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Harvard energy fight may end

By Andrew Robbins

Ten years of battling may soon end for Harvard University, when the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality and Engineering (DEQE) announces its decision on the \$230 million Medical Area Total Energy Plant (MATEP).

MATEP was proposed by Harvard a decade ago to provide a comprehensive energy package (steam, chilled water, and electricity) to twelve area hospitals. The area is currently served by the Boston Edison Company and the Blackfan Street Powerhouse.

"Harvard went into this with the idea of doing several things which, by any measure, were good," said Edward Lashman, Harvard Director of External Projects, in a recently published *Harvard Magazine* article.

Dr. John A. Hermos, Chairman of Brookline Citizens to Protect the Environment, gave a different summary of the past ten years. "Harvard has made a number of bad decisions that have left them with a plant we feel is unapprovable," he commented during a taped conversation with Kenneth Hagg, Director of Air Quality Control for the DEQE.

The whole decision now hinges on the "hot-spot" issue, according to Hagg. Hot spots are small areas where higher NO₂ levels are found, due to automobile exhaust. It is unclear at present how the proposed plant will affect such areas. The Federal Environmental Protection Agency has yet to set short-term standards on NO₂ emissions, despite authorization in the 1977 Clean Air Act Amendments.

Construction began on the plant on November 16, 1980, having received state permission to sink foundations despite the lack of an approved air quality plan. According to Hermos, then-Environmental Commissioner Stanley told Harvard they were proceeding at their own risk, and any expenses incurred would not affect any later environmental decision.

Harvard submitted an air quality plan on January 24, 1977. Months of public hearings followed, and about a year later, the DEQE approved the steam and chilled water portions, but rejected MATEP's diesel electricity generators. Both decisions were appealed, the first by the Brookline group, the second by Harvard. On October 12, 1978, Harvard was allowed to continue construction on its steam and chilled water facilities, without the approval of the diesel portion. Five months later, a federal hearing officer, Ellyn Weiss, announced her agreement with the DEQE decisions, again rejecting the diesel generators.

Harvard presented another plan in June of 1979, which required a second series of public hearings. The DEQE rejected Harvard a second time, on November 30, 1979.

Shortly thereafter, according to Hermos, "The Department no longer represented the interests of protecting public health, but became closely intertwined with the interests of Harvard University." Hermos explained that the DEQE and MATEP officials began to work together to find an approvable plan, without another set of public hearings. This plan was completed on January 8, 1980.

Opponents then brought up the hot-spot issue, and on May 27, 1980, a Harvard proposal failed for the third time. Harvard again appealed, and a third set of hearings began.

"MATEP is the most difficult problem we've ever had to deal with," noted Hagg, "but a decision will be made very shortly." He was quick to add, however, that the conflict may be carried directly to the courtrooms, regardless of the decision.



The MIT Press has opened a bookstore in Kendall Square. The Store stocks and provides a place to examine all of the titles published by the MIT Press. (Photo by Steve Cohen)

Gray addresses GA concerns

By Andrew Washburn

Citing a need for members of the MIT community to "step away from parochial concerns, to stop grinding their axes in order to view the broader issues," MIT President Paul Gray '54 addressed the General Assembly in his Memorial Drive home at Thursday's regular meeting.

"Trust and confidence... people have to view each other in this light." This sentiment was the focus of Gray's remarks, in which he emphasized his perception of the presence of "a widely-shared sense of good feeling and community spirit" at MIT.

Gray responded to a wide range of questions from GA representatives. Asked about his inaugural reference to the poverty and hunger that affect many of the world's people, he expressed the view that "our responsibility ought to be to make students want to devote their energies to working on these problems." Gray also said that one of the chief concerns of MIT administrators in the wake of Ronald Reagan's victory was what the "attitude of the new administration on the subject of basic research will be."

Responding to the suggestion that there is an adversarial relationship between students and administrators, President Gray

acknowledged that administrative bureaucracy was often perceived as a "faceless organism," but that his goal was to allow people to "have their say, even if they can't have their way." The president then agreed with the suggestion that he set aside time on a regular basis to allow students to speak with him informally.

In other business, Royce Flippen, the new Director of Athletics at MIT, outlined the Athletic Department's philosophy of ensuring participation. He reported that a new floor for the duPont Gymnasium was "in the works" for next May or June. At the request of several members of the

GA, he also pledged to review the registration process for physical education.

Undergraduate Association President Chuck Markham '81 reported that the faculty had elected to begin one week earlier next fall term in order to avoid final examinations during the week of Christmas, due in part to suggestions made by the GA. Spring Weekend and suggestions for its improvement were also discussed. In addition, the GA heard recommendations by the Executive Board of the GA to adopt a comprehensive set of rules and regulations for the GA similar to those now in use by the faculty.

MBTA solution in hands of court

By Tim Kneale

The resolution of the current Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA) fiscal dilemma is currently in the hands of the State Supreme Judicial Court. The court plans to evaluate the legality of Governor Ed King's emergency takeover of the "T" later this week.

No decisive action has been taken by the courts since the MBTA Advisory Board first challenged King's takeover. Prior to the takeover, Suffolk County Superior Court Judge William G. Young issued an order prohibiting the MBTA from exceeding its \$302 budget, but has since refused to enforce the order.

The Board's suit is now being evaluated by the State Supreme Court which hopes to rule this week on King's action. Should the Governor be found to have acted in a "legally proper fashion," the MBTA funding will continue on its present emergency basis until the end of the year. If not, the T will be forced to shut down operations unless the legislature or the Advisory Board vote to spend additional funds.

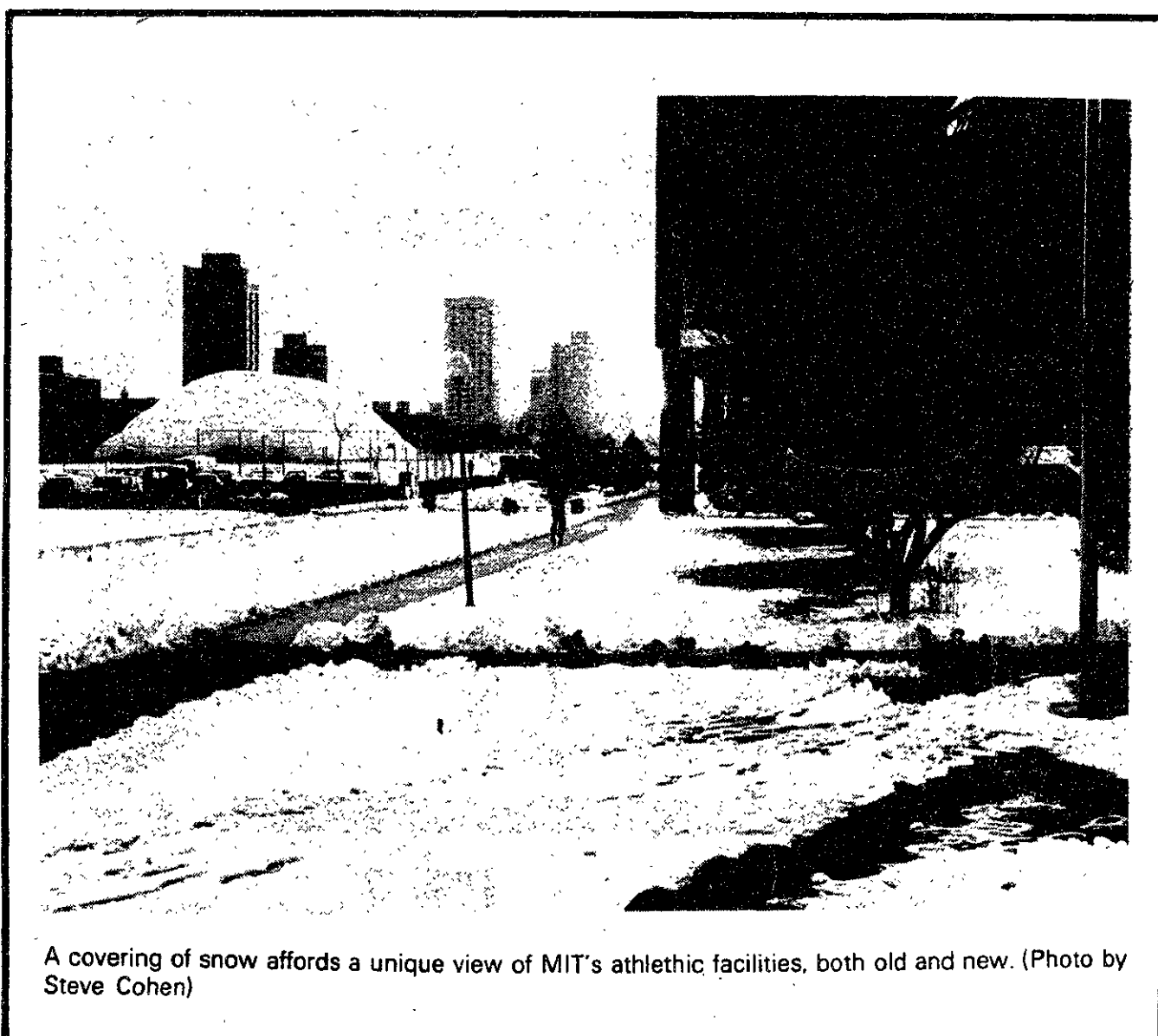
King has been supplying money for continued transit operation ever since the T depleted its \$302 million annual budget last week. The money has been supplied by the Governor from unspecified state sources.

King took over MBTA funding last week when it became apparent that neither the Massachusetts Legislature nor the Board were willing to supply the extra money needed to keep the system running. The Advisory Board represents the 79 metropolitan Boston municipalities which are legally responsible for financing half of the T's operating budget. A significant consequence of King's action is that the Board is held accountable for half of the costs incurred while the T is under emergency control — even though it had voted several times against additional expenditures for the current year.

Because the Advisory Board felt that King's actions were unfair to the cities and towns it represents, it challenged King's constitutional right to approve funding without the its consent. Members of the Board, however, insist that they don't want the T shut down. As William Semich, Weston's Board representative, said after the suit was filed last week, "It's [the legal action] intended to make the governor go through legal channels to keep the system running."

The legislature also has the power to bail out the MBTA, but has resisted all motion to date intended to aid the T. The sentiment in the legislature appears to be one of opposition to union control of T staffing. As indicated by recent votes on labor structure within the MBTA, most legislators feel that management should assume responsibility for functions such as control of overtime hours and assignment of employees to positions.

The potential reduction in cost attributable to these measures is held to be quite large. Despite these feelings, a bill drafted by a coalition of legislatures and public organizations headed by State Representatives David Cohen (D-Chestnut Hill) and Michael Barrett (D-Reading) failed to pass during special session last Thursday even though union power changes were a vital part of the bill.



A covering of snow affords a unique view of MIT's athletic facilities, both old and new. (Photo by Steve Cohen)

news roundup

World

Quake kills 350 in Italy — An earthquake registering 6.8 on the Richter scale and centered in Milan, Italy, killed over 350 people. Damage reports were received from over 29 neighboring villages and towns, and officials estimate that hundreds were injured. The Wednesday quake was the most devastating to strike the peninsula in over for years.

Sadat: watch it, Ronnie — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat warned President-designate Ronald Reagan that his plans for a harder-line defense policy should not penalize Egypt, "or he will lose us." Sadat's statement is seen as an amplification of Egyptian fears that their concerns — in particular, Palestinian autonomy talks — will be overshadowed by Reagan's desire to reassert American national interests overseas.

Additional Polish strikes threatened — Independent trade unionists in Warsaw threatened Wednesday to start a series of two-hour "warning strikes" by railway workers unless the government renegotiates a pay raise. The ultimatum by Solidarity, Poland's largest union, was a reversal of its Saturday decision not to strike "for the good of the country."

Ecuadorian boat seizure played down — Both the Ecuadorian and the United States governments are playing down the recent seizure of 11 US fishing boats. Both governments are apparently pursuing a policy of restraint and cooperation as the issue of fishing rights has long been a problem in relations between the two countries. The boats were all seized within the 200-mile fishing limit recognized by Ecuador. The conflict resulted because the US also claims jurisdiction over some of the territory.

Iran sends terms to US — Two Algerian ambassadors left Teheran Sunday en route to Washington, presumably with Iran's latest terms for the release of the 52 American hostages. Said a State official if they have a response from Iran [to the previous US 'acceptance' of Iran's terms] and we don't know how it would be delivered if they had one."

China offers advice to Reagan — The Chinese government has made a new effort to cooperate with the incoming Reagan Administration, but has coupled with it a sharp warning that the approval of new arms sales to Taiwan will endanger diplomatic ties between the two countries. In the first extended comment from a senior Chinese official on the election results, Vice Foreign Minister Zhang Wenjin also called on the US to increase its military cooperation with Peking, encouraged Japan to increase its defense spending, and pressured Viet Nam to pull out of Cambodia.

Nation

Weatherman leaders giving up — Bernadine Dohrn and William Ayers, who disappeared from sight more than a decade ago, started to plea-bargain with Chicago authorities, according to the state attorney's office. Apparently unknown to the two former Weatherman leaders, however, the Justice Department had dropped all charges against them in 1979. Dohrn, formerly on the FBI's "most wanted" list, still faces Cook County charges, however.

Registration end unlikely — "I'm sure it will be extended for another year," commented Ronald Reagan on his plans concerning the registration for the draft. He pointed out, however, that Carter could renew the program before his January 20 inauguration. He continued, "I'll take a look at it as we come there, but I still don't believe in the peacetime draft unless there's a state of emergency that calls for it," he continued.

By Richard Salz

Weather

Last night's heavy rain will taper to showers this morning, ending by noontime. Partly sunny this afternoon, as the appearance of the sun will be accompanied by a wind shift to the northwest. Highs near 47. Much cooler tonight with mostly clear skies but still windy. Lows near 31. Partly to mostly sunny tomorrow with highs near 45. Winds will be diminishing and then shifting to the southwest. Lows near 34 tomorrow night with increasing cloudiness. Chance of precipitation 60 percent this morning, 30 percent this afternoon, 10 percent tomorrow.

By James Franklin

notes

Announcements

In an effort to encourage MIT students to contact applicants, the Admissions Office has available zip-coded lists of high school seniors who have filed preliminary applications. The Admissions Office believes student to student contact is important for the applicant and MIT. Stop by Room 3-108 for the names and addresses.

Stephen King will be at the Boston College Bookstore on Thurs., Dec. 4, at 2:30pm to autograph copies of his work.

On Thurs., Dec. 11, in the Cheney Room (3-310) there will be letter writing to early admitted women students. All women students are encouraged to come and write personal letters to encourage women to accept admission to MIT.

Lectures

Energy and the Economy will be the subject at an LSC-sponsored lecture by Bernard J. O'Keefe, Chairman of EG&G, Inc., an international company involved in the commercialization of alternate energy sources. The lecture will be held Mon., Dec. 1 at 8pm in 10-250. Admission is free.

Saj-nicole Joni, visiting Asst. Prof. in Mathematics at MIT, will speak on "Our Experiences as Women in Mathematics, Science & Technology," in the Cheney Room (3-310) on Dec. 4, Thurs., from 4-6pm. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

Religious power in Iran is the subject to be discussed by Harvard professor Michael M.J. Fischer, Mangol Bayat and John Mojdehi at the Cambridge Forum on Wed., Dec. 3, 8pm at 3 Church Street, Harvard Sq., Cambridge. Free and open to the public.

The Cambridge Forum presents a panel discussion on employee rights with participants Maureen O'Donnell (chair of 9-to-5), David Ewing, and Harold Paige on Wed., Dec. 10, 8pm at 3 Church Street, Harvard Sq., Cambridge. Free and open to the public.

Activities

The Massachusetts Environmental Education Society will hold its annual fall conference on Tues., Dec. 9, at the Charlestown Navy Yard from 9am-4pm. The conference, entitled "Strategies, Resources, and Case Studies: A Forum for Environmental Educators," will include a variety of workshops in the areas of program planning, interagency collaboration, com-

munity action, fundraising, public relations, and career development. Jerry Bertrand, President of Massachusetts Audubon Society, will be the keynote speaker. All interested persons are invited to attend. For more information, contact David Stokes at 696-0920.

The Cleveland Invitational Model United Nations Conference (CLEMUNC) consists of simulated sessions of each of the main bodies of the United Nations, i.e., the General Assembly and its various subcommittees, the U.N. Security Council, and the International Court of Justice. Each of the many participating schools are designated to represent one of the numerous different countries of the United Nations, and this forms the procedural basis of the Conference.

The Conference is open to all interested college students. In addition, student organizations on campus are especially encouraged to send delegations of members to the CLEMUNC gathering. This year, the Conference will be held on Jan. 21-25, 1981. The deadline to register for the event is Dec. 20, but preferential treatment is given to those who register by Nov. 20. Any person or group interested in attending should write or call for more information: International Relations Club, University Ctr. 301 #34, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio 44115 or call (216) 884-7292.

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Editorial

Missed chances

Last week Harvard's Corporation decided not to have the university become commercially involved with the formation of a company designed to take unique advantage of Harvard's expertise in the area of recombinant DNA technology.

While the issue was under consideration, national and local media turned to MIT to gain another perspective on this complex matter. Embarrassingly, the Institute had little to offer—either as an official statement from the administration or faculty, or as commentary from informed individuals.

Had the university voted in favor of establishing a "Harvard, Inc." the pressure on other universities to quickly do likewise would have been immense. While universities seldom—if ever—comment on the public actions of their fellows, the possible effects of Harvard's decision upon MIT and similar universities made it incumbent upon them to offer some sort of official statement.

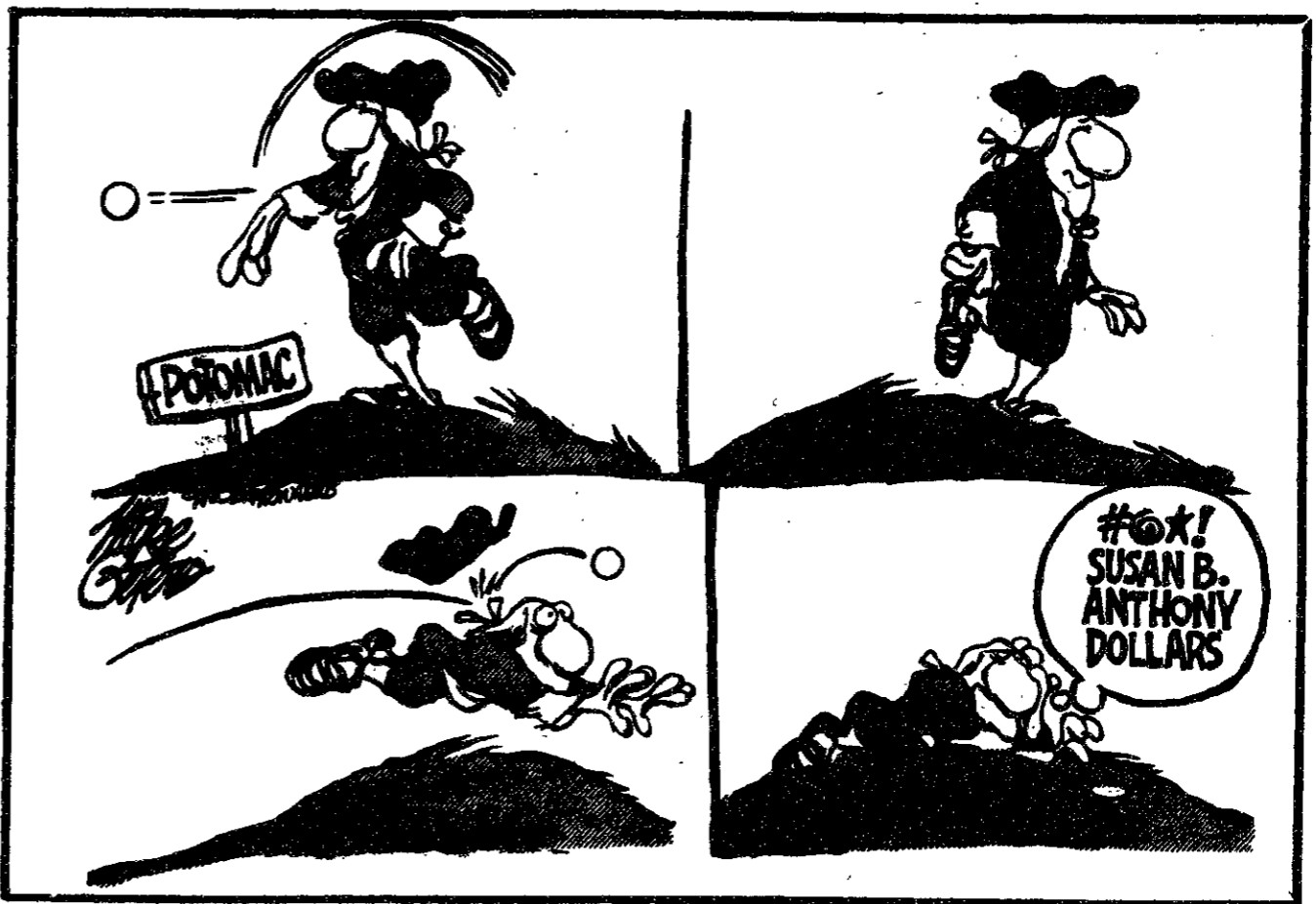
To the best of Provost Low's knowledge, nobody here was "taken" with the idea of Harvard, Inc. Although one would hope that informal discussions on the matter has taken place among the various members of the faculty, administration, and corporation, such discussion never reached the public. Formal and open discussions should have quickly been instigated on an issue of such obvious importance to MIT.

Universities are fundamentally different from commercial enterprises. Here, the goal is knowledge. In industry, the goal is profit. The primary purpose of the Harvard, Inc. plan was to expedite the transfer of technology from academia to industry. It would be naive to argue that this arrangement would not discourage the free interchange of knowledge so vital to the research institutions.

Commercial ventures with the potential for multi-million dollar windfalls may well threaten to turn MIT into a series of massive research and development facilities where students serve as free labor.

It is probably true that universities should be able to use their research patents as a greater insurance against financial hardship than they currently are. There is a difference between insurance and preemptive surgery, however: schools like Harvard and MIT would do not well to not to cut out their academic hearts to save their financial necks.

By ducking these issues, rather than speaking up, MIT missed an important opportunity to help preserve its own academic integrity.



Stephanie Pollack

ACLU vs. Moral Majority

Justifiably elated by their electoral success, the Moral Majority and their kin in other New Right organizations have laid plans to continue their battle for less government and traditional American family values. In a full page ad last Sunday, the American Civil Liberties Union joined the fray, proclaiming their fight to be "major struggle over the Bill of Rights."

And so, Armageddon has come. The New Right vs. the Old Left. Two sets of middle-aged men in three-piece suits fighting over your future and mine. The only question is, which side is good, and which evil?

The Moral Majority enters the battle with God on their side, bibles in hand and prayers in school. Government does not, in their view, exist to tax citizens or interfere in family matters, but rather to purchase weapons systems and protect innocent

women from abortionists. As one commentator noted, the new right philosophy seems to hold that God supports a balanced budget.

On the other hand we have the ACLU, decrying the false patriotism of their opponents, but magnanimously defending the opponent's right to air their views. Cloaked in the aure of non-partisanship, they deploy their minions of lawyers, lobbyists, staff, and volunteers to protect the liberty and rights of even those who do not realize they are in danger. Cast as the financial underdog, the ACLU has the Constitution on their side, and prefers to leave God out of the matter.

The stage is thus set for the final battle, only three weeks after the first formal salvo was fired in the election. In every war, however, some unfor-

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Vandalism is not debate

Vandalism is the lowest form of expression. Barely tolerable when committed by unemployed urban youth, it is completely inappropriate and unforgivable in the hallways of MIT.

The repeated destruction of the glass covering the Gays at MIT (GAMIT) bulletin board in Building 3 has justifiably angered the majority of the MIT community as indicated by a recent "pillar poster survey." Some claim that these incidents have been blown out of proportion, noting that no publicity would have occurred had it been another organization's board that had been destroyed. The frequency of the attacks on the GAMIT board, however, indicates that the destruction is not random, but aimed specifically at that organization.

In the last few years, centuries of unyielding moral and religious opposition to homosexuality have given way to open debate and the beginning of the "gay liberation" movement. Vandalism is, however, an ineffective and cowardly way of engaging in that debate—possibly legitimate concerns cloaked in the anonymity of vandalism can not be properly heard.

We therefore ask for tolerance on the part of all members of the MIT community when considering this topic. Moderation and discussion are sorely needed; the MIT community's views on homosexuality should not be reflected only in shattered glass.

feedback

"Mandatory" is not the issue

To the Editor:

For sure there are few things in life as important as eating, sleeping, studying and hot showers. But, this mandatory commons hype as evidenced by the recent Tech article is getting absurd. My experiences are very different from most undergraduates so that's part of my feeling. This is the third (and last) university I've attended. Students, at each one, away from home for the first time always moan and groan about cafeteria food, its price and their freedom, or lack of it, not to be on commons. My objections are two.

One, there are many questions besides the mandatory issue. But

student positions, at least in the media, are all too often the immature, uncompromising "we shouldn't be forced..." variety with many rationalizations for why not following. I think there are important issues where students could successfully force changes such as variety, quality and cost of food. Lower cost nutritious foods are rarely offered. Ravioli is served with meat sauce, an absurd excess of protein as well as cost. Tofu—when have you ever seen tofu quiches, tofu spread sandwiches, etc.? I'd hate to put the mid-eastern food truck out of business but why are there never tabouli sandwiches or salads? Thank goodness for the

sandwich bread selection but has anyone heard of brown rice, barley or bulgur? This discussion need not be all or nothing. There are many, whether on or off commons, who would like better quality, more varied food and don't have the time, interest or knowledge to prepare it for themselves.

My second objection is this. Students trivialize their spheres of influence by concentrating on the self-centered aspects of food, drugs and sex while ignoring other issues. I suggest there are more important issues such as human relations (racial, religious, cultural and ethnic) or ethics in

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Intellectuals are not separate

To the Editor:

Now that Ronald Reagan has won, liberal intellectuals are running true to form and predicting that sundry national disasters are about to befall: "Reagan will get us into World War III," "The next four years will be calamitous for women," "Reagan will preserve the dominance of the moneyed elite," etc. The amount of dismay that is expressed is inversely proportional to the degree to which the dismayed has kept an open mind over the years on political and social issues. Show me someone rendered near-hysterical by the general election and I'll show you someone who has scrupulously avoided coming into contact with the conservative viewpoint. Show me someone rendered delirious by it and I'll show you someone who has carefully shunned the liberal viewpoint.

Intellectuals like to think of themselves as a breed apart from the man in the street not only because of their interests, but

because of their superior open-mindedness. They like to laugh at the material progress-minded business and industrial leaders of the late nineteenth century because of the allegedly smug complacency with which they adhered to their values. It never occurs to today's intellectuals that they, too, might be smug and complacent. It's always the other guys. If you should write a book or an article expressing a particular point of view on a political or social question, you will be advised to send it to a book publisher or magazine editor already sympathetic to your position. "Send it to Beacon Press (*The National Review*, *The Nation*, etc.)." If it were true that intellectuals are open-minded, then any book publisher or magazine editor might be interested in your work. But, no, you have to send it to someone predisposed to agree with you because editors, as complacent intellectuals, are deathly afraid of the rethinking of their positions that open-mindedness

entails.

How many intellectuals, to form an opinion on a specific issue, read what is written about it in *The New Republic* and *The Nation*, on the one side, and *The National Review* and *Commentary* on the other? I don't know of a single one. Lectures, with few exceptions, are attended by people secure in the knowledge that they are going to be told what they already believe. Conservatives go to talks given by conservatives; liberals by liberals; radicals by radicals. They think that their attendance is motivated by the innocent desire to be educated. The real reason they go is to memorize the arguments their hero(ine) will express so that they can use them tomorrow against the stubborn guy across the hall, the obstinate neighbor next door, the pigheaded chap in the office.

A popular film of about twenty years ago was entitled *Twelve Angry Men*. As the picture begins, a dozen jurors are seen filing into a juryroom to decide the fate of a hot-tempered teenager accused of murdering his father. The defendant's cause appears hopeless. For killing his father he had an excellent motive; his alibi is shaky. He was observed near the scene of the crime around the time it happened. His fingerprints were discovered on the murder weapon. Eleven jurors voted immediately for conviction. One did not, not because he believed that the defendant was innocent, but because he felt that so grave a matter demanded a reasonable amount of deliberation. When his dissenting vote was cast, the other jurors were so outraged as to nearly lynch him. But deliberate they eventually did. A half a day later, they filed back into the jury box and declared a verdict of not guilty.

I'm glad for the defendant that neither I nor any of my intellectual friends were on that jury.

Roger Kolb

Improve human relations

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science and engineering or the structure and pacing of our education.

There were a few articles in *The Tech* last spring about interracial relations on campus but that was barely a start. I'm tired of all the racist, sexist, bigotted, graffiti in the bathrooms. I'm tired of the vandalism of campus group bulletin boards. I'm disgusted with cross burnings and threatening letters at Williams and Harvard. I'm tired of watching institutions and the people who make them up, pretend the issue does not rate their time, energy, attention or work. I know it's not science or engineering but neither is commons.

Students at MIT could show they are something more than

trivial reflections of the world at large by deciding to raise this issue and forgo some of the time spent self-indulgently grouching about commons. As I suggested earlier there are other issues of similar magnitude but in the long run many of them come back to the same thing—the ability or inability of people to relate and treat each other respectfully. This not a trivial observation that many students from MIT will be influential members of the societies of this world. Time spent or not spent on improving the relations of people here will show up later as it is seen now in the inabilities of our predecessor graduates from universities the world over.

Hugh Barton '82

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Dramashop trio exhibits student talent

The MIT Dramashop performed *Line* by Steven Thornquist '81, *After Magritte* by Tom Stoppard, and *The Police* by Slavomir Mrozek on Nov. 20, 21 and 22 in Kresge Little Theatre.

Dramashop's frequent performances of student-directed one-act plays are an excellent opportunity for MIT drama students to show off their writing, acting and directing talents, given the right material to work with. Last weekend's offering proved to be no exception: the pieces presented were generally entertaining, although the choice of plays was, in one case, rather puzzling. Two of the three pieces were well-played and well-paced, but the third failed somewhat in that it seemed ill-suited to the available talent.

The first presentation was an original piece: *Line* by Steven Thornquist '81. Thornquist shows impressive skill in relating a dialogue between a gum-cracking girl (Bonnie Grealish) and a guy in a leather jacket (Lew Bender '81) who is apparently trying to pick her up while she waits in line for admission into some sort of exclusive club. There is a fascinating ambiguity in the characterization of the intimidating tough guy, Joe; the audience is never quite sure whether his motives are good or evil. Bender did a fine job of bringing out the subtleties of the role, creating a thoroughly credible character. Grealish balanced the scene with an equally good portrayal of a confused young girl trying to decide whether to follow Joe or her better judgement, all the while babbling in a fluent flat Bostonian whine.

After Magritte was a more humorous piece of absurdist comedy. It centers on a young couple with a live-in mother-in-law (they never quite figure out whose mother-in-law she is) whose strange behavior (stacking furniture against the door, sleeping on ironing boards — you know, the usual) leads a local policeman to believe they may have taken part in a crime. The details of the plot are much too confusing to try to explain, but Kevin Cunningham '82 was properly upset as the wrongly-accused Harris, and Mary Finn '81 did an admirable job laboriously puffing out "Glowworm" on the tuba. Special mention should go to Owen Doyle '83 as Officer Holmes, whose puzzled search for a search warrant leads him to drag everything but the kitchen sink out onto the stage. The liveliest performances were turned in by Albert Ruesga '81 as the determined Inspector Foot, and Edythe Frampton W'80 as Harris' wife, Thelma. Together, they provided the energy needed to keep the pace up and the audience in stitches.

Unfortunately, Mrozek's *The Police* did not meet the standards set by the first two plays. It is difficult to understand why an amateur drama group would choose to perform a play whose repetitive dialogue and lack of action would make it difficult for even the most seasoned group of professional actors to carry off well. The actors did an admirable job of trying to keep the action going, but did not succeed. The acting was generally weak and the resulting performance rather dull. However, David Waggett '81 should be commended for his convincing portrayal of a swaggering general; Waggett was able to overcome the handicap set by the script to a greater extent than the other, perhaps less experienced, actors.

Linda Schaffir



Harris (Kevin Cunningham) tries to explain the strange goings-on in his home as his mother (Mary Finn) wrestles with a tuba. Officer Holmes (Owen Doyle) searches for a warrant in a potted palm, and Thelma (Edythe Frampton) offers suggestions in Dramashop's *After Magritte*. (Photo by Rick Parker)

"[A] pleasant evening"

The Cantata Singers opened their 1980-81 season on November 12 in Sanders Theatre; The Cecilia Society opened theirs on November 22, in Jordan Hall.

John Harbison conducted the Cantata Singers in their first concert this season. The program was pleasantly played, but was simply not great music. I did, however, like the performance of the Scheutz *Psalm 116* and its well-balanced blend of a capella harmonies; this was the best piece of the evening. Of the Bach cantatas, the highlight was the Soprano and Alto duet in *Jesu, der du meine Seele*. Rosanne Halloran and Amy Zorn sang the piece with great feeling and gave it meaning. David Ripley sang clearly and fluently in the first cantata, *Gott der Herr ist Sohn und Schild*. But the chorus was unbalanced towards the higher ranges in both Bach works, the strings ragged, and the orchestral sound as a whole muddy at times. This notwithstanding, it was a relatively pleasant evening. It all depends on whether "a pleasant evening" is all you are after.

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The Cecilia Society appropriately opened its 1980-81 season on November 22, St. Cecilia's Day, with Handel's *Ode on St. Cecilia's Day*. The two soloists, Nancy Armstrong and Peter Kronenberg, failed to distinguish themselves — the former

sounding strangely harsh and unmusical, the latter simply weak. The chorus, however, was clear-voiced and well-coordinated, and the orchestra, under Donald Teeters, was quintessentially Handelian, if somewhat lacking in tautness. My favorite verse concerns the soft complaining flute and the warbling lute. Both flute and lute were beautifully played in illustration by Elinor Preble and Robert Paul Sullivan respectively. The playing of Joan Esch, cello, elsewhere, was exceptional.

The other work on the program was Holst's opera, *Savitri*, taken from a story in the *Mahabharata*. Joan Struss gave a stunning performance as Savitri, the woman who, through sheer wit, wins her husband back from Death. Her voice held a commanding power, giving weight to her enormous personality. James Maddefena effectively sang Death, with a deep, mysterious voice in which the color of life was appropriately suppressed, and Mark Kagan gave a good performance as Satyavan. The chorus was magnificent in creating an unearthly, soft, hypnotic cooing, luring us to the boundary of life and death. The orchestra, smaller than in the Handel, played excitingly, and well-complemented the action.

Jonathan Richmond

ON THE TOWN

The MIT Community Players' production of the children's classic, *Winnie the Pooh*, will play Dec. 5 at 7:30pm, Dec. 6 at 2 & 7:30pm and Dec. 7 at 1pm in Kresge Little Theatre. Tickets are \$3, \$2.50 with MIT ID, \$1.50 for children. For information & reservations, call 253-4720.

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Peoples' Theatre, 1253 Cambridge St., Inman Sq., presents *The New Vaudevillians*, an evening of mime, stories and clowning.

Performances are Nov. 25 and Dec. 1 & 2. Tickets are \$3. Call 354-2915 for more information.

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The MIT Dance Workshop will present an evening of student *Works in Progress*, directed by Beth Soll, on Fri., Dec. 12, at 8pm and on Sat., Dec. 13, at 3pm in Kresge Little Theatre. Admission is free. For information, call 253-2877.



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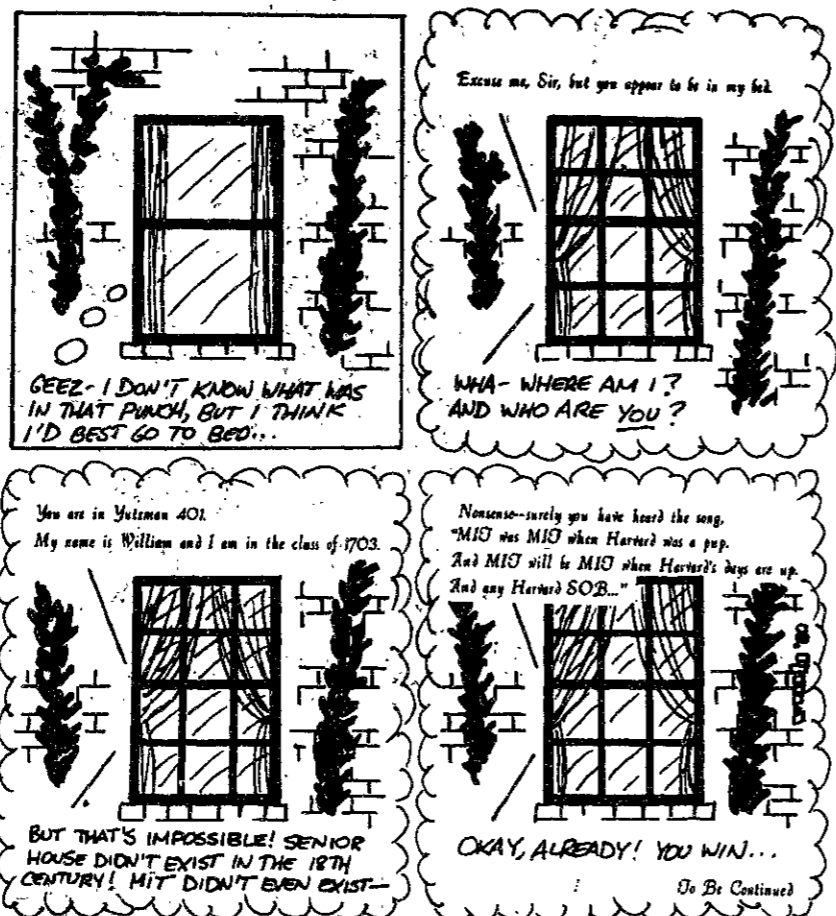
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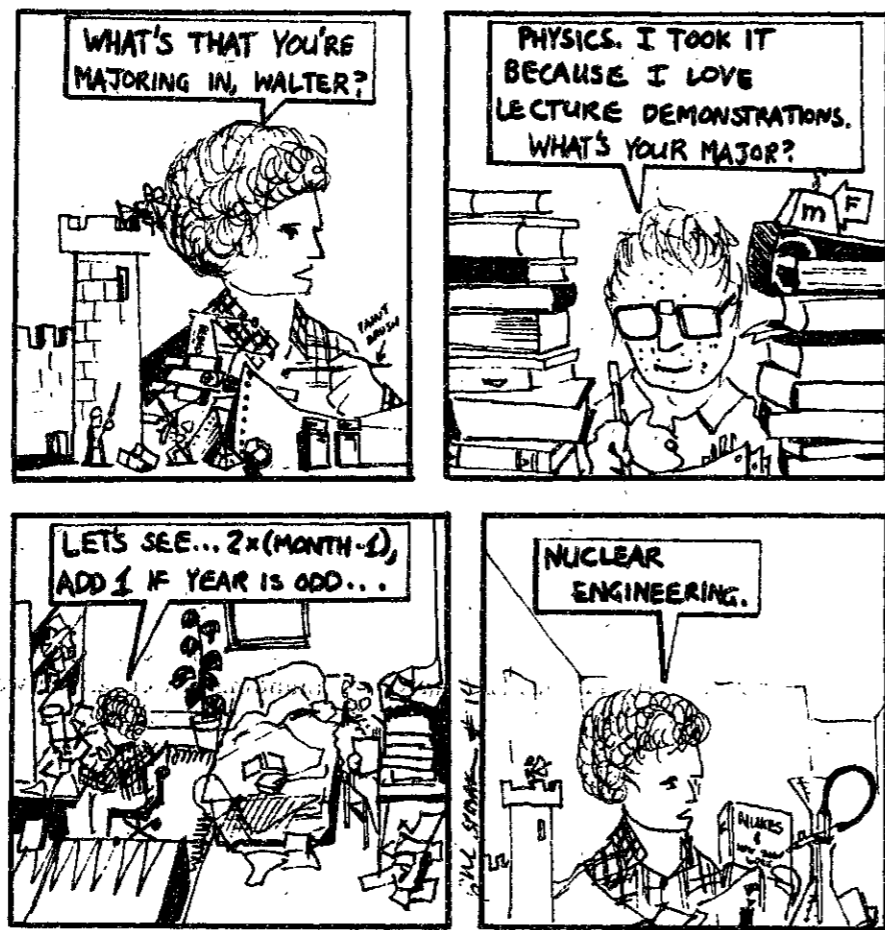
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Hello!

The UA News appears regularly in the campus media. The Undergraduate Association uses it as a way of communicating important issues to the student body. Many opportunities for involvement and formal meeting notices will be posted in the UA News.

Space is available to campus organizations for announcements. All submissions should be sent to the UA News Editor, Chris MacKenzie, on the Friday prior to the issue in which the announcement is to appear. Deliver all items to the UA office, Room 401 of the Student Center.

Spring Weekend '81

The next meeting of the MIT Social Council ExecBoard will be Tuesday, December 2 at 10pm in Room 400 of the Student Center. The major item of business will be Spring Weekend '81, so everyone on the lead committee should attend.

ExecBoard has already assigned groups to run most of the major events for the weekend, but some events have yet to be spoken for. We need groups to run publicity for a concert and a dance, to run competitions, and to operate booths for a midway. Representatives from interested clubs or living groups should attend the ExecBoard meeting. For more information, please call chairman Chris Johannesen at 536-1300.

Special Hearing

A special hearing for MIT undergraduate student nominations to the Coop Board of Directors spring ballot, (7pm) and the MIT Historical Collections/Compton Gallery Advisory Committee (8pm) will be held Monday, December 1 in Room 400 of the Student Center. For information, call UA Nomcomm, x2696.

Preview Staff Needed

The *Preview* is a weekly publication listing upcoming social events for the MIT community. Staff members and editors are needed to write, collect information, typeset and distribute the paper. Those interested should contact Mike Witt at 536-1300. Also, anyone sponsoring an event should send the information at least one week in advance to: *Preview* Editor, Room W20-401 (4th floor, Student Center).

Attention Social Chairmen!

The next full meeting of the MIT Social Council will be Wednesday, December 3 in the Bush Room (10-105). Come and give input on how your UA social budget should be spent next term; bring your living group's ideas and opinions. Many major events have already been planned by various groups (including Spring Weekend) and will be announced at the meeting. Refreshments will be served at 4:00, the meeting begins at 4:30 sharp. See you there!

Resources at your Fingertips

That HoToGAMIT book on your shelf (thanks to T.C.A.) can be very useful. Also, the grey pages of an Institute Directory can be a valuable aid for finding whatever you need. Also, an MIT Student Study Guide is available at the UASO office (7-103).

Lobbying Team Coordinator

We have had many people express interest in working with MISC (the Massachusetts Independent Student Coalition), lobbying on Beacon Hill. We would like to hear from those who wish to volunteer to serve as coordinator for the MIT student lobby group. Call x2696 and leave name and address if you are interested.

Your MIT ID

It is possible to update that photograph they took of you when you first arrived. For \$5 you can have the photograph on file updated and have a new ID made. Just pay at the cashier's office and then have your picture taken at Graphic Arts (N42).

MFA Membership Update

Securing funding for blanket membership for MIT students at the Museum of Fine Arts has been coming along. We plan to have all funding secured by early December. The program will start in early IAP for one year. We will have a reception to signify the event.

New Elections and Appointments

Tohoru Masamune (DKE) and Dave Peereboom (DU) have been elected to permanent seats on Finance Board. Barry Surman has been appointed Director of Public Relations. CONGRATS!

Jobs, Etc.

The Student Employment Office has a variety of listings for off-campus, on-campus, part-time, full-time, short-term, long-term, skilled, unskilled, part-time, full-time, long-term, short-term, jobs, jobs, jobs. The office is located in 5-119 and is open Monday through Friday, 9-5.

Stop By!

The UA has many projects in the works. Please call or stop by if you have any ideas or would like to help. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact Chuck Markham (UAP) or Nick Adams (UAVP) or leave a message with the UA secretary. The UA Office is located on the 4th floor of the Student Center, Room W20-401. Telephone x3-2696.

sports

MIT edges Judges; 13 year spell ends

By Eric R. Fleming

The men's basketball team opened its 1980-81 campaign Saturday evening at Brandeis, and came away with a 65-63 victory against the Judges. Tech's win was the first against Brandeis in 13 years. The game was close throughout, as the biggest advantage either club could muster was six points. Brandeis led by four, 38-34, on the strength of sophomore Steven Wood's 20 first half points, on 11-for-14 shooting (including his first eight shots). MIT's defense could not contain the Judges' attack in the first half, as the home team shot 55 percent from the floor, and outbounded the Engineers 23-17.

In the second half, the Tech defense came to life. Coach Fran O'Brien's strategy of trapping the ball in the corner forced many errant passes by Brandeis. The visitors assumed control late in the half, but Brandeis hung on. In the last two minutes, guards Steve Williams '82 and Mark Branch '83 hit key free throws to give MIT a 65-61 lead with less than a minute to play, but Brandeis guard Kevin McCann '82 (who scored 17 points, 15 in the second half) hit on a jumper to make the score 65-63. Branch was fouled after the bucket, and missed the front end of the one-and-one foul

situation. Brandeis took the ball upcourt with 13 seconds remaining for one last attempt to tie. McCann took the last shot at the buzzer, with the attempt going off the rim as the game ended.

Branch led MIT with 20 points, including four crucial stretch run free throws. Sophomore Robert Joseph added 13 and some fine defensive work in the second half, while senior captain Bob Clarke put in 12. Forward Mike Greer '83 led the Tech rebounders, pulling in eight boards, and one blocked shot. For Brandeis, Wood could only manage a free throw in the second stanza, and fouled out late in the half. The Judges were shut down offensively, shooting only 36 percent from the field in the second half, and committing 22 turnovers overall, to only 10 for MIT.

The Engineers open the home season against Babson tomorrow night in Rockwell Cage, with tipoff slated for 8pm.



The Engineers' John Busa (7) clicks on a penalty shot in the 1980 season finale vs. Coast Guard. The sophomore from Needham was selected to the all-Greater Boston League Team for the second straight year. (Photo by Al O'Connor)

Techmen honored

By Eric R. Fleming

Several MIT athletes have been selected as members of all-star teams in their respective sports.

In soccer, Senior co-captains Bill Uhle and Jay Walsh, and sophomore John Busa have been named to the 1980 Greater Boston League (GBL) all-star team. Busa, who was named to the squad last year, led the Engineers in scoring with five goals and two assists while playing the sweeper and forward positions. Walsh (also a member of 1979 honor squad) scored four goals in 1980, and Uhle, a native of Miami, Florida, scored five points (two goals, three assists).

Junior Dave Erickson was named to the first team all-New England water polo squad. The Akron, Ohio native led MIT in scoring as the Engineers finished 9-6 in 1980, with a third place finish in the New England championships. John Weinert '81 and John Friedman '83 were selected to the second team.

sports update

Fencing — Men's fencing opened Saturday with a 16-11 win over St. John's at MIT. Senior captain Geoff Pingree led the home team with a victory in the Epee class.

Wrestling — New coach Tim Walsh's debut was spoiled Sunday as Plymouth State defeated the Tech wrestlers, 27-13. MIT competitors won in four weight classes: Bob McElheny '83, 134 lbs.; Ken Shull '84, 142 lbs.; Al Russell '82, 150 lbs.; and Steve Leibiger '83, 167 lbs.

Swimming — The Engineers finished third at Sunday's relays at Boston College. Coach John Benedick was pleased by his squad's showing in the co-ed meet, saying, "The freshmen performed well, and the upperclassmen are in shape." Boston College won this initial meet of the winter swim season, with Northeastern taking second place honors.

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