**CSA considers 1981 calendar change**

By Richard Salt

The committee on Student Affairs (CSA) is considering main proposals to insure that first term finals will end before Labor Day next year.

Registration Day has traditionally been the second Monday in September, a week after Labor Day; classes have started the following day. Next Labor Day falls on September 7, so if Registration Day is September 14, classes will finish the last day of finals the following day, December 16 next year.

Classes in previous years would end on Friday and finals started on the next week. The weekend provided a buffer zone between classes and examinations. In addition, classes with a final exam ended on Wednesday, effectively providing a four-day "reading period." If the four-day reading period were kept next year, the last day of final examinations would fall on the last day of classes.

Speaking before the General Assembly (GA) last week, Professor Arthur Smith, CSA chairman, outlined some of the proposals the committee is considering to preserve the reading period while avoiding Christmas eve finals. The CSA will make a presentation at the November 19 faculty meeting. The faculty will make a final decision in February.

The proposal which was originally discussed before the GA called for Registration Day to be the Wednesday immediately after Labor Day (September 9), followed by 13 weeks of classes and one week of finals, according to Smith. While the dates of events in the fall term would be almost the same, the Labor Day start to the R/O week would be changed. The impact of this plan on the structure of R/O has not been determined. According to Undergraduate Association President Chuck Marshak, the Committee on Educational Policy decided yesterday to recommend this plan to the faculty next Wednesday.

Another proposal suggested by Smith to the GA called for finals to start on the weekend after a two-day break. Courses with finals would end on the preceding Friday and courses without finals would continue until Tuesday. The GA voted to indicate its approval of both proposals at its last meeting, while favoring the latter. In addition, the GA voted that it was not in favor of final week ending as late as December 22.

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**Football rejects playoff bid**

By Bob Host

The MIT football club was offered the opportunity to play the upcoming National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) playoffs, but declined the offer when the playoff structure was expanded from its original format.

The Engineers, whose 6-1 regular season record gave them third place in the NCFP, were told that the original format of four-team playoff structure would be expanded to six teams, extending the playoffs another week. The Engineers decided that this was not acceptable.

The team did not accept the bid for a number of reasons, including the lack of change in playoff structure after the team was "almost promised" a two-weekend, four-team format, according to a team member. In addition, "a small part of it (the schedule)" was the fact that the playoffs will now be centered around Thanksgiving weekend. This was acceptable (to the other teams scheduled for the playoffs) because most of their players live close enough to walk back Thanksgiving weekend; this is not the case at MIT, the team noted.

The matter of expanding the playoffs was questioned by many team members. According to sources close to the football team, the league commissioner and coaches decided in January to restrict the playoffs to four teams. For the third week of the season, when the league competitiveness was close, the commissioner wanted to increase the field to eight teams but was met by resistance from many teams. The commissioner noted, "I have been contacted by numerous coaches explaining that more than four teams in the playoffs will produce too long a season and become too expensive for the traveling teams.

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**Prop 2 1/2 effects uncertain**

Service cutbacks, new taxes are two alternatives

By Jeni-Lynn Scarfield

The passage of Proposition 2 1/2 could result in new taxes for members of the MIT community, as well as the Institute itself, according to Cambridge City Councilor David Sullivan. "MIT is in the potential for a number of cutbacks in city services," Sullivan said.

According to Clifford Truettell, Assistant Director of UROP and an active local Democrat, "$2 1/2 is put fully into effect in Cambridge, the third year [that the law is in effect], the city will not have the money to hire a single policeman, a single fireman, or a single public works employee." Sullivan said that "[Proposition 2 1/2] has a lot of impact." He then outlined two types of effects that implementation of Proposition 2 1/2 might have on the MIT community. Said Sullivan, "First of all, assuming that it gets implemented in the city of Cambridge, it will result in a cut in city services such as a cut in fire protection by one-third." In addition to the fire protection loss, Sullivan suggested other areas in which cuts in funds may force the city to reduce services, including police protection, hospital services, garbage disposal, and snow removal.

Analysis

Arms policy to shift

By Hans A. von Spakovsky

American defense policy under President Ronald Reagan is expected to be hardline and will probably involve significant budget increases.

As Ronald Reagan said during the campaign and restated at his press conference on November 6, he believes in linking arms buildup with a defense buildup. He believes in an arms buildup, he believes in a defense buildup. This is in keeping with the hardline Reagan is expected to head the defense department transition team is in keeping with the hardline Reagan is expected to head the defense department transition team.

This computer-assembled image taken by Voyager I reveals the unexpected complexity of Saturn's rings discovered by the NASA deep space probe. At lower left is the 14th satellite of Saturn, discovered by Voyager I just inside the outer F ring. Wednesday, Voyager revealed that F has a "braided" structure, unlike the hundred other circular rings ever discovered. "Voyager I is now seeing the Solar System, following Pioneer 10 into interstellar space at 311 mph/sec. MITV will be running exclusive color films from 12:30 to 4:30 today, and 12:30-3:30 Tuesday on Cable channel 8. Inset With a diameter of 80 miles, the crater discovered Wednesday on Mars is 1/4 the size of the Saturnian satellite, the highest such ratio yet discovered in the Solar System. (Photos courtesy NASA)
Reagan to emphasize MX missile

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creating defense expenditures over the next four years. Some Republicans have proposed spending as much as $30 billion dollars more per year on defense. Reagan is in favor of the MX Missile, which could easily cost more than 60 billion dollars.

The MX Missile is certain to be a significant issue for the incoming Reagan administration. Some critics of the system, such as Professor Bernard Feld of MIT, oppose the MX because its throw-weight and accuracy would give the United States a first-strike capability to destroy Soviet ICBM's. However, the Soviets do not seem to be constrained by the consequences of developing a first-strike capability as their continued deployment of ss-18's and SS-19's indicates.

The possibility of abrogating the SALT I treaty and deploying Anti-Ballistic Missile systems around the current Minuteman force is another alternative.

Prop. 2 1/2's effects are unknown

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city chose to revoke MIT's tax exemption for non-profit educational uses.

Milne explained, "We (MIT) pay taxes on property we own that is not part of our educational plant." In addition, he continued, "the Institute pays for line of taxes, about 400,000." Milne explained that this money goes towards "city services."

"I don't know yet what the impact of Proposition 2 1/2 will be," noted Milne. Both Truesdell and Sullivan emphasized that the effects of the new law are entirely "speculative" now.

Truesdell noted, "In Cambridge, Proposition 2 1/2 was defeated by a two-to-one vote." He suggested that the state legislature may choose to exempt cities where the electorate rejected the referendum from abiding by its conditions. The state legislature will have to decide what action it intends to take, however.

Improvements in computer software and advanced digital signal processors have increased the range at which interceptors can identify and destroy incoming ICBM's. The capability to destroy a Soviet ICBM vehicle in midcourse before it has deployed its multiple warheads would give the United States a cost-effective, pinpoint defense of its current Minuteman force. Even a small midcourse capability would greatly complicate Soviet planning problems and decrease confidence in a successful strike, creating a more stable situation.

Ronald Reagan's policy toward America's conventional forces will be geared toward meeting the perceived Soviet buildup. The exact size of that buildup over the past decade is debatable because of arguments over the methods used by intelligence sources to estimate Soviet production, but it ranges from 150 billion to 240 billion dollars. According to the 1980 Department of Defense Annual Report, the current Soviet defense effort is 30 percent higher than that of the United States when measured in dollars, and 50 percent higher when measured in rubles.

The important priority for the Reagan Administration is to develop a cohesive foreign policy defining the requirements for American security and our interests abroad. Increasing the responsibility of America's allies for protecting mutual spheres of interest should be a key goal. The need to consolidate America's existing forces should be the major factor shaping military policy in the next four years.

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Peoples' Theatre continues to be one of my favorite small theatre groups. They have an approach that is always fresh, and a way of concentrating on the dramatic aspects of the work that makes attending one of their performances a concentrated and personal experience. And so it is with their present offering, a double-bill.

When one of the characters in the first piece, Love Course, happens to be an electrical engineering major who loves computers more than people, one feels curiously close to home. But, one need look no further than the name of the author, A R Gurney, to realize that some inspiration must have come from MIT, where Gurney is Professor of Literature.

The play focuses on two teachers of a course on the literature of love, and what happens when their intellectual relationship risks progressing into a physical one. Joan Gale is marvelous as the spinster educator, Miss Carroway, who feels she has a mission, yet is unaware of how the romantic visions of literature translate into life. Ed Sullivan, as the married Professor Burgess, is a down-to-earth and conservative teacher (and power-seeking administrator) with rather less romantic notions. The interplay between the two—she "inspired," manipulative and quasi-hysterical, he firm, unswerving and repressive of all emotions that do not belong in the classroom—is both amusing and moving. The audience makes up the class. Maybe we have something to learn.

Phillip dies and gives away all parts of his body except his penis. His widow, Iris, goes in search of the bits, in an odyssey to piece her husband together. Corinne Jacker's Bits and Pieces is a curious work, traveling over the subjects of relationship and psyche. Cynthia Schwell gives an intense performance as Iris, George Moseley III is interesting as Phillip. Susan Bigger is Helen, Phillip's sister. Not propelled into the dream-world of her sister-in-law, wanting to help, but noncomprehending, she contrasts Iris' devoted fervor well.

Each moment of this play demands the watcher's whole attention. The pace was a little too slow to make it easy to maintain this attention throughout the show, but, aside from this, the acting was good and brought to life this intricate piece of "think-theatre."

Jonathan Richmond

Professor Burgess (Ed Sullivan) extols the virtues of marriage to Mike (Joshua Perlstein) in Love Course. (Photo by Kevin Osborn.)
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Bowlers capture Lowell crown

By Bob Host
MIT finished first in team competition in the University of Lowell bowling tournament held earlier this month by a 100 pin margin over second-place University of Massachusetts, with a 2795 three-game set. Jim Turlo '81 won the singles title with a 613 series, and finished second all-around with a six-game score of 1211, finishing one pin behind the winner. The doubles team of Turlo and Dave Hoffman '82 finished third in the tournament with a total of 1144. Hoffman was not scheduled to bowl in the tournament, but when another bowler did not show up, Hoffman took his place and bowled a 621 series with a high game of 203, using an alley ball. In team competition, Alan Lichtenstein '81 bowled a 621 series with a high game of 245 to come away with the second highest series in team competition, placing three pins behind the highest scorer. MIT's one-game total of 1007 was the third highest score among all teams in the league this year, Match points for the team were scored by Turlo and Lichtenstein, five each; Christina Nebelung '82 and Mat McWatt '82, four apiece, and Mark DeWitt '82 and Hoffman, three each.

Football: no playoffs this year
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therefore, we will stick with our original format... and invite four teams...
This situation was effective as of October 28, but when Worcester State, the number one ranked team, had a previously scheduled game in Florida for the first week of the playoffs on the assumption that they would not be in playoff contention, the commissioner changed the format. There would be five teams definitely in the playoffs, and if Worcester State won its last game, it would be added to the playoffs. This structure would give a bye to Stony Brook, the second ranked team, and would have number three MIT facing number six Bentley while number four Stosbell played number five Providence.
One MIT player pointed out that this structure would give Stony Brook a bye into the finals if Worcester State lost in Florida, while the other finalist would have already played two playoff games. "We don't feel bad at all," he explained, adding that MIT had "nothing to prove" by competing under such a playoff structure. Contrary to what some fans might think, he added, MIT was "not wimping out" by refusing to play, saying that people associated with other teams admited that "MIT was the only team that had the guts" in stand up to the commissioner on the point, even if the point of being ready to file lawsuits regarding the situation, a suggestion that was eventually dropped.


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By Bob Host

Tang became the first independent team ever to win the A-League intramural football championship with an 18-16 victory over Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) last week.

SAE (5-2) struck first in the game, scoring on a first quarter touchdown pass and converting the extra point to move out to a 7-0 lead. Tang (7-0) came back on a long drive and was down by one point, 7-6, at halftime. Tang called an audible and scored in the third quarter to go ahead 15-7 on a pass to Merrill Christensen, brother of Oakland Raiders special teams captain Todd Christensen. A succession of quick passes by SAE put that team ahead 14-12, but with six minutes remaining, Tang struck on a touchdown pass and a half minutes remaining, Tang put up an unaccustomed pass attempt. Tang intercepted four passes in the game, spearheaded the attack. Tang intercepted four passes in the game, spearheaded the attack.

Forced to give up the running game throughout the game, being pressured by Tang throughout the game, being pressured by Tang throughout the game. However, as one Tang player said with regard to the close game, "neither team gave up".

The B-league championship was won by Motu Express over Sigma Chi 25-13, after Sigma Chi was won by Motu Express over Sigma Chi 13-6 lead. Motu Express ended the season undefeated, 6-0 while Sigma Chi suffered its first loss after four victories and a tie.

The M.I.T. women's rugby team battling it out against Brown last Saturday. (Photo by Rick Parker)

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