James Sheldon, Peter Jay Shippy, Dawn Skorczewski, John Skoyles, Shujen Wang, Scott Wheeler, and Leon Wynter.

Wynter, a journalism professor, was chosen as this year's speaker, and discussed the hot topics in his book, "American Skin: Pop Culture, Big Businesses, and the End of White America," which was published last summer.

Wynter spoke about the "browning of America" as seen by effects of non-white ethnic groups in mainstream culture. "The significance of being white in our culture will continue to become incidental," he said.

Wynter argued that a new American culture is emerging—one that signals the end of whiteness as we know it and the beginning of a diverse mixing pot. In "American Skin" he writes, "We live in a country where the 'King of Pop' was born black and a leading rap M.C. is white...whiteness is in steep decline as the primary measure of America."

Each year, the Office of Graduate Studies chooses a speaker based on the interesting and important subject matter of a faculty member's book. "The book really promotes your thinking about the subject," Graduate Studies Director Donna Schroth said about "American Skin."

This is Wynter's first semester at Emerson. He previously penned a business and race column for the *Wall Street Journal*, and has always been interested in the subjects of race and multiculturalism. He hopes to continue to incorporate discussions of these subjects in his journalism classes.

"I'm going to explore these issues within a teaching context," he said. "The best place to write another book is from teaching."

## Public Safety Log

### Tuesday, Nov. 4

- Emerson Police removed a person from Dunkin' Donuts who was harassing customers.
- Emerson Police responded to a report from a Dunkin' Donuts employee of a customer doing drugs. The patron was removed from the store and no drugs were found.

### Wednesday, Nov. 5

- Emerson Police and Health & Hospital Ambulance assisted a handicapped man who had

lost consciousness from excessive alcohol consumption in the middle of the LaGrange and Tremont Street intersection. The male was taken to New England Medical Center for treatment.

### Thursday, Nov. 6

- Emerson Police received a report from the Office of Housing and Residence Life of marijuana use at 100 Beacon St.

### Friday, Nov. 7

- Health & Hospital ambulance

transported an underage student to Massachusetts General Hospital from 100 Beacon St. after the student was found intoxicated and vomiting. The student was suffering from alcohol poisoning and OHRL was notified.

- Emerson Police removed a pan-handler from Dunkin' Donuts that was bothering customers.

Emerson Police removed a troublesome patron from LaBoom nightclub at the request of the manager. The same individual

was removed by police later that night for causing a disturbance in front of 120 Boylston St. He will be summoned to court for his behavior.

### Saturday, Nov. 8

- An Emerson student reported having personal property stolen from him inside 180 Tremont St.
- Emerson Police investigated a report of a fire alarm sounding at 100 Beacon St. The investigation revealed the alarm to be a faulty smoke detector, not an alarm.

### Sunday, Nov. 9

- Emerson Police transported a student to New England Medical Center after the student complained of shortness of breath.

### Monday, Nov. 10

- An Emerson student reported the theft of their wallet from the darkroom at 180 Tremont St.

Emerson Police responded to four intrusion/panic alarms from Nov. 4 - 10.

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# MBTA raises transportation rates

## Off-campus students paying more for daily commute to Emerson

David Ayers

Beacon correspondent

The 54 percent of Emerson students who live off-campus have a new problem to deal with on top of high rent, uninterested landlords and giant bugs invading their rooms— now the 'T' costs an extra 25 cents for that long morning commute.

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's (MBTA) decision last month to raise its transportation rates has many Emerson College commuters living in and around Boston more conscious of the term "spare change."

The price of riding the subway has raised from \$1 to \$1.25 and raised the price of the bus from 75 cents to 90 cents. Prices to ride on the MBTA's ferry and commuter rail have also been raised due to the fare hike, which went into effect during the first weekend of January.

The decision to increase public transportation rates came after an evaluation of MBTA production costs and its performance. According to MBTA Spokesman Joe Pesaturo, additional funds are needed to maintain existing services and providing improvements.

In a press release dated Nov. 6, 2003, Pesaturo said he expects the fare hike to bring in an additional \$49 million per year. According to Pesaturo, these additional funds will allow busses to run more often, stop at each stop more frequently, assist in the creation of an express service offered on the Fitchburg commuter rail line, increase MBTA security and allow for more travel on the Green line at night by deploying more two-car trains.

The MBTA eventually plans to install Automated Fare Collection equipment for the bus and subway systems.

Even with these improvements, many of the 1,275 students who live off-campus prefer to live in the Back Bay

or Beacon Hill areas because of their proximity to campus.

"Students always want to live close [to Emerson]," said Aynsley Diamond, the Coordinator of Off-Campus Student Services. "It could have something to do with the MBTA. Many students do not want to be on the subway all the time."

The majority of off-campus students, however, do not live relatively close to the campus. Most commute from Allston, Brighton and Brookline where rent and housing costs are cheaper in the areas around Emerson. These students have to take some form of public transportation to get to class each day.

Elisa Smilovitz, a freshman film major, said she is frustrated over the transportation fare raise.

"The \$1.25 fee is not as convenient, it's annoying when you have to carry around an extra quarter," she said.

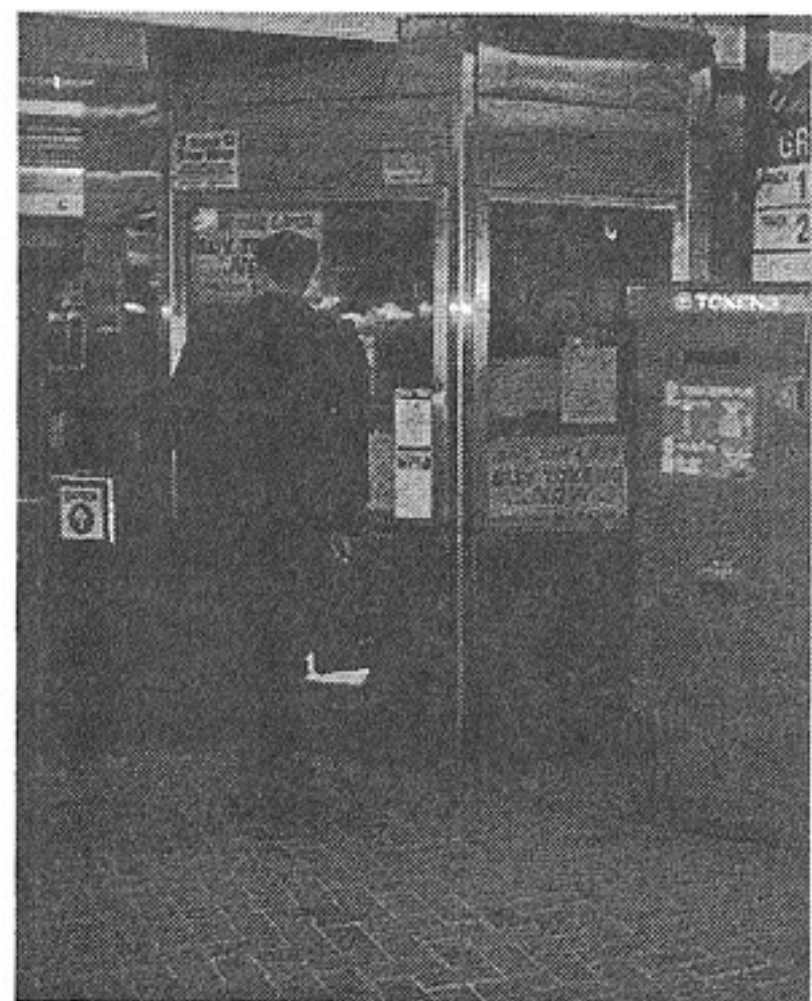
Yet, Smilovitz said the 'T' fare is still cheaper compared to similar public transportation systems in other urban areas such as New York City. There, the fare for a subway or local bus ride is \$2.00 and \$4.00 for an express bus ride.

Students can avoid the frustrations of having to carry more loose change to pay for the higher transportation by buying a transportation pass.

The MBTA Semester Pass Program offers a special 11% discount to Emerson students on bus, subway, and commuter rail monthly transit passes.

Students who use public transportation often enough may find obtaining an MBTA semester pass beneficial. Frequent use can result in riding the 'T' for less than the standard \$1.25 fare. The semester pass may not be ideal for everyone-- those students who find themselves using the 'T' only five or six times a week would actually lose money with this pass.

While off-campus student Weber



Beacon photo/Julia Swanwick

Emerson students will have to carry more change now that the MBTA has raised the price of riding the 'T' to \$1.25.

called the increased 'T' fare "pain in the butt," he finds owning an MBTA pass helpful. The majority of other off-campus students agree.

Diamond said many students signed up for the pass this semester knowing that there would be an increase in public transportation costs. In fact, 625 students had signed up for the semester pass prior to the beginning of spring semester, an increase of 100 students from the fall 2003 semester.

While the cost for a semester pass has gone up, students who already purchased a pass for this semester have only been charged the previous semester's price.

Though the deadline for the spring semester MBTA pass has passed, information regarding the semester pass (for both fall and spring) is available online at the Off-Campus Student Services.

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open dialogue with the administration."

The letter adopted by the assembly was drafted by the body's Strategy/Planning Committee made up of faculty members Elizabeth Baeten, Michael Weiler, Roberts-Breslin, Cynthia Bartlett and Jerry Lanson, who also chairs the journalism department.

Addressed to Emerson College students, parents, alumni, trustees, overseers and friends, the letter explains, "why members of the Emerson College's Faculty Assembly consider it essential to be involved in the governance of the institution and why the Faculty believe it is equally essential to maintain the type of contractual relationship with the college that has existed for so long."

For a heated hour and a half, the assembly debated whether to first send the letter to only the president and trustees. They eventually voted 57 to 22 to send the letter to the entire community immediately. Five voting members abstained from the final vote.

Payne said he wasn't surprised by the assembly's swift decision to send the letter, but said plans have not been made to distribute the letter yet.

"Alums have already contacted members of the faculty council wanting to know how to get that document out to the community," he said. "Students and staff members have also shown an interest in helping it out to everyone."

David Rosen, vice president of public affairs for the college, said the assembly's decision is not a step in the direction of open dialogue.

"They are creating controversy and drawing attention to the fact that there is a dispute between the faculty and administration," he said. "That's not a constructive attitude."

Several faculty members criticized the lack of communication between the faculty, board of trustees and administration at Tuesday's meeting. The trustees canceled a previously scheduled meeting with full-time faculty leadership Monday in light of last

week's vote of no confidence.

The administration yesterday issued a four-page response to the no confidence vote, highlighting claims made by the faculty regarding contract negotiations and the role of faculty in the academic affairs of the college. The response was sent to the board of trustees, members of the faculty and *The Beacon*, according to Rosen.

In the letter, the administration writes: "If the faculty elects to continue its union, the College is still committed to maintaining a strong faculty role in matters pertaining to the curriculum, as well as faculty hiring, promotion and tenure procedures. In other words, the administration does not seek to eliminate the faculty's role in academic matters. It seeks the union leadership's attempts to manage the College."

The Board of Trustees a released a statement Monday voicing continued confidence in the administration.

While the faculty assembly met Tuesday, the Student Government Association gathered simultaneously across the street. SGA President Andrew Wishnia said the organization discussed the faculty-administration tensions during the meeting and formed an executive board, including Wishnia, Vice President Hadley Klein and Treasurer B.J. Warminski to gather more information.

"This is something that the SGA definitely wants to speak about," Wishnia said. "But I don't know if it's something the SGA will take a formal position on."

Wishnia added that the dispute is having a negative effect on the students and the college overall.

"Both sides really need to sit down and hash out their differences because the only people they're hurting are themselves and the college's reputation," he said. "The main thing is it seems like the rhetoric on both sides need to be toned down."

The Faculty Assembly will be returning to the issue of no confidence vote in its meeting next month. No further contract negotiation sessions between the full-time faculty and the administration have been scheduled.

## The issues at hand in the faculty, administration dispute

*Editor's note: The following are selected excerpts from statements by the parties involved in the full-time union contract negotiations.*

### Faculty Assembly letter January 27, 2004

"...The lack of candor about what the administration really wants might be attributed simply to bargaining tactics if it were not so emblematic of a deeper, more long-standing problem of leadership at the college: the near complete absence of direct, face-to-face communication between the president and the faculty..."

"...Honest negotiations require two parties at the table working in good faith. At this point we are losing trust and confidence in the administration of Emerson College and its willingness to operate in such good faith."

### Administration letter January 28, 2004

"...If the faculty elects to continue its union, the College is still committed to maintaining a strong faculty role in matters pertaining to the curriculum, as well as faculty hiring, promotion and tenure procedures. In other words, the administration does not seek to eliminate the faculty's role in academic matters. It seeks to stop the union

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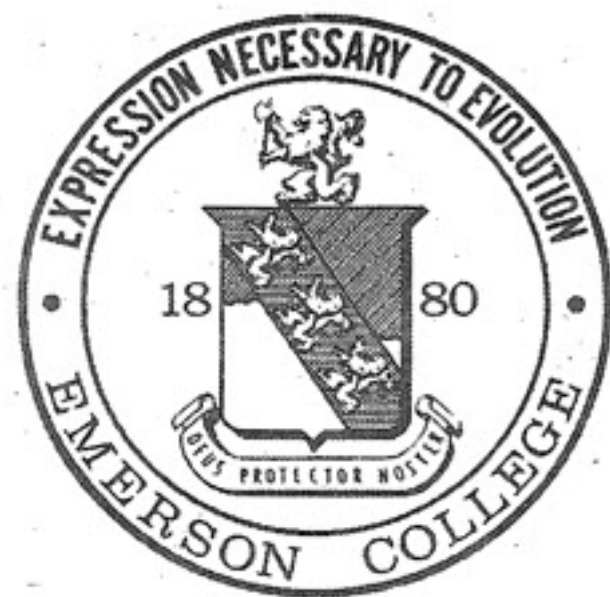
"...As a group, full-time faculty members at Emerson are among the highest paid at any master's-degree-granting institution in the country. The administration is committed to preserving the economic gains that the faculty has made over the years whether or not they choose to remain unionized."

### Board of Trustees letter January 26, 2004

"...The Board of Trustees of Emerson College expresses its unanimous support for President Jacqueline Liebergott, Vice President for Administration and Finance Robert Silverman, and the able staff they have assembled. No administration in recent memory has done more to advance the interests and reputation of the college. We are proud of our school, of our students and, yes, we are proud of our faculty, too..."

"...We were shocked by the no confidence and even more shocked to read about the vote and the private meeting we had scheduled with faculty members in The Boston Globe. We had hoped that this meeting would produce a constructive dialogue, but it appears this goal is unachievable at this time..."





# Lawmakers continue marriage debate

## Emerson organizations step up efforts to support gay marriage position

Caitlin Kenney  
Beacon correspondent

The Massachusetts State Legislature last night defeated two proposed constitutional amendments which would have defined marriage as the union of one man and one woman. This now leaves the possibility of a total ban without any benefits for same sex couples or letting the state's constitution remain the same.

The constitutional convention began yesterday with the decision to move the gay marriage amendment from its original spot as eighth on the list to the top of the agenda.

Once the decision was made, House Speaker Tom Finneran, a strong opponent of gay marriage who was trying to preserve marriage as only between a man and a woman through a constitutional amendment, proposed a new version of the defense of marriage amendment (DOMA). Finneran's proposal would have banned gay marriage, but given the legislature the opportunity to create civil unions for same-sex couples at a later date. The amendment was defeated by a narrow vote of 100-98.

The heated debate then moved on to an amendment proposed by Senate leaders, which differed from Finneran's proposal by calling for the immediate creation of civil unions and the ban of gay marriage.

Shortly after 8 p.m., the amendment was also defeated by another narrow margin of 104-94. The convention then recessed, resuming at noon today.

The latest developments in this struggle may mean more work for Emerson's Alliance for Gays, Lesbians, and Everyone (EAGLE), who have been publicly fighting this cause even before last year's landmark decision where the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruled that gay couples have the right to marry under the state's constitution.

On Tuesday, around a dozen EAGLE members joined thousands of other gay marriage supporters at a rally organized by MassEquality at the statehouse. The rally came just two days after Catholic Youth Voice protested gay marriage at the same location. Several EAGLE members said the prior rally only made the day's event that much more important.

"We suffered really bad publicity earlier this week because of those 2,000 people marching for anti-gay marriage," said Joe Gizzi, senior EAGLE Treasurer. "Today is very pivotal as far as the decisions that are



Beacon photo/ Renée Nadeau

Pro-gay marriage advocates stood up to anti-gay marriage protestors on Sunday during a rally on the Boston Common.

going to be made impacting not just Massachusetts but the rest of country," Gizzi said.

EAGLE members held signs provided by MassEquality and waited in line to go into the statehouse.

Sophomore EAGLE member Brian Samuels said he was there because he wanted to show that he is just like everyone else.

"I just happen to be gay," Samuels said. "I'm also a student and I'm a filmmaker."

EAGLE President Maggie Crowley, who skipped all of her classes to attend the rally, called the turnout "fantastic."

Though EAGLE members were not able to gain access inside the actual Statehouse, they were not disappointed.

"I'd rather have too many people here and not be allowed to get in and just to be able to experience it, than not have enough people and be disappointed," Gizzi said. "Because now we are really showing our numbers and this can't be ignored."

EAGLE members stayed at the statehouse for about an hour waving signs and joining group chants like "Defend don't amend."

Despite many legislators' recent announcements of support for civil unions, which offer many of the benefits of marriage without the title, members of EAGLE still feel this is not enough.

"Six months ago we might have been happy with civil unions, but the court has spoken and we will not be satisfied with less than how they've interpreted the law," Crowley said.

Freshman TV/video major Jamal Barone agrees with Crowley. "I think to amend the constitution just sets us back," he said. "I think they made a stride forward and then they are going to take two steps back and I think that is unfair."

While the establishment of civil unions would provide legal benefits for same-sex couples at the state level, it would leave them exempt from what the Gay & Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD) estimate to be 1,049 federal legal protections and responsibilities that married couples have access to.

"It does not give the name of marriage, which is really fundamental to what we're talking about," Crowley said. "It's this brand new thing that was invented to keep gays and lesbians out of the institution of marriage, so it's inherently discriminatory."

Another rally supporting same-sex marriage rights was held at the statehouse this morning.

Unless an amendment is passed defining

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# Faculty, administration present issues to SGA

David Ayers  
Beacon correspondent

The ongoing feud between Emerson's administration and faculty continued this week with faculty representatives likening the dispute to a messy divorce spat.

"It's like a couple getting a divorce and they just can't have that direct communication because of the lawyers," said Janet Craft, vice president of the full-time faculty union, at a meeting Tuesday with the Student Government Association (SGA).

During the past two weeks, President Jacqueline Liebergott, and faculty representatives met in separate sessions with the SGA to provide the student body with more information regarding the dispute between the faculty and administration.

In the midst of negotiations for full-time faculty contracts, which expire June 30, the faculty and administration have been quarreling over issues such as the inclusion of teachers in academic decisions and the role of department chairs in the faculty union.

Both parties stressed a need for better communication with the student body at the meetings. Members of Emerson's faculty assembly and full-time faculty union also discussed distinctions between the role of the union and the role of the assembly the significance of a "no confidence vote." Liebergott offered two options in resolving the current negotiation conflict.

Faculty representatives at Tuesday's meeting also passed out a rebuttal to a statement released by the administration in January, which responded to a letter written by the assembly.

The faculty assembly has attempted to have its letter distributed to the Emerson community, but has not yet found a viable option, according to Greg Payne, president of the organization.

Liebergott told the SGA her stance is different.

"I'm not trying to keep back from communication, I'm just trying to keep you out of the middle of this," she said.

Yet some SGA members said they have a right to know about these issues because they affect the student body.

"She made it a communications issue [between faculty and administration]," said Eddie Jones, class of 2004 president. "I would have liked for her to acknowledge that this is an issue that affects students."

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# Alumni Association representative to board of trustees resigns

Cynthia Roy  
Beacon staff

In an effort to bring attention to what he calls "a serious lack of communication" between Emerson College administrators, faculty, students and alumni, Glenn Meehan, an Alumni Association representative to the board of trustees resigned last week.

Meehan, an '83 graduate who has served as a member of the alumni group for four years, sent an e-mail to fellow

association members, Alumni Affairs Director Barbara Rutberg and President Jacqueline Liebergott last Thursday. It said, "Emerson will continue to be in my heart, but I can no longer support the college or the president under these circumstances."

In the e-mail, Meehan said he was unhappy with the ongoing labor dispute between the college's faculty union and the administration and is disappointed with Liebergott's new \$5,800-a-month apartment provided by the college. He

also cited as a reason for his resigning the decision last year to rename the Emerson Majestic Theatre to reflect a significant donation made by Ted Cutler, chairman of the Emerson Board of Trustees.

"The alumni board is a group of talented people and I have enjoyed working with them, but when you are told not to speak up, to keep your mouth shut when you are unhappy, this is not the type of thing I can support," Meehan said in a phone interview from his home in Los Angeles.

Meehan's position, however, doesn't represent that of the Alumni Association, which has yet to take a stance in the increasingly heated battle between faculty and college leaders, said Alumni Association President Sandra Goldfarb.

"I feel very badly because Glenn is a friend of mine and a colleague," she said. "He obviously has very strong feelings, but they don't reflect the feelings of the alumni board. I think our feeling is that what's in the best interest of the

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Love...

'Cause you're worth it too!

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# Playwright Edward Albee to visit college

Kaelyn Parlin

Beacon correspondent

Renowned playwright Edward Albee will be visiting Emerson College to lecture on theater in America and his own experience during the first week of March.

Jon Dambrosio, a junior film student and self-proclaimed lover of drama, cannot wait for Albee to speak in his Writing the Feature Film course.

"My favorite play was *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*," he said. "The man uses wonderful dialogue, sets the scenes and provides exemplary character interaction in all of his work."

From March 1 through March 3, Albee will be on-campus working with Emerson students. On March 2, Albee will have an open question and answer session at 5 p.m. in the Tufte Performance & Production Center prior to his lecture on the state of theater in America at 7

p.m. in the Majestic Theatre. He will also be teaching graduate-level classes during his visit.

John Vanderen, a writing, literature and publishing major, is equally as excited for Albee's appearance. He plans on attending his lecture on March 2 and he said he is "all about his visit."

Albee is known for his award winning plays such as *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*, *Seascape* and *Three Tall Women*, only a few of the nearly 30 plays he has written throughout his successful career.

He has won three Pulitzer Prizes, two Tony Awards, and the National Medal of Arts from the New York Drama Critics circle.

His works are known for their drama, social relevance, passionate storylines and impressive use of language.

The 75-year-old dramatist commented on the running theme in his plays during an interview conducted by the Kennedy Center.

"Every one of my plays is an act of optimism, because I make the assumption that it is possible to communicate with other people," Albee said.

John Bell, assistant professor of performing arts, described Albee as "compelling and interesting."

Bell said, "it will be amazing [for the students] to listen and ask questions about his work, which we study through the American definition of drama."

Albee is coming to Emerson as part of its "Visiting Artist Program." The program is funded by anonymous donors and responsible for past visitors like actress Whoopi Goldberg, writer/director Julie Taymor and artist/musician Laurie Anderson.

Albee was asked by Grafton Nunes, dean of the school of the arts, to come to Emerson because of the significant difference Albee has made in drama and the amazing influence he has maintained throughout his career, Bell said.

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Jones said that Liebergott's address was "much more intimate than I thought it was going to be; very interactive."

However, some students said that Liebergott spoke with reservation.

"She was being very careful," said writing, literature and publishing senator Nikki Lau. "I wouldn't say she was not being honest, but just cautious with her words."

Lau said she would have liked for Liebergott to answer the SGA's questions in more depth.

"I would have liked for her to talk more about the no confidence vote because it's a disgrace to the college," she said.

Liebergott told the SGA she is meeting with both lawyers and administration regularly and has attended a handful of labor negotiation sessions already. She is scheduled to attend the meetings every two weeks.

"We may meet even more frequently as we make it into April," she said.

According to Payne, however, there have been numerous attempts to encourage an open discussion between administration and faculty prior to the consideration of voting no confidence in President Jacqueline Liebergott.

"We [the Full-Time Faculty Assembly] have repeatedly invited administration to engage in dialogue with us," Payne said. "President Liebergott has come only once."

After the full-time union's vote of no confidence last month the Faculty Assembly proposed a no confidence vote in Liebergott and will discuss it at this month's meeting.

Jerry Lanson, an associate professor and chair of Emerson's journalism department, justified the purpose for the vote of no confidence in Liebergott.

"It's a message that this is not an appropriate way to deal with faculty," he said.

However, "there still is and should be room for dialogue, discussion, and resolution," Lanson added.

The first option to Liebergott's two-pronged resolution plan is to negotiate a new union contract, excluding the department chairs. She is prepared to bargain "in good faith."



Beacon photo/Jessica Monarca

Members of the SGA at Tuesday's meeting in the Student Union where faculty representatives came to speak. President Liebergott also met with the organization in a separate meeting the week before.

Liebergott feels her experience on both sides of the bargaining table makes her believe that regardless of the negotiation's outcome, department chairs should not be part of the faculty.

"Department chairs have two-fold responsibilities," Liebergott said. "To manage and to make academic programs stronger."

She said that most of the department chairs' roles are managerial since their duties include hiring faculty, supervising staff and ensuring a flow of communication within the department.

"A chair's role has gotten managerially complex," Liebergott said. "Not just at Emerson College, but everywhere."

To compete with these demands, Liebergott urged department chairs to step outside their faculty role."

The second option she discussed involves the negotiation of a faculty handbook that faculty committees would create with the approval of the administration. This handbook, which faculty members would be required to follow, changes how the college operates and would include a new grievance procedure for the faculty to follow.

"A faculty handbook includes much

of the content that is currently in our labor agreement," Liebergott said. "It is basically a set of agreements faculty and administration would agree on to conduct business."

At the end of the negotiating process in late June, faculty members can pursue either option.

SGA President Andrew Wishnia commented at Tuesday's meeting that both sides had legitimate points.

He then posed a question, to which he answered himself: "In the long run who is this hurting?" He continued, "it's not hurting the faculty, they can find jobs anywhere, and it's certainly not hurting the administration. . . it's hurting students in the end."

Students interested in learning more about this issue will be able to attend a meeting with the president to discuss these issues on two separate occasions. The first meeting will be on Feb. 18 in the Student Union and the other is scheduled for Feb. 25 in the Little Building.

Emerson's full-time Faculty Assembly is also planning some kind of open forum, one with no set agendas.

Lanson said, "We need to find a way to talk."

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school is to get the players in a room and talk."

Meehan said alumni have been urged to write letters and make phone calls to Liebergott, expressing their support for the administration. Although she wouldn't comment on specifics, Goldfarb, in response, said she was not sure if that was happening.

Rutberg said she wished Meehan would have told her about his issues with the college before resigning.

"If he had a problem, he should have come and talked to us first," she said. "Before going crazy about it, talk to me first and I could give you someone who could have guided you in the right direction."

This is the second time Meehan has

attempted to leave the Alumni Association. He threatened to quit the board last year after a meeting with Liebergott and other alums at which the president allegedly told the group that most of them would not be admitted to the college today, as the minimum SAT score for applicants continues to rise, he said.

He said he would not rescind his resignation this time.

"I will not come back as long as Jackie is president and Cutler is the president of the board of trustees," he said.

College spokesman David Rosen said Meehan's resignation is "unfortunate, but not significant."

"It's clear to me he has some deep-seated issues with the college and the direction it's taken in the past 10 years," he said. "He's living in this romanticized fantasy world of Emerson College

and he is unhappy with the changes that have been made."

Liebergott was out of town when Meehan sent his resignation, but Rosen said it is likely the president will want to talk to him when she returns.

Goldfarb said she is unsure whether the Alumni Association chose an interim representative to the board of trustees or hold off until it's annual elections at the end of the academic year.

In the meantime, Meehan is trying to start an unofficial alumni board he is calling "Take Back Emerson," which would pair current students and alums in hopes the two groups could protest the college's recent actions.

"Emerson's unique," he said. "You can support the administration or you can support the teachers. But whatever you do, you must express how you feel."

THE 11TH HOUR

BY Cynthia Roy

## Thanks GW, you're doing a fine job

*"He had the capacity to have a weapon, make a weapon. We thought he had weapons. The international community thought he had weapons. But he had the capacity to make a weapon and then let that weapon fall into the hands of a shadowy terrorist network."*

~President George W. Bush

So it turns out the United States went to war with Iraq because Saddam Hussein "had the capacity to have a weapon, make a weapon," President Bush told Americans last Sunday on "Meet the Press."

Interesting.

And here I was, under the impression that we waged this preemptive war because Saddam actually HAD weapons of mass destruction. And, we were told, he was an urgent threat that needed to be dealt with immediately. Those weapons stockpiles Bush was sure he would find—where did they go? Oh, I see, Saddam destroyed them minutes before we began bombing Iraq on March 17.

Clever fellow, that Saddam.

Ok, we screwed up a little. We thought we were on the brink of a nuclear catastrophe. Oops, sorry about that, we may have been wrong. So what do we do about this little situation? Our intelligence, Bush says, was inaccurate. The CIA made a few mistakes. Never fear, though, because W is on the case. He's formed a commission to figure out where our problems with intelligence information were. We're not going to just figure out what went wrong with the intelligence gathered about Iraq, though. Nope, we're going to do a complete scrub of our entire intelligence system.

But that's going to take some time, you see. Actually, a lot of time. We won't know anything until March 2005. Hey! Isn't there an election before that? Oh well, no matter. I'm sure the commission's findings wouldn't do anything to put a Bush reelection bid in jeopardy, anyhow.

And CIA Director George Tenet—what are we going to do about him?

Nothing.

Ok, swell. I mean, there's really no reason HE should lose his job. After all, everyone makes mistakes. You win some, you lose some. (Plus, we don't need anymore people unemployed. Three million people have already lost their jobs in the last three years, poor souls.)

In related news, those 530 American soldiers who died and the other 3,000 who have been wounded over there in Iraq did not suffer in vain, Bush says. No, they gave their lives so we could liberate the Iraqi people and help them set up a government just like ours. Yeah, so we may not understand their religion or their beliefs. So what? After all, the American way is the only way, right?

And, ok, Bush said in a 2000 debate that the US military would not be used for nation building. But that's not what we're doing over there in the Middle East. We're just cleaning up our mess before we go home. We'll be out of there soon, we swear.

And finally, there's this guy John Kerry. He's bothering our president. He wants the bossman's job, and he is spreading vicious rumors about Bush's motivation for this war. Something about oil, or what have you. Someone, please, stop this man.

After all, we wouldn't want someone so incompetent and arrogant calling the shots.

Right?

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# Dining hall gets a new layout

Over spring break, Emerson rearranged the dining hall, some students aren't happy

David Ayers  
Beacon staff

Since the beginning of the academic year, some Emerson students have noticed a lack of seating in the dining hall of the Little Building. Many throw jackets, backpacks and ID cards on tables to secure a place to eat. A few others, not as successful in employing such tactics, have to sit on the floor.

Some upperclassmen have noticed problems of overcrowding in past years. "There had been blockage before," said Patrick Rooney, a senior writing, literature and publishing major.

The issue of overcrowding in the dining hall was originally brought up in a dinner with President Jacqueline Liebergott and other administrators. Andrew Mahoney, director of Auxiliary Services, the office which runs the dining hall, was alerted of this problem first and then notified Building Manager of Property Management Marc Hamilton.

Since then, Hamilton and Mahoney, along with the Aramark Food Services staff, have examined the situation. Their findings suggest that what may seem like overcrowding is, in actuality, anything but. They agreed the issue does not have anything to do with the amount of seating available, but with how the seating is arranged.

According to Hamilton, there are 280 seats in the Little Building dining hall, and not all are being used.

Auxiliary Services and Property Management have noticed various seating arrangements amongst the students—many do not like to sit at tables with those they do not know.

"Common patterns are evident," Hamilton said. "Certain students get together in certain ways."

Prior to spring break, tables located in the back of the dining hall were broken up to accommodate these seating patterns. By the day's end, however, many



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*Despite the fact that the new table set-up in the dining hall was meant to promote efficiency in seating, some students find the new layout to be too cluttered and take up too much space.*

of the tables were moved back to their original positions—students had rejoined them. Property Management and Auxiliary Services have yet to address the problem of how to keep them in the new arrangements.

"We have to maintain the configurations, but we have to provide some flexibility as well," Hamilton said. "We are very aware of the way students sit together and alone."

Over the break, Auxiliary Services made new changes in the seating configuration of the Dining Hall.

Group seating has been broken up in an attempt to adapt to the patterns that have been noticed. It was found that most students generally didn't like to share the longer tables with others.

"We're going to experiment a little bit," Hamilton said before the break. "We're trying to provide better utilization of the dining hall."

Many students have been taken aback by the new configuration of the dining hall. Some have even garnered a general dislike for the new design.

"Not only is it unaesthetically appealing, but it's also hard to maneuver," said Molly Killian, a freshman print journalism and writing, literature and publishing double major.

Other students said the way the tables

have been moved makes it seem more cramped in the dining hall.

"I think they separated the tables a little too much," April Bartlett, a senior design technology major said. "People are sitting on top of people."

The recent seating arrangement is new and progress will be difficult to detect instantaneously, Hamilton said. Time is an important component for the reconfiguration process.

"This is the beginning of the experiment," Hamilton said in a later interview. "We're going to continue monitoring the situation."

More changes to the dining hall might still be made, and while these students may not have found the reconfiguration attractive, they are noticing a general improvement.

"It's a good try," Bartlett said. "It still needs a little more work, but it did get better."

Auxiliary Services and Property Management said that they would continue to work to provide the best setup in the dining hall based on how the students sit with one another.

But, there will be no automatic resolution.

"We cannot snap our fingers and all at once this becomes a working situation," Hamilton said.

## Public Safety Log

### Tuesday, March 16

- An Emerson student reported that her ex-boyfriend was seen outside of a college facility. The student wanted to make police aware because the couple had broken up, but said she did not feel that there was any threat from his presence.
- Emerson Police noticed a suspicious male walking into 216 Tremont St. When officers went to investigate, the person was found in the men's bathroom on the first floor getting ready to smoke crack cocaine.
- Emerson Police assisted a person who claimed their car was struck by the cross-campus shuttle bus.
- Emerson Police removed a man trespassing in 216 Tremont St. He was warned to stay away from Emerson property under threat of arrest for subsequent offenses.

### Wednesday, March 17

- Emerson Police and Facilities Management assisted in freeing a student who was stuck in an elevator on the ninth floor of 120 Boylston St.
- Emerson Police responded in front of 216 Tremont St. to assist a student who had been struck by a motor vehicle while crossing the street. The student sustained major head and bodily injuries and was transported to New England Medical Center for evaluation and treatment. The driver of the car was not cited with any crime.
- Emerson Police are investigating a CD

a student anonymously received and found offensive. No crime was committed.

### Thursday, March 18

- Emerson Police and Facilities Management assisted in freeing a student who was stuck in an elevator on the ninth floor of 120 Boylston St.
- The manager of Dunkin' Donuts in the Little Building reported a trespasser who was panhandling inside of the building. Campus police removed the man.

### Friday, March 19

- The Office of Housing and Residence Life (OHRL) reported two incidents of underage possession and consumption of alcohol at 80 Boylston St.
- Emerson Police found protest signs with anti-Emerson College administration messages attached to the fences bordering the plot of land at 150 Boylston St. While observing the posters being taken down by members of Facilities Management, an unknown person threw an object that struck one of the campus police officers in the face. The officer was not hurt and the incident is under investigation.
- Emerson Police and Facilities Management responded to a report of six students trapped in an elevator on the fourth floor of 120 Boylston St. They were all freed without any injury.
- Emerson Police removed a trespasser from 80 Boylston St. who was asking for change from students.

### Saturday, March 20

- Emerson Police removed an Emerson student who attempted to gain access into 100 Beacon St. by using another student's ID. He was stopped by security and the ID was confiscated.
- Emerson Police evaluated an Aramark employee who injured his arm and hand while working in the kitchen at 80 Boylston St. Officers evaluated the worker who refused treatment.

### Sunday, March 21

- An Emerson Police officer working a detail at the Cutler Majestic Theatre at 219 Tremont St. responded to the stage for a report that a performer had just suffered a heart attack. The officer evaluating the victim reported that he did not think that the person had suffered a heart attack, but the person was transported to NEMC for evaluation and treatment.
- Emerson Police transported a student with stomach pains and vomiting to Massachusetts General Hospital.

### Monday, March 22

- OHRL reported two violations of underage possession and consumption of alcohol and drugs. The first was for alcohol at 80 Boylston St. and the second was for marijuana at 100 Beacon St.
- Emerson Police are currently investigating the larceny of a coin box and a card swipe machine from the library at 120 Boylston St.

## McCarthyisms

BY BRENDAN MCCARTHY

### A very sticky situation

I admit it. I spit a little bit.

I don't expectorate all the time, just once in a great while. I have spat on sidewalks, in city streets and in gutters.

But my ineloquent hygiene didn't really weigh on my mind until the other day when I was strolling through a spittle minefield on Boylston Street and stepped in a fresh glob of gooey no-goodness. Shit, I thought, I just stepped in some dude's spit.

Later that day, while waiting for the T I watched a very cute grandmother expel a mouthful of phlegm on the track.

What I never knew was that both the sputum-dispensing granny and I were breaking the law. According to Mark Sweeney, from Boston's law department, spitting on city property is illegal and comes with a \$50 fine. "It's in the city ordinances," he said.

Often overlooked, perhaps spitting is the new "in" thing, soon to appear as the latest up and coming trend in the pages of Cosmo and GQ. It's not only James Dean cool, but Ashton Kutcher approved?

I headed to the cradle of all things cool, the smoker's spot at the front of the Little Building (LB). The stained sidewalk outside the building's entrance with cigarette butts strewn everywhere is home to every jaded chain-smoking and snot-spewing undergrad.

"I spit when I got to spit," sophomore James Raza said amid cigarette puffs. "There's nothing tricky about it."

Junior Ben Atkinson said he too spits, but that he doesn't promote the habit. Atkinson said spitters should try to project their mucus away from high traffic areas. "If I'm on the sidewalk I tend to go to the street to spit," he said.

Junior Emily Cotter, had a recent encounter with a man who "stopped, sniffed really loud and spit," she said. "It's absolutely the most unattractive thing I've ever seen."

Spitting is not only bad hygiene, it's also a public health issue. I called and left messages for the Emerson Health Center, thinking they could detail the health dangers of expectorating. They never called back. They must have been busy dispensing Aspirin.

Boston's Office of Public Health agreed that spit should stay in one's mouth. "It's just plain disgusting," one city health representative told me over the telephone. She declined to elaborate on spit.

So just like any college student with health questions, I called home. But instead of talking to Dr. Mom, I asked my sister, a junior nursing major at Rhode Island College, for help.

"Spit has bacteria in it," my 20-year-old sister, Kerin, said. "If an animal has rabies or carries a disease, their spit can transmit it. Bacteria can only be transmitted if a person has an open cut or through secretions."

Expectorating is illegal in other U.S. cities. In St. Paul, Minn., local law states, "no person shall spit, or expectorate, or deposit, or place any sputum, spittle, saliva, phlegm, mucus or tobacco juice upon any part of any sidewalk..."

And some international cities have even more stringent health codes to deter would-be expectorators. Last year, the city of Hong Kong cracked down on spitting in the wake of a SARS outbreak. Fines for spitting were nearly tripled to the equivalent of 192 U.S. dollars.

The area outside the LB is considered a no-smoking zone by Emerson Public Safety, but you can easily find at least half a dozen student smokers there each day. I called Chief William McCabe to find out if there were any plans to enforce the city ordinance on spitting, but he was unavailable for comment.

For now, spitters are safe. The no-smoking zone isn't yet a no-spit zone. But hey, spit happens.

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# Public Conversation sparks campus debate

Amanda Pinto  
Beacon staff

*"This is a college students want to attend. This is a college that its alumni are incredibly proud of."* —President Jacqueline Liebergott



Beacon photo/Elisa Smilovitz

Panelists from left to right: Faculty Assembly Chair Gregory Payne, Vice President of Public Affairs Linda Moore, President Jacqueline Liebergott, Vice President of Finance and Administration Robert Silverman, Dean of Students Ronald Ludman and Student Government Association President Andrew Wishnia.

Performance space, the suspension of admissions for dance majors and faculty and administration disputes emerged as some of the most important issues posed by students last Thursday at an Emerson community forum.

More than 160 students, faculty and administrators packed the Bill Bordy Auditorium for what was, at times, a heated discussion of student concerns. Others, unable to get into the auditorium, watched the event in the Little Building's dining hall on the Emerson Channel.

Panelists including President Jacqueline Liebergott, Vice President of Administration and Finance Robert Silverman, Vice President of Academic Affairs Linda Moore, Dean of Students Ronald Ludman, Associate Professor of Organizational and Political Communication Gregory Payne and Student Government Association (SGA) President Andrew Wishnia, addressed issues pertaining to Emerson's future.

David Brudnoy, a well-known WBZ radio talkshow host, served as moderator. Invited by the event sponsor Phi Alpha Tau, Brudnoy posed five questions written in advance

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## Former trustee chairman dies at 60

Caitlin Kenney  
Beacon staff

Charles Beard, a well-known Boston lawyer and former member of Emerson's Board of Trustees, died Monday after a long battle with cancer.

At age 60, Beard was an active man who enjoyed golf, jazz and collecting wine. He worked as a partner in the Boston law firm of Foley Hoag & Eliot, and was involved with a number of civic and educational organizations including the WGBH Education Foundation, Phillips Academy and Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

Mr. Beard was a 13 year member of the board of trustees and spent his last two years as chairman, ending in 2001.

President Jacqueline Liebergott acknowledged his commitment to Emerson with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 2001.

"When historians record the progress that Emerson College has made in recent

years, they will list your name among the leaders who helped transform a dream into a reality," Liebergott said in her speech.

An optimistic man who dreamed of a bright future for Emerson, Mr. Beard helped make the Campus on the Common a reality.

But Mr. Beard always wanted more, and it was this drive that inspired those around him. In the words of David Rosen, associate vice president of Public Affairs, Mr. Beard was "in a good way like a broken record, constantly pushing the administration to do more."

Larry Rasky, a member of the Board of Trustees who served with Mr. Beard, yesterday called him a "champion for diversity."

Rasky said he devoted a significant amount of energy to promoting diversity in campus, not only in students, but also in the staff and administration.

Mr. Beard was instrumental in helping secure funding from Fleet Bank for Emerson's new Diversity Center, according to Rosen.

But Mr. Beard's work in diversity didn't begin at Emerson. Associate Professor of Visual and Media Arts, Claire Andrade-Watkins wrote in an e-mail that her friend Mr. Beard was helping minority students in Boston long before he became part of the Emerson Community.

"He... taught us the ins and outs of surviving in institutions that were either directly or overtly hostile to our presence," Andrade-Watkins wrote in an e-mail.

Mr. Beard was a member of the Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association and was honored by The Boston Lawyers Group in 2001 as the first African-American to be named partner in a major Boston law firm—a title he received in 1979.

Mr. Beard is survived by his wife Vivian and son James.

## Seeking help after sexual assault

Andrea Gabbidon-Levene  
Beacon staff

It happened in her home. Lauren was 16 years old when "messing around" with her boyfriend went too far one night. She lost control over the situation within moments. She was confused. She didn't know what to say or think. She only knew she couldn't talk about it to anyone.

"We had messed around before, but this time it went to a different level," she said, recalling how she lost her virginity. "There we were sitting on the couch afterward. We just sat there without really saying anything."

Lauren, who is an Emerson senior, only learned recently to talk about the incident.

Sexual assault affects 27 percent of all female college students and one in every four women before they reach the age of

18. It is not always discussed. And it can happen to anyone.

"I just didn't know how to voice my own feelings," Lauren said. "I didn't know how to deal with it or what to call it. I wrote in my journal, but didn't talk about it."

Though there were only two reported forcible sex offenses on Emerson's campus in 2001 and 2002, according to campus crime reports, more may have gone unreported said Ann Horwitz, the director of Emerson's counseling center.

"Certainly, more than likely there are incidents that were never reported or discussed with anyone," she said.

There is no way of knowing exactly how many rapes and sexual assaults go unreported each year. A study by the U.S. Department of Justice estimates that 63 percent of rapes are never reported to authorities.

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## New election commissioner appointed

David Ayers  
Beacon staff

Emerson's Student Government Association (SGA) appointed an elections commissioner Tuesday, just in time for the upcoming election scheduled for April 6, 7 and 8.

Bradley Dye, a sophomore communications studies major, will serve in this position.

It has been vacant since before March 16 former commissioner Andrea VanZile resigned. SGA President Andrew Wishnia remarked that VanZile left due to personal issues.

Having some of the same classes together, Wishnia said he noticed that Dye possessed many of the qualities for which the SGA was searching for.

"In those classes Brad exhibited professionalism to the fullest extent," Wishnia said. "He is as non-partisan as any undergrad can be."

Dye started his career in politics when he was 15 years old. He has worked for Massachusetts State Senator Pamela P. Resor and State Representative for the 37th Middlesex District James B. Eldridge.

"I got a good sense of the philosophy

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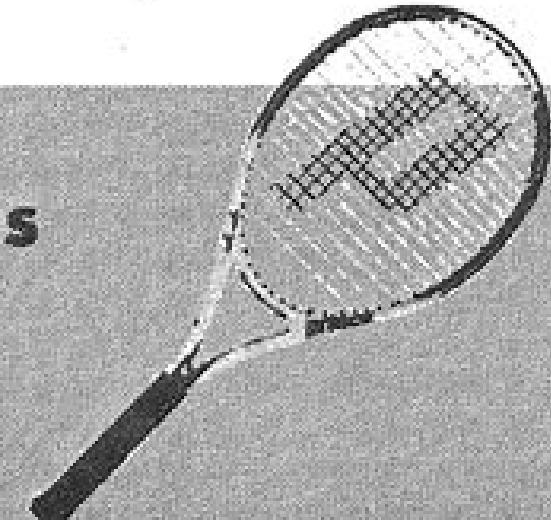


Charles Beard (1943-2004) was the first black person to become a partner in a major Boston law firm.

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Lions tennis backhand WNEC

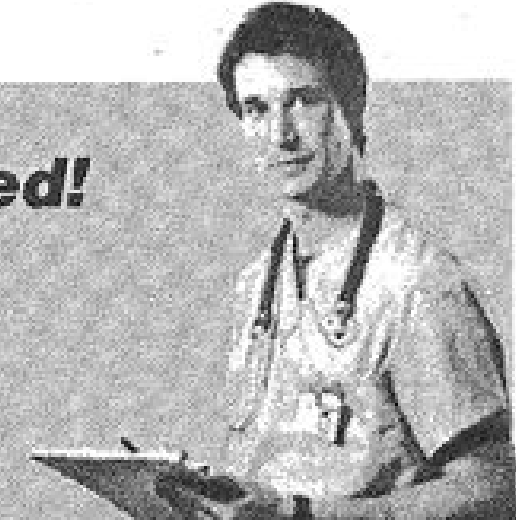
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# Computer glitch delays summer registration

Amy Cherry  
Beacon staff

Arthur Nicholls rolled out of bed at 9 a.m. last Monday to take advantage of the hour before his first class to register for Sign Language I and II and Film I.

When he went to register for the summer classes, however, he was repeatedly logged out. Nicholls was not the only Emerson student experiencing this problem.

Technical problems delayed Emerson students from registering online for summer courses last week. With a flood of students registering for fall 2004 classes in the upcoming weeks, server problems was one of the main concerns of the Registrar's Office, said Registrar William F. DeWolf.

The problem was fixed by the next day, however, and students can now for the first time register online for classes during Summer Sessions I and II.

As an extra precaution, the Registrar and Information Technology (IT) have also purchased an additional server to accommodate the influx of students registering for fall classes.

"We anticipate that the system will function with no problems for the upcoming registration period or in future summer registrations," DeWolf said. "We apologize if there were any inconveniences to students."

While the goal of the Office of Student Administrative Services, according to DeWolf, is to offer students quality and timely service, he said problems do occur.

"As with any new project, we have learned that, no matter how much developing and testing that is done, an unknown problem may surface," DeWolf said.

In the past, Emerson students had to register for summer classes in person at the Student Service Center, a method that caused long lines for students.

However, the new method of registration is not without its flaws.

In order to make online summer registration possible, Emerson College purchased two new servers that utilized new software called Cold Fusion. Using the latest programming language, Cold Fusion has been adapted to suit the needs of Emerson College to incorporate upfront payment for credits, as well as to add new features and capabilities, according to DeWolf.

Yet, this revision of the program resulted in additional, unpredicted problems which can be linked to the problems experienced on the first day of registration, DeWolf said.

DeWolf said IT and the registrar staff put a great deal of effort into predicting software problems, but due to Cold Fusion's complexity and the amount of data put into the software, the program could not be tested beforehand.

During registration, IT uncovered a problem with some of the browsers handling of cookies—information on an individual's username and the date and time, which is stored on the computer of a person using the World Wide Web and used by Web sites to identify users who have previously visited the site.

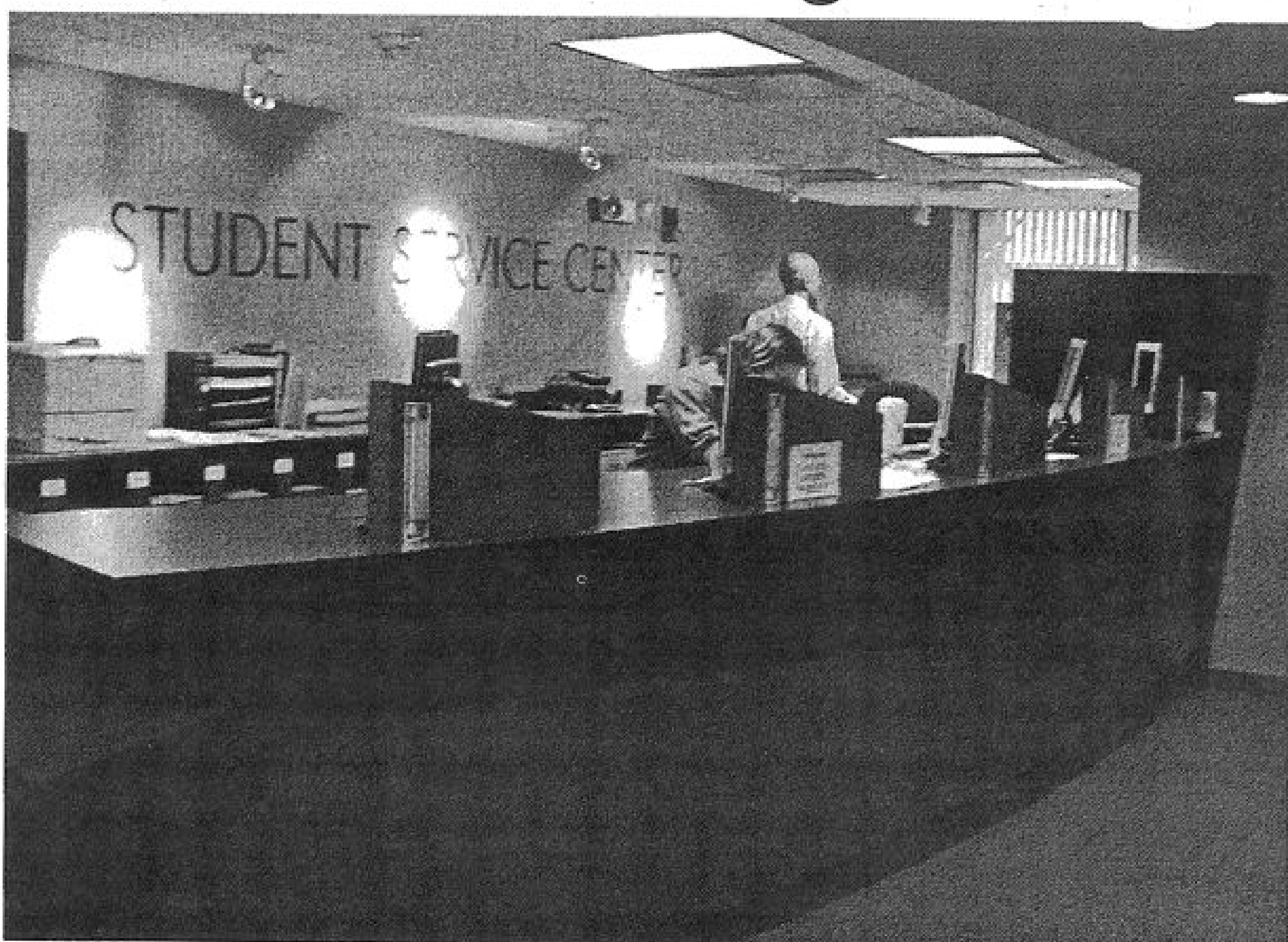
"The user's ID was not maintained which caused the error message," DeWolf said upon identification of the problem. "Only testing with a variety of operating systems would have discovered this."

As a result of these errors, Nicholls could not register before his 10 a.m. class.

"Luckily, my teacher let me go at 12 p.m. so that I could attempt to register," he said.

During this time, however Cold Fusion didn't allow him to register.

"There was only a 15 minute period where registration was



Beacon photo/Renée Nadeau

Despite the fact that a new online summer registration process was available to students, many had difficulty signing up for classes on the internet.

working," Nicholls said. "I had my girlfriend register for me. I don't know what other people did."

A second problem occurred when students tried to pay for summer classes.

It has always been summer registration policy that students pay for summer classes up front to ensure which classes would run in each session, DeWolf said. Because of this policy, NetPay was added to online registration to accept students' payments for registration. This revision of the program, however, resulted in registration problems, DeWolf said.

Some students awarded financial aid were registering for Summer Session I, however, their financial aid was designated for use in Summer Session II, which starts in July.

Jinnie Lee, a freshman TV/video major, experienced problems paying before classes start.

"I am having difficulty paying all of the money upfront, and Emerson hasn't offered me any other options," she said. "They haven't even told me how much room and board would be yet."

The problem was brought to the attention of the IT Department and the Registrar rapidly Monday morning. Each time an error occurred, an e-mail was sent to an Information Technology staff member. 98 percent of these problems were corrected immediately, according to DeWolf.

"Reviewing the issues and concerns, we collectively made the decision to shut down the registration," DeWolf said, so that the problems could be completely fixed to create a flawless

registration process.

Since Monday, when the problem was fixed, only one problem has arisen. A student received an error message reading, "missing prerequisites," when in reality, the student had fulfilled all prerequisites. The problem was fixed overnight and since 10 a.m. Tuesday, the online registration process has been running smoothly, DeWolf said.

DeWolf said he does not believe that any students were closed out of classes as a result of the malfunctions.

There are approximately 200 classes running during each summer session, and only six classes are closed to students. Registration for graduate students will begin on March 29 and fall registration for undergraduate students will begin on April 5.

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of fair campaigning," Dye said. "It was a very good, positive experience."

Dye is currently the director of Constituent Services for the 37th Middlesex District. He drafts and researches legislation, works with municipal and legislative officials and aides the Chief of Staff in directing interns.

Dye said he was attracted to the position of elections commissioner because it was

something different—it wasn't a political position.

"I've never been on this side of the elections before," he said. "I've only voted."

With numerous election mishaps in the past, including an online polling problem in February, Dye's job will be to ensure the election is run fairly and smoothly. Other snags have included contested elections in the years past.

Both Wishnia and Dye acknowledged what seems to be an unfortunate problem with SGA elections.

"It's the nature of the beast," Dye said. "The Democratic system is not a perfect system, it's human."

Wishnia said it's almost impossible to escape any type of quarrel.

"Students are going to contest, and sometimes for the most ridiculous reasons," he said.

Wishnia said a problem with past elections was that they were not promoted well. To prevent this, SGA began promoting the election two weeks in advance. A number of signs have been

posted across campus.

While Dye doesn't anticipate any problems with the upcoming elections, he is taking what he deems necessary precautions.

"We need to be vigilant with the online system," Dye said. "We are going to start troubleshooting now so we can create any backups to problems that might occur."

Dye said his primary focus is allowing for the process to run as smoothly, fairly, and objectively as possible.

"I'm here to make sure the

new system works and works well," he said.

Wishnia, who said the elections are on-schedule, said that Dye's position is specifically designated for the voting procedure. This affords Wishnia and SGA the opportunity to deal with other concerns and issues.

"If there's one thing I learned from last year, it was that SGA definitely needs an elections commissioner," he said.

Speech night for the candidates is scheduled for tonight at 9:30 p.m. in the Little Building Dining Hall.

## SGA 2004-05 election candidates

### SGA Executive President

Emily Garr and BJ Warminski

### SGA Executive Vice President

Katie Caponera

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