

## Student loan limits, interest rates raised

By Stuart Gitlow

Higher student loan interest rates and increased debt ceilings are the foremost results of the Education Amendments of 1980 bill, signed into law by President Carter earlier this month. Despite these changes, "prospects for increased overall funding are not very good," according to MIT Director of Student Financial Aid Leonard Gallagher.

A limit of \$60 billion of federal funds has been allotted to post secondary education through 1985, according to the amendments. The bill, in addition to reauthorizing existing procedures included in the Higher Education Act, establishes the new loan policies.

During the signing ceremony for the documents, Carter proclaimed that the bill "provides support to students in all kinds of institutions... private institutions as well..."

Although National Direct Student Loan (NDSL) limits have been raised from \$5000 to \$6000 (for all undergraduate years), the interest rate for new borrowers has been increased from three to four percent. Furthermore, the "current 9-to-12 month grace period is reduced to 6 months for all students beginning repayment," according to the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

### NewsWatch

## Bombings spotlight neo-fascists

By David Lingelbach

Recent bombings in Germany, France, and Italy have focused attention on the neo-fascist movement, which has gained notoriety in Europe over the past several years. Professor Suzanne Berger of the Political Science Department, a Guggenheim Fellow in France over the past year, discussed with *The Tech* the internal politics of the Western European nations.

Stressing the dissimilarities between the neo-fascist organizations in Europe and other rightist movements in the world today, Berger pointed out that the European fascist groups do not seem to be connected with the religious community; nor are they fundamentally religious in nature. Unlike Khomeini's Islamic fun-

When asked if he thought the increased NDSL limits would affect MIT students, Gallagher was pessimistic. "The NDSL loans are based on an application from each university. There is competition among colleges for appropriations. The limit changes don't mean we'll get more money from the federal government."

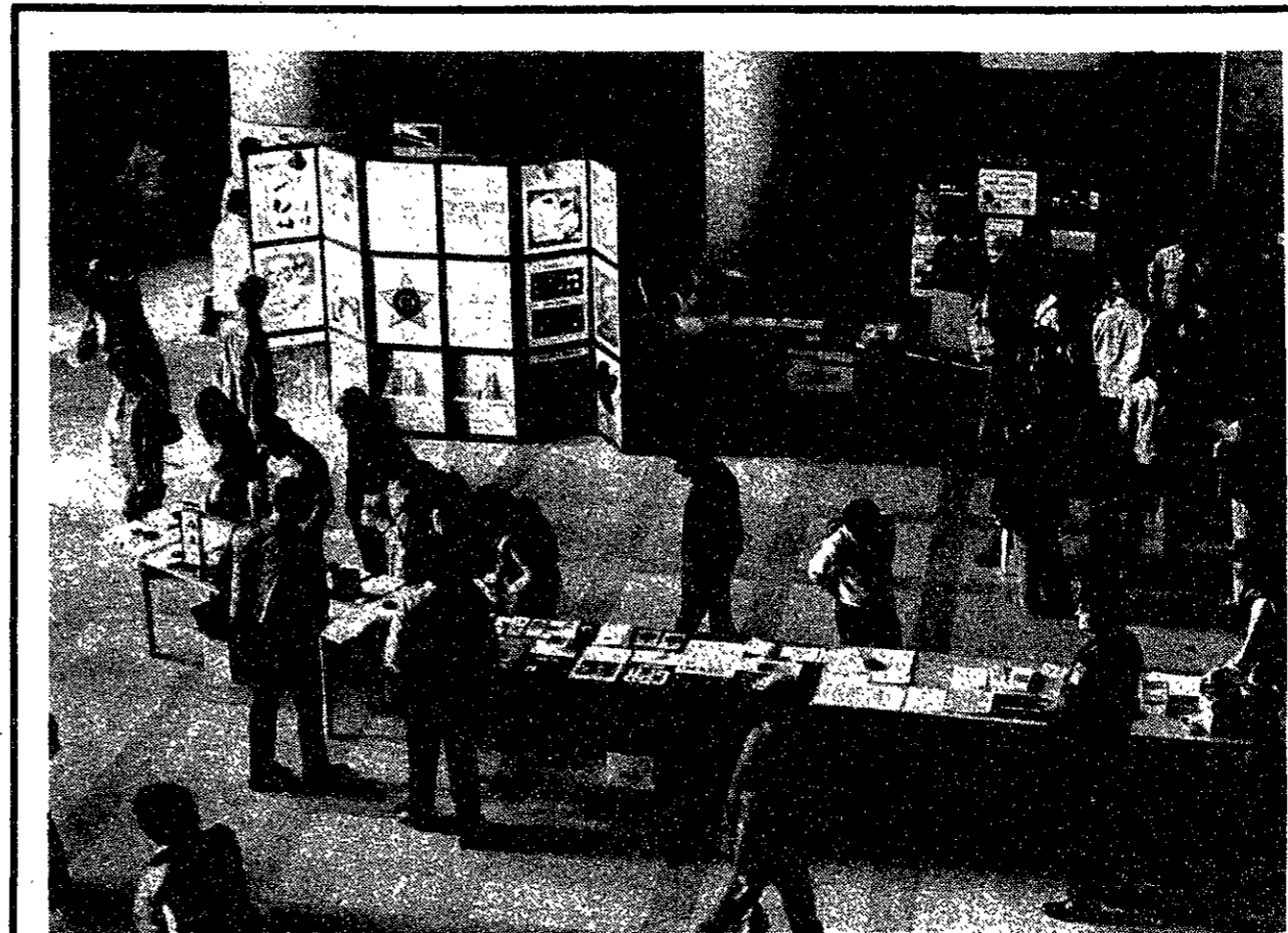
The Guaranteed Student Loan Program (GSL) has been restructured to allow parents a longer period of time in which to repay loans. This new program would allow parents to borrow up to \$3000 annually, up from \$2500, towards a total of \$15,000 on behalf of their dependent children. Loan repayment must begin within sixty days of graduation. Meanwhile, under the same program, independent students may borrow \$3000 annually with interest rates being raised from seven to nine percent for new borrowers. Student participants in this year's GSL will not pay the new higher interest rate.

"Independent students," according to Gallagher, "must meet three requirements: they must not be listed as tax-dependents, have parental support of less than \$1000, and they must not have lived with their parents for more than a minimal period per year. These requirements must all be met for the prior year and the current year for the student to be eligible."

damentalist movement or Libya's Muammar Qaddafi's Islamic unity campaign, these fascist groups do not seem to enjoy the support of the people, Berger said.

Most governments in Western Europe permit the formation of extreme right-wing political parties. In the case of Italy, Berger said, one party, the Movimento Sociale Italiano (Italian Social Movement), has had success in getting deputies elected to parliament. Neither France nor Germany, she said, currently have neo-fascist representation in their national legislatures. Berger noted that terrorist groups, which may be informally attached to legitimate political parties, are outlawed in all Western European countries.

In the particular case of



Students in Lobby 7 peruse through materials exhibited by Campus Patrol during Crime Prevention Week. (Photo by Steve Cohen)

## Reagan advisor: Europe falls towards Soviet domination

By Alain d'Heurle

A foreign affairs advisor of Ronald Reagan, Harvard Professor Richard Pipes, asserted at MIT last Thursday that the US must stop the slide of Western Europe towards neutrality and Soviet domination. "The US can-

not tolerate Europe's acting like an unfaithful wife," he told an audience at the Center for International Studies.

Although a Soviet frontal attack on Western Europe is not to be feared as long as the NATO forces and the US nuclear "umbrella" stand, Pipes said, there is increasing danger of Soviet hegemony over Western Europe and Japan. He added that a gap is widening between the US and its allies. In order to persuade French President Giscard d'Estaing and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt to reverse the

present European trend, we must take a hard line, using political, economic, and even military leverage, he said, suggesting that the 300,000 US troops in Europe could be used to this end. When asked if such coercion would not constitute blackmail, he answered, "Let's not call it blackmail; let's call it arm-twisting. It's what is at the heart of any negotiation, really."

Detente is doomed to failure because it stems from the false premise that the US and the USSR share essentially similar in-

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## LSC mulls investment

By Julie Tiao

The MIT Lecture Series Committee (LSC) is considering a change in its by-laws to allow the committee to invest its money in private companies, such as Money Mart, according to LSC Chairman Dan Perich '81.

The LSC by-laws currently specify that committee funds must be stored in government guaranteed institutions, such as banks. The highest interest rates now obtainable on readily available funds is about 5 1/2 percent in guaranteed institutions (NOW accounts). By allowing the committee to invest its "lag fund" in Money Mart-type companies, the floating interest rate is raised to the vicinity of 7 1/2 percent. The increased interest revenue would be a significant gain for

LSC, as Perich estimated the lag fund at any given time to be several thousand dollars.

The lag fund is produced during the time lag between incoming movie revenues and outgoing lecture fees and movie payments. Perich explained. He emphasized that the funds invested in Money Mart would be immediately available upon request. The additional interest earned by using the Money Mart system will allow the LSC to sponsor more lectures without further increasing student movie ticket prices, he added.

The proposed change in the LSC by-laws has been approved and recommended by the LSC executive committee, and it will be voted upon by the general committee at their November 3 meeting.



Richard Carson '83, Tom Stefanick '79, Dave Brackman '82, and Dan Allen '82 appear in Shakespeare's drama *Henry IV Part II*, performed by the MIT Shakespeare Ensemble Oct. 24, 25, and 27, in the Sala de Puerto Rico. (Photo by Rick Parker)

Whether neo-fascism in Europe will spread and grow is doubtful, said Berger. There is no formal

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## inside

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MIT Community players go wild over *Lady Windermere's Fan*. **Page 9.**

# news roundup

## Nation

**Anderson to appear in variant debate** — Using delayed tape, the Turner Broadcasting System intends to "include" independent presidential candidate John Anderson in the upcoming Reagan-Carter debate. Anderson, appearing before a live audience, will answer the same questions the two party candidates will, at the same time. Turner's company will then splice Anderson's replies into their regular broadcast. To the viewer, the live program will then appear as if all three candidates are each in turn answering each of the questions.

**Carter, Reagan even in poll** — President Carter and Ronald Reagan are "essentially even," according to a *New York Times*-CBS News poll released yesterday. The Carter gains were attributed to increased support among wavering Democrats and independents. Carter was given 39 percent support among the probable electorate, compared to 38 percent for Reagan and 9 percent for Anderson.

## Local

**MIT, Harvard profs endorse Carter** — President Carter is "better qualified, . . . sounder, and more responsible" than Ronald Reagan, according to a statement signed by a group of MIT and Harvard professors Wednesday. The statement says that Carter has made mistakes, but claims that Ronald Reagan's positions are "potentially damaging" to the future of the country. Signing the letter from MIT were John Deutsch, Robert Solow, Lester Thurow, and Phyllis Wallace.

—By Rich Salz and Jay Glass

## Weather

After early morning lows in the middle 30's, winds will shift to the northeast. Skies will be variably cloudy with highs near 51. Mild tonight with lows in the mid 40's. Becoming cloudy, wet, and generally dismal on Saturday. Light rain early in the day will become heavier by evening. Highs near 50. Lows in the 40's. Rain should end by noontime Sunday. Skies will turn partly sunny with highs in the 50's.

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by James Franklin

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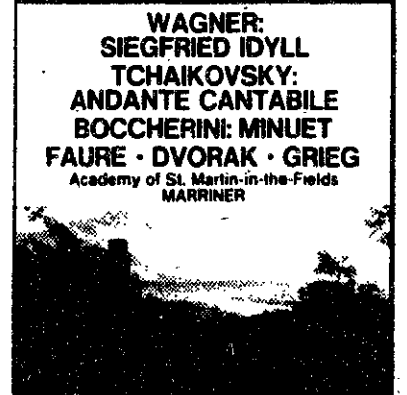
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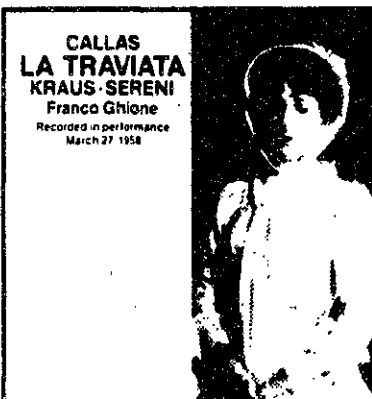
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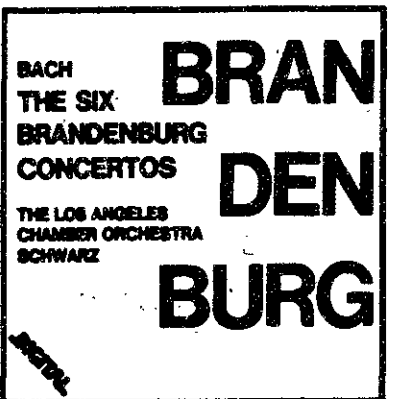
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# Fascist collaboration feared

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evidence that the neo-fascist groups are linked, she added, but there is a great deal of informal interaction between the groups. No single event seems to have triggered the outbreak in terrorism over the past three months, and Berger felt that the only real explanation for this wave of violence was, aside from coincidence, a certain amount of planning and coordination among fascist groups in France, Italy, and Germany.

Berger added that the resurgence of the National Front in Great Britain, a neo-fascist group focusing on the colored Commonwealth immigrants in

England, is essentially racial in nature and is probably not connected with neo-fascism on the Continent.

The possibility of foreign power intervention in and collusion with the neo-fascist movements of Western Europe should not be dismissed, said Berger. European publications, including *The Economist* of London, have been recently reporting ties between Middle Eastern groups and some Italian and German radical right-wing organizations. Both West German Christian Democratic Union party leader Franz-Josef Strauss and the West German Ministry of the Interior claim to have information that

Karl-Heinz Hoffman, leader of the neo-Nazi group that set off a bomb last month at the Oktoberfest celebration in Munich, was linked with both the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Libyan government of Qaddafi. Other reports tie Hoffman to right-wing Christian militia in Lebanon.

Connections between Qaddafi and certain radical right-wingers in Italy seem to exist, said *The Economist*, but these links are tenuous at best.

No complicity of the Soviet Union in any of the right-wing terrorism in Europe during the past several months has been established.

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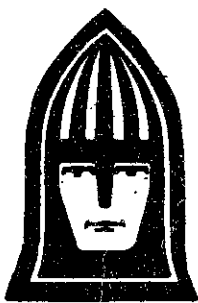
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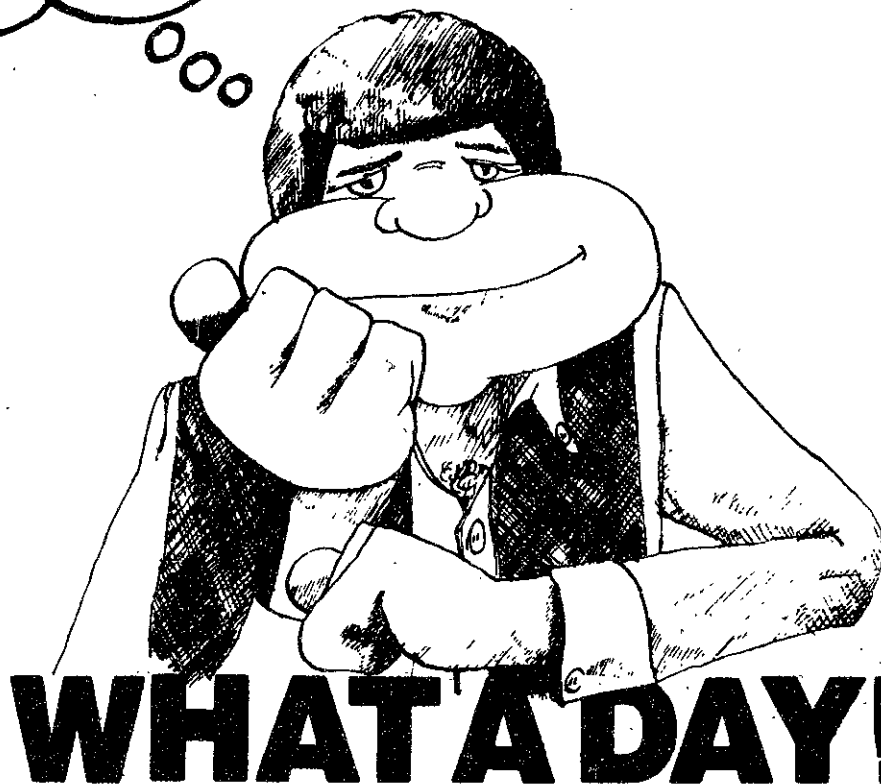
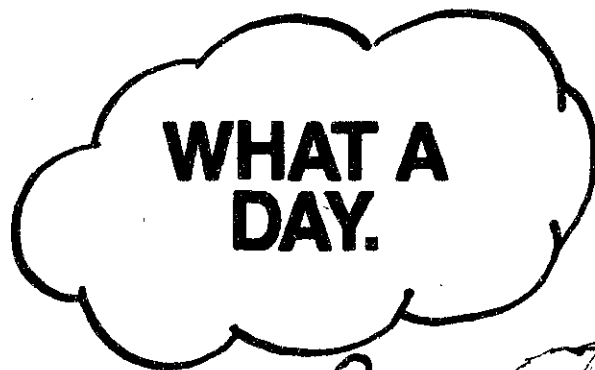


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# opinion

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## Pressing on

By all indications, it appears that the next president of the National Academy of Sciences will be none other than MIT's own Frank Press.

Press, formerly head of the Earth and Planetary Department, is currently Jimmy Carter's Science Advisor. It has been widely reported that Press will be nominated at the meeting of the Academy's governing council on Sunday. If his is the only name placed into nomination, as is likely, his election by the over 1300 Academy members will be assured.

Press' only problem may be the 1978 Ethics in Government Act, which prohibits any government official from "influencing" policy in his former agency within two years of his leaving the government.

Press' primary competitor for NAS Presidency was IBM's Chief Scientist Lewis Branscomb. This pairing was certainly familiar to members of the MIT Corporation who participated in a very different presidential selection.

You see, the closest competitors to Paul Gray for the job of President of MIT (and they weren't all that close) were Lewis Branscomb and Frank Press.

According to informed sources, neither man posed a very serious challenge to Gray's election. Indeed, some would say Gray's election was fairly assured when he was named Chancellor in 1971.

Most of the speculation 54 weeks ago centered on Frank Press, though. Some members of the administration hinted that President Jerome Wiesner favored Press. Some faculty members have couched the election in terms of scientists vs. engineers. Press is a scientist; Wiesner, although an electrical engineer, is more closely identified with the scientific community. Paul Gray is an engineer through and through.

When Gray's election was announced, numerous perceptive faculty members were able to quickly see that the new Provost would come from the ranks of the pure scientists — such as the physicists.

The truth of the matter seems more accurately to be that the Corporation wasn't even looking at the scientists vs. engineers debate. The line of succession was pretty well set to them, as it had been for years. The faculty, who may have made the "two societies" debate a significant issue, were never seriously consulted about the presidential choice, if the truth be known. Neither, of course, was the Corporation Joint Advisory Committee.

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It appears Press fared somewhat better in the Academy presidential selection. Just why may be a mystery to some.

Press has been a staunch behind-the-scenes defender of the research budget in the Carter Administration. The R & D budget has in fact grown under Carter, although the rate of its growth is a hotly debated statistic.

Press has been criticized, though, for overplaying the "yes man" role for Carter. Press's defenses of the Administration's record have surprised some observers and angered some Congressmen. One journalist described him to me as a "staunch corporation man."

Press's relations with Congress have been rocky at best. He has been known to grow impatient under Congressional interrogation and even, at times, arrogant. Some accuse him of having a low tolerance for naivete about science and engineering on the part of others.

Press also tends to be pedagogic in his defenses of science and technology. Observers both in Washington and at MIT charge that he lacks the flair which is vital to making scientific and technological issues intelligible to the layman. Carter's major policy statements of which Press was the architect — on space, on innovation, and on science and technology policy — have been showcases of tedious prose and tired, unimaginative, old policies.

Press may be a stubborn supporter of science, but both the Washington and MIT observers I have spoken to seem to agree that he is an aloof, unexciting champion of the field.

This, unfortunately, is the last thing the National Academy of Sciences needs. A number of its recent studies, among them the infamous cholesterol study, have been fiascos. Reeling from the twelve-year tenure of the abrasive Philip Handler, and lacking widespread trust and credibility, the Academy needs a leader who will actively help restore the public's faith in the scientific enterprise. Press will have to be particularly sensitive to these factors to avert any further deterioration of the already uncomfortable situation.



Column/Gordon Hunter

## Different endings

Death is one of those touchy subjects which many people, myself included, don't like to seriously think about. Every once in a while, however, the subject is thrust at me in such a way that I have to deal with it.

I will remember Ken Hamilton as a friend. We weren't personally close, but we worked well together on *The Tech*. Even after he left the news office, I would still occasionally bump into him in the halls and we would chat briefly. I had no idea that he had any personal problems and certainly never thought he would take his own life. Yet a few weeks ago, he did just that.

Ken was no extrovert, but he was outgoing enough to join the newspaper and become an editor. He almost always had a ready smile and I remember him only once looking depressed (he had to take a term off because he "didn't have enough money"). He was a quiet person but it seemed to me that he had all the friends he wanted. Yet he "felt very alone."

As a freshman, I had friends but often became very depressed because I felt alone. Ken's act reminded me of those days, although suicide never entered my mind. I didn't understand why I felt that way then, and I don't understand it now. Perhaps Ken didn't understand his reasons for loneliness either.

I can't help wondering if there was something I could have done to help him. The tragic and frustrating thought is that no one may have been able to help him.

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I never knew of Edward Bigham until his shooting death on Memorial Drive became news a month ago. He was a young

man with a future that he was looking forward to living, according to his associates. Yet chance would have it that he was parked at the time and spot where some thugs had decided to make trouble, something he could not have foreseen.

Perhaps his death could have been prevented by more Campus Police cruisers making the rounds, as some suggest. Perhaps not. Even if there were CP's in every corner of the Institute, some nuts with weapons would still slip through and cause trouble.

Violent crime on the MIT campus, even with the recent increase of incidents, is surprisingly low for an urban area. Incidents like this should remind us that we are not insulated from the "real world" here, that we are in a city, and that there are dangerous people out there.

It is not worthwhile being scared or worrying about "who'll be next." It is unpleasant as well as useless to do so. It is worthwhile to remember, however, that the most effective prevention we can receive is from employing our own common sense.

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I went home a couple of weeks ago to see my grandmother while she was visiting. She is slowing down a bit as she gets older, but steadfastly refuses to be like "those old helpless people." Yet ever since my grandfather passed away almost ten years ago, she has been preparing to join him.

She is not morbid about it at all. Death is just part of life to her and denying that she too will eventually die is useless. Of course, she is in no hurry; she has been making plans for almost ten

years and she will probably plan for another twenty ("Heaven forbid I should get that old," she would say). Nor is she just waiting around for her demise, either. She still travels, paints, and has plans beyond next year. Life still holds pleasure for her and she means to keep it that way.

I can't help but have respect for someone who feels that way.

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Bonnie Gresham was a person I had never heard of before her death became news, either. She was a Wellesley-MIT student who enjoyed skydiving, but her life ended Sunday after her parachute failed during a sport jump. Bonnie obviously knew the risk she was taking by jumping, but she went ahead anyway.

While the investigation is not over, it seems from all reports that Bonnie did all she could to ensure her own safety for the jump. Both chutes she was wearing failed anyway.

Everything we do has a risk associated with it. A favorite analogy in Boston is that you take your life in your hands just stepping off a curb to cross the street. A less exaggerated example is a smoker who knows the unhealthy aspects of the habit, but who continues because it is enjoyable (at least to the smoker). I happen to think smoking is unwise, but I am sure that there are things I do, or things others do, for that matter, that many smokers would feel are unwise risks as well.

Bonnie was doing what she wanted to do, took the proper precautions and died accepting the risks that remained. As with my grandmother, I can only respect her for that.

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**Rename Bridge after alumnus**

*To the Editor:*

The lead article in your October 7 issue told of the Undergraduate Association's attempt to change the name of the Harvard Bridge. A memo circulated by the UA last August listed a series of alternatives. The most likely among these were names of early Institute presidents, such as Rogers, Maclaurin, and Compton. Each already has a building, laboratory, or hallway named for him on our campus.

Why not choose from among the MIT alumni? One of the most significant facts of MIT's existence is its century-long production of the world's best engineers. Let's choose one of them. Granted, with such a large domain, the chance for agreement on any one engineer is low.

The person I have in mind is John Ripley Freeman, Class of 1876. Freeman was a consulting engineer and insurance executive. He built a reputation as the leading American hydraulic engineer from 1900 to 1932. He designed water supply systems for Boston, New York City, Baltimore, Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco. In 1912 he oversaw construction of the largest hydroelectric dam built on the Mississippi River. In 1919 he oversaw construction of the Grand China Canal. He served with the Panama Canal Commission, founded the National Hydraulic Laboratory, and conducted extensive watershed, irrigation, and lake level studies across the US, Canada and Mexico.

Freeman attained similar stature in fire prevention engineering, seismology, and engineering insurance. His work on factory construction and fire prevention systems in the 1890's, coupled with his lifelong leadership of the Factory Mutual insurance companies created a second path to acclaim for him. Freeman borrowed from his German peers in hydraulics; with seismology he learned from the Japanese. He published a long study of earthquake resistant construction and earthquake zone insurance structure late in his career. No American had been as thorough with these topics.

Freeman served on the MIT Corporation for forty years. He was informal consultant to each President of the Institute during the first three decades of this century. Freeman initiated studies of the Cambridge campus site and did extensive studies of departmental space requirements, economical building techniques, and the architectural styles of comparable European institutions. Later in his career he established scholarships with the ASCE, ASME, and BSCE to send graduate students to Europe to study hydraulics. Many MIT students were recipients.

Freeman left his imprint on the Back Bay, the Charles River, and MIT's Cambridge campus. In 1903 he served on the Charles River Dam Committee. He designed the dam and studied the entire area bordering the basin. He conducted a study of the

sanitary condition of the Charles more thorough than any yet done, though sanitary engineering wasn't his specialty. Between 1911 and 1915 he worked on MIT's new site along the Charles, including drilling foundation borings. These borings remained particularly important to MIT's building engineers into the 1930's because of uneven sinkage in the landfill and clay over which the campus was built. Freeman predicted those problems before any construction was started, using his experience with engineering geology.

Freeman was the best hydraulic engineer of his day; he was a strong supporter of MIT; he helped plan the very structures the Harvard Bridge serves. Why not call it the Freeman Bridge? Except for the fact, of course, that if he had been asked to build the bridge, he would have done a nicer job.

Or how about the Freeman-Technology Bridge? Its advantage is obvious: at the same time that a person is honored, the name provides direction. The MDC will like it and the proposal may very well be accepted by Beacon Hill.

Since August the UA has had an informal straw poll. On the ballot were a half dozen names of past presidents hyphenated with 'Technology'. Will our best choice come from that list? I don't think so. If anyone is curious why I am so convinced of this, they are welcome to visit the Institute Archives (14N-118) and take a look at the thousands of original reports, photographs, blueprints, maps, and letters left by Freeman to posterity. His place in the history of technology is prominent. It would be by no means inappropriate to name a bridge after him.

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# Pipes views Soviet policy

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terests and world views: that "they are 'like' us," asserted Pipes. Rather, he said, policy should be based on a realistic assessment of Soviet history and motives. According to Pipes, the "containment" policy initiated by former ambassador George Kennan in the late '40s represents the first time such realistic considerations were brought to bear.

Two points were emphasized by Pipes as essential for an understanding of Soviet aims. The historical nature of Russian ex-

pansionism, which goes back to the 18th century, must be first considered, he said. Pipes rejects as invalid the argument that Russia is and was primarily defensive (after the ravages of the Napoleonic campaign and World War II) in view of the extent of Russia's own conquests.

As "a consequence of the illegitimacy of the Soviet regime," said Pipes, the lack of popular approval of the Soviet government and its internal policy constrains it to muster nationalism and to divert attention from internal issues by creating enemies and fostering conflicts abroad.

Pipes defined the hegemony threatening Europe and Japan in

the word's original Greek sense, as the domination of one state over others by sheer might and threat without the need of conquest and military conquest. He admitted that the US did once enjoy hegemony, but only for a brief period after World War II.

Pipes teaches Russian history at Harvard's Russian Research Center. He has been an advisor to Sen. Henry Jackson (D-Wash.), and was a member of the Central Intelligence Agency's (CIA) "Team B" in the strategic arms debate. The "Team A"- "Team B" debate was organized by the CIA in 1976. "Team A" consisted of its own specialists and "Team B" of outside experts.

## notes

### Announcements

Registration for **Physical Education** classes for the second quarter will be held Tuesday, October 28, 8:30-11am, in the Dupont Gymnasium.

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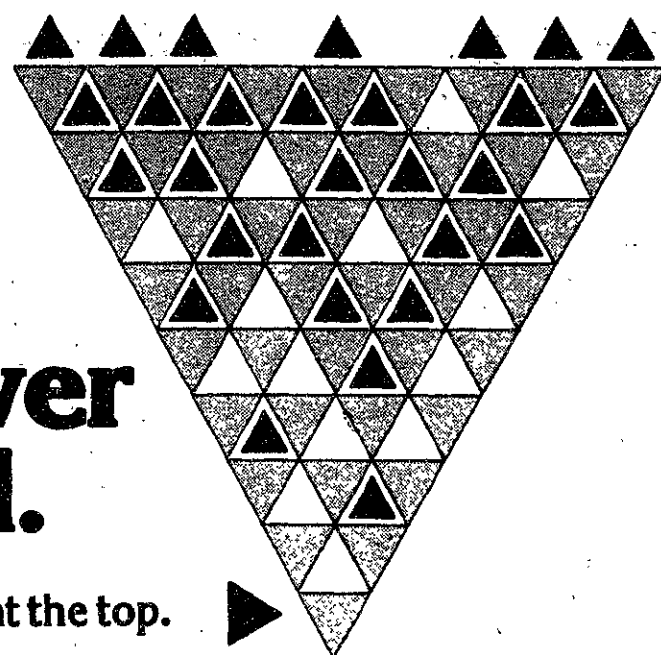
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# MIT grad loses NH Senate bid

By Kenneth Snow

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Sununu graduated from MIT in 1961 with a degree in mechanical engineering. He then remained at MIT to receive his SM and PhD degrees, also in mechanical engineering. Sununu was one of eleven Republican candidates in the September primary, and of the 99,673 Republican votes cast, Sununu received 16,885 votes (17 percent), giving him second place. Warren Rudman was the winner with 20,206 votes (20 percent). Rudman will be opposing Democratic incumbent Senator

J. A. Durkin in the November general election.

Sununu was a member of the New Hampshire Legislature in 1972-73 and was State Republican Chairman. He has now endorsed Rudman and is working for that campaign.

Sununu is a conservative Republican. He is in favor of increased military spending and cutting spending in all other areas. Sununu believes in energy conservation and "a firm commitment to producing all the energy we can from domestic sources."

Founder and president of Thermal Research, Inc., Sununu is a faculty member at Tufts University and an engineering consultant. He is married, has eight children, and lives in Salem, New Hampshire.

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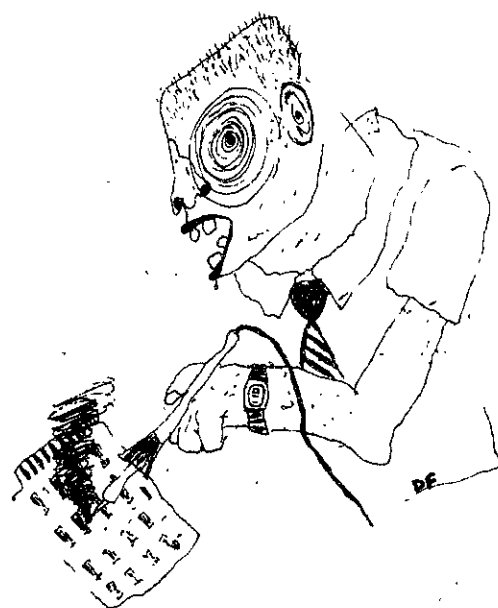
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# ARTS

## Medusa's Children are ugly

**Medusa's Children**  
*By Robert Shaw*  
 The book is a collection of short stories, each of which is a variation on the theme of the title. The stories are set in a world where the Earth has entered a warm age and the polar caps have melted, raising the level of the oceans. To preserve the coastlines, Ulrich Bergmann invented a machine that transported sea water into space where it could be stored without fuss or muss until the next Ice Age.

At the time this book takes place, the next Ice Age is nigh, and the Bergmann machines are sucking the water back from space. Unfortunately, the water-asteroids are inhabited by various beings (humans who were transported to the asteroid accidentally; a giant, malevolent polyp; and various species of fish), none of whom exactly like the situation.

While this premise is silly, it's not any more implausible than the premises underlying many successful science fiction novels. This book fails because Shaw doesn't trouble to make it appear plausible. He doesn't seem to think about what he

that you can't apply these writing "rules" in a vacuum, as if you were daubing colors on a paint-by-numbers outline.

Try to construct a story according to rule one and rule two and rule three and the result can only be as lifeless as this novel.

The situation: three hundred years ago, in the middle of the twentieth century, the Earth entered a warm age and the polar caps started to melt, raising the level of the oceans. To preserve the coastlines, Ulrich Bergmann invented a machine that transported sea water into space where it could be stored without fuss or muss until the next Ice Age.

argues a dedication to the field worthy of respect. And so, I am left with a question. If Shaw is willing to work that hard, why isn't he willing to go one step further and think about what he writes?

What he has done in *Medusa's Children* is as ludicrous as traveling all the way to France and then eating in a McDonald's because you always eat in a McDonald's. If you're too lazy to venture into unfamiliar territory, if you're just going to stick to the rule book, why bother to go through the motions of creativity? Why bother at all?

Karen Shapiro

## ON THE TOWN

### THEATER


The Opera Company of Boston will be performing Marschner's *The Vampyre* at 8pm on Oct. 31, and at 4:38pm (sundown) on Nov. 1. Members of the audience are advised to come appropriately equipped to deal with any contingency that might arise, such as garlic and crosses. Tickets from \$8. Call 426-5300.

### MUSIC

The Peking Opera is at Boston's Schubert Theatre for a two-week engagement (through Nov. 2). This show, a major breakthrough in cultural exchange between the US and China, is a composite of singing, dancing, chanting, acrobatics, mime, music and art. Performances are Tues.-Sat. at 7:30pm with matinees on Sat. & Sun. For tickets and information, call 426-4520.

Renowned cellist Anner Bylsma will give a recital in Sanders Theatre on Oct. 29 at 8pm. Student tickets cost \$5 (others are at \$6 and \$8) and can be acquired by calling 864-2634.


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**Lady Windermere's Fan** by Oscar Wilde, presented by MIT Community Players, David London, Director, at the Kresge Little Theatre, October 17-19, 23-25 at 8pm. Tickets \$2.50 for MIT people (\$3.50 for others).

The MIT Community Players' production of Oscar Wilde's *Lady Windermere's Fan* is a huge success. Wilde's text has a humor and wisdom that demand equal status; they are given it here. His

**Lady Windermere**



words have beauty, but also wit. And his characters are finely studied, their idiosyncrasies and place in the total picture as interesting as the story itself. In capturing all the finer points of this play, the Community Players have created possibly the most effective human drama seen on the MIT stage for a long time.

The settings in which the action occur are a pleasure in themselves. Details of design indicate an understanding of the habitat of late 19th century London high-society, from the grandeur of the Windermere home to the crowded coziness of Lord Darlington's bachelor apartment.

Within this environment, the story of a husband's suspected unfaithfulness to his wife unfolds. Charles Broderick is well suited to the role of Lord Windermere and, as the plot develops, shows that his love and caring for his wife, though very real, are enveloped in a frame of insensitivity and even arrogance. Amy Ritzenburg, a Physics graduate student, plays a relatively simply Lady Windermere, and one easily influenced — as is correct, providing good focus for the action revolving around her.

Wendy Almeida is an emotionally-complicated Mrs. Erlynne, the lady thought to be leading Lord Windermere astray. In Act III, she glitters in her black dress as she calmly — even nobly — delivers a speech on Lord Windermere's love. Though she is put down by society for her way, Wilde makes her a real flesh-and-blood character, a symbol of humanity in a world where convention is made to dominate human feeling.

Most of the rest of the characters are plastic, constrained in action by rules of propriety. Outstanding among these is Constance Dawson as Duchess of Berwick, a true study in artificiality. Dawson gives this part a black humor that teaches as well as entertains. Her articulation of the words: "It must be so pretty there with all those kangaroos jumping around," drew deserved laughter from the audience, as did her expressed dislike of "nasty kangaroos" addressed to the same personage (her daughter's fiance) when she realizes that he is intent on taking her back to Australia with him, forsaking the potential joys of Grosvenor Square.

James Mullen is a perfect flower as Cecil Graham; Frank Piekut, a loud comic-strip character as Lord Augustus Lorton. The "correct" wooing and engaging of Lady Agatha Carlisle and Mr. Hopper provides a pleasant diversion from the main action; Robert Burke and Amy Schrom, who play these parts, also sing charmingly between acts.

English accents and mannerisms are perfect all-round, and the wit and wisdom are essentially Wilde. Go!

Jonathan Richmond

## ON THE TOWN

### MIT

Theodore Lettvin (Jerry's brother) will be piano soloist with the MIT Symphony Orchestra in a concert of music by Mozart, Beethoven, and Brahms on Sat., Oct. 25 at 8:30pm in Kresge. Tickets are free in Lobby 10, or \$1 at the door. For info, call x3-2826.

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The MIT Shakespeare Ensemble is pleased to present a revival of last spring's production of *The Comedy of Errors* on Oct. 26 and 28 and *Henry IV Part 2* on Oct. 24, 25, and 27. All shows are in the Sala de Puerto Rico in the Student Center. Tickets are \$4, \$3 with college ID. Tickets are on sale in Lobby 10 and may be reserved by calling x3-2903.

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Emily Corbato will give a piano recital including works by Bacon, Bloch and MacDowell at 3pm on Sunday, Nov. 2 in Kresge Little Theatre.

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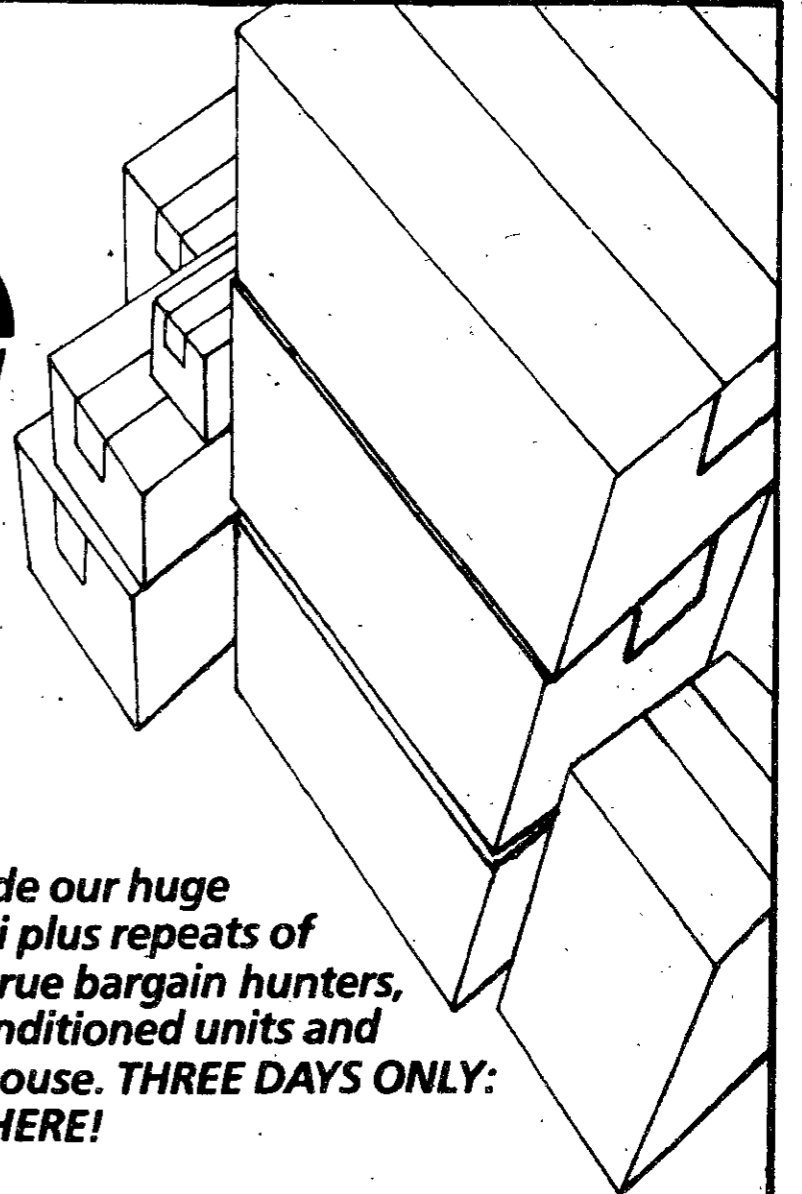
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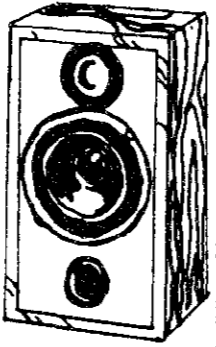

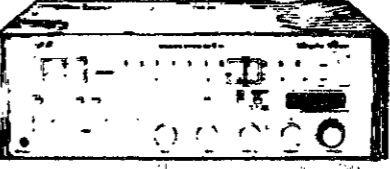
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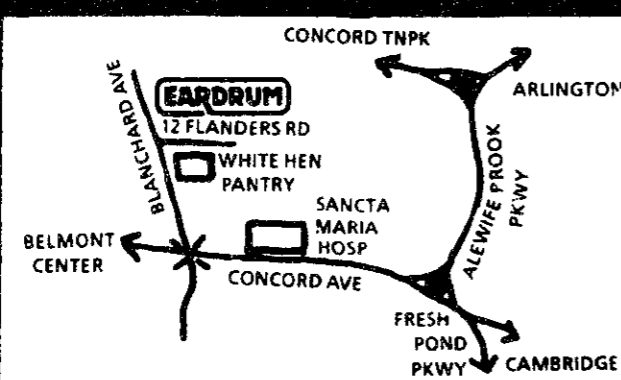
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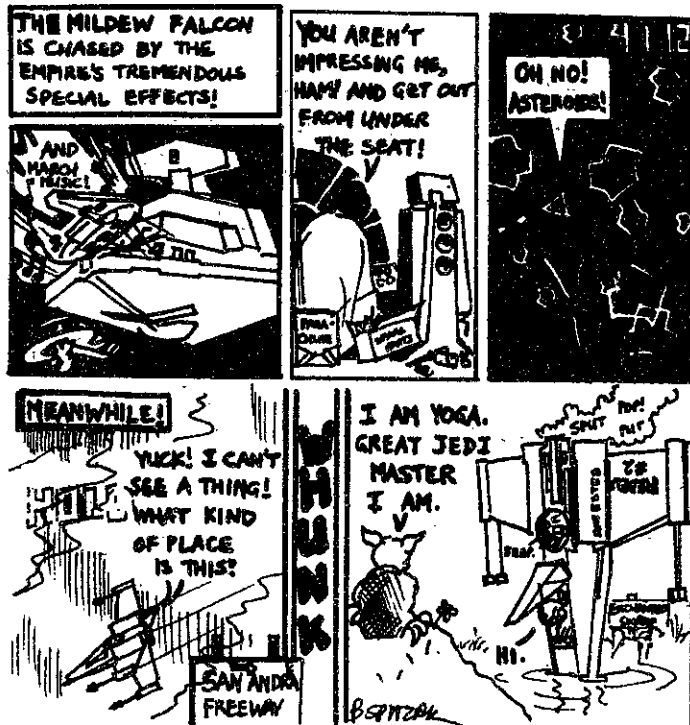
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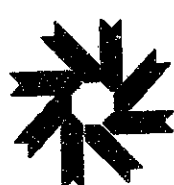
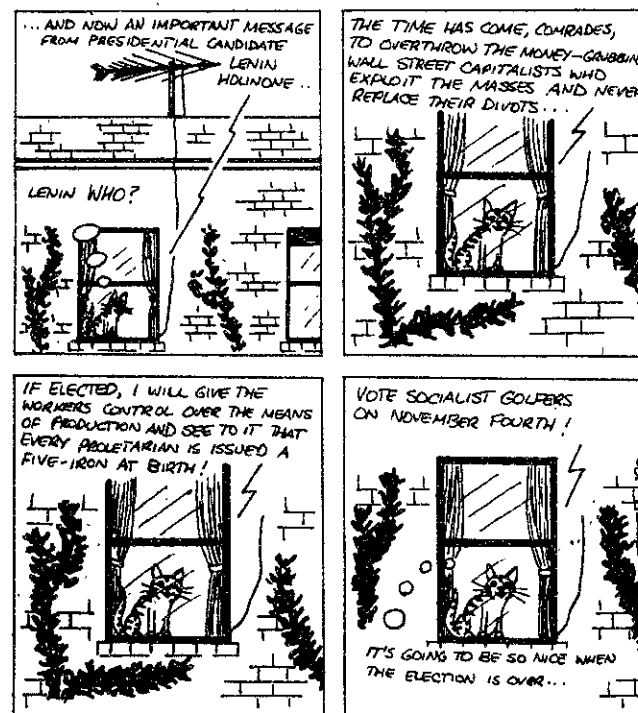
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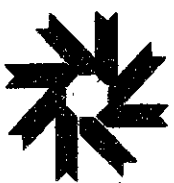


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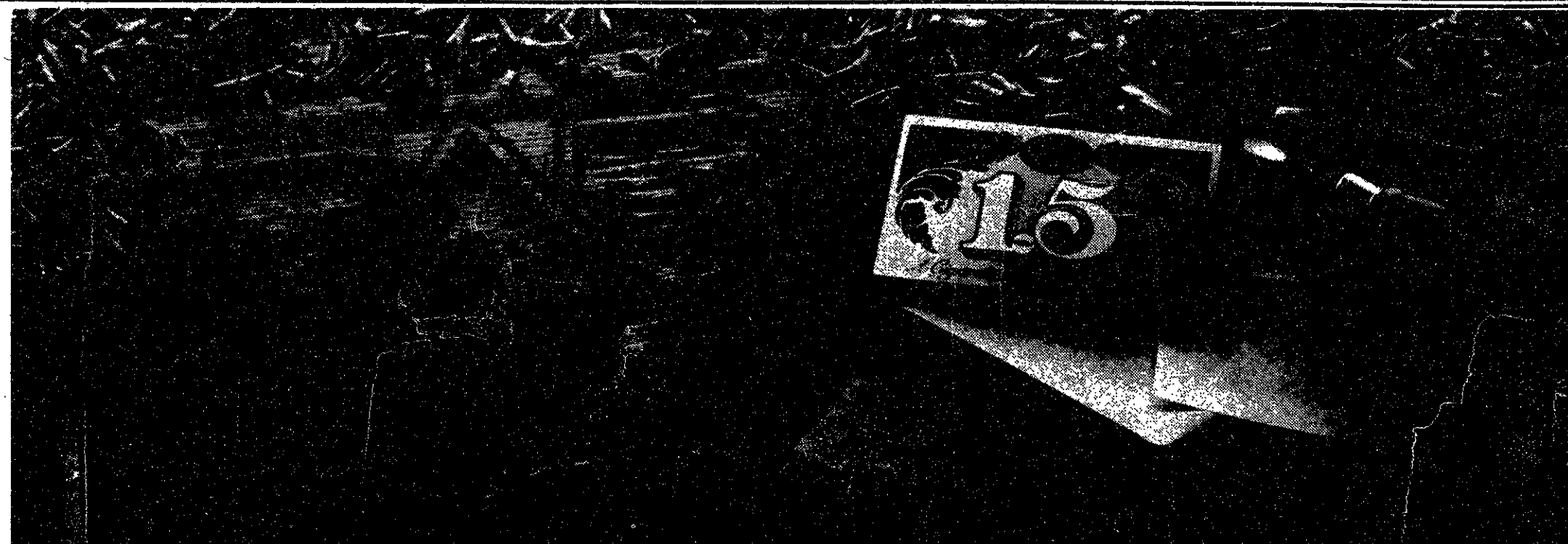
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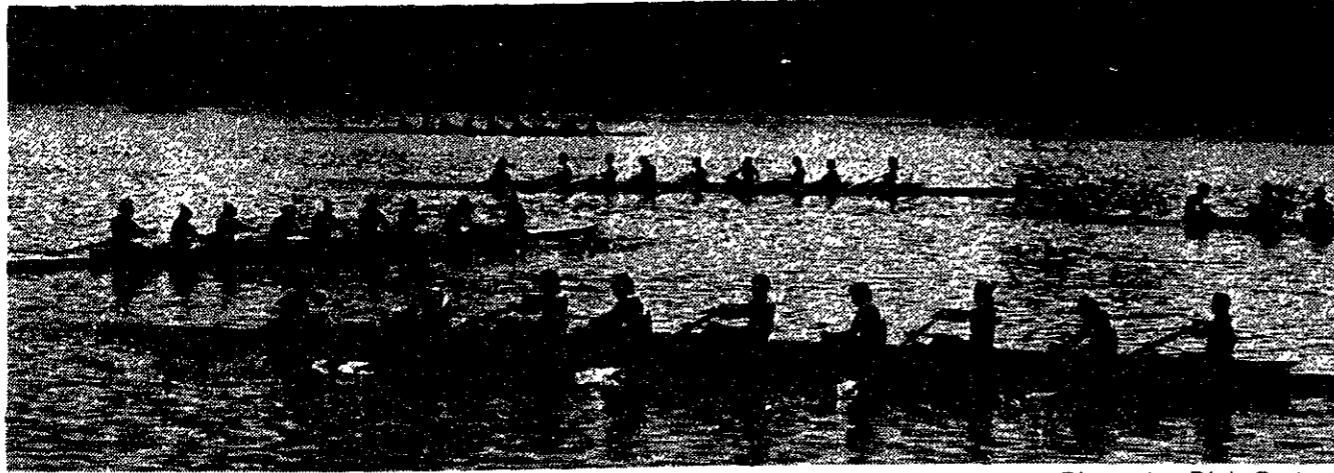


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By Bob Host

The Naval Academy was a surprise winner in the men's heavyweight division in last weekend's 16th annual Head of the Charles crew regatta.

The largest one-day rowing event in the world was watched by an estimated 60,000 people lining the banks of the Charles River on a clear Sunday afternoon, with 3400 rowers in 18 divisions competing in over 700 shells.

In the championship eights, the last event of the day, Navy took the title in the only meeting all year that includes every eastern college varsity team. In addition, the US Olympic team and two West German boats competed in the event, which Navy won by 13 seconds. Harvard's team finished third in that event, just ahead of the Olympic team.

In the women's division, three-time champion Wisconsin was defeated by St. Catherine's, and the team title was won by Washington's Potomac Boat Club. US champion Tiff Wood and 1952 Olympian John J. Kelly, Jr., retained their singles titles, and new records were set in the masters, mixed eight, and club eight events.

Over 40 US Olympians raced in one category or another, with additional entrants including the Canadian team that won the gold medal in the Pan American Games, as well as entrants from West Germany, France, England, and Mexico.

On the three-mile course starting at the BU boathouse, teams such as the 1972 Olympic silver medal team, Harvard's unbeaten team of last year, and its 1974 undefeated heavyweight squad, were making their first rowing appearance since July.

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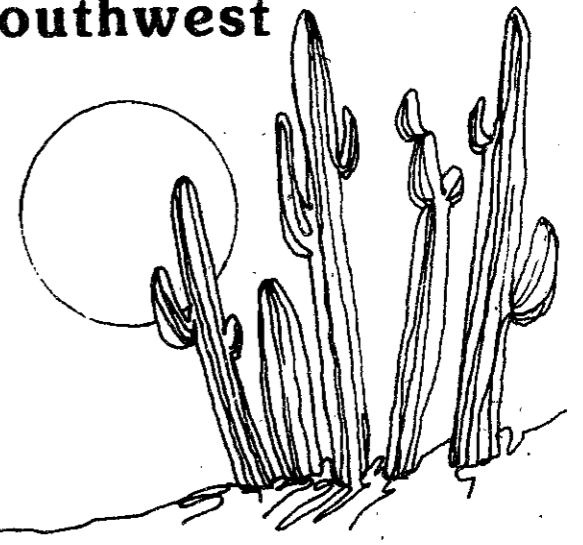
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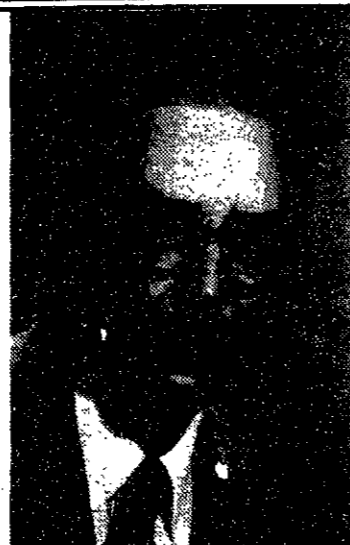
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