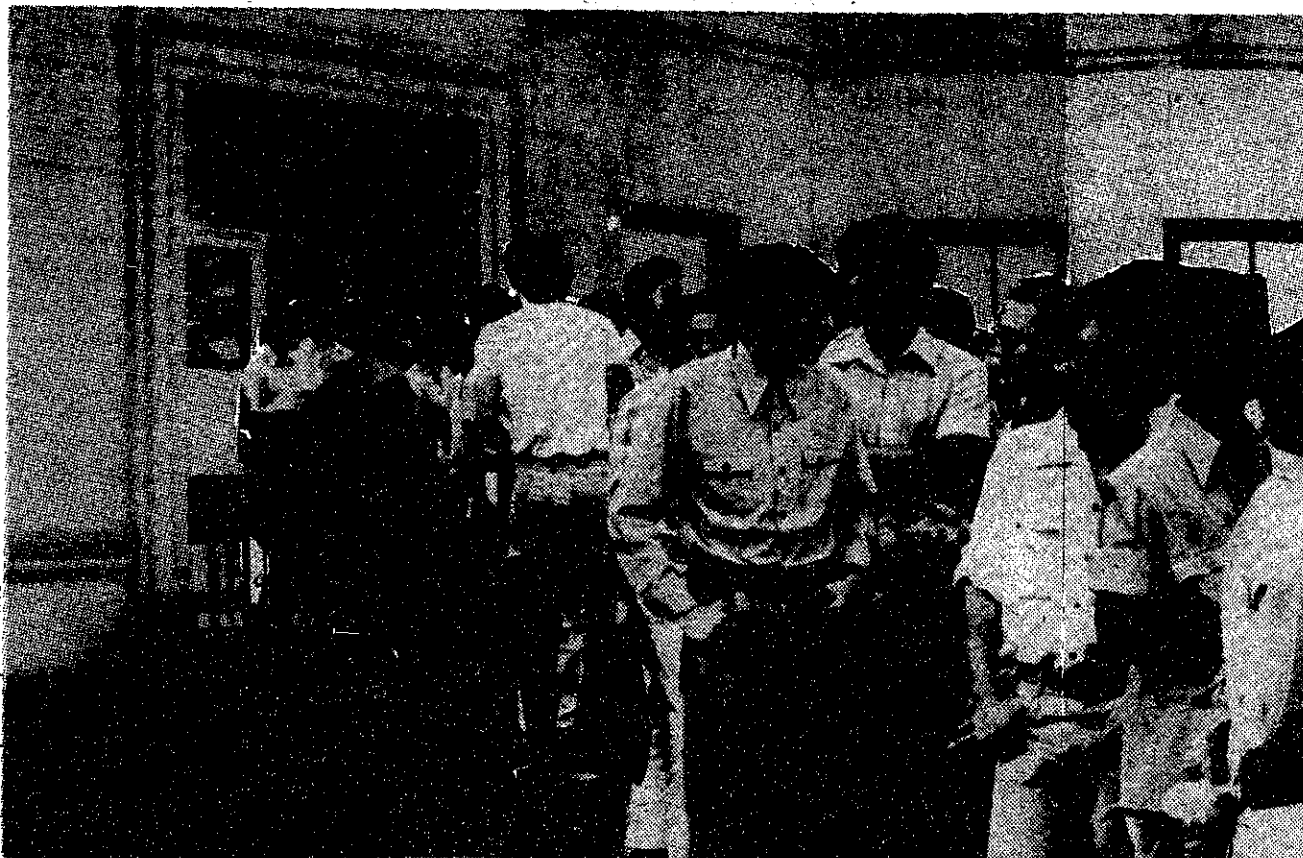


Housing still uncertain for dozen freshmen



Graphic by Cindy Dellino

By Jack Link

As of this morning, there are twelve freshmen still in limbo, living in the basement of Ashdown or the Non-Residents-Student-Association (NRSA), with the option of moving into a hotel at MIT's expense. That number has decreased from the 34 still in limbo last Friday.

As the situation now stands, the dozen freshmen remaining in limbo have been offered rooms at the Homestead Morton and Ramada Inns. The Hyatt was unavailable, said Associate Dean for Student Affairs Robert

Sherwood, "but the Homestead is on the Green Line and we'll arrange a shuttle to the Ramada. The hotels may be rented for the entire term." Most freshmen indicated they would rather stay where they were, due to the inconvenience of the selected hotels.

A major obstacle in determining the number, if any, of dormitory spaces for freshmen was yesterday's deadline for returning upperclassmen to claim their

empty rooms. At 4pm yesterday, the office was attempting to contact those upperclassmen who had not yet returned. "We're not going to throw any-

body out just because they missed a deadline," said Sherwood.

Reaction among freshmen was mostly calm, with hints of helplessness. "Parents and students are frustrated but very understanding," said Sherwood. "It's just that we've been sitting here so long," countered Jim Paradise '84, of Ashdown basement.

"Due to the precariousness of my situation, I'm considering going to Cornell instead," said Ron Weiner '84 last Friday. "Why don't they put us up in the President's House or hotels," said Srikanth Rangachary '84. "President Gray has moved into the President's house," said Director of Housing and Food Services Brammer.

Protesting the MIT administration's current housing and admissions policy, a group of students rallied in Killian Court Friday afternoon to stage what they termed a "housing riot."

The "riot" began at 3pm in the Great Court. The first indication that anything unusual was about to take place was the presence of at least three campus policemen in the Great Court, even before the "rioters" began to assemble.

Following the arrival of the police, a group of students began to gather around the demonstration's organizers, Sue Ferer '81 and Kim Lewis '82. A chant of "Rooms for began, taken up by about 30 people.

The riot organizers said most of their posters advertising the event had been removed "by someone with keys, someone with something to lose," according to Lewis. She suggested Campus Police as a possible suspect. CP Chief Olivieri denied the allegation.

Next, the leaders of the protest set off for the housing office in

building E18. In a pattern reminiscent of the anti-commons rally last spring, a campus policeman (CP) accompanied the demonstration, continually radioing its position.

The number of participants dwindled to 17 upon their arrival at building E18, where they were greeted by no less than four CPs. The demonstrators chanted outside E18-301, the housing office, but they were not permitted inside. However, Ferer was permitted to stage a one-woman sit-in. The chant changed to "Hotels for Frosh" and continued for forty minutes until the group was informed that Associate Dean for Housing Sherwood was on his way over to speak with the group.

When Sherwood arrived, less than a dozen demonstrators remained, none of them freshmen, outnumbered by the CPs and media people assigned to the event.

Sherwood asked the demonstrators if they had "anything instructive to say, or if you just like to yell." A polite conversation ensued in which the demonstrators expressed their concern for the homeless freshman, and the upperclassmen they were crowding out.

"Those of us who live here have way too much to deal with already than to put up with overcrowding too," said Gontran Kenwood '82, a Bexley resident. "It's atrocious," said David Kazden '81 of Burton, where some of the most severe overcrowding has taken place.

Asked by the protestors what would be done in the future to prevent a recurrence of the situation, Sherwood said "There were simply too many students. I don't know what we'll do if we blow it again next year. For the past three years, I've been telling [Peter H.]

Richardson, [Director of Admis-

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CampusWatch

Water shortage closes UMass

By Kenneth Snow

The University of Massachusetts in Amherst (UMass) closed its 41 dormitories and cancelled classes for its 24,000 students last Thursday, due to a severe water shortage. Classes had started on the previous Wednesday.

The closing was announced shortly after noon on Friday. The dormitories had to be emptied by 6pm and were to remain closed until Sunday afternoon. The closing set off a massive exodus from the campus and traffic jams snarled Amherst. An hour-long line formed at the on-campus bus company. Telephone service failed in parts of the campus because of the unusually heavy load, causing still more confusion.

One of the major reasons for

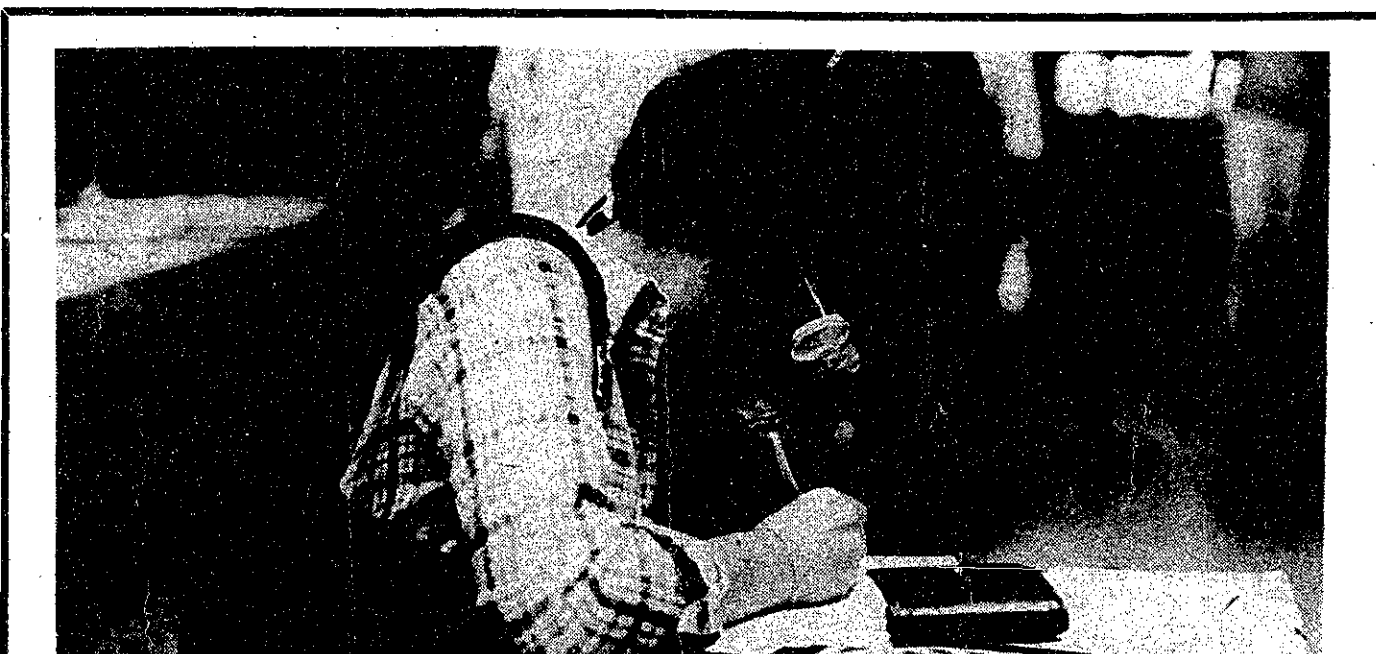
the closing is that many of the air conditioning systems stopped working because of the lack of water. Many of the buildings at UMass, like at MIT, have permanently sealed windows and by mid-morning on Friday many of the buildings were unbearable, according to Fred Kramer, a UMass Associate Professor of Political Science.

The school reopened at 2pm and classes resumed yesterday. An emergency tie-in with the water supply of the neighboring town of Hadley and the opening of an unused well in the town of Amherst were completed on Saturday. These emergency measures alleviated the water shortage. A 1.6 million-gallon town reservoir will open by the end of the month, and it is expected to help prevent any future

water shortages.

Dormitory residents will receive an \$8.80 rent rebate for the two days that they were denied access to their rooms. Also, students on any of the school's meal plans are eligible for refunds ranging from \$14 to \$17. Student Government President Richard LaVoice said that he would press for total reimbursement of the cost of student transportation during the forced closing.

Many students who were forced out of the dorms were invited to stay in some of the school's fraternities. Liquor retailers reported that business was better than usual. According to one senior whose fraternity was short on water: "There's no water, so we'll have to drink beer."



An unidentified student improvised a place to finish filling out forms at registration yesterday. (photo by Lance Riniker)

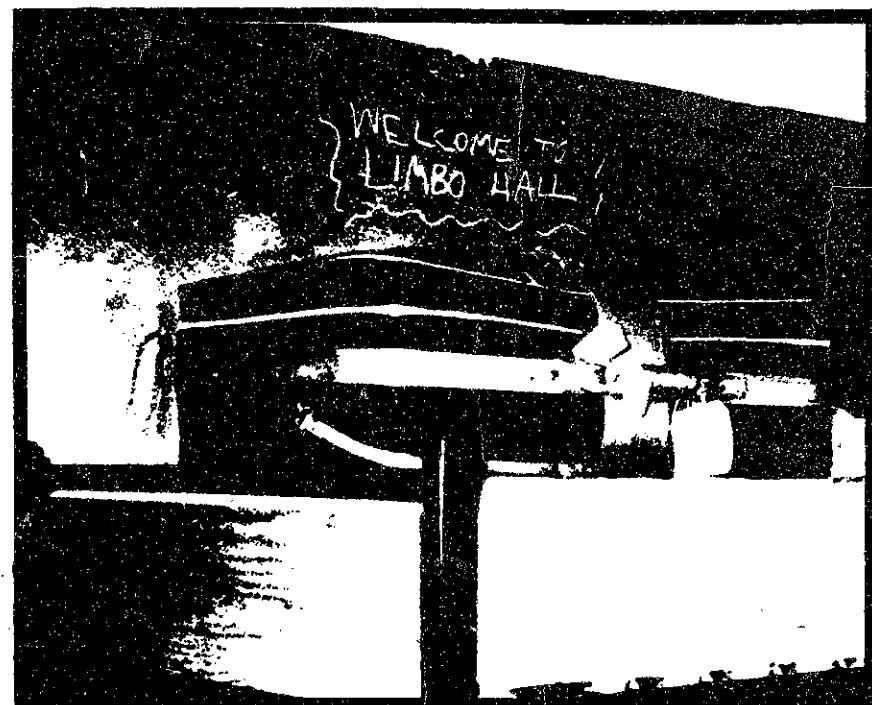


Photo by Rick Parker

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Boston's commemoration of its 350th birthday, called *Jubilee 350*, reaches its peak with events scheduled almost daily through this month.

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Dean, housing protesters talk

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sions], he should admit fewer students and make more use of the waiting list. I hope he listens to me this time."

Sherwood assured the group that everything possible was being done for the freshmen. The demonstrators were told that the dorms had accepted additional overcrowding, the Interfraternity Conference had organized a mixer to continue their rush, MIT real estate was being investigated, and that hotels were being contacted. The Bexley housemasters even took two freshmen into their home.

Freshwomen were notably absent from the demonstration. None have been in limbo since Friday. Although Sherwood received numerous complaints from parents who wanted their daughters to live in McCormick. Sherwood added "that pressure will have absolutely no effect on the housing process."

Originally, 99 girls applied for 60 openings in McCormick. However, all the girls who remained in limbo that Thursday eventually got their first choice.

Several Orthodox Jews told Sherwood their daughters should have had first priority getting into McCormick because of their moral views. "Normally, I would agree," said Sherwood, "but in this case, there are many other religions and nationalities with the same views. How can I make value judgements between them?"

However, Sherwood said, "Security in McCormick isn't really better than anywhere else, since males on the guest list have 24-hour visitation privileges."

"It's difficult to define 'single-sex' living," said Sherwood. "In addition to McCormick, I consider certain arrangements in Random, Bexley, and New House to be single-sex. Others disagree."

If the number of females admitted continues to rise, Sherwood said "we will have to find some way to accommodate them." Suggestions include turning the infirmary or a house in New House into female-only areas.

"I think this situation has been a testimony to MIT people's understanding and adaptability," said Barbara Chuck of Student Affairs. "It's been an experience."

The attitude of most freshmen and parents involved in the current housing dilemma may have been summed up by Lawrence Kutin, father of freshman Ed Kutin of Ashdown basement: "We're a little dismayed. We were told that housing wouldn't be a problem. I suppose in a few years, we'll look back on this and laugh, like at Basic Army Training, but right now, we're not laughing." Ed nodded agreement.

notes

Activities

MIT Dance Workshop's first meeting will be Wednesday, September 10, at 3pm in the T-Club Lounge of du Pont. For more information, call 253-4441.

A group of researchers, under the leadership of a multidisciplinary advisory panel, will be undertaking a careful study of the site of an old world galleon resting off the coast of Massachusetts. MIT students and personnel interested in taking part in this project will be required to have advanced diving experience. The field school will lead to specialty diver certification as Research Divers. Those interested should contact Jay Kaufman of the MIT Sea Grant Program in E38-351 to indicate interest. The work is scheduled to begin in the second semester.

news roundup

Nation

Anderson to get Liberal line in New York — The 36-member policy committee of the New York State Liberal Party endorsed presidential candidate John Anderson late last week, rejecting the candidate chosen by the Democratic party for the first time in its 36-year history. Aides of President Carter reacted angrily to the endorsement, while Anderson noted that he was "in broad agreement" with Liberal party policy. The endorsement could cost Carter New York's 41 electoral votes in the November election.

Carter incompetent? — According to an ABC News-Louis Harris survey released yesterday, 75 percent of those people surveyed agree that they "wonder if he [Carter] has the basic competence to do the job." A 66 percent majority also felt that Carter "does not inspire confidence as a President should." The 66 percent negative rating is the lowest confidence rating for a US president in the history of the survey.

Muskie ready to talk — The United States is ready for "technical and preparatory talks" with the Soviet Union on limiting medium-range nuclear weapons in Europe, Secretary of State Edmund Muskie announced on the CBS-TV news program "Face the Nation." In addition, Muskie said he supports the presidential directive outlining a targeting plan in case of nuclear war with the Soviets, saying that the strategy of a limited nuclear war "makes sense" since "this kind of flexibility is necessary."

Col. Sanders 90 — Colonel Harland Sanders, the originator of the Kentucky Fried Chicken chain, celebrated his 90th birthday today. Sanders, who is suffering from leukemia and diabetes, has vowed to beat both diseases and retire when he reaches 100.

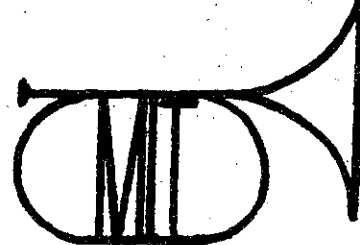
—By Bob Host and Alan Lichtenstein.

Weather

Mostly sunny and pleasant today, with some increasing cloudiness this afternoon. After a chilly morning, temperatures will warm up to about 76-80. For tonight, cloudy, showery and mild. Lows 60-64. Rain will break out overnight and continue during Wednesday morning, probably ending by midday, followed by stiff breezes and cooler temperatures. Highs only 70-74. Much cooler Wednesday night with lows 52-56. Chance of rain 30 percent this afternoon, 70 percent tonight, 50 percent Wednesday morning.

By James Franklin

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Public Transportation

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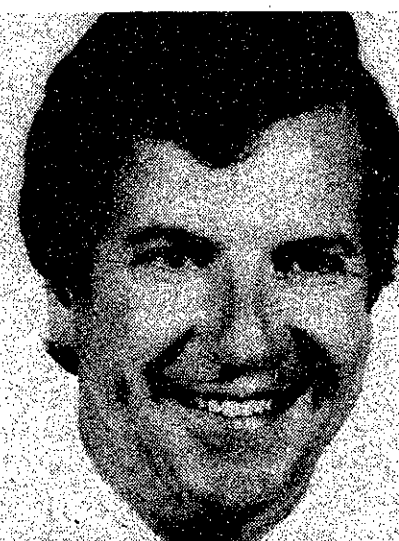
- limiting condominium conversions
- speeding up the processing of complaints by the rent control board
- more effectively enforcing the rent control ordinance, the condominium ordinance, and the health code
- opposing legislative efforts to water down Cambridge's system of tenant protection.

The Dog Law

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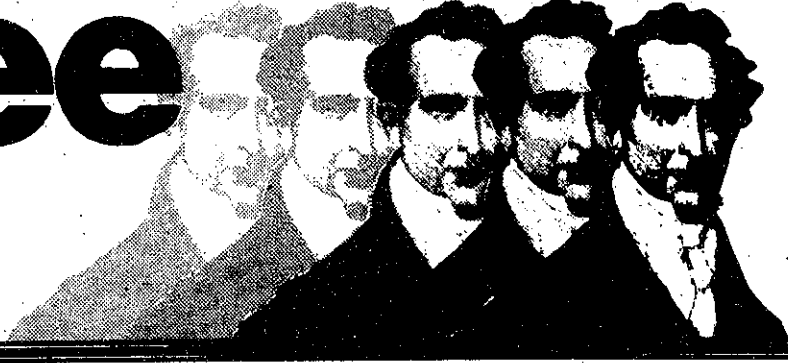
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Jubilee 350



Boston's Jubilee climaxes soon

By Laura Farhie

Boston will celebrate its 350th anniversary this month with a host of event, free to the general public, known as Jubilee 350.

The events which might prove most attractive to MIT students will be the gigantic cake picnic, Grand Parade, Boston Symphony Orchestra concert and laser light show, all on Sunday, September 21, according to a spokeswoman at the Jubilee 350 information center.

The picnic on the Boston Common from 11am to 1pm will be featuring a cake "the size of a room... duplicating the original Faneuil Hall of 1740," states Sally Steinberg in Jubilee 350 magazine. She writes, "Using historic plans and drawings, a group of bakers and engineers have taken several months to fashion the cake in the shape of the 240-year-old building. They are sending it in parts for assembly in Boston, like a prefabricated house, and reconstructing it to stand in the middle of the Boston Common." Although the cake does not break the record set in 1976 at Baltimore for the largest cake, as some Jubilee creators had hoped, it is expected to serve 50,000 people, and ice cream will be distributed along with it.

At 1pm on September 21, 20,000 people from all over the nation and world will be participating in a parade of marching bands, floats and personalities, according to the Jubilee 350 information center. The marchers will "wend their way from Back Bay to Beacon Hill to Government Center and end in downtown Boston," states Jubilee 350 magazine.

Sunday will close with a free concert by the Boston Pops Orchestra at 8pm on City Hall Plaza, followed by a fireworks and laser light show.

"Boston Week" begins on September 12, when "Lord Boston of Faversham, the descendants of the original founders of Boston, and the Lord Mayor of Boston are greeted at the opening reception," states Jubilee 350 magazine. On Tuesday September 16 there will be a celebration of the 300th birthday of the Paul Revere House on North Street. Also, Tuesday marks the beginning of a series of free weekly lectures concerning Boston's politics, entitled *Forum 350*, held at the Kennedy Library.

The James Michael Curley Time Capsule, buried in 1930, will be opened at Faneuil Hall on Wednesday, September 17. A new

capsule, to be opened in 2030, will be buried Wednesday in its place. On the following two days, statues will be dedicated to two "esteemed Bostonians," James Michael Curley and Richard Cardinal Cushing, respectively, says Jubilee 350 magazine.

A "Conference of the Great Cities of the World," consisting of mayors, architects, planners, and cultural and business leaders from 25 world cities, will be held the week after "Boston Week." "The City as a Place for People" will be the theme for the conference, and each city delegation will present a program on a pro-

ject that has helped its citizens. MIT's Laboratory of Architecture and Urban Planning is one of the sponsors of these programs.

One of the few Jubilee 350 events with a substantial fee will be the "Grand Ball at City Hall," on September 20, Boston Birthdate. "Jubilee 350 doesn't generate money," said the spokeswoman at the information center. However, the spokeswoman added that with the thousand or so people who pass through the greeting center daily, Boston's facilities for tourists, such as hotels and restaurants, must be taking in extra money.

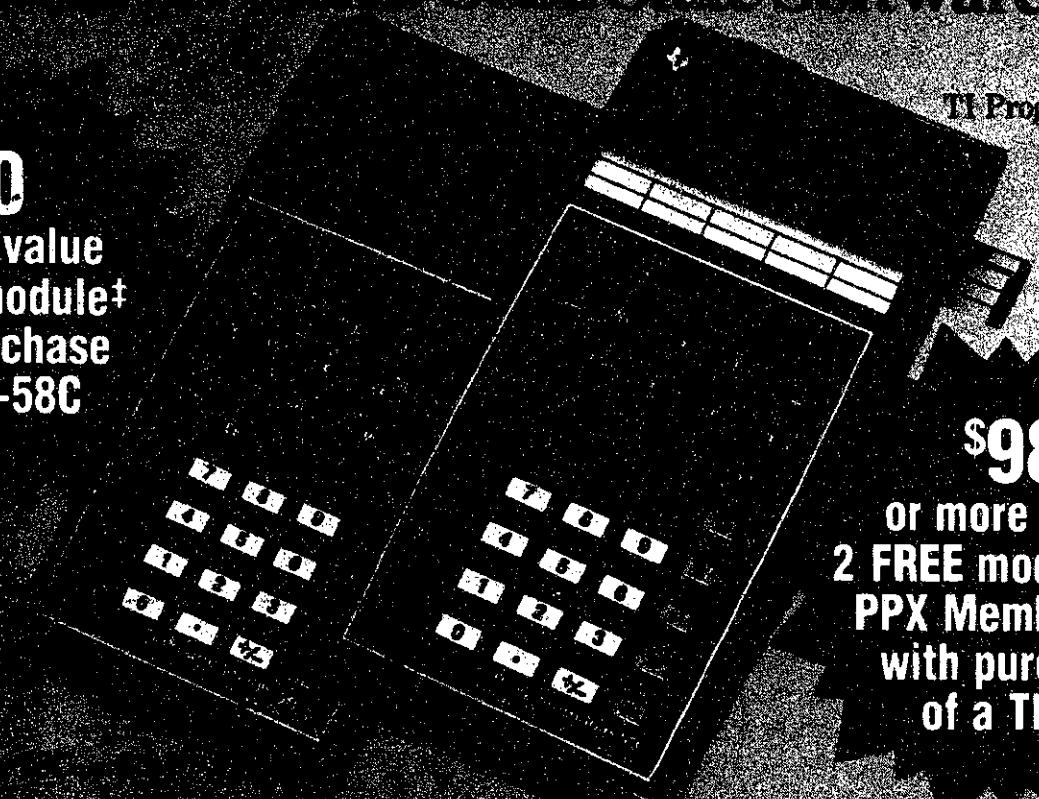
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Confusion in the ranks

Let's put a couple of things together. When some rich alumnus donated \$2 million to begin the construction of 500 Memorial Drive (that's the favored title over Next House these days), Vice-President Constantine Simonides said that the new housing space would allow MIT to raise the class size to 1100. This raise in the class size would help raise the additional dough needed to pay for the dorm. At that time they put the total bill for the dorm at \$10 million. Now it's up to \$11.2 million.

Last year the Academic Council, which is comprised of all the Deans and Vice-Presidents, authorized a raise in the class size to 1075. Actually they said between 1060 and 1075, but it's been a little while since the Admissions Office fell short.

The Academic Council's stated intention at the time was to raise the class size to 1100 next year when the new dorm is completed.

Last May, the Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority issued a \$38 million bond series to finance MIT's construction of the Medical Center, Athletic Center and New Dormitory. A letter from MIT Vice-President Stuart Cowan, who sits on the Academic Council, is contained in the report accompanying the bond issue. It shows undergraduate enrollment at MIT going from 4478 in 1979-80 to 4500 this year (this was *before* the overshoot), and to 4560 in 1982-83.

That means another hike in the class size. Right there in writing. Some other relevant things happened along the way. Undergraduate laboratories were embarrassingly overcrowded last year. There was a crunch for classroom space. And this year, as I write this, there are still undergraduates housed in NRSA. In fact, one is reading over my shoulder right now.

Today, Dean Robert Sherwood will address the Academic Council on this year's housing debacle. The only logical conclusions which can be drawn from his figures are that class size must shrink if MIT is not to ignore its pledge to house transfers and readmits in 500 Memorial Drive.

Listening to him today will be a number of administrators who are primarily interested in paying for the new dorm. They have been thinking for some time now that a larger class would do this very nicely. They may care somewhat less that MIT cannot do justice to any more students than it now has.

When will people come to their senses?

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A few idle thoughts occurred to me over the last few days in the manner of an R/O Week post-mortem.

First, the week gave me a sort of identity crisis. Over the course of the week, I was mistaken a half-dozen times for a freshman, three times by freshman and three times by upperclassmen. Wearing a rat did little to avoid this. I was also mistaken once for a graduate student.

The most unkindest cut of all, though, came at Saturday's President's Reception. A wonderfully lively and robust mother of one of the freshmen mistook me for Vice-President Constantine Simonides' son. There was justice in the act, though, as the dear women also mistook Simonides for another freshman's parent.

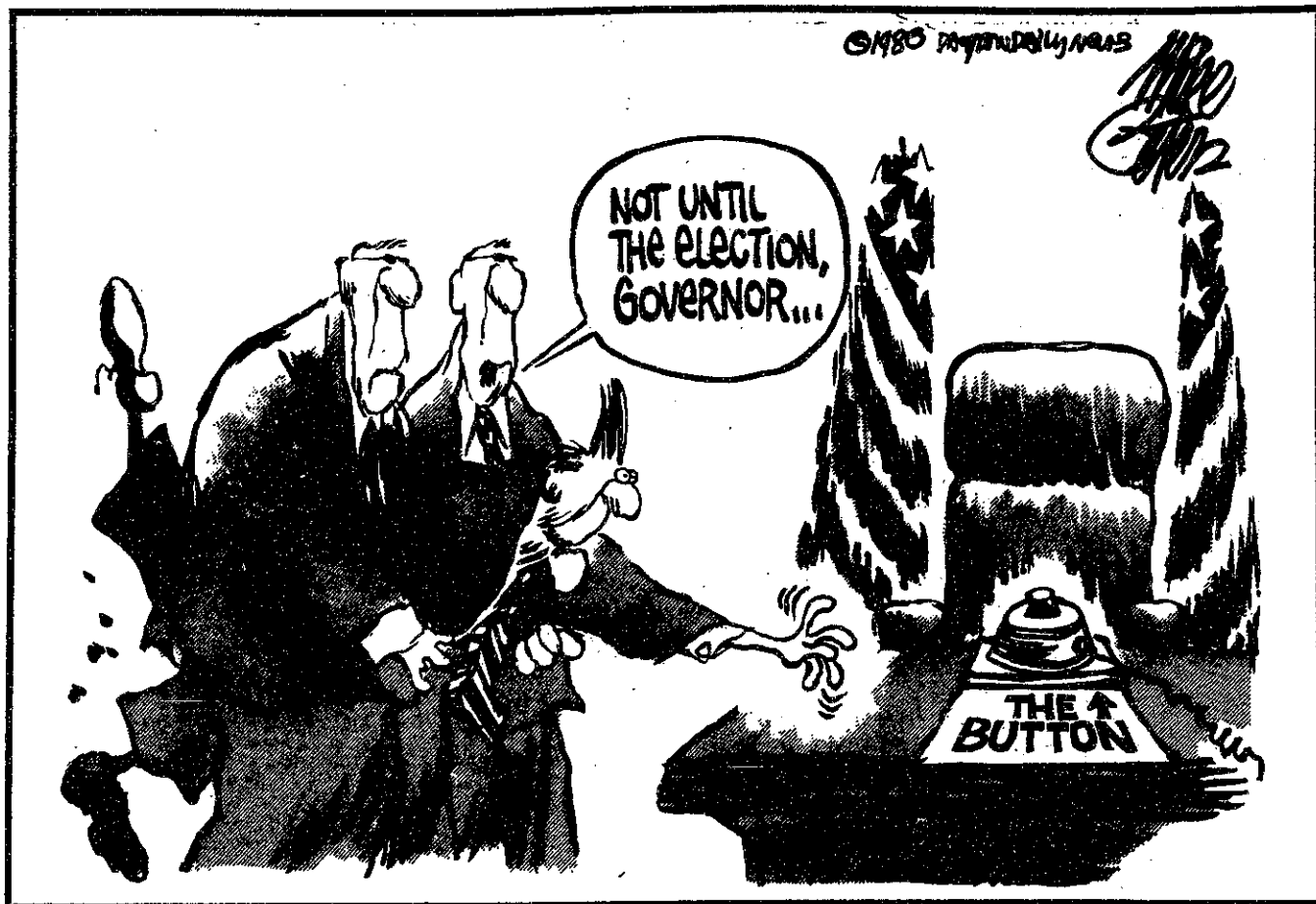
Simonides good-naturedly told her that he "just worked at MIT." That's a laugh. It's like Zbigniew Brzezinski saying he just dabbles in foreign policy.

Another gem came out of this encounter, though. The mother told Simonides, in a hearty German accent, that when people back home ask her what MIT was like, she will tell them, "Vell, zey ran out of lemonade, zey ran out of rooms, and zey all play tiddlevinks."

Later that same night, while coming out of the student center, a friend suggested an ideal and painless way of using up the mandatory commons requirement. We figured that an average minimum freshman requirement meal plan can purchase 6320 ounces of beer from Twenty Chimneys. That's an average of about six beers a night every night of the term.

Not such a bad plan after all, huh?

Mike Peters looks at Ronald ★ Reagan



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id like to digress for a moment from my prepared text...

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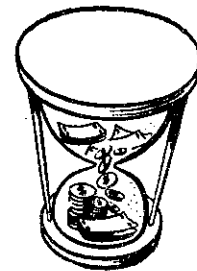
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The Student Accounts Office will be open Friday, September 5, from 9am to 4pm for receipt of payments and emergency dean fund loans only. Students who have other financial matters to discuss should delay coming to the Student Accounts Office until Monday, September 8, 1980, when normal office hours will resume.

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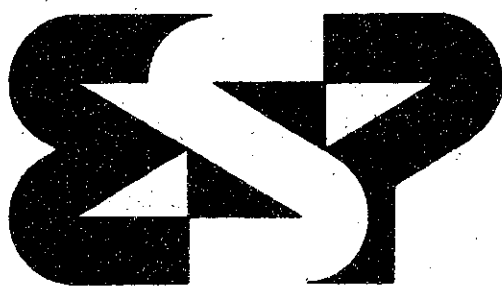
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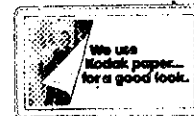
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split enz:

Split Enz: True Colours on A & M SP-4822
 Every once in a while, an album comes along which makes you run out and buy every other release by the group, and which makes you wonder why you haven't heard of them before. *True Colours*, the new release by Australia's Split Enz, is such an album.

Split Enz picks up other artists' riffs and sounds all over this record. It appears to be more an attempt to poke fun at other groups' styles than be very derivative in itself. "I Got You" starts off with a blatant ripoff of synth-tension *a la* Cars, only to erupt into a joyous release of inner fears and doubts. "Shark Attack" combines a *Parallel Lines*-era Blondie double-time

We've got other influences, too many to count. Split Enz is anything but predictable. The two instrumentals are anything but throwaways. "Double Happy" is exactly that: a relatively serene, lilting background overlaid with short, manic passages. The last tune, "The Choral Sea," is merely *amazing*. A basic disco beat is covered with various melodic passages, giving the tune different feels, ranging from disco at its most lightweight to MOR rock to space music to punk-funk... makes you wonder about the labels we put on our music.

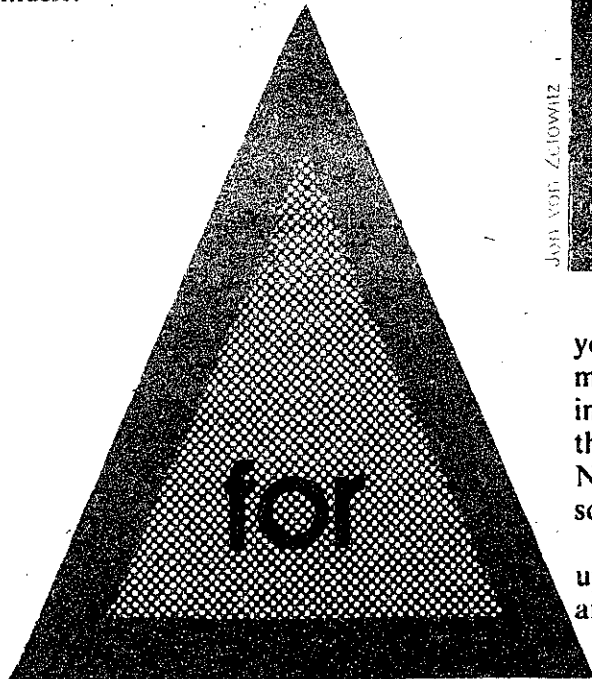
The production here is so clean that the most picky Jewish mama would approve (no nasty letter to the editor, please: I have a Jewish mama of my own). Nothing is lost or too prominent. Each tune has the exact feel that it should. David Tickle should be commended for his work.

a cream rinse

A sticker on the jacket proclaims "laser-etched graphic record." This means that geometrical patterns have been etched onto the surface of the disc, creating a diffraction grating effect without disrupting the grooves. The "true colours" that are produced when this record is on a turntable are very vivid. It's a nice touch, even if laser-etching is merely a new marketing device.

beat and some great keyboards-underwater sounds with... **SURPRISE!!** Instead of the expected worldly-survivor and no one-gets-the-best-of-me punk lyrics, we get the tale of a guy who gets flushed *hard* by his lover. "Whats the Matter With You" includes a cop of the Beatles' "Baby, You Can Drive My Car." And lastly, "I Hope I Never" sounds like a cross between Barry Manilow love songs and 10CC:

I hope I never have to cry again
 I hope I never have to sigh again
 I hope I never have to see you again



your mind

This is the kind of album to put on when you're in a blue funk. You'll cheer up in a matter of minutes. Sometimes I get the feeling that Split Enz' tongues are so firmly in their cheeks that I wonder how Tim and Niel Finn can sing the words without sounding garbled.

So long, got to go... I'm going to pick up the Split Enz' other albums, *Dizrythmia* and *Mental Notes*.

Eric Sohn

The Rendezvous: go somewhere else

The Rendezvous, 24 Holyoke St. Harvard Sq., 547-5005.

In Harvard Square there is a small restaurant serving food of an intriguing nature — Vietnamese cuisine. The name is also intriguing — The Rendezvous. It is a downstairs restaurant with an unusual atmosphere: there are small tables arranged around the edges of the room leaving an empty center. I have few clues as to why. If it is intended as a dance floor, there is no music with which to dance. It is certainly a good conversation piece, since there is little else inside this restaurant worth mentioning, except perhaps a fish tank that adorns one wall — you can't miss it, it has a very loud bubbler.

The service is brusque and the courses come too rapidly. They seem to rush you, although they do make a feeble attempt at being pleasant during the process.

The food is bland, the portions are small, and the wine list is abbreviated. Most of the dishes are served with lemon grass, lettuce, radish and cucumber. There is also a sauce that seems to make several appearances that is composed of lemon, ginger and sugar. Needless to say, the sauce is not exciting.

Grading on a scale of 1-5, The Rendezvous scores as follows:

Food: 2.5

All in all the food is uninspiring and there is not much more than a snack provided on the plate. This is terrific for those on a diet!

Atmosphere: 2

None to be seen.

Service: 2

Too much at the wrong time. The customer is not made to feel comfortable.

Price: 2

Even though the prices are in the range of \$5.00 per entree, and dinner with an appetizer, tax and tip can be had for about

\$10.00, you do not get enough food for your money — and you don't get anything else either.

Overall: 2.1

When planning to have your own rendezvous, have it elsewhere.

Jonathan Cohen

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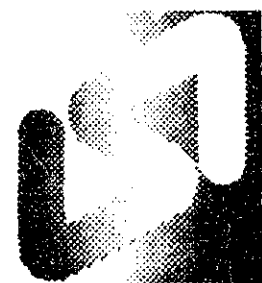
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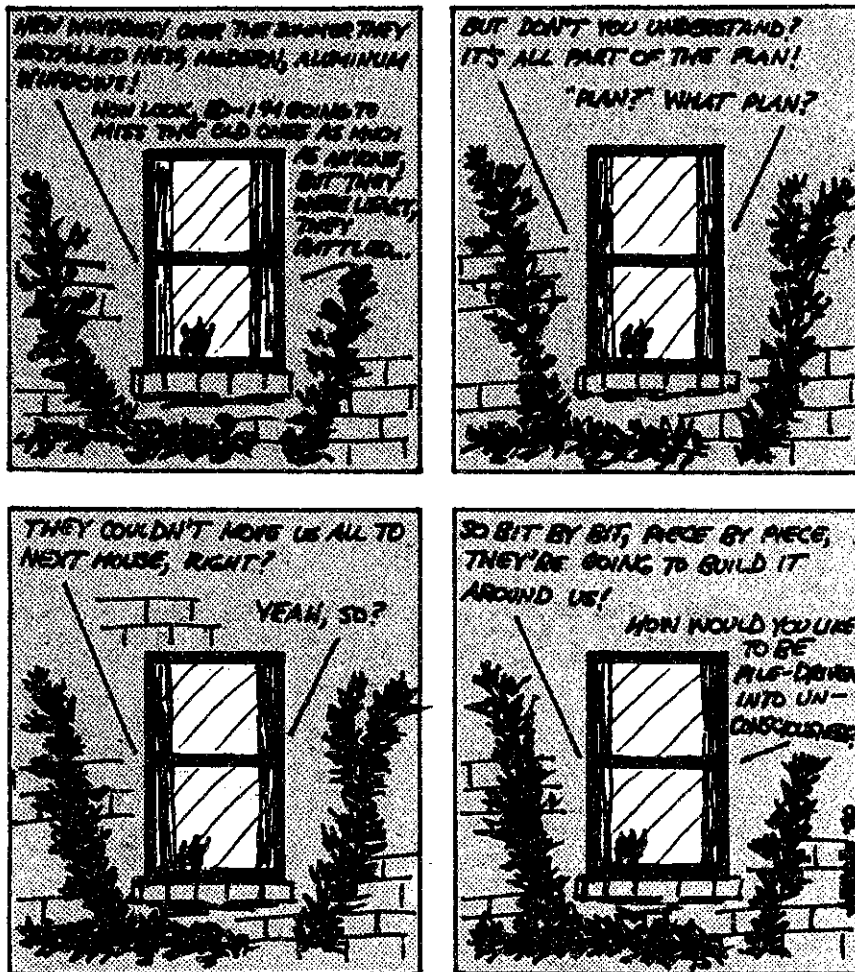
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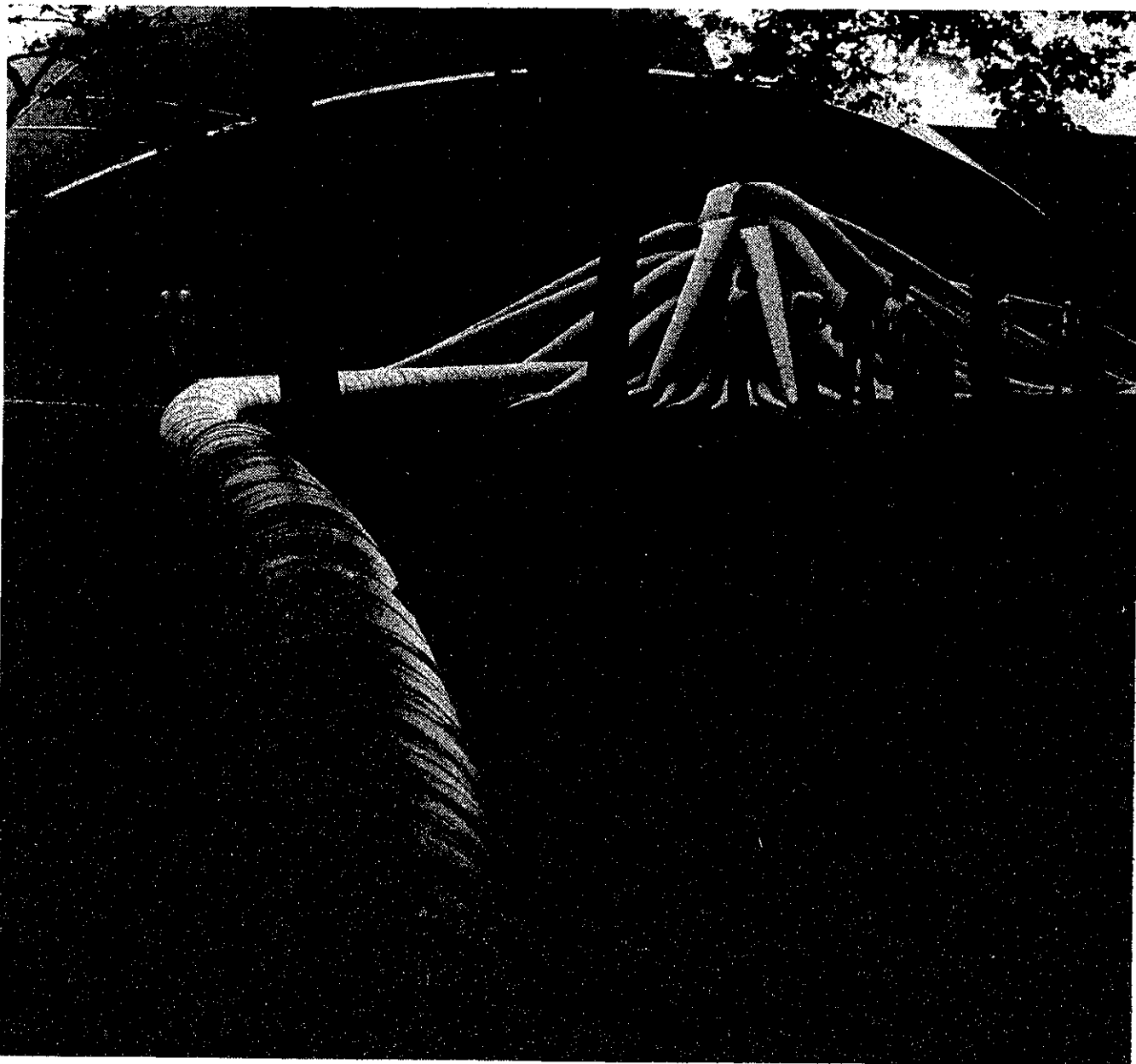
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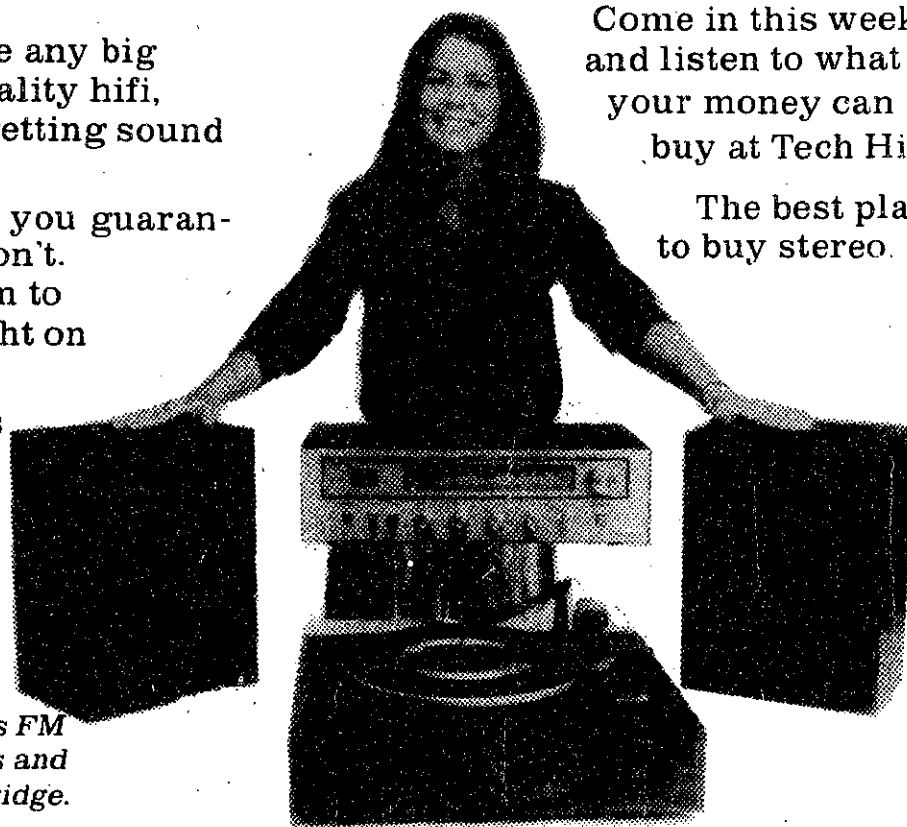
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Looking back

Housing history repeats

Editor's Note: This year's housing shortage is not unprecedented. The conditions responsible for the 1955 crunch described in The Tech articles reprinted below sound amazingly familiar.

SEPT. 17, 1955: This is the year of the big squeeze. The advent of a freshman class numbering 970 men, coupled with the continued presence of three other large classes, has forced approximately 150 upperclassmen to the drab confines of a heavily-cotted Walker gym. The class of '59 is less numerous by only 10 than last year's entering class, which was the largest in MIT's history.

The housing situation at the Graduate House is even tighter. Between 150 and 200 graduate students lack accommodations. Westgate has a waiting list of approximately 150 families.

MIT fraternities have pledged 290 men. At least 40 more freshmen would have to join fraternities to ease conditions noticeably. It is estimated that before the rushing stops in two weeks, 310 freshmen will have pledged a fraternity. This is approximately the same number which pledged last year.

As the situation stands at present all freshman will have rooms in the dormitories. The overflow of 150 is made up of transfer students and upperclassmen tardy in confirming room assignments. Frederick G. Fasset, Jr., Dean of Housing, would chance no estimate as to what percent of the surplus would eventually find its way into the dormitories.

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SEPT. 27, 1955: One hundred seventy-five upperclassmen cannot yet be accommodated in the dormitories this year. There are no indications at present that the situation will improve. A group of students, largely made up of transfers and upperclassmen whose room assignments were suspended because they did not confirm them, has been forced to find residence off campus or sleep on cots on the floor of Walker gymnasium.

There are several reasons for this shortage of dormitory space. For one, according to Dean Fasset, "Fraternity pledging is off as compared to last year." Prof. Thresher, the Director of Admissions, said that about 300 men are pledged into fraternities from year to year, and estimated that possibly only 270 would be pledged this year.

Another factor causing the lack of space is the recent tendency to admit larger freshman classes than previously. The last of the small classes was '55, while '56 is the first of the larger classes. A small class was graduated last spring and a large class admitted this fall, and to this difference in numbers a large part of the difficulty can be traced. As Prof. Thresher put it, "It's tending to build up."

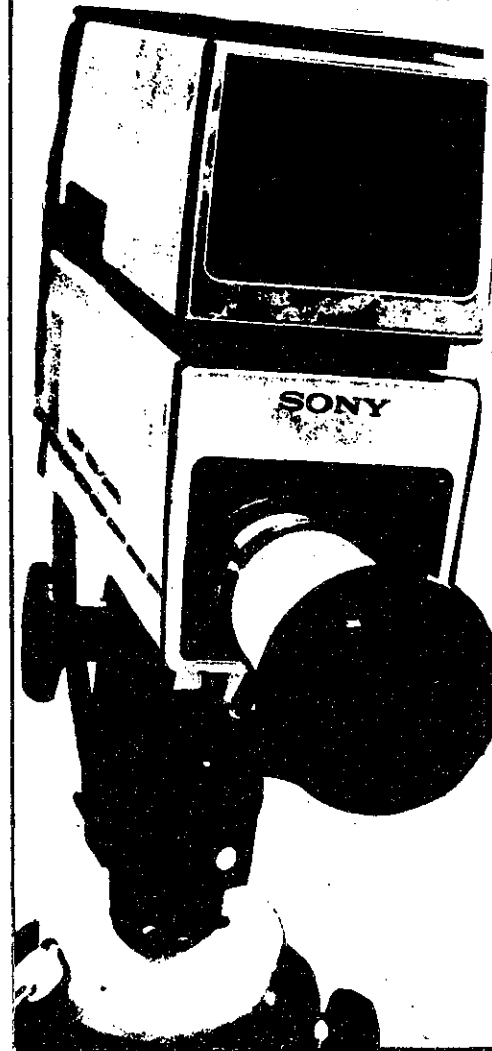
But no immediate remedy is offered. Even if the money and ground space were available, a new dormitory could not be built in a year, and much the same problem is predicted for next fall.

The maintenance of Walker gym as a temporary living space was started on September 17 and will probably continue through October 1 or possibly longer. At present, however, very few students

are still staying in Walker.

The Institute, although not obligated to house the entire student body, feels its first obligation to be toward the freshman class, and for this reason all freshmen are provided for. By Monday, October 3, the end of the pledge period, a few more freshmen will be pledged to fraternities and their beds in the dormitories vacated, which will provide a slight alleviation; but the general problem will remain unchanged, and there is apparently no other source of relief.

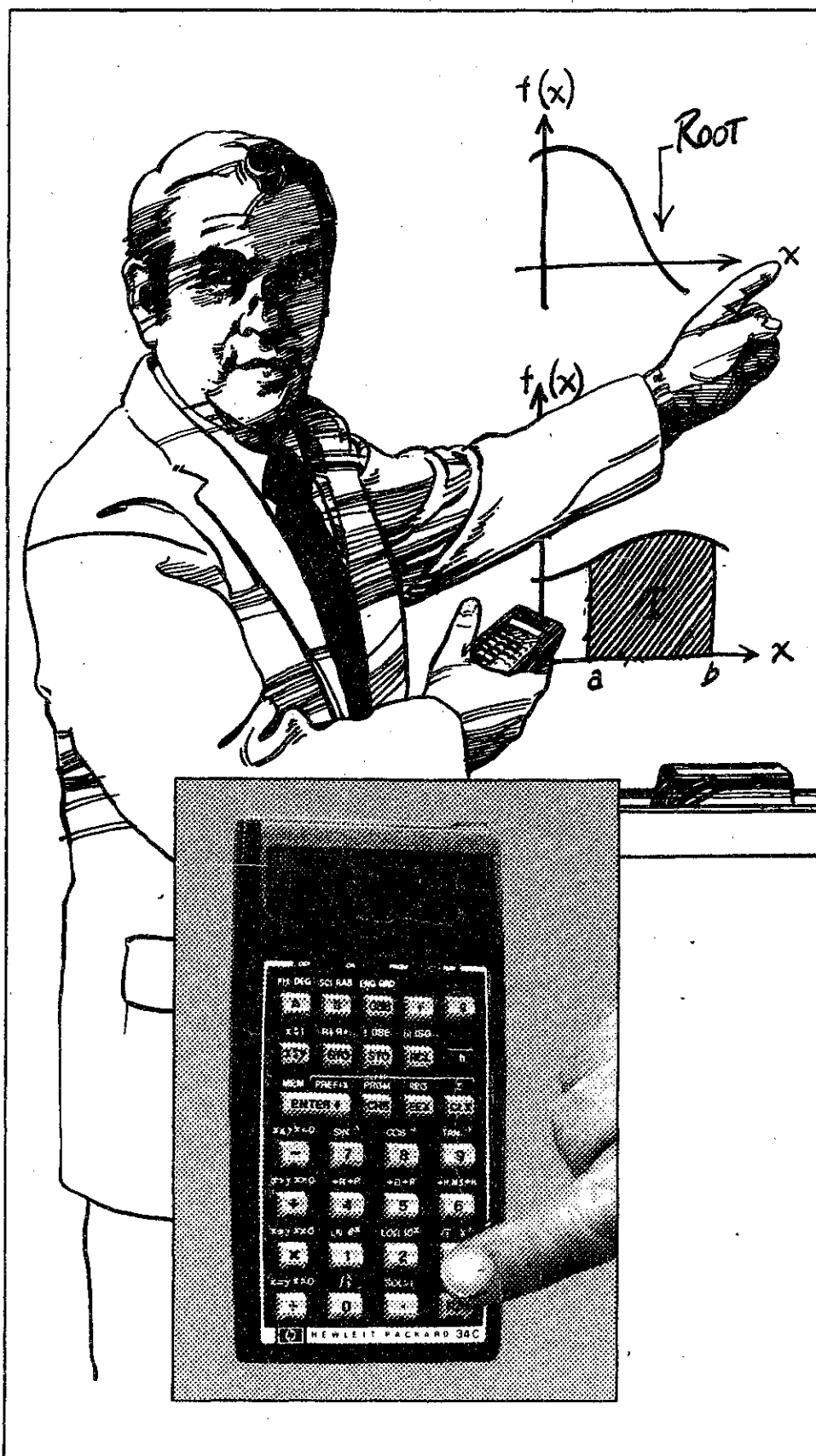
At present, there are approximately 175 upperclassmen on the waiting list for dormitory rooms. The waiting list for Westgate numbers about 150 families. Large numbers of graduate students are forced to seek residence off campus; the shortage is acute on every hand.



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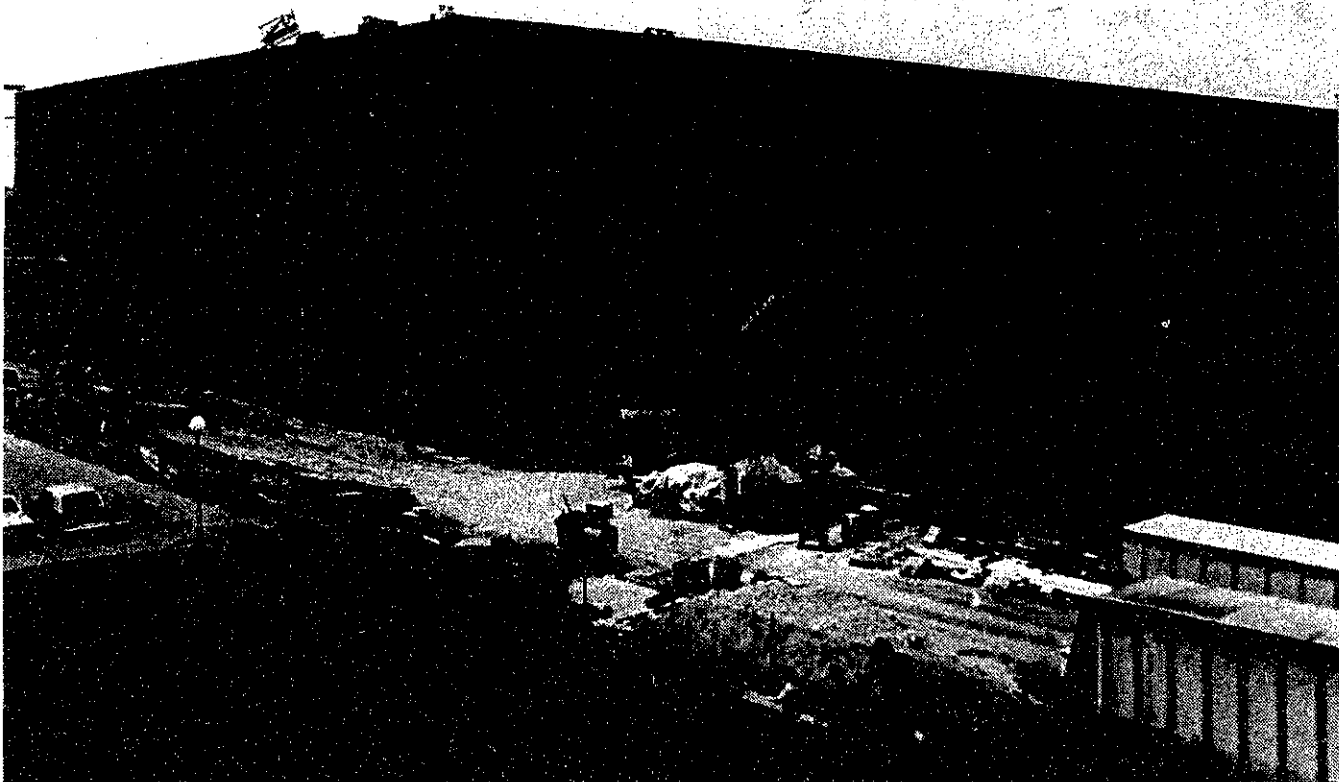
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The new event center is scheduled to open in early November. (Photo by Rick Parker)

By Bob Host

The athletic department has announced the hours of the athletic facilities for the 1980-81 academic year.

The duPont athletic center including the duPont lobby and the Briggs Field House will be open this fall daily from 7am until 10pm. The first hourly reservation will be at 9am with the last reservation accepted for 9pm. The duPont equipment window will be open on weekdays from 10am to 8pm, and will be open from 10am to 6pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

As for the sauna, alumni pool, Rockwell Cage, rifle and pistol range, training rooms and weight rooms, users are advised to consult the schedules posted at these facilities. The new event center, including an ice rink, track, field house, and tennis courts, will have its schedule posted after its opening in early November, although late last year there was talk of the facility being utilized 20 hours a day. However, there has been no official word on the matter from the department.

The athletic department notes that all activities will cease at 10pm each night, and that schedules are subject to change to meet intercollegiate and intramural schedules and special events. In addition, all facilities will be closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

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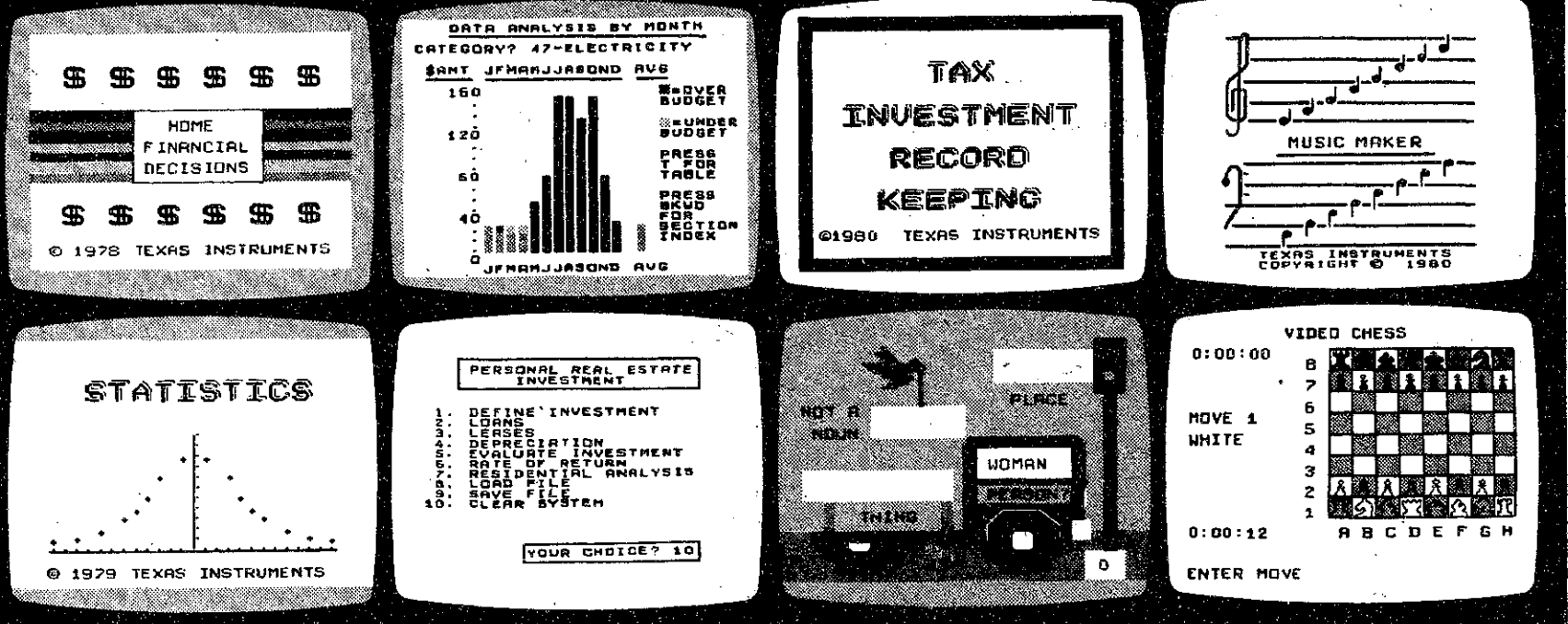
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