



Noam Chomsky spoke at Friday's El Salvador rally. See story, page 2. (photo by Billy Stewart)

MIT releases student addresses

By Tim Kneale

For at least three years prior to this year, MIT released Student Directory information on all students residing in MIT dormitories and Boston fraternities to the cities of Cambridge and Boston, according to Assistant Professor Jeffrey A. Meldman, head of the Institute Committee on Privacy.

Massachusetts law requires that the heads of fraternities and dormitories report the name and birthdate of each person residing in that building on January 1 of every year. This year, MIT is furnishing the name, address, and class year of residents of MIT dormitories and Boston fraternities; Cambridge fraternities are still expected to report the required statistics on their own.

In past years, the information released by MIT was more detailed than it is now. Two years ago, for example, MIT's housing department sent Cambridge the name, address, date of birth, an identification code (partially derived from the student ID number), previous year's address, and nationality of every Cambridge dormitory resident. The information was supplied to

the city on magnetic tape to make it easier to use, according to Susan Arthur, acting head of the Cambridge Election Commission Office.

At present, the Committee on Privacy has appointed a subcommittee to review the process by which students designated personal statistics as directory information. According to the *MIT Bulletin*, such information "may be released without the student's prior consent and without a record being made."

Asked what MIT does when a student wishes to withhold information requested by Cambridge, Assistant Director of Housing Robert E. Shaw replied, "I don't know. It's never happened before." Meldman noted that the cards students file on Registration Day, which the Institute compiles into the Student Directory, may be revised so that it is absolutely clear what criteria govern MIT's release of that information.

Campus organizations are not allowed to release lists of directory information to outsiders. Asked whether the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC)

programs on campus release mailing lists of MIT students to the armed services, an Air Force spokesman said that the ROTC programs are guided by the Family Education and Privacy Act, and may not legally release such lists.

Massachusetts law does, however, allow municipalities to sell the information to any organization which plans to use it for non-political purposes. This includes mail-order companies, magazines, salesmen, and similar businesses. It could not be determined whether Boston or Cambridge has ever sold this information.

The Selective Service does not use college mailing lists to search out draft registration evaders, according to a Washington representative of the organization who declined to supply his name.

At present, individuals must report the names of suspected registration evaders to the Selective Service before that organization may attempt to locate anyone. Names of suspects are then supplied to the Justice Department.

Wiesner, Kendall address MX forum

By Barry S. Surman

"I promised my wife I wouldn't say anything," said Dr. Jerome B. Wiesner, opening a spontaneous rebuttal to proponents of the MX missile at a seminar Saturday night. His remarks sparked the approximately two hundred participants of the fourteen-hour day of speeches and panel discussions to a three-minute standing ovation.

Wiesner, an Institute Professor, President Emeritus of MIT, and adviser to Presidents Dwight D. Eisenhower and John F. Kennedy, spoke unexpectedly at the final session of "The MX Missile and the Arms Race: An Inquiry into National Security in the 1980's." The conference, held in Room 10-250, was sponsored by the MX Missile Awareness Project, described by Conference Director Sherman Tuchman as "a consortium of university student from Boston University, Emerson College, MIT, and Tufts University."

Wiesner quoted Eisenhower's desire to "... get people to take seriously the matter of avoiding nuclear war. Nobody in this government wants to help me. AEC's [Atomic Energy Commis-

sion] not interested in avoiding war. The Defense Department's not interested in avoiding nuclear war."

Wiesner assailed those who spoke of the difference between "forty-five and fifty million" casualties as "playing numbers games." He continued, "Playing these numbers games is what makes us numb. It's a way of avoiding the fact that we're insane, as a world."

"Nobody here on these panels today said we're living a bunch of lies because that would be unpatriotic," said Wiesner, "but we are, as a nation, we have been. People say... 'The Russians are intent on a first strike, but that's not our policy.' The fact of the matter is that the United States military has striven to maintain a first strike capability since the earliest days.

"We're living a lie as people. We are as much a driving force to this nuclear war, and that's why we feel guilty, that's why we feel numb. I do... I think it's very easy to stop the arms race, but people don't want to do it the easy way, they don't want to do it at all. If we just announced that

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UA committee to address harassment

By Stephanie Pollack

A special committee appointed Sunday by Undergraduate Association President (UAP) John DeRubeis '83 has prepared a motion for Thursday night's General Assembly (GA) meeting calling for the expulsion of students "found guilty of malicious acts against a member or group of members of [the MIT] community on the basis of race, religion, sex, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, or political beliefs."

The President's Special Committee Against Student Harassment is comprised of representatives from the Black Students Union (BSU), the Mexican-American Students Association (MASA), Gays at MIT (GAMIT), and MIT Hillel. Attempts were also made to contact representatives of the Association of Women Students and the Zionist Alliance, according to DeRubeis. In addition, the UAP, UAVP, and the GA Floor Leader also serve on the committee.

The motion states that the display of menacing acts "on this campus in recent months has been disturbing, if not frightening, to many of us. Acts of destruction and harassment against members of this community have been more numerous, as well as more visible, this year."

Sam Austin '82, co-chairman of the BSU, noted that while there had been only one racially-related incident at MIT since his freshman year, "five to seven incidents have occurred since Black Cultural Month in March." Eduardo Grado '82, president of MASA, added that his group's bulletin board had been defaced with graffiti reading "wetbacks go back home."

Grado said "I'm not sure what, if anything, this [motion] will do, but it's our responsibility to let people know what's going on." Arnold Contreras '83, GA floor leader, expressed hope that the motion would be used by the Administration "as evidence, in setting their own policies, that this kind of conduct is unacceptable" to the student body.

Committee members disagreed as to the appropriateness of expulsion as the sole punishment as suggested by the motion. Austin said "expulsion is the only way people will get the idea that this sort of thing won't be tolerated at all" by the community. Contreras noted that "each case should be judged on an individual basis," adding that expulsion was only appropriate for extreme cases. Claimed DeRubeis, "expulsion is never going to happen—it's more like a threat."

Contreras said that "I consider malicious actions to be threatening to someone's life." He explained that the motion consists of two parts, one recommending expulsion for extremely offensive cases, and one affirming that "mild but unacceptable" discriminatory actions would not be tolerated by the community. GAMIT President Chuck Brown '81 said he considered destruction of bulletin boards to be a malicious action, noting that "the last GAMIT bulletin board cost \$600 to replace."

DeRubeis said that the committee would continue to function after the GA had considered the motion, meeting informally on a regular basis, and taking action if further discriminatory or malicious acts occur.

IFC addresses dorm subsidy

By Michael Shimazu

"What you have in essence is three-quarters of the student body subsidizing about one-quarter, and I don't think it's fair," Steve Piet G, former Inter-Fraternity Conference (IFC) Chairman said of the monies MIT allocates to the dormitory system in order to defray costs not covered by rents.

The dorm subsidy was estimated at \$600,000 per year by Steve Immerman, Business Advisor to Fraternities and Independent Living Groups, at a March 11 IFC meeting. The 1980 Treasurer's Report shows about \$420,000 from "uncommitted funds" (of which tuition is a part) was spent for dining and housing, according to John Currie '87, Director of Finance. He noted that it is "not completely clear" whether all this money came from tuition dollars.



Steve Immerman of the Dean's Office. (photo by Jim Hermitt)

Fraternities and independent living groups do benefit from a number of services provided through the Dean for Student Affairs Office, Immerman indicated. "Clearly both groups receive a lot of support," agreed IFC Chairman Jim Murray.

However, "a lot more services are pushed into the dormitory system than into everything else

[independent living groups]," said Currie. "Many services provided to the dormitories are not charged to them," he continued.

Piet is also concerned with the majority of graduate students who live off-campus and subsidize undergraduate as well as graduate dormitories through their tuition. Undergraduates in fraternities and independent living groups also help subsidize graduate dormitories, although on balance, "graduate students are subsidizing undergraduates," he said. Piet did not quote any figures but commented that "the subsidy is clearly something worth studying."

"It does take a little more looking into," Currie said of the subsidy. Members of the IFC are now studying the issue although "not much investigation has been done," said Murray.

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The GA motion requiring expulsion for prejudiced.

malicious actions, while laudable, requires revision to be fair to all members of the community. **Page 4.**

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MIT El Salvador rally held

By Lawrence Choi

Between 150 and 200 participants attended a rally against US intervention in El Salvador, sponsored by the MIT Committee on Central America and held in front of the Student Center building last Friday. The main speakers were Noam Chomsky, MIT Institute Professor of Linguistics, Bill Hofman, an MIT electrical engineering graduate student on the committee, and Sister Jeanne Gallo, of the Order of Notre Dame in Boston.

The speakers at the rally emphasized that no military aid should be provided to El Salvador, Guatemala, or Honduras, and no support should be given to the Salvadoran junta.

The rally began when Cathy McGill of the Committee on Central America stepped up to the microphone and reported to the crowd that about 1,500 El Salvadoran refugees fleeing toward the border of Honduras in Morozano El Salvador were reported recently to have been asphyxiated by smoke bombs of the national guard. She then dedicated the rally to the memory of these refugees. The crowd cheered in reply.

The first speaker, Noam Chomsky, called the situation in El Salvador "a dramatic, clear, and obvious case where the source of atrocity in massive scale lies directly in Washington."

He blamed the US government for giving aid to El Salvador military junta whom he called responsible for most of the killings in El Salvador. He said that giving military aid to this government would be like giving aid to Hitler's regime.

He further criticized the US State Department for trying to

give false impressions that the turmoils in El Salvador are caused by the huge scale of international terrorism organized by Cubans or Soviets. He noted that the true cause of the chaos is the cruel social injustice of the government to the people of El Salvador. The Reagan Administration is using the killings of El Salvador to convince the American public of imminent danger of an international confrontation in a false way and to rationalize increased military spending, claimed Chomsky.

Hofman urged other MIT students to be conscious of research work which might be directed toward military purposes and to stop their work if such intentions do exist. He also urged the crowd to take an active interest in the plight of El Salvadorans and to communicate to other people the real situation.

The last speaker was Jeanne Gallo. She asked the crowd to join her in fighting for the people of El Salvador, "people who have been expendable and are more so today." She explained, "People in El Salvador said that 'We have had enough. We have nothing else to lose. We are going to fight. We will die if we have to,' and that's what they are doing." She called for radical transformation in El Salvador as well as the US, although she did not specify what she meant specifically by the phrase "radical transformation of structures." She said that the agricultural reforms had not succeeded before and would not succeed in El Salvador.

Gallo ended her speech by saying, "To stop the US government's policy toward El Salvador, massive mobilization of people in the US is needed to let it be known that people object to the



A passer-by get information from one of the protestors at Friday's rally. (photo by Kevin Osborn)

government's policy. Let's join with the people all over the world who are saying 'We've had enough.'"

"We have lift-off. . ."

By Kent C. Massey

CAPE CANAVERAL

It began with an orange flame which slowly flickered to life at the base of the shuttle. Suddenly, white smoke came shooting out from underneath the mobile launcher and billowed up around the shuttle, obscuring it from view. As a mass, the hundreds of thousands of watchers strained forward, anxiously waiting. Then slowly, majestically, the shuttle emerged from its cloud and leaned downrange toward the blue sky. The crowds of people spread all over Cape Canaveral and the Kennedy Space Center screamed and cheered and cried. The clean white ungainly bird which had clung to its pad for so long now was streaming aloft, supported by the orange fire shooting out of its engines which in turn rested on a column of white smoke that reached back down to the ground.

Then the sound reached the onlookers. A gentle earthquake reached out from the launch pad and the ground shook underneath as a mounting roar overwhelmed

the senses. Those watching were buffeted by the intensity and energy of the thing and responded by shouting back. The noise slowly subsided and then the spot of flame was far away. As rationality once again returned to the million or so people crowded along the roads and rivers, we could hear the voice of shuttle launch control coolly saying "Columbia is now 51 nautical miles altitude, 66 nautical miles downrange." Our sense of wonderment increased. The Columbia was more than 60 miles away, but the flame and white smoke could still be clearly seen in the blue sky. It was a minute more before it could no longer be seen. Finally, all that was left was the column of white that it had ridden up on and the jumble of emotions and images among those left behind.

And so it was for those who had traveled to the Cape to see the launch. After the bleak disappointment on Friday when a timing problem between the primary and backup computers had forced the delay, there was only elation on Sunday morning.

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The mission proceeded perfectly until after the cargo bay doors were opened and thirteen heat shield tiles were discovered to be missing. The tiles are all on the Orbital Manuevering System Pods near the tail of the orbiter. NASA officials said that the missing tiles do not pose a threat to the return of the shuttle this afternoon.

NASA is attempting to take high-resolution photographs of the underside of the shuttle where the most critical tiles are located. There are no plans for the astronauts, John Young and Captain Robert Crippen, to go outside of the shuttle and inspect the heat-resistant tiles. They have no ability to fix them in any case. The loss of a single critical tile could cause the shuttle to burn up on re-entry, and there are more than 10,000 such critical tiles.

The astronauts have been able to determine from looking out their windows that the upper wing surface and leading edges are undamaged. NASA has not announced any plans in the event that the shuttle cannot return to Earth because of a missing critical tile.

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World

London riots continue for second day — Hundreds of young people participated in the second night of rioting in the predominantly black Brixton section of London on Sunday. Several shops were burned in the process. Courtenay Laws, leader of the Brixton Community Association, said, "It was the culmination of issues of frustration, unemployment, homeless, alienation, and confrontation with the police."

Poles give assurance that crisis will end — Kazimierz Barcikowski, a member of the Polish Politburo, said that the East German party would "find a way to settle the complicated and difficult problems that have arisen in Poland as a result of the severe social and economic crisis." The Polish Communists have vowed to mobilize the party against enemies of Communism.

Antimatter advances announced — The European Center for Nuclear Research reported the first collisions between beams of normal protons and antiprotons. The result of these experiments is hoped to be the particle which manifests the weak atomic force.

Nation

Reagan returns to White House — President Reagan returned to the White House Saturday, twelve days after being shot. Although he will not return to the Oval Office for a few more days, the President's sense of humor has remained intact. "This looks like a nice place," he told listeners upon arriving at the White House.

Local

Sexual discrimination at Harvard — An associate professor of sociology was refused tenure last September due to sexual discrimination, according to a Harvard University grievance committee. Among 831 tenured professors at Harvard, there are 26 who are women, according to a 1980 affirmative-action report.

Sports

Celtics finish off Bulls — The Boston Celtics will have a few days off before they advance to the Eastern Conference finals, having swept their semi-final series with the Chicago Bulls four games to none. Forward Larry Bird led the way in the last two games at Chicago, with totals of 59 points, 28 rebounds, and 15 assists for the two contests. In the other series, Philadelphia and Milwaukee are tied 2-2, as are San Antonio and Houston, while Kansas City leads Phoenix 3-1.

Watson masters Nicklaus — Tom Watson defeated five-time champion Jack Nicklaus by two strokes Sunday to win his second Masters Golf Championship.

Stuart Gitlow and Robert W. Leishman

Weather

Mostly cloudy, windy and wet today. Showers will break out ahead of an advancing cold front this afternoon. Highs will be generally in the low to middle 50s this afternoon with southeasterly winds. A cold front will pass through the area early this evening, and will bring strong westerly winds and colder temperatures. Overnight lows will be in the upper 30s. For tomorrow, partly to mostly sunny and windy. Highs will be near 55, but it will seem cooler than that. Lows tomorrow night will be in the mid 30s. Chance of rain 70 percent this afternoon and tonight, 20 percent tomorrow.

James Franklin

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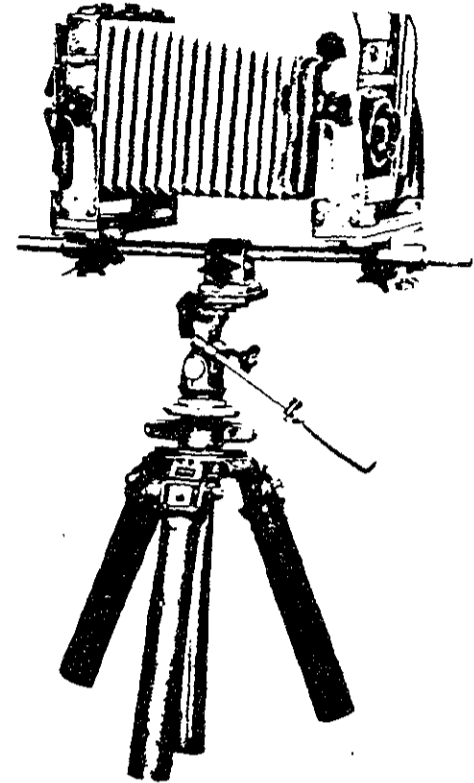
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Editorials

Censuring bigotry

The philosophy behind John DeRubeis' motion before the General Assembly (GA) is admirable. An enlightened intellectual community cannot condone, and in fact should censure, the reprehensible actions of its less tolerant members.

With that plaudit aside, there are several specific points the GA must consider before acting on the motion. The motion suggests that "anyone who is found guilty of malicious actions against a member or group of members of this community on the basis of race, religion, sex, ethnic origin, sexual orientation or political beliefs be dismissed from the Institute." The question arises as to just what a "malicious action" is. Is it, as GA floor leader Arnold Contreras has said, something which is "threatening to someone's life?" If that is what the GA means, that is what the GA should say. The motion, as written, is unclear as to whether the intent of the accused could serve as a mitigating circumstance. This raises the possibility that someone could be dismissed from MIT for an action which, while it reflected insensitivity, was not borne of malicious intent.

Once malicious action is defined, there is another potential problem with the motion: it may infringe on the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. While MIT may certainly punish anyone it finds guilty of threatening violent actions or destroying physical property, it cannot punish someone for being a bigot. Espousing prejudicial beliefs, no matter how offensive they may be, is a civil right with which no one can legally tamper.

The last problem with the motion is the severity of the recommended punishment, automatic expulsion. If, as DeRubeis claims, "expulsion is never going to happen — it's more like a threat," this provision seems less worrisome. But there is a danger in leaving nebulous statutes on the books, statutes which may be invoked at a later time for purposes for which they were clearly not intended.

The motion before the GA is designed to alert the MIT community to the intolerant acts being committed. Once aware of them, it is hoped that students will condemn them. Yet, the GA motion cannot be supported in its present form. Even though the perpetrators of such insults have little respect for the rights of others, the GA and the Institute community have a responsibility to ensure that substantive and procedural freedoms are protected for all, including bigots.

Conflicting interests

Although an Institute lawyer has confidently proclaimed that there is no conflict of interest involved in the formation of a biotechnological research firm by three prominent MIT professors, there is cause for concern.

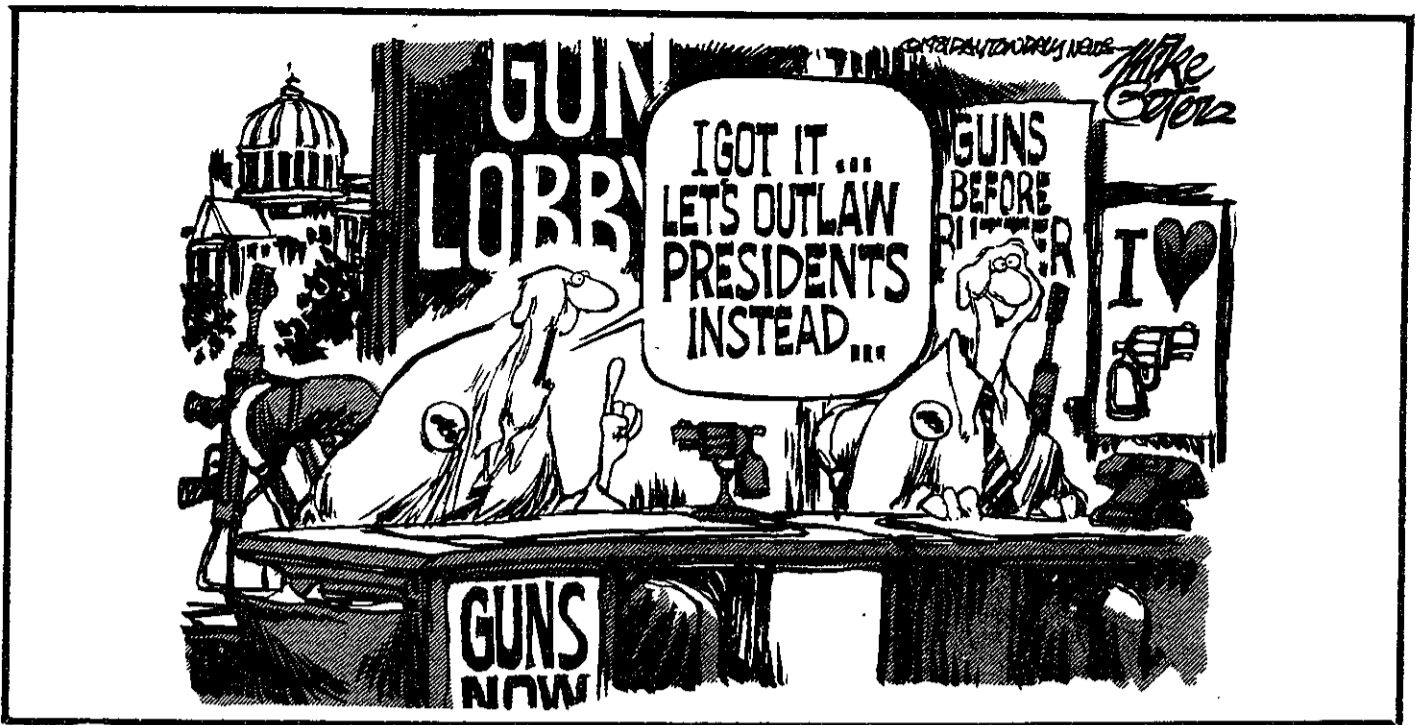
At least two potential sources of conflict of interest have plagued genetic engineering's recent sprint toward commercialization. There is an inherent difference in the treatment of information: academic research relies on the unrestricted flow of knowledge for its vitality, while businesses must restrict distribution of proprietary information. Numerous financial conflicts may also arise over patent rights, use of graduate students and laboratory equipment, and division of time between commercial and academic pursuits.

Such conflicts have existed to some degree for as long as professors have served as consultants. Faculty participation in genetic engineering ventures has merely exposed the weaknesses in the current non-system for identifying conflicts of interest. This field presents special problems because of the unique similarity between the research being conducted in the academic and commercial settings. The visibility and earnings potential of genetic engineering also dictate that the gaping holes in the current conflict reporting system be filled as soon as possible.

A task force, chaired by a representative from the Provost's Office, should be created and charged with the development of a written policy on the definition of conflict of interest and the procedures to be followed by faculty members and administrators in the event such a conflict arises. This policy would be an important first step toward establishing a balance for MIT between the conflicting interests of academic integrity and commercial necessity.

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feedback

Harassment of BSU rising

To the Editor:

The Black Students' Union was pleased to present Black Cultural Month in March 1981. We feel the community should be aware of the alarming increase in senseless acts that have occurred since last month.

Several cases of vandalism were reported upon our exhibits and posters. Additionally, someone wrote on the cover of our main bulletin board.

Over Spring Break, we received a letter through interdepartmental mail that was addressed to the NSU [Nigger Student Union]. The note, typed on computer paper, stated,

"Here is another item that should be included in your nigger cultural posters: March 14, 1981 — Debra Smith, 27 year old nurse is brutally raped and

murdered by two nigger assholes."

We do not intend to provide undue publicity to anyone that would do these asinine things. We do want to inform the community of the situation.

We call on the people responsible for these actions to find the courage to attach their names to their statements.

The Black Students' Union is

not by any means the only group this sort of harassment is being aimed at. We condemn the attacks against the diverse cultures that are represented here at MIT. The BSU concurs with the Undergraduate Association that such behavior will not be tolerated on this campus.

Sam Austin '82,

Co-Chairman

Lloyd Nesfield '84,

Co-Chairman

All favoritism is wrong

To the Editor:

I feel compelled to write in order to clarify certain misconceptions expressed by Sheryl Strothers in her letter which appeared in *The Tech* on April 7. Ms. Strothers was writing in response to a letter of mine which

appeared here recently concerning affirmative action programs.

Ms. Strothers states that I have let my own "subtle racism slip out by assuming that the quality of my MIT education would be impaired by hiring minorities." I neither said nor implied this, and I do not believe anything of the sort. What I did say is that discriminatory hiring practices of any kind, whether they single out and favor minority or non-minority applicants, are unfair and will impair any institution's effectiveness, including MIT's. Furthermore, I am not racist, and I resent being unjustifiably labeled as such.

I do not claim that there are easy solutions to the problem of racial discrimination. Affirmative action, however, is not a solution. Trying to cure or compensate the ills of discrimination with a policy that promotes more discrimination is illogical and ineffective. The kind of mentality that would suggest such a solution is the kind of mentality that would try to cure the problems caused by excessive government regulations with more government regulations. Let's not amplify discriminatory practices with affirmative action. The problem of prejudice is formidable enough without the government compounding it.

Tom Fantacone '84

Motivation must change before activism returns

To the Editor:

In concluding your editorial on the rise of student activism, you stated that the "me" generation is on the way out and that the "we" generation is taking its place. In light of what you stated in the editorial, I think that this conclusion is not justifiable.

If it is true, as you proposed, that some students are marching against intervention in El Salvador because two years spent fighting guerillas could mean a loss of money and job position, it appears as if the "me" generation is still going strong. These demonstrators don't give a damn about the peasants in tiny Latin American villages. They are simply looking out for #1. A person who is worried about budget cuts that may leave people starving only because those same cuts endanger his job is a *bona-fide* member of the "me" generation. No matter how you look at it, his selfishness and personal preoccupation shine through. He is cer-

tainly not moved by any sympathy for the problems of others, as a member of a "we" generation would be.

Personally, I am very happy to see the rise in student activism, and I am not in a position to question people's reasons. However, before I bestow a title such as the "we" generation, which indicates an appreciation of other human beings, their gifts, and their pains, I must take a long hard look at their ulterior motives. While it may be true that students are opening their eyes to what is going on, this does not imply that their basic attitudes towards the world are changing. The "we" generation won't be back until students are motivated by a concern for other people and an appreciation of others' problems, not a desire to get as far as they can as fast as they can.

David Sarr '84

Centrism is also racism

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in reply to the one by Ms. Strothers. It would appear that we have slightly different ideas as to the meaning of racism, and equality. To me, racism means any kind of racial prejudice, whether favorable or otherwise, and this includes any kind of what might be euphemistically called "ethnic centrism."

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Past not a justification for affirmative action

To the Editor:

As an attempt to clarify the principle arguments against so-called "affirmative action" programs, this letter is a response to the letter appearing in the April 7 issue of *The Tech* headlined "Racist hiring won't disappear," in which senior Sheryl Strothers claims that these programs are necessary to eliminate discrimination in faculty hiring. Ms. Strothers cites as evidence for her contention and as justification for these programs the many injustices suffered by blacks in

America's early history, such as being "denied under pain of death even such simple skills as reading and writing," "lynchings, burnings, and murders," and a host of other evils spanning American history through the late nineteenth century. While these historical scars on our society are surely to be lamented, it must simultaneously be remembered that they are largely events of the past, and that as such, they can hardly be regarded as justification

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The past is no excuse

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for "affirmative" action programs which are little more than a codified endorsement of reverse discrimination. Logically, the contemporary employer can hardly be held responsible for the injustices of the post-Reconstruction era.

It is also important here to point out that the central issue in debating the implementation of these programs is not the lowering of the quality of education, nor the damaging of people's incentives, but rather the denial of a job to a qualified applicant simply because he is not a member of a minority. Viewed in this light, it is strikingly clear that the inevitable outcome of effecting these plans is reverse discrimination, as unfounded and immoral as discrimination against minorities. Ironically, those purporting to fight discrimination through "affirmative" action programs are only promoting discrimination of a different sort. It is undeniably self-contradictory to espouse the injustices of discrimination while favoring programs which discriminate against job applicants on bases other than job-related qualifications and credentials. Replacing discrimination with reverse discrimination will not resolve the difficulty at hand, but only create a more serious one. It is folly to fill one hole by digging another just like it to supply the dirt.

Ms. Strothers refers to an earlier letter opposing these programs written by freshman Tom Fantacone and asks him for evidence. Yet she fails to present any evidence to support such ridiculous notions as "many whites today find having an African-American superior on the job abhorrent and will deliberately scheme his demise," and such over-generalized statements as "the African-American with the most impeccable credentials would be passed over in favor of some inept or less-qualified white." She proceeds to deduce that Mr. Fantacone must be a "subtle" racist. Emotional, indignant essays which ruthlessly and unthinkingly accuse someone of racism on the basis of his oppos-

programs hardly enrich the debate over the matter, nor does distorting the facts by clouding them with baseless assertions. Only carefully planned action and hard work can lead to the elimination of all types of discrimination, a task which, presumably, is our commonly desired goal after all.

In our battle against discrimination, then, we must not obliviously follow those who would have us embark on an endless seesaw ride, in which the scales of justice forever swing back and forth between discrimination and reverse discrimination. Rather, we must strive for true equality of opportunity by balancing those scales. To achieve this ideal, we must first devise and implement a rational, systematic, and practical plan aimed at reducing real discrimination. Such a plan would, of course, provide for the punishment of those who employ unfair and discriminatory practices, but would not require employers to hire the lesser qualified of two candidates solely because (s)he is or is not a member of a minority. I do not pretend to know all the details of a perfect solution, but I am confident that discriminatory "affirmative" action plans, which Mr. Fantacone insightfully characterizes as "inherently unjust," are not the answer. Therefore ill-thought-out "affirmative" action programs must be unquestionably avoided, since discrimination in any form, whether it serve or conflict with the interests of any particular segment of society, can never be justified. In any case, let us forget the ills of the nineteenth century, rejoice in the progress made during the twentieth, and work for a better future, devoid of all discrimination, in the twenty-first.

Dave Langer '83

Ethnic centrism is prejudice

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If all men are equal (yes, that includes women), to me it does not mean that they are all the same. If that were true, there would be no need for tests, admission standards, or job qualifications. Equality to me means that each person should be judged solely and strictly on the basis of his merits, and his merits only, without prejudice of any kind. This includes favorable prejudice, as well as otherwise.

In view of this, I find it quite absurd to assert that simply because blacks compose roughly 10 percent of the average national population, that they should justly compose 10 percent of every aspect of society. That is an extremely simplistic assumption which is based on the assumption that everything else is equal. I think that if a proper cross-section of blacks in this country were taken, taking into account incomes, skills, and educational background necessary to qualify an individual to be a professional, or even want to be one, that the proportion of such people would be significantly smaller than for other groups more heavily represented in the professions. This may well be evidence of the social injustice experienced by this group. But more importantly, it may be an indication that it will take much more than affirmative action programs to solve the under-representation problem. Professionals are made, not born.

It must be remembered that not all minorities are under-represented, and in fact, some are probably over-represented. I am a member of such a non-minority. Asian-Americans (funny, it seemed that not too long ago they were called "orientals") compose only about one percent of the national population. Chinese-

Americans in particular, about half that. While I can't pull out any figures, I think that the presence of this group at MIT is enough to show that its representation in the professions is considerably better than that.

How can this phenomenon be explained? Certainly not because of any intrinsic property, because I can always find a chinatown that contains a ghetto fully as bad as any other, where the people indeed follow the same social model as those in other ghettos. Certainly not because of reverse discrimination — almost all programs regard Orientals as non-minorities. It's not out of any popularity either. A study of American history shows that Asian-Americans haven't always been that well received. Even today, it is hard to get away from classic stereotypes that I, for one, would rather forget about. After a not-so-pleasant walk through Charlestown some time back, it was not difficult to imagine the kind of reception reserved for blacks after the reception I got.

Still this group manages to be extraordinarily successful. The reason is not any inherent superiority, but simply because they happen to have done better. I got into MIT in just the same way as any other through the hard work of myself, and my parents, and as a result my starting salary will be much higher than what a majority of people in this country will ever hope to make. It really doesn't matter if people think that my eyes look funny, or associate me with absurd stereotypes. In the end, they can't ignore my person, my skills, or my income.

I will not pretend that racism does not exist. But it is no longer the major problem in the representation problem. If anything, a qualified minority or woman really has it made now.

The problem is coming up with more such qualified people. No matter how equal an unemployed, unskilled person is with background, it is absurd to assert that they are equally qualified to be professionals. Some way must be found to break people out of the vicious circle of poverty so that they can really turn themselves into these "qualified" persons. Considering the magnitude and extremity of black poverty makes this a particularly difficult problem. No amount of affirmative action in hiring or admissions alone will help if it doesn't increase the number of applicants, and this is particularly difficult, since applicants tend to come from more privileged backgrounds.

I don't claim to have the answer. The big problem is in getting poor kids to make the decision they really want to be professionals. In view of this, affirmative action that does not degenerate into reverse discrimination is a good thing. But not all indications are that gloomy. Some recent studies indicate that a fairly large group of third- and fourth-generation blacks have in fact succeeded in making it into the professional ranks, following patterns of success not unlike that of over-represented minorities. In fact, reverse discrimination hurts these people because they must then defend themselves against doubts as to the source of their success. Maybe this process is too slow, but perhaps it will have to be the answer. No matter how much the government does to encourage people, it cannot hand them success on a silver platter. In the end, it is the individual who must make the decision, and put in the work to succeed.

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Between stinging versions of all the DK's big hits (many off their LP, *Fresh Fruit for Rotting Vegetables*, but some earlier singles and unrecorded material, too), Jello camped and pranced, imitated General Haig, and tried on clothing thrown to him by the audience, while the rest of his band smirked.

Dead Kennedys at the Channel, Thursday, April 9.

Once in a rare while, the furious subculture of the West Coast erupts on Bostonian soil to recharge the batteries of our own demimonde. So it was on Thursday night when the Dead Kennedys of San Francisco, as part of what lead singer Jello Biafra called "our East Coast Monkees-style tour," hit Boston's Channel Club.

Since you were probably holed up in a laboratory or intoxicated on Thursday night, and therefore missed this excess of passion, we are pleased to let you know that you will have another chance to see the Kennedys when they return in early May, providing they find a suitable venue. You got ideas, you get in touch. Love and kisses.

Sheena

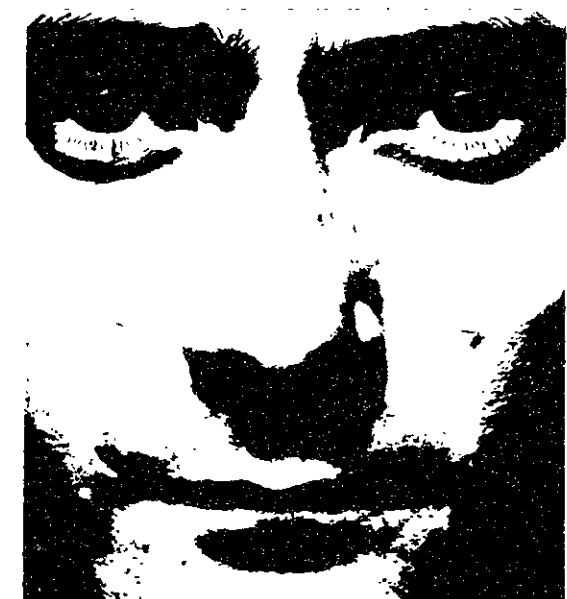
Collins Quality Continues

Face Value. Phil Collins on Atlantic Records.

How does Phil Collins find the time to do everything? He leads two major bands (Genesis and Brand X), contributes his drumming talents to efforts by the likes of Eno and Phil Manzanera, and still finds the time to release a solo album. (Does he still have some time left? Will he do my problem sets? Please?)

Ahem... back to the album, *Face Value*. Of Phil really outdoes himself by writing, producing, and playing almost everything himself. And, unlike the solo efforts by his other Genesis cohorts (Michael Rutherford's *Smallercreep's Day*, Tony Banks' *A Curious Feeling*), Collins demonstrates that he has more than bombastic art-school pretensions to contribute. This disc's tunes run the gamut from semaltzy ballads to out-and-out bop-til-you-drop funk, with two covers thrown in for good measure.

This is not the kind of album you would expect a drummer to make. Collins spares us the Inna-Gadda-Da-Vida style drum solos and instead demonstrates his talents as a singer and keyboard player. He is ably assisted by some of his Genesis and Brand X buddies, but the surprise is the appearance of the Earth, Wind and Fire horn



section (he must be serious about this funk stuff).

Collins' songwriting tends to be droning at times, as in "In The Air Tonight" and "Droned," but it is never boring—and in the instance of his cover of the Beatles' "Tomorrow Never Knows," the drone style proves to be an interesting interpretation. All of the tunes that really cook feature that great horn section. "Behind the Lines" is the first cut that leaps of the grooves, with the bright, punchy brass that EWF fans have learned to love. Not only is it the best cut on the album, but it is also an amazing cover of an uninspired Genesis song. Collins is to be commended for his ability to revitalize dull material.

Face Value suffers from the presence of too many ballads. Some of them are pleasant enough, but things get excessive when the string section is brought in (conducted by Arif Mardin, patron saint of the Bee Gees—yuk). One song for the wife and kids can be forgiven, but four are a bit much, especially since Collins is capable of writing wittier material.

This album should be regarded as an effort to present us with some ideas which we are asked to accept at face value. As a sincere effort, Phil Collins' work succeeds admirably.

David Shaw

To Cut A Long Hype Short

Journeys to Glory, Spandau Ballet on Chrysalis Records.

There's a brand new dance
But I don't know its name...
They do it over there
But they don't do it here...

David Bowie, "Fashion"

The press release accompanying the Spandau Ballet album describes the group as being "at the forefront of a re-definition of musical fashion and entertainment by the young." Such an important statement merited serious evaluation: being young myself, I decided to investigate what I had been missing.

Nothing, nothing at all.

That's what you're missing due to your ignorance of this "vital, innovative group." Sure, you've heard and probably liked the single "To Cut A Long Story Short," but its success and originality must be regarded as a fluke product of a fundamentally uninteresting group.

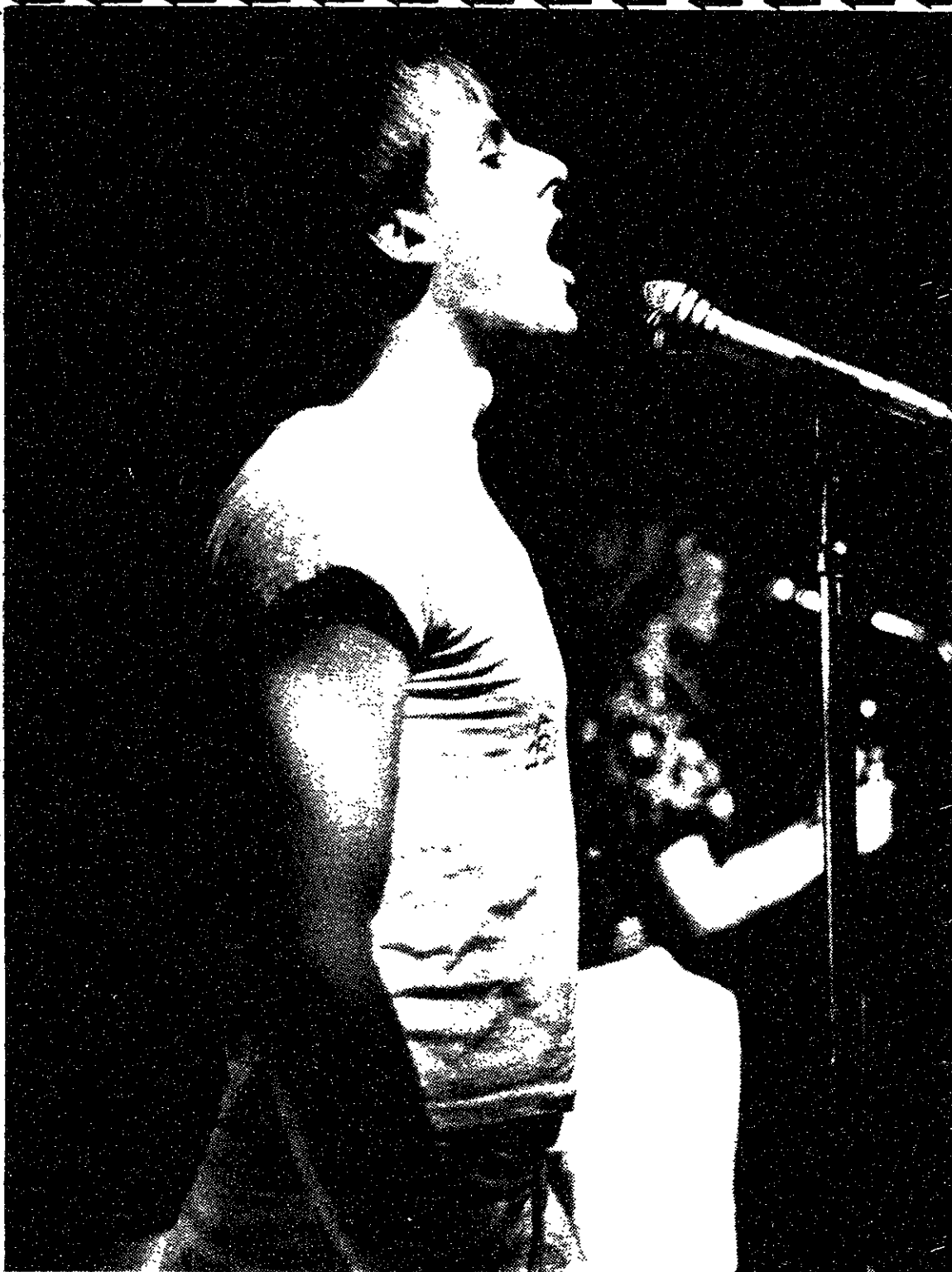
Journeys to Glory contains eight variations on a formula developed by guitarist/synthesist Gary Kemp. Take a 4/4 disco stomp beat, add a repetitive synthesizer line or two, fill in the gaps with sparse guitar and percussion fills, layer

melodramatic but ultimately pretentious vocals over everything. — *voilà!* — an album's worth of banal music.

There are moments when the music threatens to break into something truly original, as in "Mandolin" and "The Freeze," tunes that rely less heavily on synthesizers and instead feature harsh guitar work. But, alas, this disc just plods along mindlessly — wasting your time and the vocal talents of Tony Hadley (the most ominous, melodramatic voice I've ever heard — Brian Ferry eat your heart out).

Spandau Ballet attempt to hide their lack of originality behind a smokescreen of fashion trendiness — the Adam and the Ants syndrome. Again, the press release: "... create danceable soundtrack for their ultra-fashionable clientele of young tastemakers, hairdressers, fashion designers. . . — *ad nauseum*. The whole thing boils down to this: if you were cool enough to catch Spandau at St. Tropez or on the H.M.S. Belfast, then *Journeys to Glory* is the ultimate souvenir. But, since you didn't go to either of these venues, the album is the ultimate birdcage liner.

David Shaw



Friday night Human Sexual Response, after a commendable opening performance by opening act Flywheel Insurance (MIT's own), crashed into "Guardian Angel" off their new LP and didn't let up for two full sets. The Sala was sold out, the beer was undrinkably foamy, and everybody cool jerked to old favorites ("Fashion Brigade," "Wanna Be Your Cow"), album hits ("What Does Sex Mean to Me," "Jackie O") and groovy covers ("Radiation," "Hang On Sloopy"). All due credit to the Student Center Committee — thanks much!

Photo by David Shaw

Bad Rep/Good Rock



Bad Reputation, Joan Jett on Boardwalk Records, Inc.

I'm prepared to hate any album that arrives at my door with more travelling, supplementary, background info than vinyl. I could wallpaper *The Tech's* offices with the assorted junk and photos that came with Joan Jett's new LP *Bad Reputation*. Also, I'm rarely impressed by high-level audio collaborations involving hoary old producers and aging talents from the studio stables. But, gee whiz, this is a nice album and substantiation for the idea that preconceptions are always a no-no.

Joan Jett was one of the loveable teen-sluts in the Runaways, a group of (more or less) high school girls who released their first album in 1976, wore leather, chewed gum, and looked menacing. In Japan they couldn't get enough of the Runaways, but in the US people thought they'd get some social disease just from looking at them, so they evaporated.

Joan, however, never gave up, kept appearing here and there, and resurfaced with this album and some interesting help. She's for real, a rock 'n' roll spitfire who gets in fights wherever she goes, drinks hard, talks like all she's had for breakfast in the last 15 years has been Jack Daniels. She's so hip she got to produce the L.A. Germs' first LP. Credentials! She makes Suzi Quatro—

an idol of hers— look like Marie Osmond.

The band she's playing with now, The Blackhearts, isn't half as important as her decision to work with Ritchie Cordell and Kenny Laguna (of the Shondells and "I think We're Alone Now" fame, plus lots of other major bubblegum). And since Joan hasn't given up the music she grew up on— Gary Glitter, T. Rex, etc.— the collaboration is pretty interesting. The number of important musicians she can round up for an album is another big input: everyone from Blondie's Clem Burke and Frank Infante to ex-Sex Pistols/current Professionals Steve Jones and Paul Cook.

The result is cut-loose, raunch-out guitar and lead vocals with such bubblegum elements as fancy keyboards and oceans of background vocals. It reminds me of the tougher girl groups, like the Ronettes, who could do cheesecake but also knew when to pull out the stops and wail. There are important versions of this album that include either the Who's "Call Me Lightning" or a slam-bam of "Hanky Panky" which I'd die to hear. *Bad Reputation* domestic has its share of good covers too: "Do you Wanna Touch Me" and "Doin' All Right With the Boys" both by Gary Glitter and both done justice by Jett, who is just the definition of tough on Glitter covers. There's a cover of "Woolly Bully" which is a little flatter, and a cover of goddamn Lesley Gore's "You

Don't Own Me," wherein Joan tells off every possessive male currently in operation. I mean, imagine ex-Sex Pistols playing Lesley Gore! Jett also goes berserk during a cover of the Isley Brothers' "Shout," changes the lyrics and brings the song to a new level of dance fun. The originals aren't as loveable, but they're satisfying and rock-

bottom, especially the title track, "Bad Reputation," which could be her banner song.

The whole thing surprised me: *Bad Reputation* is strong, loud, and stands just a little apart from the rest. Maybe it pays to carry a switchblade.

Sheena

More Tough Chicks

Extended Play, the Pretenders on Sire Records.

I finally fell in love with Chrissie Hynde after the Pretenders played Central Park last summer. I still remember how they captivated the crowd by ripping through "Precious" with unbridled ferocity, and how I hoped that the show had been recorded. Well, it was, and that kick-ass (why did COZ have to ruin such a great phrase?) version can be found on the new Pretenders EP.

If "Precious" is the encore, then "Talk of the Town" makes the disc worth the price of admission. (All you kool kats that thought you'd have to break down and buy

the wretched *Times Square* soundtrack may rest easy.) I play this cut at least twice a day — just can't get enough of that voice. The rest of this EP contains "Message of Love," the tune you've been hearing on WBCN; "Porcelain," a rowdy rave-up; and "Cuban Slide," the most clever variation on the classic Bo Diddley riff that I've heard in years.

This record serves as the perfect introduction to the curious, and as a desperately needed fix to hard-core Pretenders fans who have been suffering withdrawal whilst awaiting the next album. Buy it, you'll like it. If you don't, as Chrissie would tell you, "you can just fuck off."

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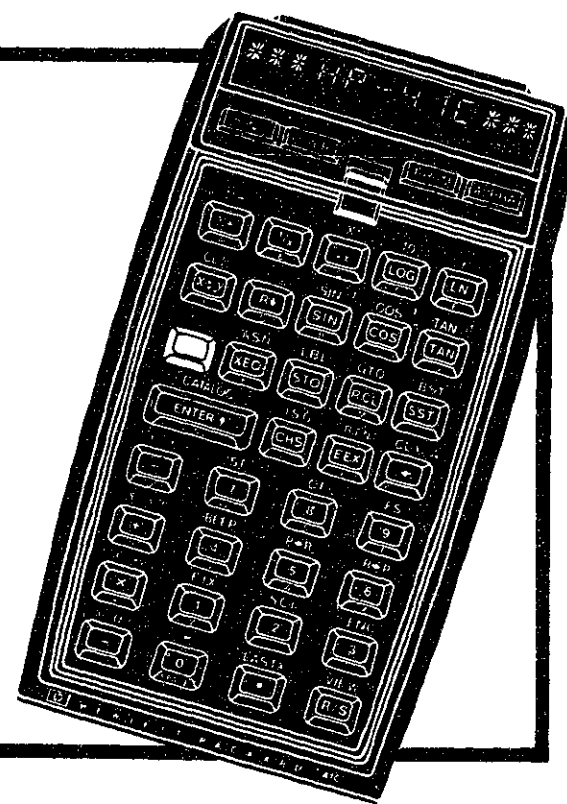
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"The world would change overnight"

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we were proposing to the Soviet Union that we don't test anything anymore — missiles, rockets, nuclear weapons — the world would change overnight."

Participants in the fifth and final seminar, "The Effects of Nuclear War" included MIT Professor Henry W. Kendall, Chairman of the Union of Concerned Scientists, Dr. Helen Caldicott, President of the Physicians for Social Responsibility, Inc., and Mr. Douglas Forbes, Director of Nuclear Civil Protection Planning for the Massachusetts Civil Defense Agency.

Kendall's presentation consisted primarily of a presentation of slides of tests of nuclear devices, and maps illustrating the range of expected fallout and other effects of a Soviet preemptive strike against US military and industrial targets. According to Kendall's model, nearly the entire eastern half of the United States would be affected.

Soviet targeting of all American cities with populations of over 25,000 "would pinpoint much of the attack at severing those key links in the industrial infrastructure without which we could not get the system running again," claimed Kendall.

Caldicott, an instructor at the Harvard Medical School, reflected upon the absurdity of earlier discussions of effectiveness and impact of the MX and other nuclear weapons systems. "I feel like I've been sitting here all afternoon listening to some sort of fantasy world," she said. From the audience, Wiesner then interjected, "It's a lunatic asylum."

"We sat here and listened to these guys talking about building these weapons and if the public opinion went against them they would still move towards [deployment] of the MX missile," Caldicott noted. "Until Dr. Kendall spoke, I hadn't heard anyone talk about anyone being killed. We've sat here all day almost dispassionately listening to dispassionate talk about annihilating most of us."

She characterized nuclear weapons as the creators of the "final epidemic for which there will be no cure," and as "lethal macrobes."

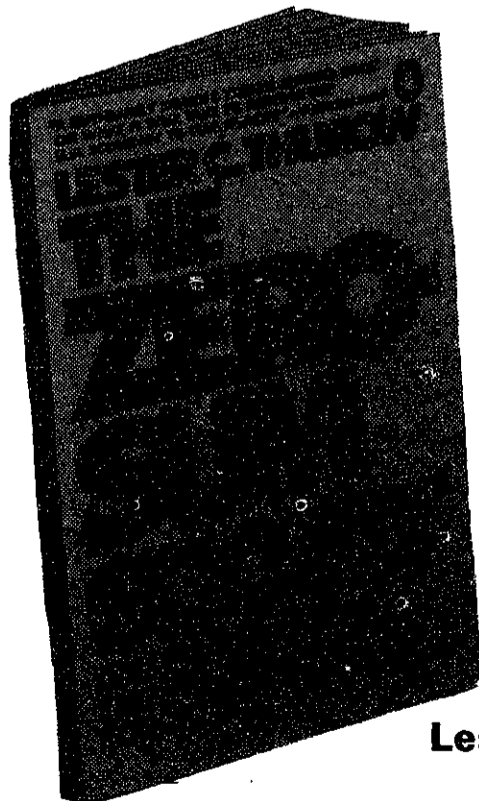
She characterized the medical effects of a 20-megaton blast over Boston. In the area of "a crater about a mile wide and three hundred feet deep... everything in that volume would be turned to radioactive fallout. Now up to a radius of six miles from the center, every person would probably be vaporized. Up to a radius of twenty miles from the center, most people would be lethally injured or killed. If you were looking at the flash from forty miles away, just at that instant, you'd probably be blinded... It would create a fire storm of three thousand square miles where everything would spontaneously ignite, sucking in air with hurricane force winds to the center, and if you were in a fallout shelter, you wouldn't survive because the fire would use up all the oxygen."

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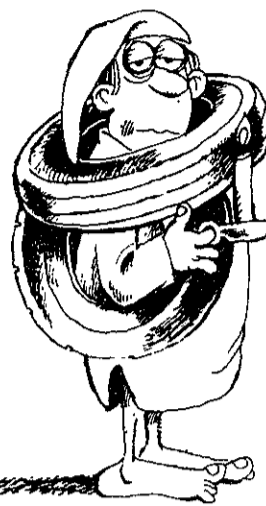
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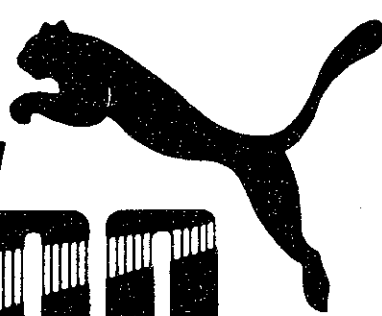
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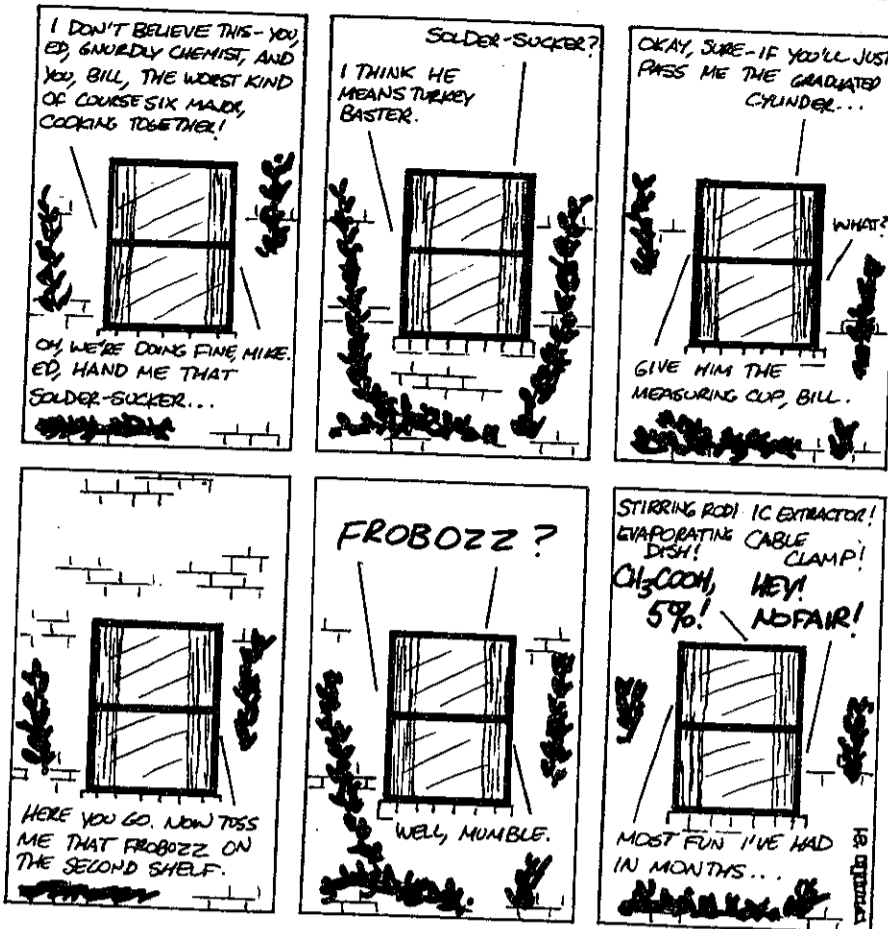
TRICON SPORT SHOP

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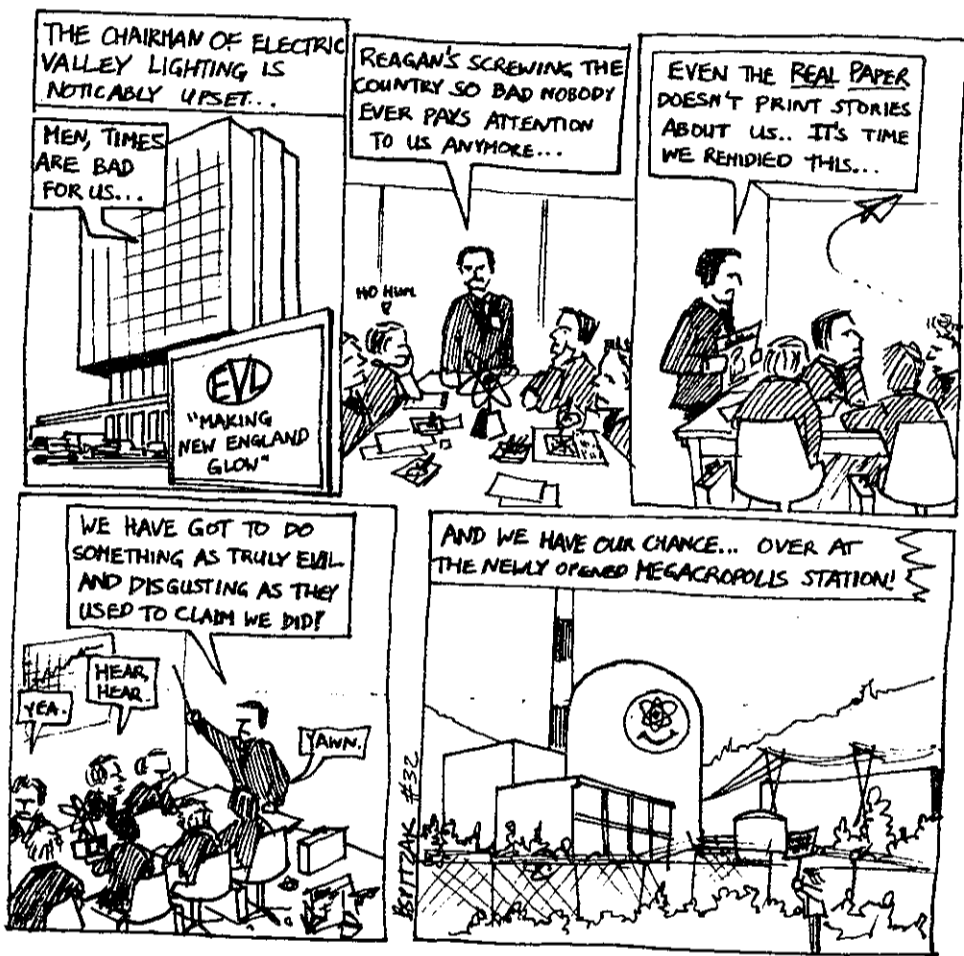
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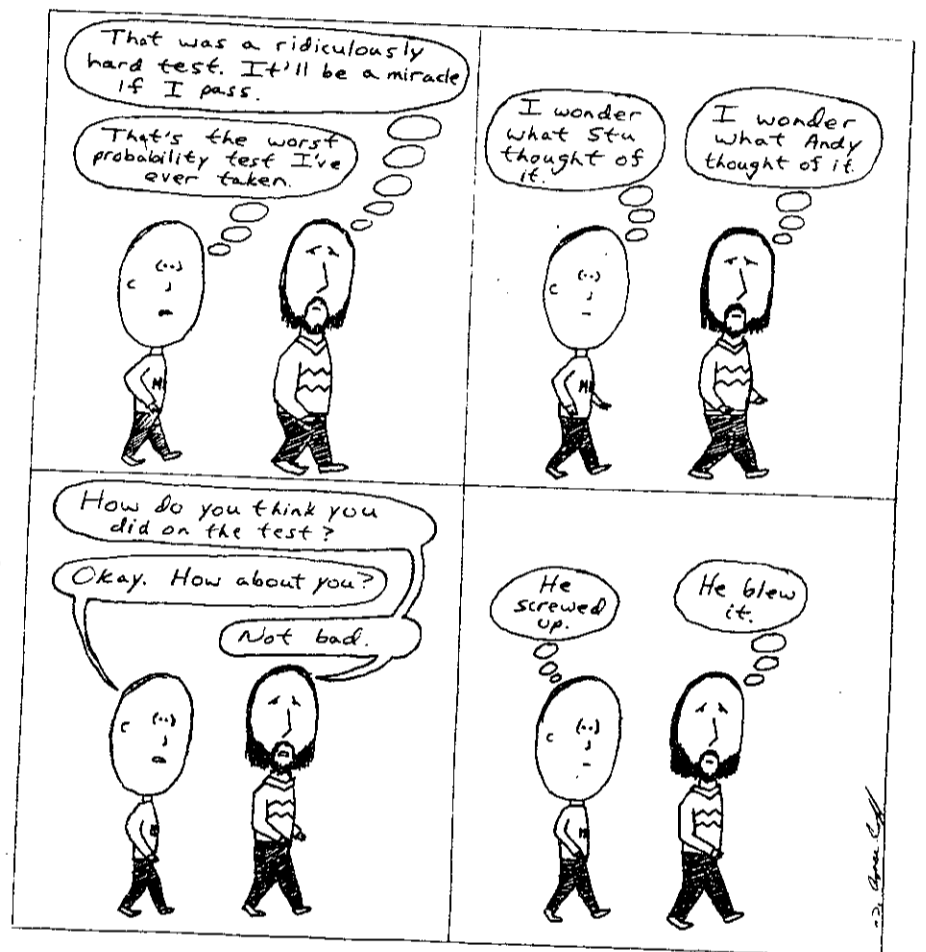
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General Assembly Meeting

President Gray will host the General Assembly meeting this Thursday, April 16, at 8pm at the President's House. The agenda includes the approval of the Everet Moore Baker Foundation Board Members, the officers of the Finance Board, the Secretary General and the UA Budget as recommended by the Finance Board. Also included is a resolution concerning the human rights of individuals at MIT.

Big Screw Contest

The Big Screw is a twenty-four inch left-handed aluminum screw voted by students and awarded to the faculty member or staff thought most deserving of such an honor. Votes (money) will be collected in Lobby 10 on April 14-17 and 21-25, and the person who has amassed the most money wins the rotating trophy. All proceeds go to the charity of the winner's choice, so vote now. Contest ends Saturday, April 25 at 4pm, so look for the person you think most deserves the Big Screw.

Open Seats On Finance Board

The Finance Board of the Undergraduate Association is looking for candidates to fill two seats. The Board is the treasury of the UA; it appropriates funds to ASA-recognized activities and it offers financial and managerial advice to organizations. If you are interested in a responsible and challenging position, please pick up an application in the Finance Board office (W20-405) and return it to the office by April 22. Interviews for the seats will be held on April 22 at 7:15pm in Private Dining Room #2.

Senior Week

There will be a meeting of all Seniors interested in helping plan and/or coordinate Senior Week activities on Wednesday, April 15, at 5pm in the UA office (Student Center, Rm 401). For more info, call Lynn (5-8613).

Attention Social Chairmen

There will be a meeting of the MIT Social Council on Wednesday, April 15, in Room 4-149 (please note change from 37-252).. Pizza and soda will be served at 7pm, and the meeting will start at 7:30 sharp. For info, call Chris (536-1300) or Skip (536-3931).

Spring Weekend Planners

There will be a meeting of the MIT Social Council Executive Board Tuesday, April 14, at 8:30pm in Room 353 of the Student Center (PDR #3). All Spring Weekend '81 event organizers should attend this important meeting.

Class of 1984

Petitions for Council membership are available in the UA office. They are due April 17, also at the UA office, W20-401. The Class Council is now in the process of forming the following committees: Class Ring, T-Shirt, Social, Fund-Raising, Survey, and Newsletter Committees. If you are interested in serving, or would like more information, contact one of the new class officers — Peter Tu (Burton 224A, x5-8536), Ken Freedman (East Campus Monroe 409, x5-6409 or 494-8123), Kendra Haight (East Campus Monroe 404, x5-6404), or Kevin Scott (Senior House Nichols 402, x5-6678).

Theater Discount

The MIT Social Council has received discount coupons for *Oh! Calcutta!* on Broadway in NYC. Discounts range from 40-50 percent for all seats and all shows, until June 14. Information and free coupons are available at TCA office (W20-450, x3-4885) drop by anytime between 11am and 3pm.

R/O Summer Contact

The Summer Contact Program needs people to help contact the incoming freshmen of the Class of 1985. If you are interested, please call or drop by the UASO (x3-6771, Rm 7-103) and leave your name, phone number, and summer address. For more info, call Andrea, 5-9682, 494-0475.

IFC Meeting

The April IFC General Meeting will be April 15 (Wednesday) at 8pm at Phi Kappa Sigma (530 Beacon Street, Boston). Elections for next fall's JudComm Officers and discussion of the 1981-82 budget are on the agenda.

Stop By

The UA has many projects in the works. Please stop by or call if you have any ideas or would like to help. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact John DeRubeis (UAP) or Ken Dumas (UAVP) or leave a message with Joyce Pollock (UA Secretary General). The UA office is located on the 4th floor of the Student Center, Rm. W20-401. Telephone 253-2696.

UA NEWS

sports

Eric R. Fleming

The "pleasure" of aches and pains

The life of a jock is rough, especially for us "weekend" types, those who never really take the time to stretch, warm-up, or get into shape. If and when we get hurt, the results can range from a nagging pain to near-disastrous. Yet, there seems to be a special quality, a mystique maybe, about getting hurt while playing sports that makes the pain just a wee bit more bearable.

Take yours truly, for instance. Late in January, I severely sprained an ankle while playing basketball (a feat which was not uncommon at the time—it seems that every other person I met hurt an ankle while shooting hoops). Went up for a shot, and of course came down (even Dr. J. has to light), but not the way I wanted to. A freak accident. Numerous times before (and surely after) the fateful fall, I made (and will make) the jump with no problem whatsoever. Just this once, **CRASH!!** On the floor in agony.

The road to recovery wasn't long, about six weeks from injury to removal of cast, and I didn't help it any. The doctors kept saying, "Eric, you should..." and "Don't do this..." and "Keep the ankle..." Well, I did what I shouldn't and did not keep the ankle... As a result, I enjoyed a four-day visit in the Infirmary prior to the setting of the cast. That's what I get for being "hard-headed", I guess.

Often the injured forget about their condition, and try to perform normal activities. I kept trying to play ball, though my shot, which wasn't the best to begin with, was nothing after the injury.

I soon learned that Nature was the only thing that was going to let me play ball, and once I did, I was much better off for it.

Though most people I know have not had a problem as serious as mine, the experiences we have had are somewhat the same. For every hurt, we must talk about how it happened, and sometimes we display our "war wounds" as if we were entered in a contest. One friend, who plays JV softball, has had so many things happen to her knees that you could publish a list in the *New England Journal of Medicine* (fortunately, nothing more than scrapes or bruises). Another friend let his knee bleed for quite some time after a softball game, much to the displeasure of those around us. He explained that since he didn't play well, he felt "better" for having done it. I agree to some extent. After all, it sounds better to have hurt yourself while sliding into third than to fall down while walking down the street (the former is called "hustle", while the latter is known as "clumsy").

Getting hurt is a risk we take in playing sports, and the pain doesn't tickle, to be sure. For most of us, however, to know you went out and played hard (if not well) makes the whole thing a little easier to take.

sporting notices

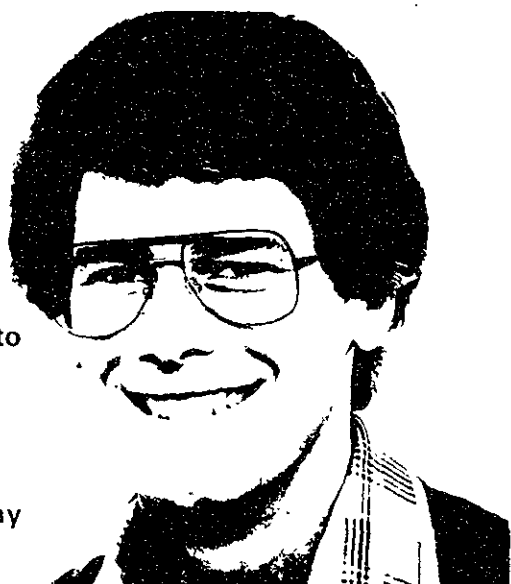
A four-mile road race sponsored by the MIT Community Service Fund (CSF) will be held Sunday, April 26 at 10am. The race will begin at the Walter Wood Sailing Pavilion, proceed along both sides of the Charles River, and end in McDermott Court (near the Green Building). The entry fee is \$3, with post-entries at \$4. Trophies will be awarded to the overall male and female winners, in addition to a Masters (over 40) and team award. Proceeds go to the CSF, an organization created to involve the MIT community in Greater Boston area projects. Registration forms should be sent to Carmen Besterman in 5-208 by April 16.

scoreboard

Lacrosse 7, Holy Cross 3
Softball 11, Clark 23
Softball 12, Wheaton 10
Outdoor Track 103½, Bowdoin 59½
Women's Tennis 1, Salem State 8
Baseball 1, Lowell 13
Men's Tennis 7, Colby 2
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They that are endued with sincerity and faithfulness should associate with all the peoples and kindreds of the earth with joy and radiance, inasmuch as consorting with people hath promoted and will continue to promote unity and concord, which in turn are conducive to the maintenance of order in the world and to the regeneration of nations. Blessed are such as hold fast to the cord of kindness and tender mercy and are free from animosity and hatred.
Baha'u'llah

MIT BAHAI ASSOCIATION

A REMINDER FROM THE TECH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

The annual period of Lenten reflection and rediscovery of the meaning of Jesus comes to completion in the rites of Holy Week.



FROM ASHES TO EASTER

Wednesday, April 15: Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance, at 7:30 PM in the MIT Chapel.

Holy Thursday: A solemn representation of the Last Supper, reminding us of Jesus' command to remember him by means of this meal. 8:00 PM in the Chapel.

Good Friday: A ritual means of being united with Jesus as he faces the results of his own life choices. 3:00 PM in the Chapel.

Easter Vigil: On Saturday evening, Christians over the centuries gathered in vigial to await the Easter dawn. 11:30 PM in the MIT Chapel.

Easter Sunday: The beginning of the Easter season, with Masses at 9:00 AM and 12:00 Noon in the MIT Chapel.

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