

SIPB exhausts spring term funds

By Frank Hrach

The Student Information Processing Board (SIPB), which provides students with access to computers for personal use, has exhausted the funds allocated to it for this fiscal year. The Board will not be able to provide students with computer time for any new projects until July 1 of this year, according to William York '82, SIPB chairman.

"Due to the limitations of our budget," commented York, "we will not be able to start any more new projects, but we will try to carry through people on existing projects."

SIPB is financed by MIT as part of the Information Processing Services (IPS) budget. The money is drawn from funds used to offset the deficit created by IPS. SIPB's budget for the 1980-81 fiscal year was \$100,000, according to York.

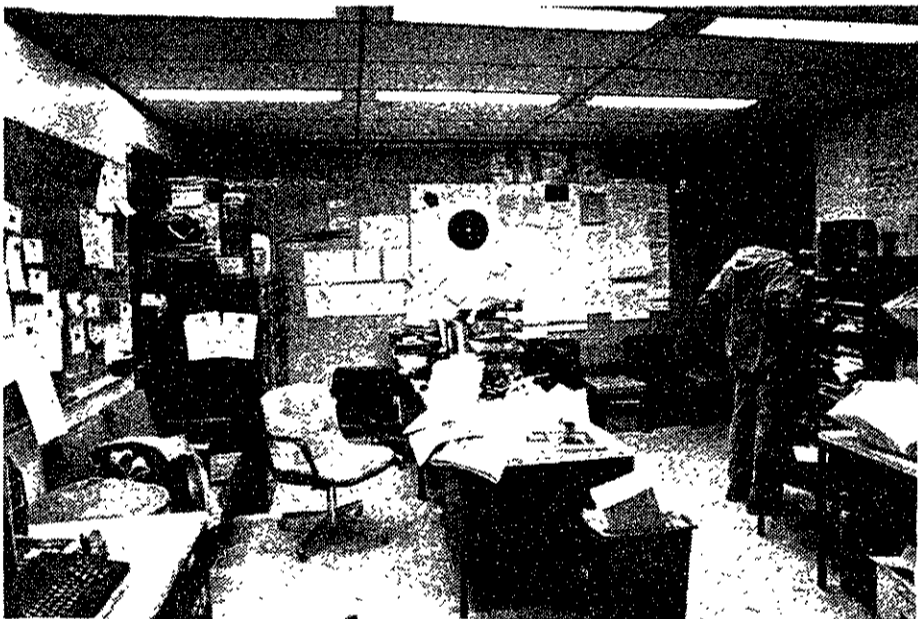
York commented, "the demand for computer time was much higher this year than we anticipated." Twelve to thirteen hundred students applied for SIPB funding this year. York also

noted that rates for operation of the computer system had increased unexpectedly halfway through the year.

SIPB is now in the process of negotiating with the Administration for an increased budget next year. York added, "we may be able to begin giving out computer money shortly before July 1 on next year's budget." York was confident that MIT would be able to increase SIPB's budget for the upcoming year.

The end of the year is generally a very busy time for SIPB, according to York, because many students use computers for typing and editing theses and papers. York said, "it looks like people are going to have to use more traditional methods of writing, like the typewriter."

The total operating expenses of the Information Processing Center, which includes SIPB, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979, were \$236,573.54. All of this money went directly into computer operation, and approximately one-third of it went for student use at the Board.



The Student Information Processing Board (SIPB) office. (photo by Tom Hermitt)

Course VI crowding discussed

By Selina Lin

"I was assured by the professor that I would have a place in 6.823. However, I was notified a week into the semester that I was not in the course. I wished I were notified before the semester," said Ralph Brown, a first-year graduate student, voicing his complaint on student overcrowding in the department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS) during a forum sponsored by the EECS Student and Faculty Committee yesterday.

Two major factors contributing to the popularity of the department are the growth in integrated circuit electronics technology and the tremendous expansion of the computer science field, according to Professor Gerald Wilson '61, head of the EECS Department. Factors besides increased enrollment which contribute to the overcrowding situation include limited laboratory space and limited teaching faculty members, he added.

To alleviate the space problem, the department is in the process of planning construction of a new

building between Buildings 36, 38, and 24.

The shortage of faculty cannot be solved so easily, according to Wilson. There are currently 108 faculty members to teach approximately 1000 students. "It is not the department's policy to hire faculty for the sake of teaching. Rather, we hire faculty whose research interest would then be coupled with teaching since he would teach in his field of study," explained Wilson.

Wilson also noted that the department is selective about the persons to whom it offers faculty positions. He added that it is difficult to obtain faculty members due to stiff competition with industry for qualified candidates. "We just cannot get the faculty we want since they are being offered salaries two or three times better elsewhere," commented Wilson.

Increased student enrollment has also contributed to the decline in the number of technical publications by MIT faculty members, according to Wilson. This is attributed to the need for more faculty time for teaching and advising students.

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Wilson named as new Dean

By Stephanie Pollack

"One of the most serious things we've got to do is review what an engineering education should contain," said Professor Gerald L. Wilson '61, newly-appointed Dean of the School of Engineering.

Wilson, currently head of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, will assume his new position on September 1. Dr. Robert C. Seamans, Jr., '42, who has been dean since 1978, announced his resignation last September.

"What I want to spend my time doing the first year is learning how the departments interact," Wilson added. He noted that there are programs "which can be consolidated," and "places where we should be leading in terms of innovative engineering ideas, but where we are not."

Another concern of Wilson's is that "students spend endless hours in front of computer terminals. What is the educational component?"

Wilson said he will not assume any administrative responsibilities until the fall. Until then,

he noted, he will be "continuing my responsibilities as department head, thinking a lot, and resting to prepare for the fall onslaught."

Seamans will remain at the Institute as the Henry Luce Professor of Environment and Public Policy. He said that his actions as dean reflected three major thrusts for the school.

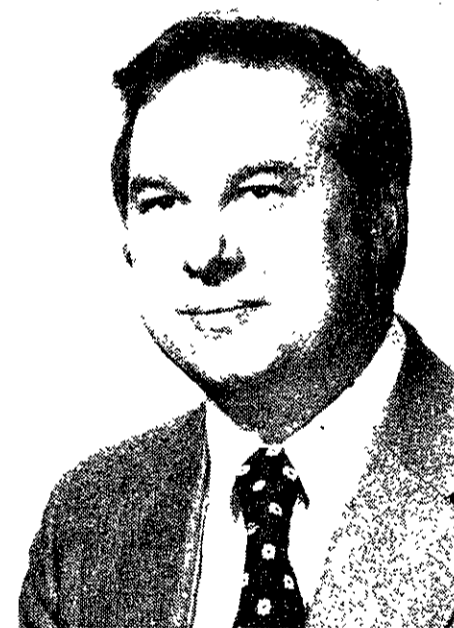
"One of the issues we've been working on is the way the Engineering School works with other schools in the Institute," Seamans said. He cited the new program in management of technology, run jointly with the Sloan School, and a proposed program on environmental control in buildings, to be run with the School of Architecture, as examples.

Seamans said the second issue was "burgeoning enrollment, both undergraduate and graduate" while the number of faculty members remained unchanged. According to Seamans, more junior faculty members have been hired recently, but the size of the faculty has remained approximately the same because other faculty members have left.

Seamans said his third objective was to "tie education in more closely with the needs of industry." He cited productivity improvement, very large-scale integrated circuits, and computer-

aided design as some of the focuses of his effort.

A search committee has not yet been appointed to select Wilson's successor as head of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, according to Seamans. Appointment of a committee to "review the needs of the department and find candidates who can fill them" will occur, Seamans explained, with the objective of filling the position before September 1.



Gerald L. Wilson '61 the newly-appointed Dean of the School of Engineering.

Officials endorse alternate GSL cuts

By Sarah Bingman

In order to reduce drastic hardships to students caused by national budget considerations over the Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL) Program, the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) has submitted compromise guidelines for the GSL to the House Budget Committee.

The NASFAA has proposed that an income cap of \$35,000 be placed on interest-free loans, with a need-based test for government-subsidized loans to higher income families. This plan differs from the Reagan Administration's proposal for interest-deferred loans and an eligibility test for all student loan applicants.

"We know it costs the government lots [of money] with no cap, so we want to go for a good solution," commented Leonard Gallagher, director of Student

Financial Aid.

"We think that all the provisions of NASFAA are unnecessary. For instance, the cap is too low. Our preference is no cap, but we recognize [it is] the most reasonable course to take," continued Gallagher.

Gallagher remarked that the GSL changes are so controversial at present that changes probably will not occur until October or even December. By then, most students will have their 1981-82 finances secured. He said he believes Reagan will not be able to procure many drastic changes in the GSL.

Gallagher saw the unwillingness of many commercial banks to continue participation in the GSL program as a possible problem. In the present program, the government assumes the

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Frosh use points

By Jerri-Lynn Scofield

Eighty-nine percent of the freshmen on mandatory meal plans will probably fulfill their minimum consumption requirement before the end of the term, according to projections released Wednesday by George E. Hartwell, Associate Director for Housing and Food Services.

"I think the students are a little smarter," commented Hartwell. "They've been through this once." Based on figures derived on Monday, Hartwell expects approximately 378 freshmen to use at least the minimum number of points required while about 47 will probably not meet their requirement. During the fall term, 355 freshmen used at least the minimum number of points re-

quired while 87 did not.

Asked if there would be any reduction in the amount of minimum points required, as had happened during the fall, Hartwell replied, "I don't expect that they will change at this stage of the game. Even if the numbers [of freshmen who would not meet minimum point requirements] were to climb, I don't think that those numbers [of points required] will change."

Hartwell noted that, of the 47 freshmen who might not fulfill their requirement, 25 were from east campus dormitories. Of the 87 members of the Class of 1984 who did not meet the minimum level last term, 24 were from east campus living groups.

Change may not affect students in '81

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financial burden of the interest as well as the administrative burden of the paperwork. With eligibility tests to administer, and individuals to pursue for interest payments, many banks may not consider it worthwhile, according to Gallagher. This was the case before the government instituted the current program, he added.

Other government reductions under considerations include interest increases on parent loans, elimination of cost-of-living formulas, reducing loans for students receiving Social Security or GI Bill benefits, cuts in National Direct Student Loan (NDSL) allocations, and a greater self-contribution base for students receiving Pell Grants.

The NASFAA has advised against dropping of the cost-of-living formula. It also wants Pell Grant standards to remain the same for another year.

As to the NDSL, Gallagher said, "We like to look at it on an individual basis. [The proposed change] will cost \$300 per

May limit VI enrollment

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Professor Joel Moses '67, Associate Department Head, said he foresees a slight increase in enrollment during the next few years. He added that much more growth in the department would mean a decline in enrollment in other departments. As an example, Moses noted that while enrollment in the School of Engineering has doubled during the last few years, enrollment in the School of Science has halved.

"If the [growth] trend continues, the Institute will have to take firm actions to deal with the problem," said Moses. Presently, the department does not see overcrowding as a crisis situation. However, if the problem does persist, action will have to be taken to limit admissions, according to Moses.

Other possible policies include use of sophomore grades to determine student placement in the department. "Such policies are difficult to enforce since there is an Institute policy of free transfer," according to Professor Richard Adler, Associate Department Head.

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Harvard administration praises undergraduate core curriculum

By Michael Shimazu

Two years after its inception, Harvard University's "core curriculum" is working well and fulfilling the requirements of an educated person, according to Henry Rosovsky, Harvard Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

The core curriculum was adopted by the Harvard faculty in the spring of 1978 and went into effect in September, 1979. It provides an undergraduate program which is more structured and restrictive than the previous "general education" curriculum

and is designed to insure "basic literacy in major forms of intellectual discourse," said Rosovsky.

The curriculum had encouraged many of Harvard's best senior professors to teach undergraduate courses, according to Rosovsky. In addition, it has aided in attracting applicants to Harvard, he noted.

There was some student criticism when the program was first considered in 1978. The *Harvard Crimson* opposed its rigid requirements in an editorial. This criticism has since declined considerably.

Still, some professors wonder whether the core curriculum can remain a viable program. The general education curriculum suffered as enthusiasm among the faculty for the program waned. There is concern that the lack of incentives for faculty to teach core courses will hurt the program. "I don't see, frankly, what the incentives are for a faculty member to give a core course rather than a departmental course," said Stanley H. Hofman, Professor of Government at Harvard. "One spends much more time on a core course than on a routine departmental

course," he continued.

Some administrators are also concerned that future deans and senior professors may lack enthusiasm for the core curriculum. "A lot will depend on what happens when we have a change in presidents and in deans," said Edward T. Wilcox, the director of the core curriculum. He noted that the general education program began to suffer soon after the resignation of President James Conant, a supporter of the program. Rosovsky agrees. "We are still the parents of this program. Gradually we will disappear from the scene. The successor generation will be important to watch," he said.

student."

"I don't know who will stay away because of it; I hope no one," Gallagher commented.

Gallagher believes freshmen will not take into account the extra \$300 they will have to earn or borrow, as they have no previous amount with which to make comparisons. Upperclassmen may consider the increase slightly high, he noted.

Gallagher also mentioned the

MIT Parent Loan Program as a partial solution to students' financial problems in the coming year.

Currently, the Senate Budget Committee has endorsed the GSL cutbacks, while the House Budget Committee has not approved such drastic measures. The situation is being monitored by the Financial Aid Office so that MIT will be prepared for whatever the solution may be, according to Gallagher.

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World

Israelis protest AWACS sale — Israelis in Jerusalem and Washington protested the proposed sale to Saudi Arabia of US Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) aircraft. Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin expressed "profound regret and unreserved opposition" to the sale. The Reagan Administration responded by pledging to remain "firmly committed" to Israel's security.

Irish funeral prompts rioting — Clashes between Irish youths and British troops and police occurred Wednesday at the funerals of two Ulster youths killed by a British Arms vehicle on Easter Sunday. The violence spread to six Northern Irish cities, where Roman Catholic youths threw rocks and home-made bombs filled with acid, gasoline, or nails.

Japan reports nuclear mishap — The Japanese government announced Tuesday that fifty-six men were exposed to contaminated waste during a nuclear power plant accident March 8. The Japan Atomic Power Company reported that the employees who had been assigned to mop up the spill had been exposed to radiation levels below Government limits, but the Ministry of Trade and Industry, which regulates Japan's nuclear power industry, challenged that the radiation levels were potentially dangerous.

Nation

Supreme Court tightens search protection — The Supreme Court ruled 7 to 2 Tuesday that even if police have a valid arrest warrant, they must also have a search warrant to enter the home of a third party. The decision was written by Associate Justice Thurgood Marshall, who concluded that "armed solely with an arrest warrant for a single person, the police could search all the homes of that individual's friends and acquaintances."

Study finds students have "serious misconceptions" about world news — According to a survey of college students' "global understanding" by the Educational Testing Service, "the vast majority of the country's 8 million undergraduates of traditional college age have only a slight exposure during their college years to global issues." The two-year survey of 3,000 students reported that most students are not interested in world affairs, and found that history, engineering, and mathematics majors received the highest scores.

Brady improved after surgery — White House Press Secretary James S. Brady underwent five hours of non-urgent surgery early yesterday morning to close an air leak between his sinuses and his brain. Brady, a victim in last month's assassination attempt, was awake and wiggling his toes shortly after completion of the surgery.

Local

Brain surgery performed on unborn baby — An operation to treat neonatal hydrocephalus performed in Boston at Brigham and Women's Hospital prior to birth marked the first time that brain surgery was performed on an infant prior to birth. The operation was first performed nine weeks before the birth and was repeated five times. The baby was born prematurely and with slight mental retardation.

Abortion law takes effect — After an attempt to win an injunction from the Supreme Judicial Court failed, a 1980 Massachusetts law requiring unmarried pregnant girls under 18 to obtain the consent of their parents or a judge before having an abortion. The law and its predecessor have been fought in the courts for seven years as an unconstitutional interference with the rights of minors.

Boston still most expensive city — The cost of living for a four-person family is higher in Boston than anywhere else in the US for the ninth consecutive year. The intermediate budget established by the US Department of Labor is \$27,029. New York was the most expensive city for families on a higher budget, and San Francisco the most costly for those on a lower budget.

Campus

MIT professors win Fellowships — The John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation has awarded fellowship grants totalling over \$5 million to 288 scholars, scientists, and artists, for "demonstrating accomplishment in the past and strong promise for the future." Professors at MIT named this year include Economics Professor Franklin M. Fisher, Physics Associate Professor John D. Joannopoulos, Physics Professor Benjamin Lax, Professor of Glass and Polymer Science Donald R. Uhlmann, and Professor of Physical Oceanography Carl Wunsch.

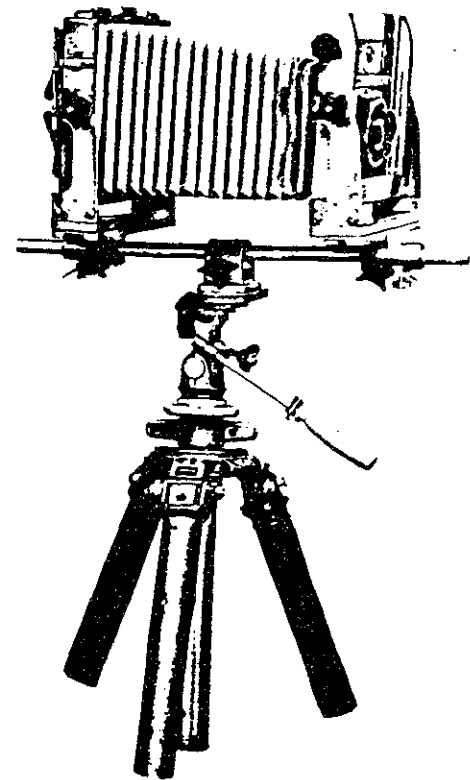
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Weather

Cloudy tonight with rain this morning, tapering to showers this afternoon. Cold, damp northeasterly winds with temperatures in the 50's. Cloudy tonight with lows near 40. Tomorrow will be partly to mostly cloudy and continued damp with highs only near 50. Clearing should set in by late Saturday. Lows near 40. Sunday will be at least partly sunny and warmer with highs near 60. Chance of rain 80 percent today, 40 percent tomorrow, 20 percent Sunday.

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opinion

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Newsaholics Anonymous

"Good evening and welcome to the weekly Washington, DC chapter meeting of Newsaholics Anonymous. I see a new face this week — young lady, would you like to begin?"

"My name is Janet and I'm a newsaholic. I've wanted to be a reporter all my life. I finally got a great job at the *Washington Post*, but they fired me. My editor says I have an overactive imagination."

"Perhaps he doesn't realize that newsaholicism is a disease, and that you need help instead of rejection. What exactly did you do?"

"I just fabricated a couple of college degrees and a story about an eight-year-old heroin addict."

"That sounds perfectly reasonable to me. After all, this is Washington. I think you should ask to be rehired. Now, who will speak next?"

"I'm so upset I can barely speak — I've been abjectly depressed since last Sunday. An article in the *New York Times* business section stated that 'fuel prices and Federal regulations have obsoleted the 707 and DC-8.' If the *Times* begins consistently mangling the language I will have nowhere left to turn for my news. Why, I needed therapy for more than a year after they stopped proofreading for typographical errors!"

"Would anyone like to help this poor man?"

"I do not concept what is making this personage upsetedly. My name is Alexander, and I approval the verbizing of nouns. Obtainment of information-wise verbiage is not accomplished diminishingly because the wording is contexted noncorrectly. I always split infinitively and antecede ambiguities when I media and no one is paradoxed by the reporting."

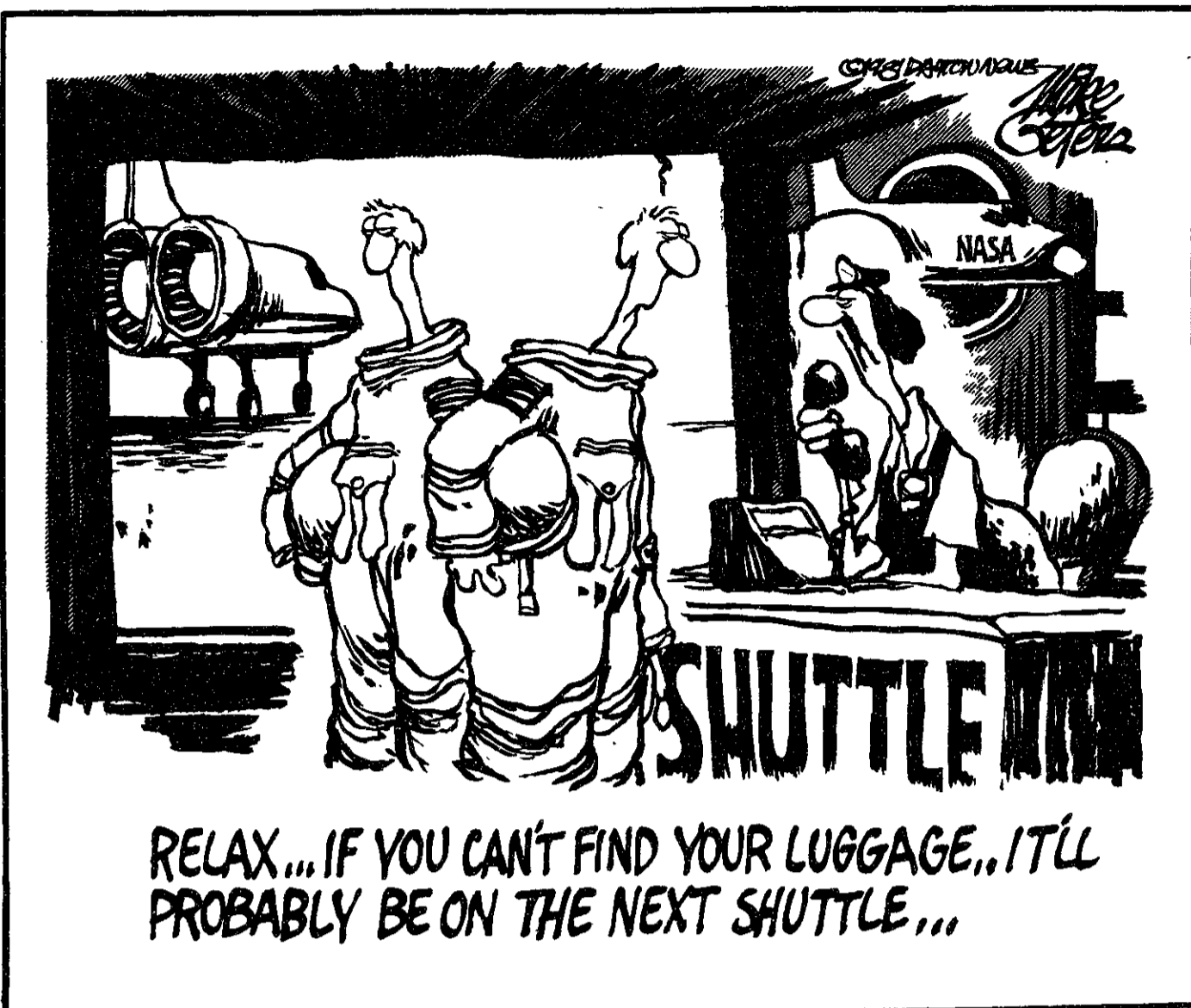
"Excuse me, but who just screamed and ran out of the room?"

"Oh, that was Edwin. He was here to collect material for a new book. I think we had better continue. Sir, you look particularly distraught."

"I'm experiencing terrible withdrawal symptoms. My analyst told me to gradually stop reading the *New York Times* to try to prevent a nervous breakdown in the event the paper is shut down by a strike again. Last time, they barely strapped the straitjacket on in time. I can't live without it — I'm a news junkie. I read three daily newspapers, a dozen newsweeklies, and listen to all-news radio all the time. Still, I need the *Times*. I don't know what to do."

"Calm down friend. My name is Ronald, and I have a similar problem. I read the *Times*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *US News*, *National Review*, *Commentary*, *Reader's Digest*, *Human Events*, and *Policy Review*, and skim many other newspapers and magazines. Still, people say I live in a fantasy world and am completely out of touch with reality."

"Ronald, may I make a suggestion? Perhaps you should try reading some issues more recent than 1956."



feedback

Ideology prevents straight thinking and twists facts

To the Editor:

A response to the latest pair of letters on the military (Apr. 7) could hit many different topics. For now I will concentrate on ideology.

Ideology manifests itself in a variety of ways. One is an emotional involvement so deep that one can't even think straight. Mr. Zussman's letter is a fine example of this. Consider his basic argument. Totalitarian governments come about when Communists take advantage of popular discontent. Discontent comes from poverty. Poverty can be eliminated only with development, which means investment, and investment requires stability. If a government cannot promote stability on its own, then it's legitimate for some other government, such as ours, to help it. So this is why it's appropriate for the US to give military support to a government enforcing stability on

its population: to avoid totalitarianism. This quality of reasoning is typical of Mr. Zussman's letter, which is rife with self-contradictions, obvious fallacies, and misinformation.

A second form of ideology is incorrect facts and misinterpretation. Possibly the instance most damaging to our state is Korea. I would only expect that my claim that the Soviet Union had nothing to do with the Korean War would be viewed by most people as absurd. After all, well, of course, they were behind it. I mean, it's obvious. Look, I've never heard anyone say that before. Yes, it's likely that in every high school and in every part of the mass media, whenever the Korean War is referred to the framework used involves Soviet imperialism. Yet the fact is that there is not now nor ever has been any evidence to support this. That belief owes its existence to its

utility as propaganda for getting popular support for US militarism. *The Tech* is not the place to enter a detailed historical discussion, but I have references that are available upon request. At any rate, we know that they lied to us about Vietnam, so it's plausible that they lied here, too. Realize the seriousness of this criticism: if it's correct, then we have a propaganda system rivaling anyone's.

The pervasive nature of distortion shows itself when even Mr. Hu, who seemed sincere in trying to be overhanded, gets the story wrong. It's true that North Vietnam was heavily involved in the war and that the South Vietnam government was in power for a long time. Yet North Vietnam's presence didn't keep it from being a popular revolution: there had always been only one country, Vietnam. Even so, the North started sending troops only when

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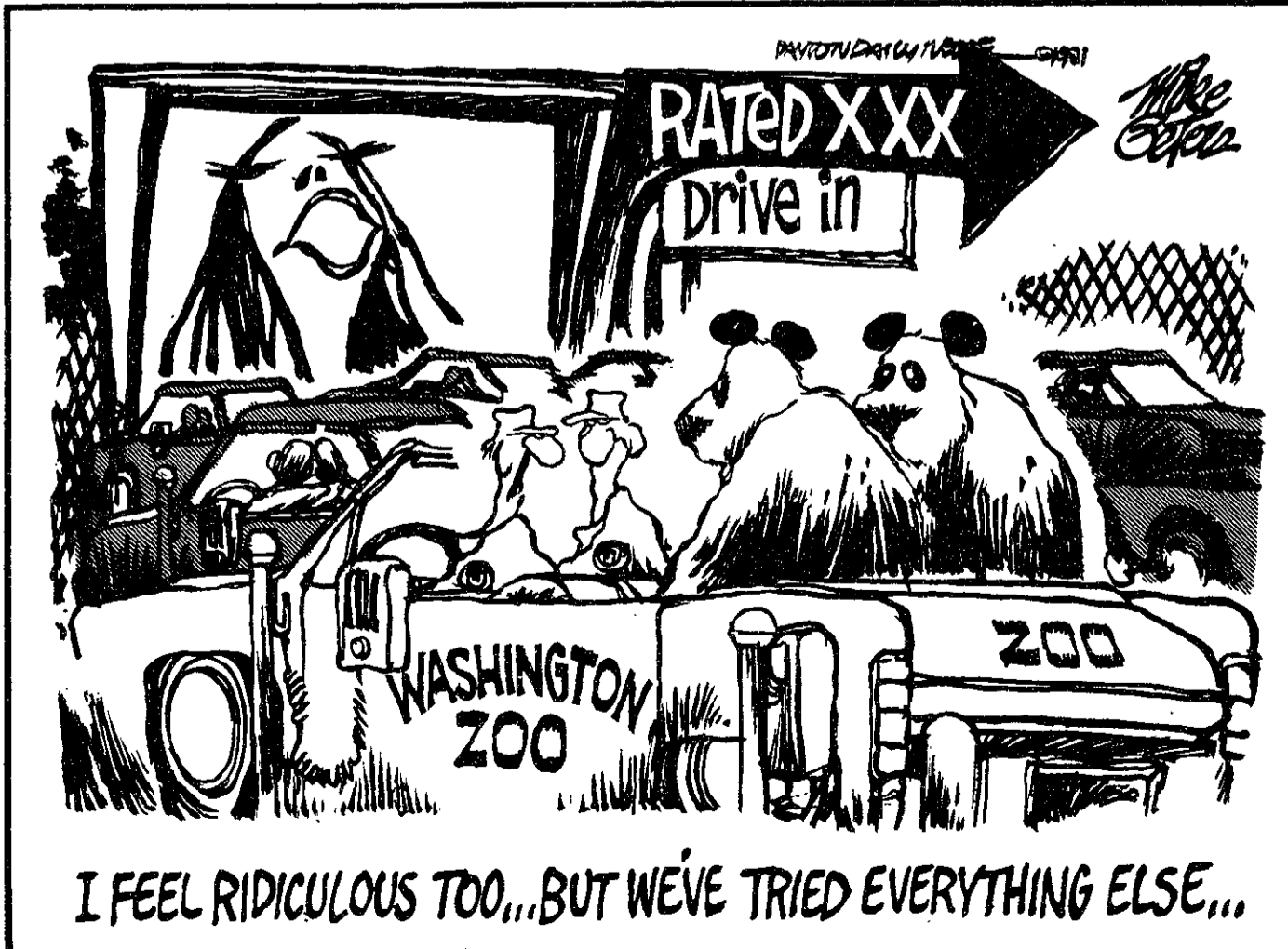
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Ideology can blind

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many US troops had been engaged for years. Certainly any government with full US military support (including troops, which they couldn't raise too well themselves) will be in power, but it wasn't long after our withdrawal that our regime fell to pieces. Such an effort on our part could fail only if there were massive support for the revolutionaries and minimal support for the government. This, as opposed to the military style, is what I mean by a popular revolution. In addition, note the ideological use of language. We have a Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, and may soon have a Soviet invasion of Poland. Yet rarely does one hear of the American invasion of Vietnam, which is exactly what it was.

A final way in which ideology functions is by erecting blinders in certain directions. Sometimes there's no need to lie because the question isn't even asked. Mr. Hu is quite correct in that the US becoming militarily weak would not itself bring peace, which is partly why I don't recommend that course of action. What I do recommend is for militarists to work within their own ideology and ask the converse questions. How would they respond to a Soviet citizen who claimed that they had to keep their military up lest the US take advantage of their weakness? Realize that Stalin used the credible American threat to justify all sorts of unrelated horrors, and then ask yourselves where our side may be doing the same thing. For people who are already politically mature, I recommend experiencing my ideological framework and grappling with my questions. I find the notion of US-Soviet competition to be mostly a propaganda smokescreen used in both countries to cover the major international dynamic, popular liberation movements in both spheres. (The areas of greatest violence today are Afghanistan and El Salvador. Afghanistan is not CIA-sponsored, regardless of Egypt's and our offers of support, and El Salvador is not Communist subversion, regardless of whatever arms they may get from Cuba.) America and Russia, and consequently most everywhere else, are being run by institutions which have gained a life of their own. What I want to know is how we, the members of the human race, can regain control over a world gone mad.

Bob Lubarsky G

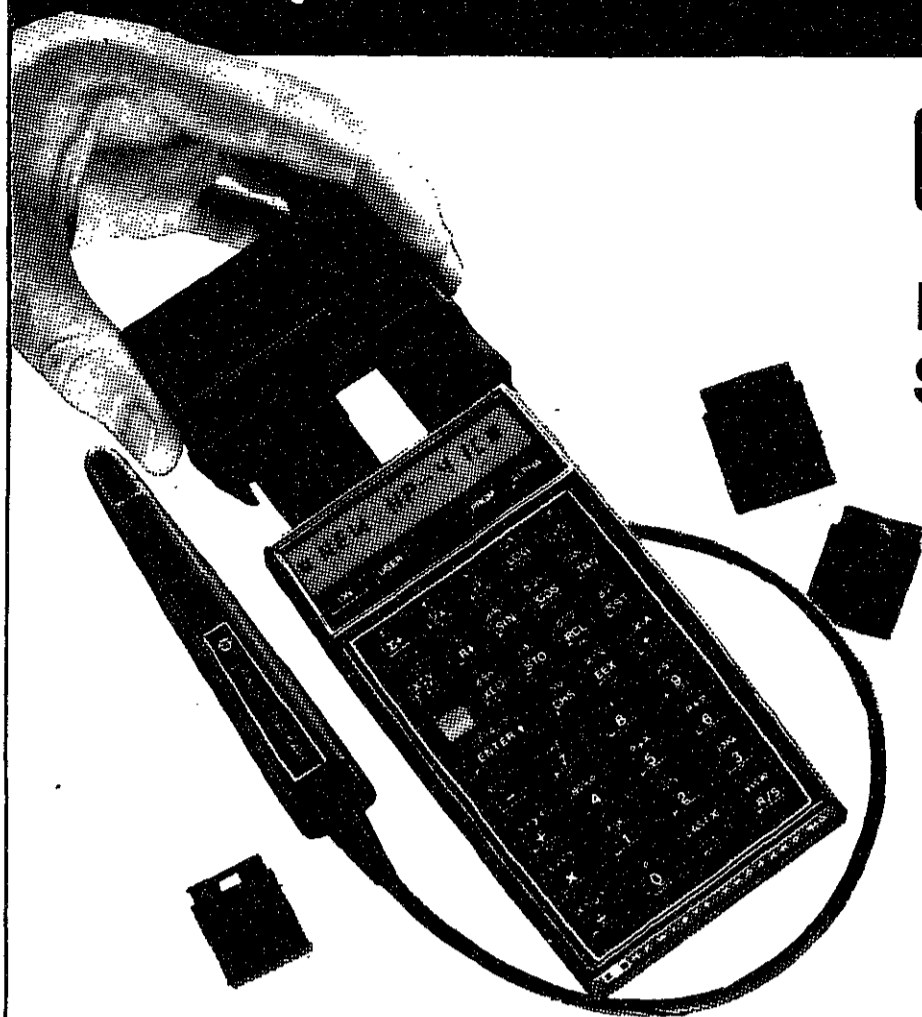
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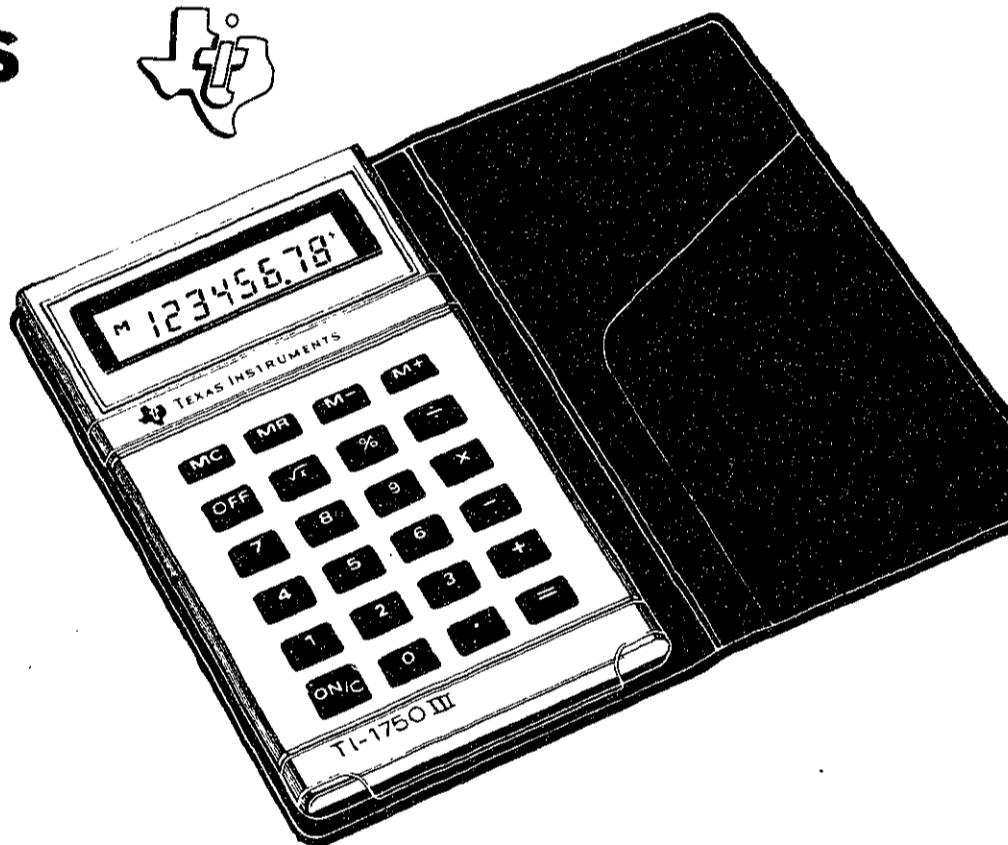


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The Who Sit on Your Face

Face Dances, the Who on Warner Brothers Records.

Why do people like this album? I haven't been so stumped since the B-52's *Wild Planet* became the people's choice.

I should explain myself. Start with "You Better You Bet," the BIG SINGLE. The music itself isn't all that bad; I'm particularly pleased by the assimilation of Kenny Jones into the group. He's a damn competent drummer, if nothing else—nice tight exacting fills permeate this record. The problem is mainly that these tunes remind me of *Who Are You*, (a wrongly

maligned disc) but have none of the bite that gave the album its vitality. The vocals here are too smooth, candy-coated choruses for kiddies.

How about the lyrics, you say? Har, har... I really can't believe Townshend would write such trash. What we've got here is a yarn about a man whose "love" is measured in notches carved in the midst of sexual frenzy:

*I I don't really mind
how much you love me
A little really is alright
When you say come over
and spend the night*

I still am having trouble deciphering "Cache Cache," it appears to be decrying the joys of being a bum:

*Don't jump in there expecting fun
Don't swagger in there
with your elephant gun
Don't enter the cage waving chairs
Cos I'll tell you something
for nothing*

There's more energy here than in most of the other Townshend tunes here, but it's still not all that great—particularly the chorus.

Moving on, there are "Don't let Go The Coat" and "How Can You Do It Alone," two songs about loneliness—ho, hum. Why two of them, I'll never know. Avoid 'em both. Another duo—"Daily Records" and "Another Tricky Day"—these two about the Biz and Fame and all that rot. The former is much better; Townshend's best effort here. The tune's sharp and so are the lyrics. The other song's not too shabby, but just not up to the level of "Daily Records."

Sorry, Pete—but John Entwistle's songs are the best on *Face Dances*. "The Quiet One" should have been the A-side, not "You Better You Bet." John's voice gives the song a much-needed stridency, but it may be a bit *too* rough. And those lyrics:

*Still waters run deep
so be careful I don't drown you
You've got nothing to hear
I've got nothing to say
Sticks and stones
may break your bones
But names can never drown you
It only takes two words
to blow you away*

Oh, yes—and "You"—an ode to a tease. More good stuff.

In all, not a bad album, but it doesn't rate four stars. Still, the Who can do better than three for nine. Better luck next time.

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Tuxedomoon on Ralph Records. I wish I had the technology to talk about this record. The second LP, *Desire*, deserves as I could ever conjure up high-electro-synthi-sonar vep arts ejukeyshun don't learn

While Tuxedomoon's first LP was certainly brilliant ("Recording History," said one critic), *Desire* just as certainly surpasses it. The band is from San Francisco and one of a number of shameless art bands (The Residents, MX-80 Sound) working for the Ralph Records label. The influences are direct — Eno, Residents, the whole Eurotechno scene — but Tuxedomoon has its own cutting edge. The level of alienated urban terror present in their last LP, *Half-Mute*, has gone 'way done and there's none of the frenzy of their earlier EP (e.g., "No Tears"). The stress and tension have given over to a greater degree of — what — maybe "weary romanticism." Which is not to say that the album isn't strange and disconcerting, it's got none of Eno's discretion, to be sure, but minimalism seems to have been replaced by production; this isn't better or worse, just different. Tuxedomoon have succeeded in counterpointing every element of their music so that nothing is overdone: the electronic percussion is given freedom by the violins, the bland vocals relieved by the reckless use of sonic quirks and chirps.

"East Jinx" and "Music #1" are the lovely tracks that open the album, dreamy cuts with a clean backbeat, reminiscent of sedated Cure. "Dance" had declamatory vocals and "Incubus" recalls John Foxx, who wanted them on his British Metalbeat label.

Side Two is somewhat more aggressive and gives bands like DNA from hightech New York a run for their money. The best cut here is "Again": rippling keyboard sound animates this floating, gurgling song which suddenly winds down to a deep organ chord, carrying the listener with it. "In the Name of Talent" is more passionate, even scary, and "Holiday For Plywood" uses a whole set of cliches and repetitions to advance its silly structure ("Sometimes in the best of homes/The furniture doesn't fit/The sofa makes me want to sweat/The bathrooms done in mirror tiles.")

Thoroughly worthwhile for people into experimental, avant-garde, or progressive music. A nifty bit of art that won't collect dust in your home.

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MUSIC

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 A concert of computer music will be presented by the New England Computer Music Association at 7:30 and 9:30pm in the Village Street Theatre, 27 Village Street, in Needham, on Saturday, April 25. Brahms, "Ein Deutsches Requiem" will be presented in Sanders Theatre at Harvard University by the combined choruses of the Harvard Glee Club, the Radcliffe Choral Society, and the Harvard-Radcliffe Collegium Musicum at 8:30pm tonight.

CLUBS

The Nervous Eaters, City Thrills, and Wunderkind will appear at the Channel, 25 Necco Street, Boston, on Friday, April 24. On Saturday, April 25, the Channel will present *Mission of Burma*. La Peste, and the Mundanes; all these bands are popular locals.
 From New York, Circus Mort will appear at the Underground, 1110 Commonwealth Avenue on Friday (with *Suade Cowboys*) and on Saturday (with V.).

The previous time I had seen *The Magic Flute* was during last season's Santa Fe Opera Festival. There, in the loneliness of the New Mexico nothingness, all the mystery of this ultra fairy tale unwinded, leaving long afterwards a feeling of wonderment and awe.

The present production, by Adams House Music Society, has no mystery. It is a "modern" production that, while having nothing new to add, disregards the essence of the inspired originality that make this opera so special. The set includes a Boston Red Line subway entrance for no reason other than that, as a cast-member told me, the construction work at Harvard Square was a central concern of the community. The set consists of a long staircase, and there is intentionally the environment of a construction site, for no evident reason. Some of the action happens in German, some in English. I had assumed that this was some representation of "Good" and "Evil" respectively, but was told that this symbolized strata of class; if this was so, then there were many inconsistencies and the constant changes in tongue were, in any case, a needless distraction.

A number of unfortunate cuts have broken the continuity of the work and reduced the significance of the all-important symbolism to naught. The overall weakness of the production denies us insight into the true meaning of Sarastro's world, and Tamino's odyssey after truth is relegated to a day-trip. The relationship between Tamino and Papageno is ignored; the fact they they can both lead worthy lives, but at different levels, is hardly developed at all.

The best performance of the evening doubtless came from Barbara Marsh as the

Queen of the Night. In an icy rendition of the hazardously difficult *Die Holle Reiche*, disciplined singing brought out the vicious power, the spite, the hate, but also the torment of the character. Her three ladies — sung by Anne Johnson, Penelope Bitzas, and Deborah Harrington — had pertly attractive characters, and sang nicely.

Katherine LaTorra sang cleanly as Pamina, but was reduced by the sheer awfulness of the orchestral playing in Mozart's most heart-rending of all arias, the G minor *Ach ich Fuhl's*. The subtleties of discrete woodwinds and of chromatic harmonies were entirely lost on an orchestra which sought to emulate the niceties of a construction job rather than the beauties of Mozartian passion.

Daniel Pantano was adequate as Papageno, but nothing special. Lewis Brindle sang Monastatos' aria *Alles fuhl der Liebe Freuden* lustily, but was hampered, once again, by inadequate orchestral accompaniment. Sensitive orchestral playing is vital in establishing not only the body but also — and pre-eminently — the soul of this score, and I am sure that better instrumentalists than this could be found in Harvard (or they could try MIT). There were moments — albeit brief — when the woodwinds did shine through and there was, mercifully, a good flautist. But the strings were consistently appalling, their wooden, clumsy, and altogether charmless playing under Music Director Theo Saye being largely responsible for the staleness of the production. David Prum, Stage Director, can, however, doubtless also take credit for its failure; he obviously has no understanding of what this opera is about.

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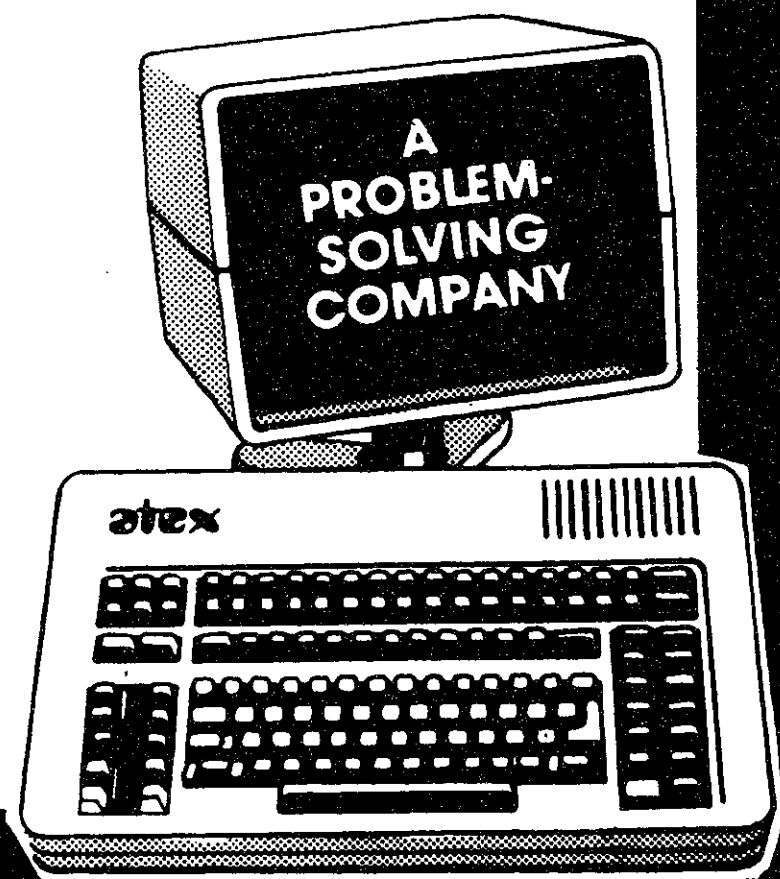
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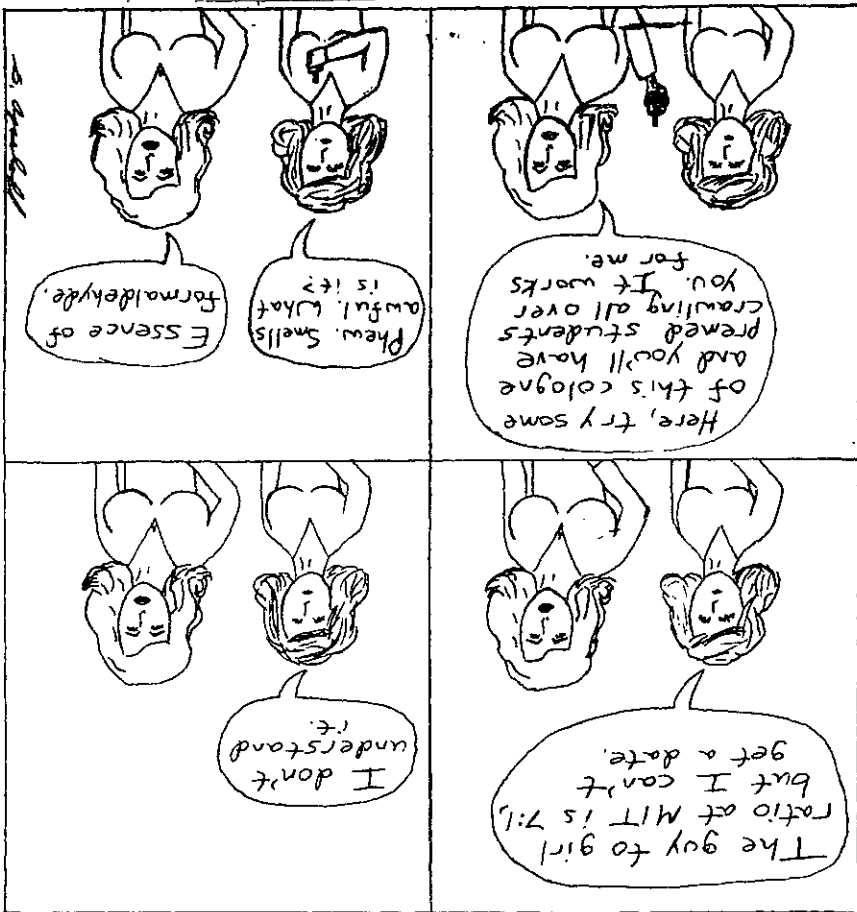
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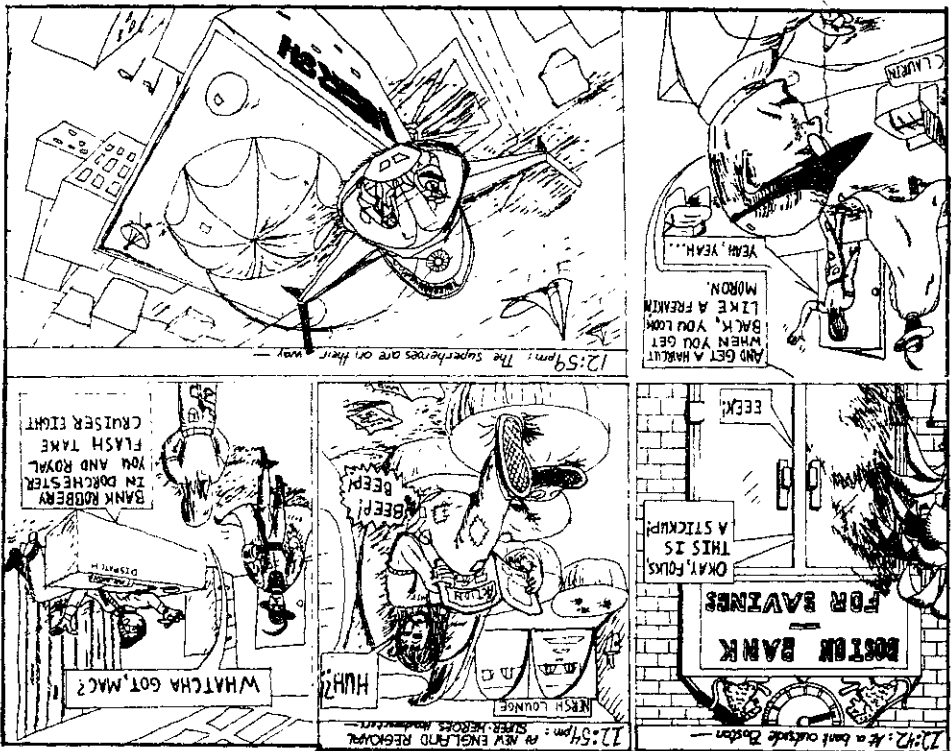


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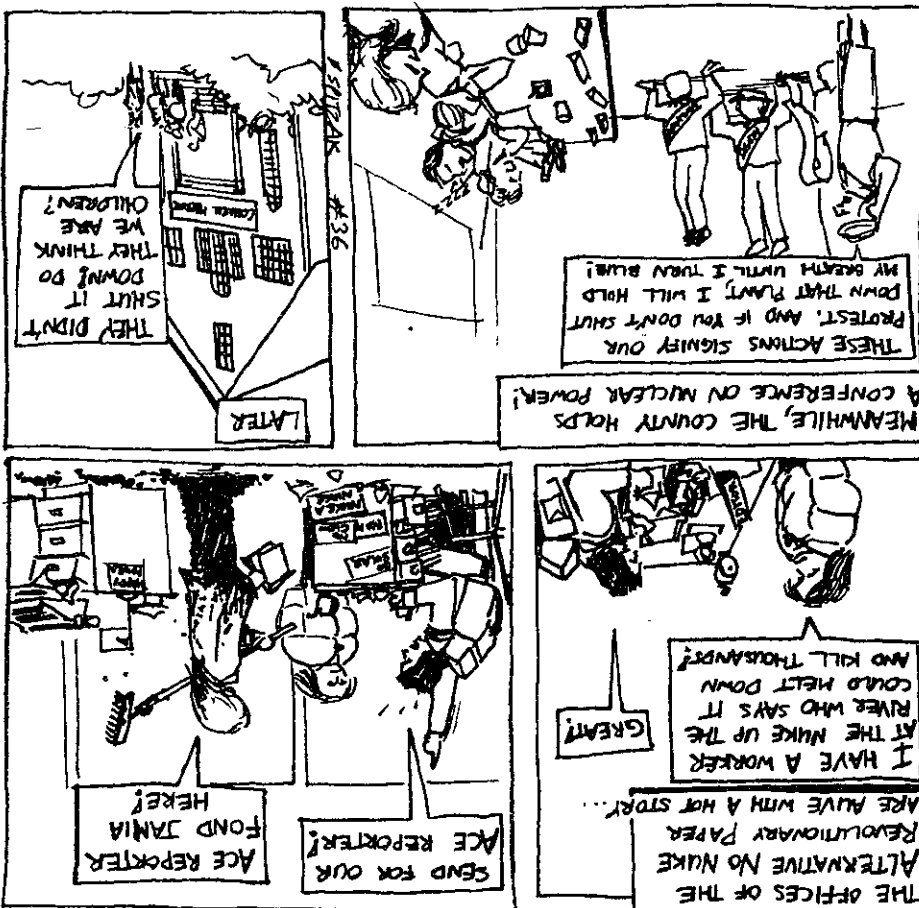
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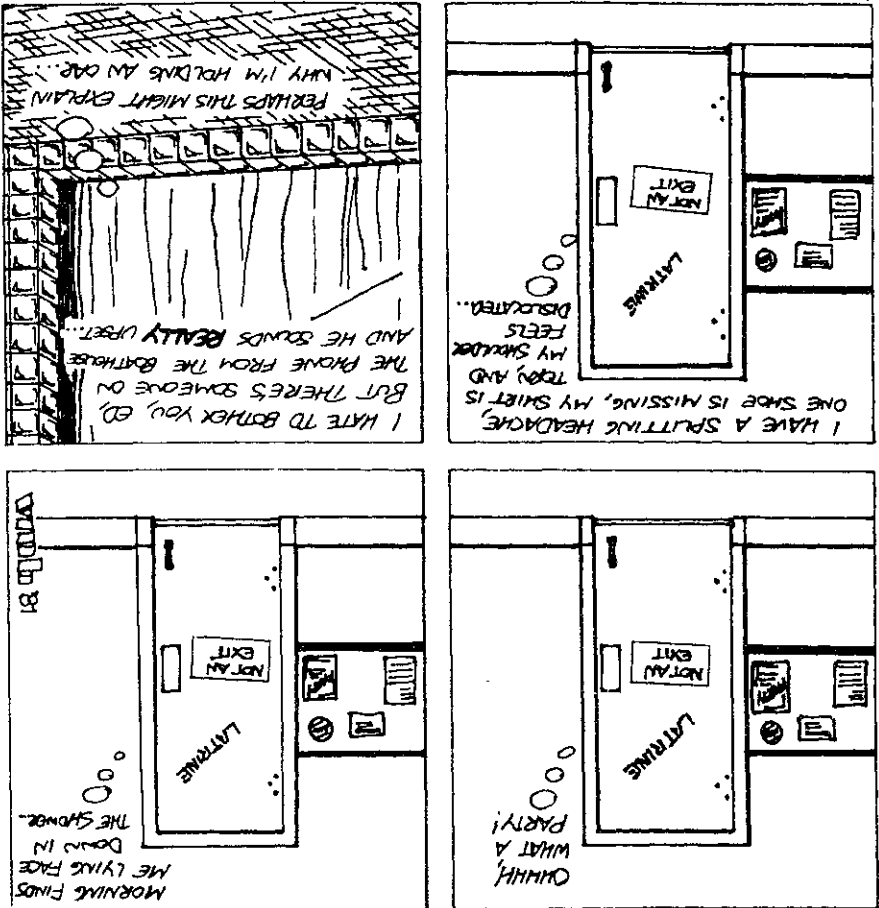
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CityWatch

Schools face fiscal dilemma

By Kenneth Snow

At a Superior Court of Massachusetts hearing on Wednesday, Judge Thomas R. Morse, Jr., gave Mayor White and the Boston City Council two more days to solve the budgetary problems of the Boston School System. If no decision is made by today, Morse will take legal action to keep the schools open.

The problem stems from the School Committee's claim that their \$210 million budget is almost exhausted and they cannot meet the May 1 payroll for teachers and other employees without additional funds. So far, the city council has refused to approve two plans by the Mayor to keep the schools open, and on Wednesday the Mayor vetoed a plan presented by the Council.

Morse called on participants in the situation to "do whatever is humanly possible that a solution be achieved." School board members have said that they need an additional \$30 million to keep the schools open.

According to Gregory Anrig, State Education Commissioner, the total expenditures of the Boston School System in 1979-80 were almost \$285 million. This was \$2,616 per student in a regular education program (this does not include special, bilingual, or occupational education). Presently, there are 73 students per administrator, with a

student to teacher ratio of 14.1 to 1. Anrig said "educational costs in Boston are exorbitant and must be brought under control."

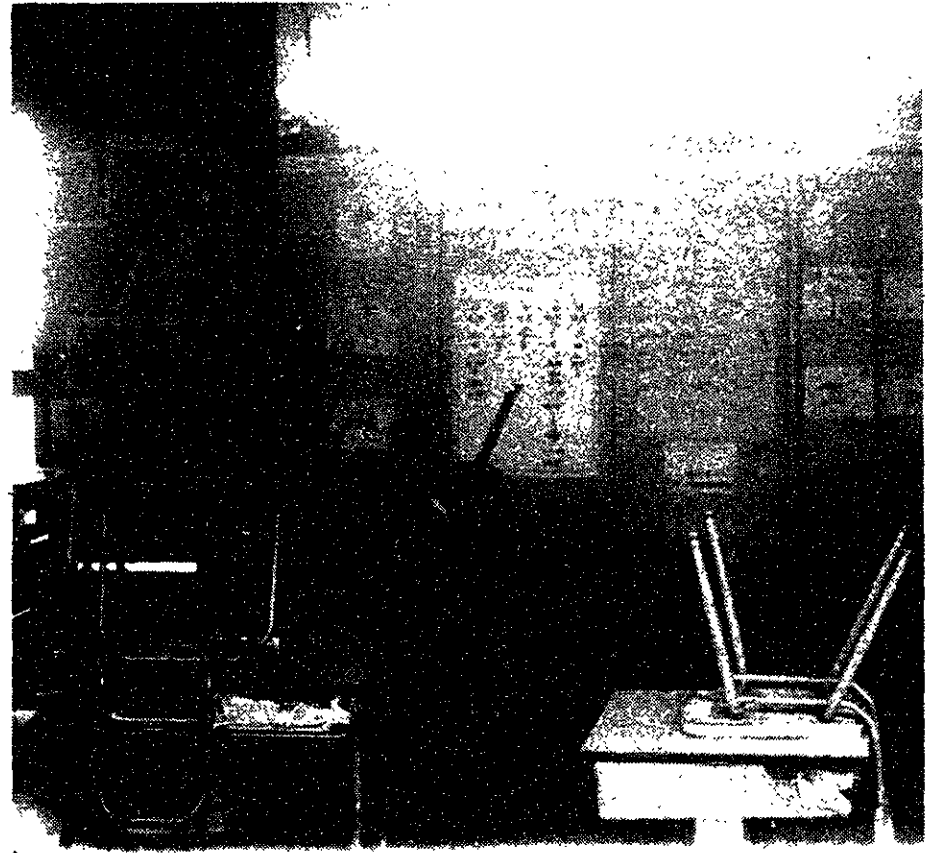
The council proposal that White rejected on Wednesday included a measure that would allow voters to recall elected municipal officials. White vowed to veto any bill containing such a measure.

White had no comment on the situation on Wednesday since the court case was still pending. However, five City Council members admitted that they would be willing to pass a funding package without the recall provision added. Councilman Raymond L. Flynn stated in a letter to White that "I think you will agree that it is inconceivable that elected officials in this city would

sit back and allow our public school system to shut down."

Harvard Law School Professor Charles M. Haar, acting as a special master for Judge Morse in the case, noted that the main obstacle to a solution is "the efforts of a number of parties involved to use the school funding crisis as a vehicle to achieve other changes in city government procedures which are unrelated to the immediate school crisis." Among these are the city council's efforts to expand its powers, and White's proposal for a special administrator named by the Mayor to run the school system for three years.

Boston's 64,000 students are on spring vacation this week; they have no guarantees of when the schools will be reopening.



A Boston classroom which may not be used again until this fall. (photo by Billy Stewart)

MIT student wins Truman scholarship

By Ivan Fong

The Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation has announced the selection of Jerri-Lynn Scofield '83 as a 1981 Truman Scholar-at-Large from New Jersey.

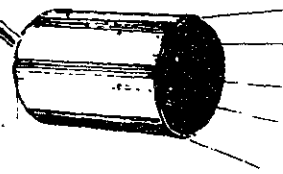
The Truman Scholarship, awarded nationally to 79 college sophomores, carries a financial award of a maximum of \$5,000 for each of four years of study. The money is to be applied to the student's junior and senior years of undergraduate study and as many as two years of graduate work.

Scofield is the second scholarship recipient from MIT in the past two years, and intends to major in Political Science and Civil Engineering. In addition, Michael E. Schlein '83 was named an Alternate-at-Large from New York, which carries no financial award, although the alternate is eligible to receive the Scholarship if a designated scholar is unable to begin studies as a Truman Scholar.

The scholarship is awarded to students expecting to pursue a career in government service. "I am honored to have received the Truman Award," Scofield commented, adding that she is interested in scientific legal issues and science policy.

Scofield first began to explore her interests by working for MIT Professor of Management and Ocean Engineering J. D. Nyhart under the auspices of the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program. She also spent last summer as an intern for Philip B. Yeager, general counsel for the Committee on Science and Technology of the US House of Representatives. "My experiences at MIT and in Washington have convinced me of the need for persons with technical backgrounds to attack policy and legal problems," she observed.

Scofield is a news editor for *The Tech*, and has acted with MIT's Dramashop. She plans to continue her education by attending law or graduate school.



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| Undecided (ZBT) | 2-1 |
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| Kaos "B" (Baker) | 0-2 |
| Panama Red Sox (Theta Xi) | 0-3 |

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| Beta Theta Pi | 3-1 |
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| Sloan | 1-1 |
| Calorics | 1-2 |

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| Deke | 0-2 |
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| Nuclear Engineering | 2-0 |
| F-Entry Vigilantes | 2-1 |
| Desmond House | 2-2 |
| Burton 4 Players | 1-2-1 |
| Porcelain Bus Drivers (Sr. House) | 1-2 |
| Golden Bananas (E.C.) | 0-1-1 |

Division 5

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| Apocalypse Soon (New House 3) | 2-0 |
| Hydros | 2-0 |
| Beta Theta Pi-Verts | 1-1 |
| Baker Buffalo Balls | 1-1 |
| Baker Mitts | 0-1-1 |
| Sloan | 0-2 |

Division 6

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| SAE "B" | 3-0 |
| TEP | 2-0 |
| 41st West | 1-1 |
| Ashdown | 1-1 |
| Mad Punters (E.C.) | 0-2 |
| Sig Ep | 0-3 |

Division 7

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| Invisible Hands | 3-0 |
| Sultans of Swing (AEPi) | 3-0 |
| BEAMS | 2-0 |
| Tom Barta's Yahoos (E.C.) | 1-2 |
| Oxidants | 1-2 |
| PSK | 0-3 |
| Int. Vector Baseballs | 0-3 |

Division 8

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| Non-Don (PBE) | 0-3 |
| TDC "B" | 0-3 |
| Physical Chemistry | 1-1 |
| Hot Dogs | 1-2 |
| Meteorology | 1-2 |
| Abusers (New House 4) | 1-2 |
| New Three Stooges | 0-3 |

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sports

Track team forges ahead

Crushes Worcester 103 - 60

By Eric R. Fleming

Despite a number of nagging injuries, the Tech track team has picked up where it left off this past winter, having won three of its four starts this spring, including a 103-60 romp over WPI Saturday.

MIT won 14 of the 19 events held Saturday, led by sophomore Martin Taylor's three-victory performance in the long, triple, and high jump. Lance Parker '84

earned a win and a runner-up finish in the 400 and 200 meters, respectively, while Len Nasser '80 and Paul Neves '83 finished one-two in the 1500. The only wins for the visitors from Worcester were the discus, shot put, javelin, 100, and 200 meters (Joe Vignaly '82 won the latter two for WPI).

MIT has done well this spring, in spite of a number of injuries, some serious and some not-so-serious. Jim Turlo '81, Nkere

Udofia '83, Ian McCallum '84, and Bob Walmsley '84 are all out for the season, while Neves, distance man Colin Kerwin '82, and Taylor all have had small injuries that have hurt their performances over the season. As a result, Coach Gordon Kelly has limited Neves and Kerwin to running in only one event per meet, hoping to have his best ready for the New England Division II meet in two weeks.

As for that meet, which was won by Westfield State here last year, Kelly is optimistic, as his team is favored to win (the squad won the indoor title in February). John Taylor '84 (no relation to Martin) in the 400 hurdles ("Will run 55 before the season's over"), Dave Kieda '82 in the hammer, and a mile relay team with seven possible entrants are several of the other assets MIT has going for it. If the rest of the team can overcome the nagging aches and pains, MIT will again be tough to handle.

sports update

Crew — Last year, the Tech Lightweight Crew edged Harvard by the slim margin of one-tenth of a second to win the Biglin Cup. Well, this time the Crimson more than avenged for that loss by winning the '81 Cup by a healthy 13 seconds. Excitement in this race occurred when the boat rowed by Dartmouth sank at the 1300-meter mark of the course. In fact, the Engineer shell barely avoided finding the depths of the Charles as the notoriously Bostonian high winds wreaked havoc on all boats.

In the heavyweight class, Tech dropped three of four races to Coast Guard at New London. Only the second frosh boat managed to win, by a nine-second margin.

The women continue to struggle, finishing third Saturday to boats from Yale and Princeton.

This weekend, the heavies host the Compton Cup with the Crimson and Princeton, while the women are on the Charles with Northeastern and BU.

Golf — Ned Emerson '81 continued to lead the Engineers on the links. Monday and Tuesday, Emerson shot his way to a third place in the Greater Boston League tourney at Concord CC, with scores of 84-85-169. MIT also finished third in the tourney, which was won by Harvard, with Northeastern in second.

Lacross — What do you do after being blown out 12-2 in a lacrosse game? Coach Walt Alessi's group answered that question by whipping previously undefeated New England College 9-3 on Monday. The 12-2 loss came at the hands of

Trinity in Hartford on Saturday. MIT returns home next Monday, facing Mass. Maritime at 4:30pm.

Baseball — After dropping two to Coast Guard over the weekend, MIT came back to defeat Northeastern Monday by a score of 8-4. George Noll '81 fired a two-hitter at the Huskies to earn his first win of the year, and raise MIT's record to 2-8

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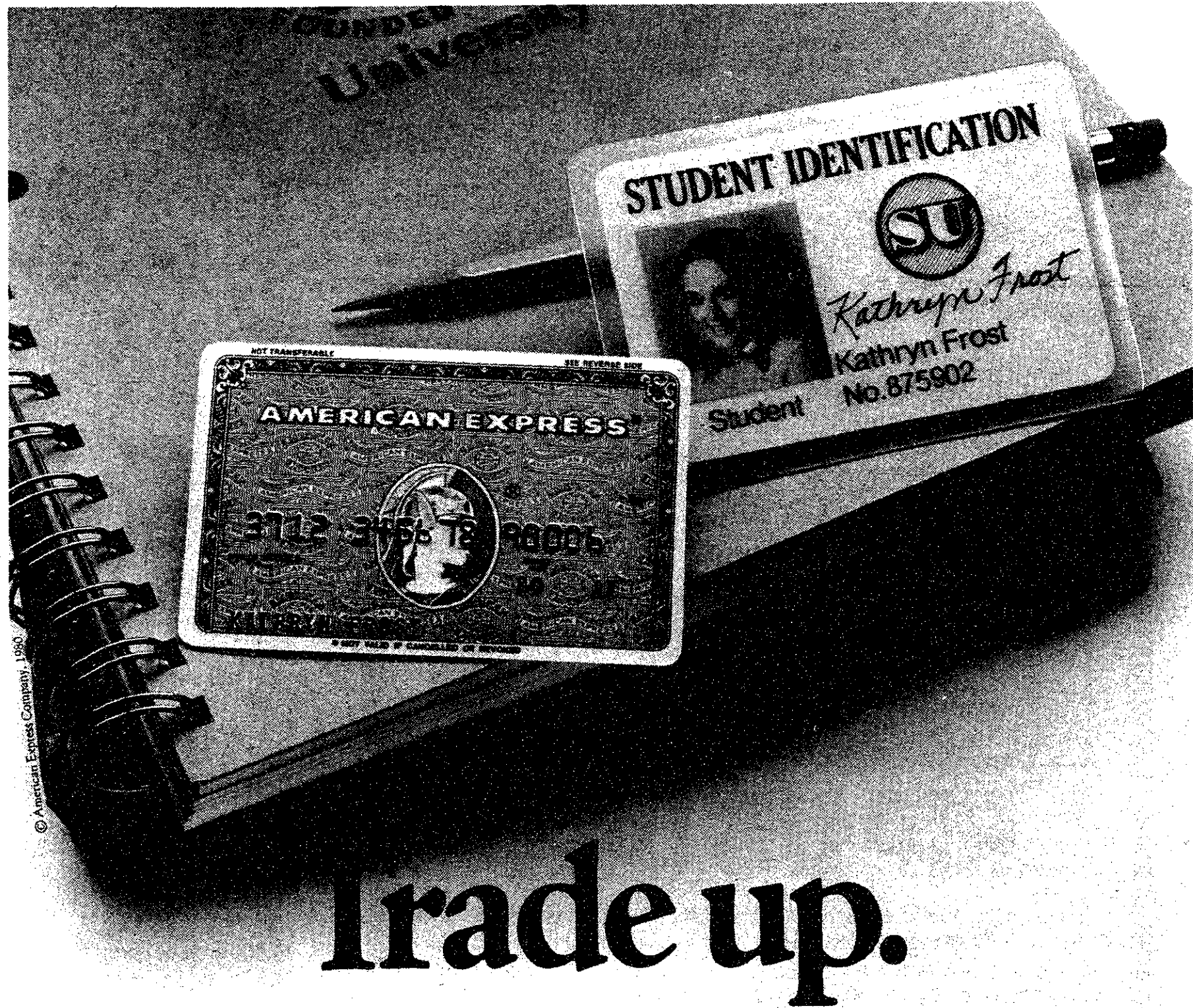
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