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Our Own Magnolia The decal on the van really does say, "I Break for Cupcakes." Neatly boxed inside are tempting treats from the Back Bay's latest point of indulgence, Sweet. A fashionable cupcake boutique—what took Boston so long? Jumping on the tasty trend, owner Courtney Forrest-er decided to turn her baking hobby into a business. Her shop serves five signature flavors (try the Sweet Cake, laced with Madagascar vanilla beans), plus seasonal specials like strawberry shortcake. Snack there or have one boxed to go. Did we mention they deliver? That's pretty... well, you know.

ELIZABETH BOMZE

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1. New England clam chowder
2. Steamed clams
3. Steamed mussels
4. 1¼-lb. boiled lobster
5. ¼-rack baby back ribs
6. Sweet corn on the cob
7. Corn muffins
8. House-made coleslaw
9. Strawberry shortcake
10. Iced tea and lemonade

About \$50 per person

Dish

{ CAROLYN FAYE FOX }

IVY SPREADS DOWNTOWN...

and takes over Stoddard's space.

Once it's firmly rooted, ivy grows enthusiastically to cover new territory. Just like its namesake, Downtown Crossing's Ivy Restaurant—or its owner, anyway—is expanding to open a new eatery in the historic Stoddard's building, just across the street.

Formerly a knife shop, the space will house a "classic American pub—but I hate to use the word 'pub.' It'll be a restaurant," says William Ashmore, director of operations for Ivy and the forthcoming Stoddard's. Besides a shoeshine station and a phone booth—doing double duty as a wheelchair lift—the 120-seat dining room will feature a 30-foot oak and mahogany bar.

Slated to open in early September, the menu will focus on "classic Americana with some European influences" created by a "well-known, big-name chef," whom Ashmore won't yet reveal.

It's generally known that the Miracle of Science folks plan to open a new spot in the former Greenhouse Coffee Shop in Harvard Square—in fact, the lease was



Ivy's William Ashmore

signed nearly a year ago—but the owners remain tight-lipped about details. Even their PR folks are cautious. "It's unlike anything they have on their plate," says a rep at MC Communications. Not even their closest neighbors in Cambridge have a clue. "It's in progress; we hear the sounds of banging and remodeling going on," offers a nearby source.

More from the Rumor Department: According to an employee who first claims, "I honestly don't know a thing about it," the owners of Bukowski's Tavern are in the process of opening two new restaurants: one next to the Bukowski's in Cambridge and another in the South End. "They're kind of secretive about things," he says. So you didn't hear it here....