Statewatch

Sunday T closings are a possibility

By Kenneth Snow

Financial problems continued to plague the MBTA area started off. In an effort to stave off another crisis, the manage- ment is cutting back on a number of services, Sunday service among them.

The Advisory Board, representing the 79 municipalities in the MBTA district, approved the reduced budget saying that they know this will cause service cuts but these should be slight. The final vote on the budget was 76.96 to 24, due to the Board's weighted voting system based on the amount of use the transit system receives from a particular municipality.

Shortly after the budget was approved, Governor Edward J. King announced at a press confer- ence that “there will be to serve significant service cuts where possible.”

The most notable cutback is the elimination of all bus, train, and trolley service on Sundays starting January 25, and the clos- ing of Bowdoin and Symphony stations permanently as of last Saturday. Other cuts include:

- Eliminating the jobs of 51 para on Red and Blue line trains, leaving one guard for every four cars. There was one guard on every other car prior to this. This has been temporarily delayed by a court injunction requested by the MBTA union.
- Eliminating daily bus trips past public and private schools in Boston and 12 surrounding com- munities, including Cambridge.
- Closing of the Boylston Street entrance to Auditorium Station, the Berkeley Street entrance to Arlington Station, and the closing of the valet entrance to North Station West.
- Terminating auto-restricted bus routes at South Station, and Haymarket.
- Reducing the bus driver “cover” list to 11 percent January 31, and to 9 percent for the remainder of the year starting March 21.
- Closing the Arlington Heights bus yard on March 21. The buses will be moved to Charlestown.
- Shutting the Arborway Carhouse on Jan. 31.
- Terminating self-generation power at the South Boston power plant on Dec. 31, 1981, with the exception of a gas turbine that will operate for four hours a day.
- Opening the Barstool Street automotive garage on March 2 to save on bus maintenance, ef- ficiency, and fuel.

Loosie said, “While we are try- ing to develop mass transporta- tion for 1981 and be responsive to the needs of the public, our option is in response to the unrealistic budget authorized by the Ad- visory Board that requires that we operate within a sum of $337 mil- lion.

Minsky: AI as a cure-all

By David Shaw

Professor Marvin Minsky opened his Tuesday evening lec- ture by saying “I’m going to talk about why the world is getting worse, and what artificial intelli- gence can do to help.”

The LSC-sponsored lecture, titled “Artificial Intelligence and Common Sense,” took the form of a monologue in which Minsky commented on what he thought were harmful social trends. He shocked the capacity crowd in 26-100 when he blamed science fic- tion for the virtual cessation of the space exploration program, and explained that most adults considered space exploration a “childish fantasy” of the sort found in most science fiction writing.

Another source of Minsky’s discontent was the children’s toy industry, which produces non-educational toys that children cannot teach themselves. He com- mented, “If kids can’t take their toys apart, they can’t learn how they work. Consequently, people grow up unable to fix things.”

Minsky expressed displeasure with people who believe that astrology works. When asked what his sign was, he replied, “Mars, in this case.”

“We have so many good ideas that few of them are actually being tried out. People are getting used to the abundance of ideas and this tolerance is not a good thing.” Minsky pointed out that the problem was tolerance, using the example of movement as an example. He wondered how various religions could exist in harmony, especially when one considers that each religion claims to be the only true faith.

Minsky explained that all the things he saw wrong were express- ions of a trend toward self- centeredness in people. He said that research in artificial intelli- gence would be a help in under- standing ourselves, since we would be able to construct a system in which we could see what a “self” would be like.

Minsky concluded his talk by answering questions from the audience.

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World

Chinese doctors gaining in limb attachments — Since the development of microsurgery techniques in the early 1960's, Chinese doctors, who performed their first transplant of a human limb in 1981, have reached the second limit or digits of more than 600 patients. The tricky procedure lasts many hours and — given their lower technological level — is costing close to an arm and a leg.

The future of dormant — Ayatollah Khomeini gave approval to Algeria's La Sassine mosque. Algeria's president, Mr. Faisel, said that MIT had no plans for further repression of democracy in the near future.

Planning in the MIT Planning Office, said that MIT had no plans for transport on the MIT campus in case of the Sunday shutdown. All of these arrangements will be affected by the MIT Planning Office and the MBTA, which do not have as drastic an impact as the MBTA. We were looking for creative transit management to cut costs, but not drastic. We were not looking for a meat axe. It appears to be the case that MIT management is being monitored as the MBTA is being monitored as it develops.

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Cronberg said the plan is revised yearly to include new work needs. By Richard Salz

Nation

Speedy arms talks unlikely — Secretary of Defense-designate Casper W. Weinberger said it would be six months before the next round of negotiations with Moscow on a new arms limitation treaty. Weinberger, testifying at Senate confirmation hearings, declined to offer President Reagan's commitment to defend vital US interests in the Persian gulf with military interest should prove necessary.

Economic decline seen likely — White the economy will decline this year, a "major improvement" will occur in 1984, as projections of budget deficits have increased in recent weeks.

Weather

According to the National Weather Service, temperatures will be a little above 10 degrees during the early part of the day, winds will be from the northwest at 15-20mph and gusty. The afternoon will be sunny, windy, and cold, with highs in the mid-30's. Winds will increase slightly. Overcast will be clear and cold, dropping to around 10 degrees Friday morning. Partly sunny skies, with a chance of flurries later in the day. Highs in the upper 20's. Over the weekend, cloudy and snowy Saturday, and fair Sunday. Continued cold will continue through to next week.

Sunday closing would hurt many

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There are a lot of little things which are very big in terms of hardship and accessibility, he said.

Cronberg added that similar efforts are underway to make the campus more accessible to sight and hearing impaired.

Plan annually modified

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First five moves in this chess problem (white to move) are described below:

#1 White to move and make one...

#2 What were the last six moves in this legal game?

#3 White to move and win.

#4 He mate in four (black moves first and helps white).

#5 White to move and make in three.

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meet Robert L. Forward, physicist and author who will be autographing his book "Dragon's Egg" at 1:00pm Monday Jan. 12.
An onlooking crowd gets a thrill as workers demolish the old Polaroid building on Ames Street to provide parking for the new Whitaker Health Facility.

Photo essay by Steve Cohen

This IAP, help us put it all together

Drop by Student Center Room 483 Tuesday and Wednesday nights during IAP.
Steve Solnick

Video nightmare

One of the so-called prophets of the "media age," Marshall McLuhan, died last month. McLuhan coined the slogan "The medium is the message." I don't like that message. At least, certainly not after watching the holiday offerings on the video wasteland.

Fred Mertz, from "I Love Lucy," was perhaps the most shocking revelation of the whole experience. Old black and white sitcoms like "I Love Lucy" always seemed to me to represent the best of all possible worlds. Nobody ever pays in restaurants, nobody has to go to the bathroom, and the fuses never blow unless Ricky is speaking Spanish.

Well, there are Rickeys in this video space-lookin' diner. Fred orders a small glass of grape juice (a heavy drinker, he) and nonchalantly drops it on the floor.

There is no place for paper straw wrappers in the tidy world of "I Love Lucy." I had some other real problems with the face on the boom tube. "Cred has prevented more cavities than all other toothpastes put together." How do they know if they were prevented?

"Careless has 32 percent more taste than other gums." Huh! I'd like to see those clinical lab tests.

"All 45 percent is cleaner! Excelzana is 52 percent cleaner!" These subtleties flashed before a film of the "crying Indian" running horse through these speaking clean cities — littering, no doubt. What the whole thing meant was beyond me.

According to the 700 Club, one of those classic Bible-belt evangelical talk shows, "Jesus told us in the Sermon on the Mount to get government off our backs!" I must have missed that, unless it was in the Gospel "According to" Dutch.

In this religious vein, there was also the ad for two roasting Christmas turkeys from a "Crest Hot Tub," for the meat set, and "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer," a snappy country-western droll.

You aren't even in Rome but as Mr and Grandma, we believe.

... 

... and I'm also sick of meeting people. The Tudor show gives us slight extraordinary people. Donalou gives us ordinary people doing extraordinary things and being laughed at by even more ordinary people. Afternoon talk shows give us dull people talking about their love lives. Magazine shows give us commonplace people doing mundane things. And now prime-time Real People show gives stupid people doing incredible things. And not once do you ever see the same people, except maybe when Merv Griffin interviews John Davidson.

That's incredible! Here I am — a man who could move a pencil by just looking at it. Frank Tarkenton did everything he could do to be neglected, and it still worked. Yet after about four minutes of this seeming madness, Ricky finally meets a young boy who insulted himself of cancer.

Why, I wondered, weren't all these people on the front page of the New York Times? After all, if we could figure out how to hasten the Russians' pencils, we'd bring their bureaucracy to a screeching halt. Why, the New York Times?

It's because the people who give those shows their ratings actually have their love lives, their dull people talking about their love lives...

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McLuhan also described the idiot box as a cool medium, demanding visual and auditory senses.

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Richard Salz

Putting religion on hold

I was kind of out as I walked out of the church service on Christmas Eve. Sad that it had been almost a year since I had set foot in the building. I wasn't regretful in the sense that God had been shut out of my life, but rather that I no longer seemed to have the time or inclination to stay in touch with something that played a highly important role in my personal development.

We Unitarians are known for a somewhat cavalier attitude — perhaps pragmatic is a better word — attitude toward much of the formality and structure of religion. For example, my hometown church, the North Shore Unitarian Society, closes down during the summer.

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The first one that comes to mind is that college is one of the great horizon-wideners. Armed with a new set of perspectives, a number of students reject their previous upbringing and don't pick up the religions threads left home with the rest of the family.

While this may be true, it is not the primary point. I believe there are far more students who again make religion a part of a their lives before they reach 30 than those who drop it altogether. Why, then, the lapse? Why do so many students put their religion — or their favorite pastime — on hold?

It is, admittedly, more of a hassle to go to church now than it was before. What was a family routine, completing with rolls and coffee before and fried eggs afterward, has in many instances become a solitary ride on the T.

What was a chance to meet friends you hadn't seen since last week has become a chance to press the flask with strangers you'd never see outside of the "friendship circle." Just getting up can be a major problem. After five days of hard work, it takes a great deal of energy to awaken in order to face another week. Many students just couldn't write on the T before noon even if they wanted to.

A subdued form of peer pressure is also at work. My church-going friends are rather quiet about it.
Madness: absolutely!

Madness Absolutely by Madness, obviously. On Sire Records.

What's the deal? A Madness album with a color cover! These guys standing outside the Underground station look too respectable to be the old One Step Beyond gang . . . the inner sleeve looks more familiar, with dozens of the little mug shots that made Madness' first album as much fun to look at as to listen to, but this time they're arranged in a little photo essay calling "The Birth of the Nutty Boys" and including such memorable gigs as "William Ellis Secondary School 3/7/76 . . ."

So what's the point? but this — when the LP One Step Beyond was released in the US a little over a year ago, the group was quickly classed with the Specials, the Selecter, and the Beat, despite guitarist Chris Foreman's complaint that "we don't rely on the fashion aren't heard of that Nuttiness-can be separated yet absolutely is of arranging, rather than a musical type.

Madness didn't describe their music as Two-Tone, Reggae, Ska, or even North London — just "nutty," and those who listened beyond the first three or four cuts found that Nuttiness (if I may) transcends stylistic boundaries. It's saxophones and fairgrounds, organs and marimbas and carnival midway, wonderfully witty vocals, and most of all irresistably danceable. The stuff is downright music.

I wonder if it's after my soul again tonight Steps to whisper with the shadows, that's what keeps me in his sight I shout at passing strangers but they don't seem aware don't want to get involved in a supernatural affair. The power of positive Nuttinless is spelt proven in the sax and keyboards of "In the Rain," which they rescue from being a garden-variety standing-in-the-rain waiting-for-my-girl number. This song makes the listener feel good about life regardless of how rotten it probably is at the moment. Now somebody please explain to me "Return of the Los Palmas 7." That's cocktail lounge music, complete with wistful harmonica inexplicably turned into a snarling atrocity.

V. Michael Bose

In short, veryy interesting, as Arte Johnson used to say. If you want to know what Madness is all about, buy One Step Beyond. If, on the other hand, you already have the LP and liked all the "other" songs on it, pick up a copy of Madness Absolutely. Your turntable will never again be the same.

Mandarin Restaurant, 334 Mass Ave., open daily from 11:30am to 10pm. Takeout available. Phone 497-1544.

Don't look now, but Chinese restaurants seem to be taking over Central Square. The latest addition to this Gang of Fortune Cookies is the Mandarin Restaurant, which may prove the most competitive for MIT students, Joyce Chen's Small Eating Place. The Mandarin is roomy and tastefully decorated, unlike some of the other Central Square establishments, although the background music punctuated by ships' bells ringing on the half hour is rather out of place.

The food on the whole is in par with most area Chinese restaurants with only slight variations in quality from dish to dish. The Hot and Sour Soup is quite thick and full-flavored. The tea, however, tastes suspiciously like it was brewed by Don Meredith with little flow-through bags. The orange beef lacks zest, being neither tangy or beefy, just hot.

Many of the classic dishes are offered. The menu even explains the main ingredients and cooking methods used for many dishes. "Dragon and Phoenix" is called to be lobster and chicken, while "Underwater Conference" is simply a seafood platter.

The service does leave something to be desired. Oh, they seat you quickly, give you all the time you need to order, rush the soup to you, followed quickly (sometimes too quickly) by the main courses, but then the system breaks down.

Refilling water or tea glasses can require great patience and perseverance, a tough trick sometimes when there is Szechuan food causing your tongue. I find the diners are being a bit more insistent in that they cannot be seen from the kitchen or cash register, it can take long time to get your order without the use of a flare gun. A dessert selection is rough, it seems, only when the moon is right.

Prices are quite reasonable ($3-$5 per person) and more than make up for the number of people in the party increases. A "classic Chinese banquet" is offered to those in a party of eight or more.

It is interesting to note that few Oriental eat at the Mandarin while MIT students abound. The opposite is true at many of the other Chinese restaurants. I leave it to the reader and diner to speculate on the meaning of this, but it would appear that the Mandarin is destined to be a popular restaurant for the campus community.

Gordon Hunter
**An IAP Quiz**

1) IAP is the ideal time to do all those things you wanted to do during the term but just couldn’t squeeze into your schedule. During the next month you will try:

   a) Reading Proust  
   b) Sorting and washing your socks  
   c) Writing home  
   d) Joining *The Tech*

2) This person is . . .

   a) A Harvard freshman at Wellesley for the first time  
   b) A construction worker passing an all-girls dormitory  
   c) An investigative reporter for *The Tech*  
   d) None of the above

3) *The Tech*'s news staff will be researching and writing articles for issues to be distributed each Thursday of IAP. If you're interested in joining you should stop by Student Center Room 483:

   a) Tuesday nights  
   b) Wednesday during the day  
   c) Wednesday nights  
   d) Any of the above
Staff Writer

The Commencement Committee invites recommendations for speakers and/or topic areas from all members of the MIT Community for a Commencement speaker at MIT's Commencement on 1 June. Written nominations and topic areas may be dropped off at the following locations:

- The Undergraduate Association Office
  — Room W20-401
- The Graduate Student Council Office
  — Room 50-222
- The Information Center
  — Room 7-121

Deadline for nominations and suggestions is 22 January. In addition, suggestions may be filed with any member of the speaker subcommittee of the Commencement Committee. They are: John G. Kassakian, Chairman; Langley C. Keyes, Ex-officio and Chairman of the Commencement Committee; Mitchell P. Brook, Senior Class President; William J. Hecht, Executive Vice President of the MIT Alumni Association; Sharon H. Lee, President of the Graduate Student Council; Walter L. Milne, Assistant to the Chairman of the Corporation and Assistant to the President; Mary L. Morrissey, Director of the Information Center. The speaker subcommittee will review all suggestions and make a short list for submission to President Gray. The list will not be made public nor will it be rank ordered. The responsibility and authority for selecting a commencement speaker and issuing an invitation will rest with President Gray.

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The winter season begins in earnest in the month of January, following a nearly month-long break due to finals and the holidays. Here is a capsule of some of the action to come this month.

**Basketball**—Coach Fran O’Brien’s men hope to snap their five-game losing streak this weekend, as they open a quick three-game homestand tonight against Thomas College of Maine. Forward and captain Bob Clarke ’81 is expected to be at full strength following an ankle injury in December.

On the women’s side, MIT opens against Gordon tomorrow, then faces Bates at home on Saturday. Coach Jean Heinsey suffered a major blow when junior forward Donna Wilson was hurt in a loss to Wesleyan in the final game of 1980. Wilson had played well in the club’s first two contests.

**Fencing**—The men’s squad opens its season under first-year coach Robert Horvitz Saturday at home against Harvard and Boston University in duPont Gymnasium at 2 p.m. Performers to watch for MIT are Linus Kelly ’82, who took third in the New England Championships in the pommel horse, Samir Idriss ’83, parallel bars, and all around specialist Mark McQuinn ’82.

Coach Linda Lauter’s women open the 1981 schedule a week from Saturday (Jan.17) at home against Dartmouth. Led by captain Sandy Young ’83, MIT hopes to build on an improving squad at the end of last year.

**Club Hockey**—MIT hockey has not done well at home so far this season, having been blown out in its two games in Cambridge. January will give the team a chance to change that, as all of the team’s games are at home this month. Gordon invades the Tech ice next Wednesday, hoping to avenge an 8-3 drubbing at the hands of the Engineers on Dec. 6.

**Track**—MIT hosts Williams this Saturday, looking for a chance to up its 2-1 mark gained in 1980. The meet was originally scheduled at Williams. Colin Kerwin ’82 is off to an excellent start, having run well in the 1500 and 3000 meter events. Other top performances include Jeff Lukas ’82 in the 1000 meters, and Joe Presing ’84 in the 55 meter dash.

**Fencing**—Both men’s and women’s squads travel to Navy for meets on Saturday, Jan. 16 to open the 1981 schedule. Coach Eric Solite has both groups off to fine starts, but January contains some tough competition, including perennial power Clemson, which comes to MIT on Saturday, Jan. 31.

**Swimming**—Swimming returns to MIT on Wednesday the 21st, when Tulsa visits the men and women Engineers.

**Wrestling**—Led by Ken Stull ’84 and Steve Lethgeber ’83, MIT hosts Harvard and Lowell this Saturday. Stull and Lethgeber have compiled a combined 6-1 mark in the 142-pound class.

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