

Limbo frosh will pay rent

By Ivan Fong

The six freshmen residents of Ashdown House will be charged a reduced, prorated rent for the rooms they have been occupying since the beginning of the term, according to Associate Dean for Student Affairs Robert Sherwood, yesterday.

"We were informed a week or two ago," said Mark Chase '84, one of the Ashdown residents, "and it [the rent] should be less than the \$350 to \$360 we would be charged if we were in a regular dorm room." The actual rent has not yet been set, according to Carl Godkin '84, another of the freshmen in the temporary rooms.

Sherwood reported that the six freshmen now residing in lounges and a TV room on the first floor of Ashdown will be assigned dormitory rooms at the end of the fall term, and given their first choice, if possible.

"If the past has been any indication at all, there will be rooms opening up for sure... due to students graduating or entering co-op studies," Sherwood noted. "If there are open rooms," he added, "they will have to move out of Ashdown."

Director of Housing and Food Services H. Eugene Brammer

agreed, saying "any open space will be offered to them, and based on the past this should be no problem."

Godkin said he was "pretty happy" with his housing situation, and said that he hopes "we will be given first priority in any rooms that open up in our first choices."

The freshmen were offered rooms at Random Hall and East Campus earlier in the fall, but the six opted to stay in Ashdown for the remainder of the term.

Both Chase and Godkin cited the large size of the rooms as a factor in their decisions, though Chase commented, "We have to go downstairs and across the building to get a shower, and it's hard not having any other [undergraduate] students around."

Robert Hulsizer, faculty resident at Ashdown, said he personally had no objection to their staying next term, though he thought that graduate students at Ashdown should be entitled to their common areas, such as the rooms the freshmen now occupy. Hulsizer noted that there have been no complaints from any of the Ashdown residents so far.



Photo by Rick Parker

NewsWatch

El Salvadorian unrest escalates

By Alain d'Heurle

The corpses of six Salvadoran opposition leaders were found last weekend near San Salvador. They had been kidnapped from a

meeting with moderate government spokesman in a San Salvadoran Jesuit high school on Wednesday, allegedly by a right-wing terrorist group.

Witnesses reported, however, that the high school had been first surrounded by about 200 uniformed El Salvador government troops before the armed, civilian-clad squad entered the building to capture the leftist leaders. Another prominent opposition leader and 23 other persons seized at the meeting are still missing.

Concurrently in Washington, President-elect Reagan's Latin America advisors were promising a visiting Salvadoran business group to increase military aid for the security forces battling leftist guerillas in El Salvador.

The Republican Party campaign position paper on Latin America calls for the US to "restore the distinction between allies and adversaries," and to act immediately to "counter the campaign of terror and subversion that the Soviet Union and Cuba have mounted against our neighbors."

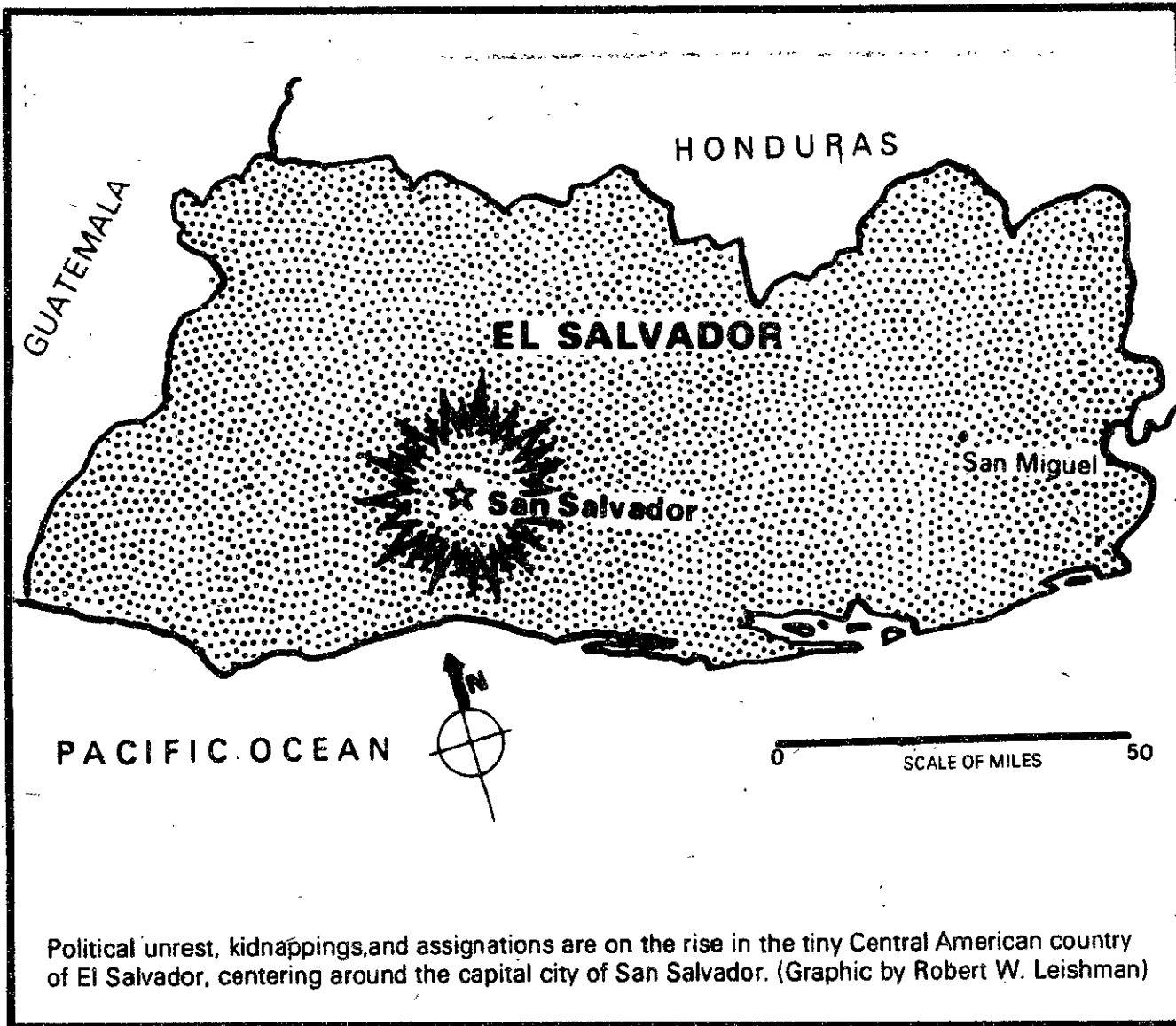
The Nicaraguan Sandinistas, labelled by the Republican paper "a totalitarian Marxist regime" although they share power in a pluralistic coalition government, have left the private sector largely intact and promise to hold elections in four years. The Sandinistas were the main force in overthrowing the decades-old Somoza dictatorship in September of 1979. The position paper then points to El Salvador as the next target of the "totalitarian forces supported by Cuba."

President-elect Reagan has repeatedly criticized the Carter Administration policy of suspending military aid to countries which violate human rights. Apparently in referring to Nicaragua in his press conference two days after the election, Reagan said, "...our record of turning away from countries that were basically friendly to us, because of some disagreement on some facet of human rights, and then finding that the result was that they have lost all human rights in that country—that isn't a practical way to go about that."

One enthusiastic supporter of a revised Latin American policy is David Rockefeller, chairman of the Chase Manhattan Bank who recently toured South Korea, Chile, Argentina, Paraguay, and Brazil. Speaking to an audience of government and business leaders in Argentina on Nov. 10, Rockefeller said, "I think Mr. Reagan will base his foreign policy on US national interest," such as trade and natural resources.

A moderate military faction staged a coup in El Salvador in October 1979. The junta was formed from a broad political spectrum, with members from the Christian and Social Democratic Parties, the Catholic Church, and the Communist Party alongside the military men. Plans for financial and agrarian reform were then adopted to break the extreme concentration of wealth and land.

The Carter Administration has portrayed the junta as caught between the extremist factions of left and right, and claims to have defended the junta from attempted coups from the right.



Political unrest, kidnappings, and assassinations are on the rise in the tiny Central American country of El Salvador, centering around the capital city of San Salvador. (Graphic by Robert W. Leishman)

Statewatch

MBTA closing may loom near

By Richard Salz

In an effort to avoid a court-ordered shutdown Friday, the Massachusetts State Legislature held a special session yesterday to keep the financially-strapped MBTA operating for the rest of the year.

The Supreme Judicial Court ruled Sunday that Governor Edward King's takeover of the "T" three weeks ago was illegal and gave him until Friday to legally secure funding. If King, the Legislature, and the MBTA Advisory Board fail to reach an

agreement, the T will cease operations at the end of this week. The Advisory Board is normally responsible for funding the T.

Business leaders and their lobbyists have now entered the controversy in an effort to insure that the MBTA keeps running. Business people want to keep it open even if it means putting aside a long-term solution for the time being and working on a day-to-day basis for appropriations, according to Dawn Driscoll, a financial vice president of Filene's, quoted in yesterday's *Boston Globe*.

The current problem reached a head when the MBTA ran out of money on Nov. 18. King invoked emergency powers to take over the T for the second straight year. The T's budget ran dry after the Advisory Board voted down additional funds for the utility for the fourth time this year. As early as February 29, MBTA officials admitted that if they continued their present rate of spending, they would run out of money by September.

As of last night the Legislature had not come up with a solution.

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news roundup

World

Tension increases between Syria and Jordan — The possibility of armed conflict between Syria and Jordan increased last weekend, as Syria doubled its forces on Jordan's border. Yesterday, Soviet First Vice-President Vasily Kuznetsov left for Syria to exchange ratifications of the Soviet-Syrian friendship treaty signed in October. Jordan replied to the Syrian buildup by strengthening its own border forces Monday, as King Hussein of Jordan threatened to "cut off the arm" of any troops attacking Jordan.

Haiti suppresses critics — Opposition politicians, journalists, and human rights activists were arrested Sunday, in what foreign diplomats described as a government attempt to draw attention from Haiti's economic crisis. Haitian foreign exchange reserves have plummeted from \$42 million to \$4 million since 1979. Those arrested were still being held incommunicado without charges yesterday.

Uruguay votes down new constitution — Uruguayans voted Sunday for the first time in seven years, as they decided to reject a new constitution proposed by Uruguay's current military regime. Voting was mandatory for Uruguay's two million registered voters. The new constitution was proposed a month ago, when the military government allowed political debate to resume for the first time since Congress was abolished in 1973.

India admits blinding episode — 31 suspected criminals have been blinded in the past year by state police, admitted Indian officials Sunday. Fifteen policemen in the northern Indian state of Bihar have been suspended and charged with "negligence." According to press reports, the policemen pierced the eyes of the suspects with bicycle spokes, then poured in acid to ensure total blindness. The case first attracted attention when prison authorities asked the national government for extra guards to care for the blinded prisoners.

More tremors shake Italy — A series of fourteen tremors rocked southern Italy Sunday and Monday, but no new casualties were reported. Despite the new tremors, hundreds of earthquake survivors are resisting government efforts to move them into hotels and other temporary housing. The toll from the November 23 earthquake now stands at 2915 dead, 1574 missing, 7305 injured, and 265,000 homeless.

Nation

Freighter lost without trace — The S.S. *Poet*, carrying a crew of 34, has disappeared without a trace. The last communication from the ship, scheduled to deliver a cargo of corn to Egypt on November 9, was on October 24, off the Delaware coast. The 522-foot ship served as a troop carrier during World War II, and was the first US flag vessel to disappear in many years.

Week-long brushfires defeated — Eleven firestorms that last week scorched 140 square miles in southern California are now extinguished or under control. State officials estimate the damage since November 15 at more than \$50 million. Firefighters from as far away as New York are now filtering out of the fire area.

NBC No. 1 in violence — According to a survey conducted by a citizens' group, the prime time television programs of the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) contain more violence than either of the other two major networks. NBC averaged 7.5 violent acts per prime time hour, said the group, followed by ABC with a 5.1 score and CBS with 4.9. However, the Saturday morning cartoon "*Bugs Bunny-Roadrunner Show*" on CBS averaged 50 violent acts per hour, the most on television.

By Jay Glass

Weather

Mostly cloudy today with a few showers scattered amidst more widespread drizzle. Winds will be easterly and highs will be near 49. Rain ending tonight, winds shifting to northerly, and lows will be in the low 30's. For tomorrow, sunny but quite windy and cold. Highs near 40. Winds diminishing Wednesday night, allowing temperatures to fall to near 25. Chance of rain 70 percent today, 10 percent tomorrow.

by James Franklin

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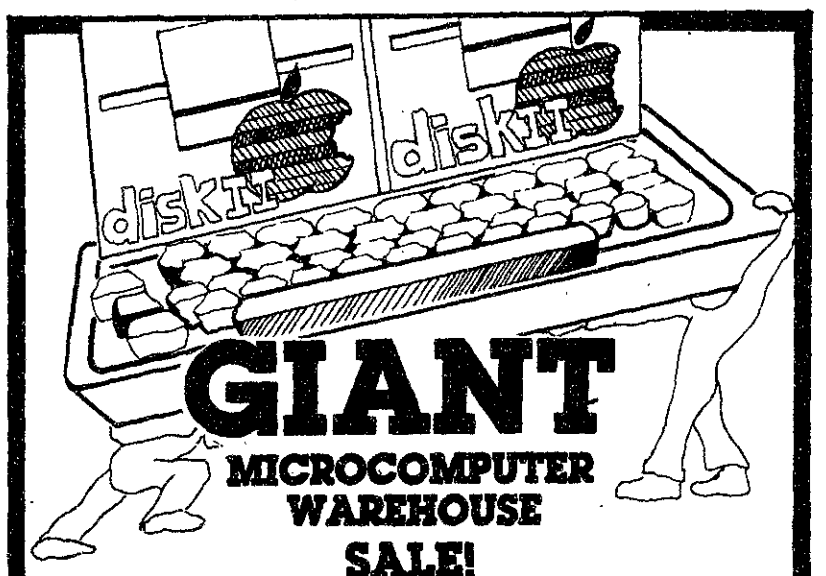
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Amidst an air of gaiety rarely seen since the Huns sacked Gaul, *The Tech* this weekend elected its 101st managing board. The perpetrators of Volume 100 are currently en route to Acapulco.

Representing the venerable old tabloid during its centennial festivities, expected to rival the Patriots for excitement next fall, is its new chairman, Jay Glass '82. Glass moves from being news editor in Volume 100, a chore he was sick of.

Meanwhile, responsible for the paper's quality and editorial content, as well as answering phones on weekends, is Richard Salz '82, the new editor-in-chief. Salz was also news editor at *The Tech* for the past year, a job he was also sick of.

Moving from arts editor to managing editor, and thereby usurping all final power over the production, looks and shape (?) of the paper is Jon von Zelowitz '82.

Moving from advertising manager to business manager, where the money really is, is Richard Epstein '83.

Completing the executive board as executive editor is Stephanie Pollack '82. Pollack became the lame-duck chairman of Volume 100 at the "tippy-top" of the meeting.

The news editors for Volume 101 of *The Tech* are Jerri-Lynn Scofield '83 and Ivan Fong '83, both formerly associate news editors. Their coverage of *The Tech's* gripping election meeting is expected by the end of the academic year.

In other departments, night editors, who do their best work when the sun goes down, will be Cindy Delfino '81, V. Michael Bové '83, Judy Passman '83, and Paul Gabuzda '84. The new photography editor, who doesn't have to wait for the sun to go down, is Steven Cohen '84.

Eric Fleming '82 will continue to cover the Sports scene. Arts will be vigilantly followed by Sheena W81 and Jonathon Richmond G.

On loan from Madison Avenue to oversee the Advertising Department is Alan Frechter '83.

Adding their expertise as contributing editors to board 101 are Kevin Osborn '82 and Linda Schaffir '82.

Put out to pasture, rounding out the managing board as senior editors, are Steven Solnick '81, Robert Host '81, Michael Taviss '81, and Gordon Hunter G.

The new board's sentence begins with the first issue of the spring term.



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.

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.

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

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.

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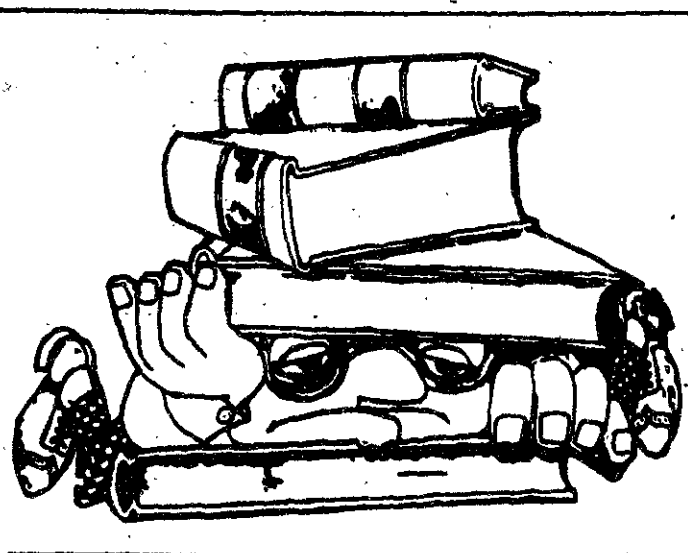
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opinion

Steven Solnick

Santa Claus is coming to town

It's almost Christmas, judging from the toy commercials still echoing in my ears — even as the turkey settles in my stomach. As I sat mesmerized before my television at home, watching Peter Panda rollerskate through the bicycle section of a toy castle no less than 30 times in a single hour, I began to wonder to myself whether Santa would be getting any Christmas lists from Cambridge. I was so sure he would that I rifled a few mailboxes when I returned and am publishing what I found. Maybe Claus Jr. will get to read this while waiting for an admissions interview (you just about need a computer science degree to be a toy manufacturer these days):

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Dear Santa:

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Joe Glutzman, VI '84

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Dear Santa:

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Peter Richardson
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Dear Santa:

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Robert Sherwood
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Santa:

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Can you talk some sense into them, Santa? I mean, just where are their priorities?

Sincerely,
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Gordon Hunter

One for the Class of 2009

The Tech's editor in chief wrote a column recently saying he would not want to send his kids to MIT. Since then I have noticed an interesting trend. A Tech alumnus who was in the same class as Paul Gray recently told me that he won't recommend MIT to his college-bound son. Another alumnus long ago suggested that I should not go to the 'Tute as an undergrad, but rather maybe as a graduate student. My father even recommended that I should choose a school other than the Institute. In fact, I can't remember anyone ever recommending MIT to me for undergraduate studies.

MIT was never my first choice for college; I only applied out of curiosity to see if I would be accepted. I fully believed what everyone told me about the Institute; graduate student oriented, narrow focus in classes and in students, few women, many weirdos, no social life, and endless, hard work. It was a blow both to my father and myself when I chose MIT after my first choice school turned me down. We both pictured me becoming a social misfit, never having any fun outside of my classwork (if then), losing all interest in the "real world" and "real people." I found out when I

got here that many of my classmates had similar worries about themselves.

Happily, the horror stories didn't become reality. Oh sure, MIT is not geared for a typical undergraduate education or a normal social life (whatever that is) and tends to become a sort of ivory tower. My guess after talking to people at other schools is that science and engineering departments at most colleges have similar problems. As with everything else at MIT, if a student wants a broader educational base, a more normal social life or a closer connection with current events, that student is going to have to want it and to work for it, often quite hard.

The environment at MIT does not create social misfits. MIT does, however, attract students with a narrow field of interests, and the environment tends to accentuate the associated problems. There is no way to force people to broaden their horizons if they don't want their horizons broadened. Required classes won't necessarily get people to like literature, history, or politics. However, the Institute must be careful to provide and encourage

means for students to voluntarily become more well-rounded. This is, I assume from the inaugural rhetoric, one of the more important topics of discussion within the administration currently.

MIT is not a college that is well suited for everyone, nor is everyone well suited for MIT. It would be a tremendous shame if MIT as a college should try to generalize its base too much to accommodate the desires of all. The Institute is a leader (if not the leader) among science and engineering schools, a position which would be seriously threatened if resources are spread too thinly. Already laboratories are overcrowded, professors are overworked, classes are understaffed, and facilities are overloaded.

I can't say if I would recommend MIT to my son or daughter when that decision has to be made. It would depend on whether I felt their future could be beneficially affected by attending and also on whether we as a family could tolerate the financial burden. I have enjoyed and benefitted from MIT; there is no reason to suspect that my children could not in the future.



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ARTS

The Elephant Man: A quest for dignity

The Elephant Man by Bernard Pomerance, directed by Jack Hof-siss, starring Ken Ruta, Jeff Hayenga and Concetta Tomei. Playing at the Shubert Theatre through mid-January.

Some said that his mother had been knocked over by an elephant while she was pregnant with him. Others felt that God was punishing him for some terrible sin he had committed. In any case, no reasonable scientific explanation was ever found for John Merrick's grotesque deformities — his useless, fin-like right hand, the cauliflower flesh protrusions over most of his torso, his contorted legs, and the bloated, misshapen head with its bony projection at the upper lip which earned him the name, "The Elephant Man."

The Elephant Man's story is indeed true. Merrick was a featured sideshow attraction at various London fairs until his discovery by Frederick Treves. Treves was an eminent surgeon of the day who took pity on the poor man's plight and brought him to live in the London hospital, Whitechapel, in 1886. There he educated and took care of Merrick, who soon became very literate and articulate under Treves' tutelage. Merrick eventually became a darling of the elite, receiving eminent members of London society in his hospital room until his death in 1890.

Bernard Pomerance's play relates the story of Merrick's triumph over his disabilities with tremendous warmth. The play is performed on a simply set stage; the furnishings are authentic Victorian, but sparse. The dreary backdrop and austere lighting not only bring to mind the drabness of Victorian London, but also serve to set off, and thus emphasize, the strength and sincerity of the characters involved.

Jeff Hayenga is marvelous in the title role. He wears no special make-up, but conveys Merrick's disfigurements only by contorting his own body and voice in a manner representative of the person he portrays. He projects a great deal of candor in his portrayal of the naive Merrick; he adds a pathetic reality to the character's plea to be like other people and "not have them stare at me."

Ken Ruta plays an equally convincing Dr. Treves. He is fascinated by Merrick's uniqueness in terms of his physical

condition, and eager to try to help the poor man gain self-respect. Still, though, Treves is tormented by a feeling of helplessness at his inability to cure Merrick and make him like a normal, healthy human being. Ruta's portrayal is especially good in his demonstration of the deterioration of Treves' self-esteem as he comes to terms with his own failings.

Concetta Tomei proves to have the greatest stage presence of the cast. She portrays Mrs. Kendal, a well-known actress of the time whom Treves introduced to Merrick in a first step toward making him feel human. (Mrs. Kendal was the first woman ever to talk to Merrick — Treves chose an actress specifically because he felt

she would be able to hide the shock and disgust which showed so plainly on the faces of the other women whom he'd tried to bring into Merrick's room.) Tomei's scenes with Hayenga are particularly moving, especially at Kendal and Merrick's first encounter, whereby she overcomes her initial horror at the man's appearance to realize what tremendous intelligence and sensitivity are trapped within his hideous frame.

The Elephant Man is an extremely powerful play, and its remarkable cast does it complete justice. If time and money constraints allow you to see just one show this year, this should be it.

Linda Schaffir

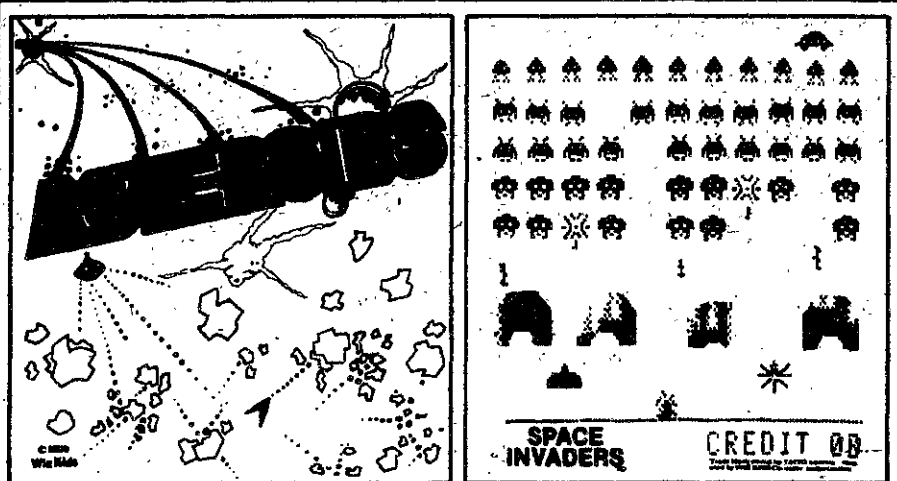


Jeff Hayenga co-stars in the title role as John Merrick in *The Elephant Man*.

ON THE TOWN

The MIT Choral Society, John Oliver, conductor, will perform a concert of works by Rachmaninoff, Bartok and Janacek at 3pm on Sun., Dec. 7, in Kresge Auditorium. Tickets

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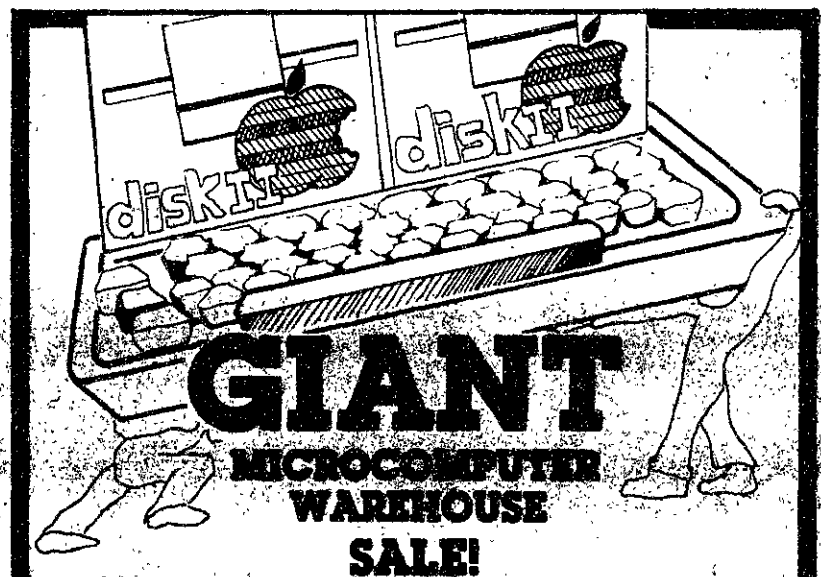
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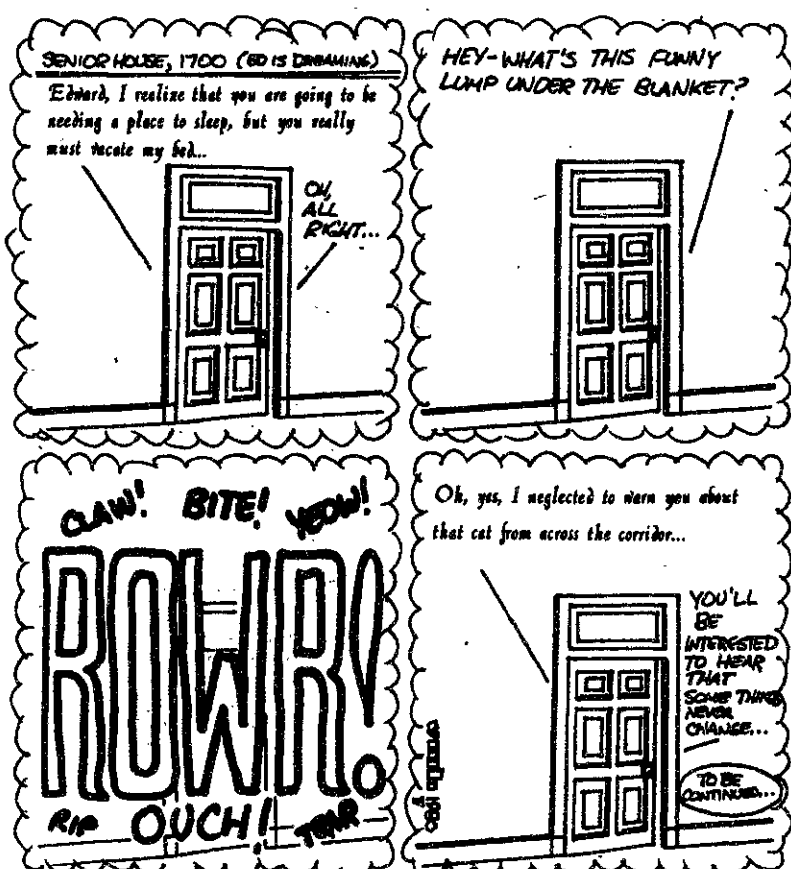
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Hello!

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.

Call To Order

The next meeting of the General Assembly will be on Thursday, December 4 at 7:30pm. It will take place at McCormick Hall.

Agenda

1. Announcements: Commons Task Force
2. Floor Leader's Report
3. Ombudsman's Report
4. Discussion led by Corporation Executive Committee
5. Discussion concerning spring elections
6. Discussion of GA goals and objectives

Partyline

To find out what's going on this weekend, call the Partyline anytime — 253-3942. If your organization is holding an event you'd like publicized on Partyline, contact the MIT Student Center Committee at 253-3916.

Support UNICEF

UNICEF holiday greeting cards are now on sale in the TCA Office, Room W20-450 (Student Center) from 11:00am through 3:00pm on weekdays.

Escape to the Nutcracker Suite

Two masked female urchins have been seen wandering about the MIT corridors late at night. Physical Plant personnel who have seen the pair believe that they are connected with the defacing of the contents of filing cabinets on campus. The two urchins are usually found as a pair. One is tall and skinny with bright red hair and has a vicious claw at the end of one arm. The other member of the pair is very short, has dark and oily hair, and wears up-sidedown eyeglasses. These urchins are believed to be very dangerous when disturbed. Any contact with them should be reported to the UA Office (x3-2696) at once.

MIT Social Council member Jeanne Munson has responded to these incidents by suggesting, "The campus has just become too dangerous! That's why the MIT Social Council is organizing off-campus activities, such as Tech Night at the ballet on December 11 and 12. Why, for just eight to eleven dollars you can see *The Nutcracker Suite* in safe and serene downtown Boston." That's right, Jeanne! 'Tis the season to be jolly, not tormented by urchins. So get your tickets now! You can pick them up during business hours at the TCA Office (W20-410), Tuesday through Friday.

International Relations Club

Come and find out about the IAP Far East Crisis Simulation. The International Relations Club will be holding a meeting of the general membership on Wednesday, December 3, at 7:00 pm in Room 400 of the Student Center. In addition to the above topic, we will be discussing other events for IAP and the Spring. Open to the general public. Refreshments will be served.

Thank You!

On behalf of the members of the MIT community, the GA wishes to express a special note of appreciation. The highly successful arrangement, publicizing, and overall management of the Homecoming party, featuring Robin Lane and the Chartbusters and Private Lightning, clearly evidenced the hard-working capabilities of the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Together with the generous sponsors Miller Beer and Coca-Cola, this fraternity may well take pride in the accomplishment of this unprecedented MIT event.

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

Women's Bball aims for .500

By Eric R. Fleming

When the MIT women's basketball team opens its season tomorrow at Bryant, Coach Jean Heiney will be fielding her youngest squad ever in four years at MIT. The 11-player roster has no seniors and six freshmen. However, three of the four players from last year's 7-12 team were starters and that gives Heiney a great deal of optimism for 1980-81.

The returnees include forward Joyce Kelly '83, who was second

in scoring last year with an 11.3 scoring average, and is, according to Heiney, "our smartest player." Joining Kelly in the frontcourt are juniors Donna Wilson and Lisa Richardson (team leaders in rebounding), and sophomore Beverly Yates.

In the backcourt, Tech will use newcomers to replace last year's co-captains, Susan Flint and Karen Samuelsen. Fighting for the two starting slots are sophomore transfer Anita Flynn, and freshmen Terry Felts and Kathrine Alston.

Despite the overall youth (especially at the guard position), Heiney is hopeful about the team's chances in 1980-81. She says, "I'm enthused with the new talent, and we have a lot more depth than a year ago."

Heiney believes that the group has a good shot at reaching the .500 mark this season, and sums up the team by saying, "No one is spectacular, but we have a solid, all-around squad." The Engineers open their home schedule Saturday in Rockwell Cage against Regis, with game time at 7:15pm.

sports update



Steve Williams (50) goes for two points during MIT's basketball season opener. The Engineers squeaked out a 72 to 69 victory last Wednesday night against Babson College in Rockwell Cage. (Photo by Rick Parker)

Men's Basketball — The Engineers had a great deal to be thankful for this holiday weekend as they won two heart-stopping thrillers at home. Last Wednesday night, MIT defeated Babson, 72-69, led by senior Bob Clarke's 23 points. Sophomore Robert Joseph hit for 18, including the tying bucket and two free throws to put Tech in command late in the game. Babson's Phil Colletta and Tom Groth combined for 52 points, but it could not offset the balanced attack of the Engineers.

Saturday, it took an overtime period before MIT could dispose

of New York Poly, 60-57. The home squad led by as many as six midway through the second half, but Poly senior center George Mueller scored six straight points to lead the Blue Jays to a two point lead with under two minutes left in regulation. MIT took the lead by two, 51-49, with less than 30 seconds left, but the Blue Jays' Gene Fontaine hit a desperation 30-footer with one second on the clock to tie the game at 51. In the overtime, forward Mike Greer and guard Steve Williams each scored four points (Williams hit two free throws to

put Tech ahead to stay, 59-57, with only 34 seconds left) in the extra session to give the Engineers the win. MIT now stands at 3-0, winning its games by a combined total of just eight points.

The Week Ahead — The winter sports season begins in earnest this weekend as basketball, wrestling, swimming, and fencing all have events. Home events include women's basketball with Regis, men's and women's swimming against Wesleyan, and the indoor track opener with Brandeis and WPI in the new Special Events Center.

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