



An estimated 50,000 people marched on the Pentagon Sunday to protest US intervention in El Salvador. See story on page 2. (Photo by Kevin Osborn)

## Institute predicts \$4.1m budget deficit

By Jack Link

A record \$4.1 million deficit is predicted in the preliminary budget for fiscal 1981-82, presented Friday morning to the Institute Executive Committee at its closed monthly meeting.

"We hope to whack it [the deficit] down with research gifts and donations," said President Paul E. Gray '54, after the meeting.

Deficits were also projected at this time last year and in 1979; deficits of \$1.7 million and \$0.8 million were forecast in the 1980-81 and 1979-80 budgets, respectively.

The 1979-80 deficit was eliminated and a surplus of nearly \$1 million had accrued when the fiscal year ended in June. "It's too soon to tell for sure, but it looks like the budget will balance for this year [1980-81]," said Director of Finance Jack Currie '57. Currie and Stuart Cowen, Vice President for Financial Operations, presented the budget to the Executive Committee.

In both fiscal 1979-80 and 1980-81, the deficits were made up by unpredicted, non-recurring funds. This year, for example, 300 more graduate students enrolled than anticipated, resulting in increased tuition revenue, according to Currie.

A revised report will be made in September. "We'll know more then, having definite information about things like enrollment," said Gray. "I told the Executive Committee that at this point, I'd have to say that the deficit in September will probably still be \$4 million."

Currie elaborated, saying he has "no reason to expect the deficit to be different in June of 1982." The deficit for next year is despite the 19 percent tuition increase.

"Generally, tuition should continue to go up faster than the inflation rate because the standard of living in this country continues

to increase faster than the inflation rate, and we have to keep up with that," said Gray.

Gray said he believes the deficit is due to one-time, temporary expenses such as the new dormitory, operating expenses for the athletic center, the Whittaker building, and salary increases for associate professors.

If the deficit remains at the end of the fiscal year, the money to balance the budget will have to come from the endowment of over \$600 million which MIT has invested.

"Our philosophy and policy is to try to add to the endowment each year, not take funds from it," said Gray. One- to two-thirds of the income from the endowment, such as interest and capital gains, is unrestricted and available for use in a variety of ways to meet operating expenses.

MIT's endowment increased last year; in the past two decades it has only been necessary to remove funds from the endowment twice, in 1975 and 1976. "That was caused by the energy crisis and the divestiture of Draper Labs," said Currie.

One of the one-time costs incurred for 1981-82 is \$112,000 in transition costs necessitated by the switch to mandatory commons, and a \$269,000 subsidy of the dining program. According to Director of Housing and Food Services Gene Brammer's figures, the subsidy will increase slightly until 1984, when members of all classes will be on mandatory commons.

"The question of subsidies is a touchy one," said Currie. "People complain when they think they're paying for something they're not using, forgetting that every student here has at least half the cost of his education subsidized. IFC complains about subsidizing dining services, but they get some services they don't pay for too." Currie cited his own management of fraternity loans as one such service.

## Committee to assess ODSA

By Tom Lored

The MIT Corporation Visiting Committee on Student Affairs will gather at MIT from May 7 to May 9 to examine "The role of the Office of Dean for Student Affairs (ODSA) in supporting the undergraduate environment at MIT," according to the committee's agenda.

The Visiting Committee on Student Affairs is one of many Visiting Committees that operate as advisory groups to the MIT Corporation. Each committee focuses its interest on the operation of a single department. The Visiting Committee on Student Affairs periodically observes and advises the operation of the ODSA.

Shirley McBay, Dean for Student Affairs, remarked that this

visit is "aimed at improving the performance of students and the quality of their life outside of the classroom."

The three day visit begins officially with a reception and meeting on the evening of Thursday, May 7, during which developments since the committee's last visit in October 1978 will be reviewed.

The visit will continue at 9am Friday in the Student Center with a discussion of the present and potential role of the Undergraduate Academic Support Office (UASO), one of the four main departments of the ODSA.

The committee will meet Friday afternoon with student representatives from many Institute committees and then later

with representatives from selected academic departments and with the ODSA staff.

The visit culminates Friday evening after a dinner meeting with faculty in residence, student leaders, and chairpersons of student organizations. At 7:30pm the committee will meet in the West Lounge of the Student Center for an open meeting and reception with students. Students are encouraged to attend this meeting and voice their opinions, remarked McBay.

The visit officially ends Saturday morning with an executive session of the Visiting Committee during which the Committee's observations and recommendations will be discussed.

The Visiting Committee on Student Affairs last visited the Institute in October 1978. Their visit that year focused largely on graduate student concerns. The Committee's visit in November 1977 began a reorganization of the ODSA that ended in April 1980 with the appointment of Dean Shirley McBay and four Associate Deans to head the four departments (the UASO, Residential Programs, Student Activities, and Student Assistance Services) that are subordinate to the ODSA.

## Dean's Office sets '81-'82 priorities

By Stuart Gitlow

A report prepared for the Visiting Committee on Student Affairs cites eight priorities which have been established by the Dean's Office for the current academic year.

The residence section of the report states that "it is clear that" the additional 352 beds at 500 Memorial Drive "will not be sufficient to meet our undergraduate needs unless we permanently drop the freshman class size to approximately 1000. . . Members of the staff are currently. . . reviewing each room in the residence system, with the residents, to see whether the 'normal occupancy' for that room should be changed." The report maintains that the Dean's Office expects to gain an additional thirty spaces for students within the system as a result of this review.

In the fall of 1978, a residence/dining program review resulted in

a series of recommendations concerning the quality and format of undergraduate services.

According to the DSA report, "a vital link" has been established "between Food Services and the undergraduate population." The report further states that "commons Committees are being revitalized across the campus."

The goals and objectives for the Student Assistance Services (SAS) section of the Dean's Office are listed in the report. According to the document, the SAS still has needs to meet: "A program for drug education is non-existent. To develop a program will be a major undertaking for which staffing is not presently available." In addition, "The revised booklet on sexuality and relationships. . . has been held up for lack of funding."

With regard to Student Activities, the report says that the "undergraduate government has had an unusually productive year

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## MIT submits rezoning petition

By Michael Potter

On Wednesday, April 15, several controversial plans to rezone the Cambridgeport Industrial District at the northwest edge of the MIT campus were discussed at a public meeting at Cambridge City Hall.

The Community Development Department (CDD) petition proposed to zone the area for high-technology and office development. An opposing citizens' group presented a plan to encourage development of light industry and housing. The area is presently mostly vacant and zoned for industry.

MIT submitted a petition at the meeting that criticized the two present plans for rezoning as being inadequately flexible. MIT's position seems to be closer to the CDD than the citizens' group.

MIT owns 40 of the 160 acres in the site, which extends west of Massachusetts Avenue for 14 blocks between the railroad tracks and Brookline Street. The Institute began acquiring land in the area about 12 years ago, when the old Simplex Cable Company moved out of the area.



A section of Cambridgeport surrounding the old Simplex wire factory (Photo by Billy Stewart)

"It is my personal opinion that the day of the shoe factory in Cambridge is past, although development in the area should take community, as well as high-technology interests, into account," commented Clifford Truesdell, secretary of the Cambridge Ward 2 Democratic Committee. Truesdell's remark echoes the major concerns facing

the area: the exodus of older blue-collar industry, the decay of nearby residential neighborhoods and the influx of high-technology corporations into Cambridge.

Walter Milne, Special Assistant to the President of MIT, said, "We literally have no plans" for the area right now, although he hoped that there would be a

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and re-edited after flopping in New York. **Page 6.**

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At least 88 students have already requested rooms in 500 Memorial Drive next year. **Page 10.**

# GA approves activities budget

By Frack Hrach

The General Assembly (GA) of the Undergraduate Association (UA) approved the 1981-82 student activities budget of \$81,000 at a meeting last Thursday, an increase over last year's figure by \$3,000.

The Finance Board (FinBoard) is now in the process of negotiating with Dean for Student Affairs Shirley M. McBay for a supplement of \$11,000 to this budget, according to Jason Weller '82, vice-chairman of FinBoard.

This is the second time that a motion to pass the 1981-82 student activities budget was considered at a GA meeting. On April 16 the GA tabled the motion because the budget was thought to be inadequate. The budget that was passed, however, is essentially the same as the one that was tabled three weeks ago.

The unallocated reserve of the 1981-82 budget, which is the money that FinBoard uses to finance unforeseen student activity requests, amounted to \$8,727. This is a decrease of more than \$5,000 from the previous budget.

FinBoard has submitted an itemized list of student activities needing additional funding, as well as a request for a \$3,000 increase in the unallocated reserve, to McBay as examples of the kind of additional funding that is needed, according to Weller.

Said Weller, "The decision about what activity should receive what money is a decision that the Finance Board has to make. The GA has passed a resolution stating that the process for supplementary budget should be no different than the regular yearly budget."

Weller explained, "I'm very much in limbo as to how the supplementary budget is going because no clearly-defined process has been set up between FinBoard and the Dean's Office." He added, "We're really asking for two things: one, to get a supplementary student activities budget for next year; and two, to set up some clearly-defined process for negotiation the budget."

Weller stressed that it must be an "annual process" because "students aren't in a position of leadership for that long." He said, "We need feedback from FinBoard, the chairman of the Activities Development Board, the Dean for Student Activities, and the Undergraduate Association President."

Weller also commented, "We have been promised a process by both Dean McBay and President Gray. Both indicated that they regret that it doesn't now exist." He quoted McBay as saying, "It should have existed already."



Protesters in charge of security at the March against US Intervention in El Salvador moved quickly to encircle members of the Unification Church who attempted to disrupt the demonstration. March organizers feared a violent interchange between protesters and the "Moonies" (Photo by Kevin Osborn)

## Protesters condemn El Salvador policy

By Kenneth Snow

Thousands of demonstrators marched on the Pentagon on Sunday protesting United States military aid to El Salvador, increased military spending, and budget cuts in social programs. The rally, organized by the People's Anti-War Mobilization, was the largest anti-war protest since the Vietnam protests of the early 1970's.

James H. Jones, Washington's deputy police chief in charge of the anti-riot force at the rally, estimated that there were approximately 20,000 protesters at the rally. Larry Holmes, co-chairman of the organization committee, es-

timated the crowd at over 100,000.

The Boston Alliance Against Registration and the Draft (BAARD) chartered 15 buses, with a total capacity of 800, for people in the Boston area.

One young man at the rally noted, "Reagan has done one good thing; he's brought together all these people."

At one point in the day, the protestors stretched from the Lincoln Memorial, across the Memorial Bridge over the Potomac, to the Pentagon's Mall steps. Speakers there addressed the crowds from an elevated platform.

There were no outbreaks of violence in spite of a counter-demonstration by about 500 people. This counter-demonstration was organized by the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles.

Thomas Van Huene, a junior from Brookline High School said, "It's time for the American people to take matters into their own hands. I want to show that I'm putting my foot down. It's very important that we stop this country from going into another country. It happened in Korea. It happened in Vietnam, and I think we ought to stop them."

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## World

**Allies agree on new plan for Namibia** — A plan has been approved by US Secretary of State Alexander Haig, Jr., and the foreign ministers of Canada, Britain, France, and West Germany calling for negotiations for a constitution for Namibia and other guarantees to persuade South Africa to stop blocking the mostly-black territory's independence. South Africa holds the UN mandate on Namibia and is fearful that independence will bring communist-dominated forces hostile to South Africa to power. Namibia is bordered by South Africa to the south and Cuban-allied Angola to the north.

**Hunger striker dies** — Bobby Sands, the convicted Irish Catholic nationalist and recently-elected member of the British Parliament, died last night in Maze Prison near Belfast after a 2-day coma and a 66-day hunger strike. Sands, 27, was a member of the outlawed Provisional Irish Republican Army serving 14 years for a weapons charge who began his hunger strike to press for political-prisoner status. It is expected that his death will spark violent riots between Northern Irish Roman Catholics and Protestants.

## Nation

**Reagan nominee assailed on the Hill** — John B. Crowell, Jr., whose nomination to oversee the Forestry Service has been blocked for over a month in Senate committee hearings and floor actions, is under growing pressure to withdraw his name from consideration as assistant secretary of agriculture. A subsidiary of Louisiana-Pacific Corporation, the firm for which Crowell was counsel general, has been found guilty of price-fixing and control of the timber market in the nation's largest woodland, Alaska's Tongass National Forest, while Crowell was employed there.

**OMB becomes "clearinghouse" for all regulations** — A February 17 directive signed by President Ronald Reagan has given the Office of Management and Budget final authority over all federal regulations formerly controlled by regulatory agencies such as the EPA. A top OMB official, James C. Miller III, has called the OMB "the toughest kid on the block." The change is a major transformation for the OMB, which formerly oversaw only preparation of the president's budget.

**New talks sought in 38-day old miners' strike** — United Mine Workers President Sam Church has called on the mine owners to re-open negotiations in the strike by 100,000 of the nation's soft coal miners. The owners' chief mediator, B. R. Brown, said he's ready to begin talks when "they put real negotiations on the table instead of a long list of demands."

## Local

**MBTA chairman suspended** — Barry M. Locke, Massachusetts Transportation and Construction Secretary and MBTA chairman, was suspended without pay from his jobs by governor Edward J. King Saturday night over allegations of payoffs involving MBTA contracts. The probe is being conducted by Attorney General Francis X. Bellotti, who is considering bringing the matter to a Suffolk County Superior Court grand jury this week. The investigation is focusing on MBTA leases at South Station and a New York firm with \$1 million contracts for advertising on T buses, trains, and stations. Locke's only public comment on the allegations has been "I don't know anything about it."

Robert W. Leishman

## Weather

Generally cloudy until Thursday, although perhaps there will be some periods of sun today. Cool northeasterly winds will keep temperatures in the upper 50's or low 60's, higher where the sun peeks through. Lows in the 40's tonight and Wednesday night. There will be occasional rain through the period, becoming most likely tomorrow. Highs Wednesday in the middle 60's. Chance of rain 40 percent today, 60 percent tomorrow.

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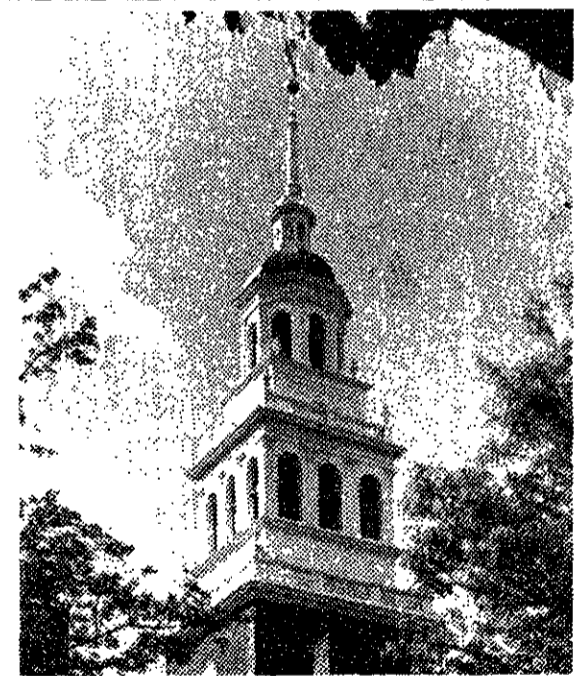
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## Editorial

## Hows and whys of funding activities

The level of funding for student activities has remained essentially unchanged for the last decade, while inflation has steadily worn away the value of this money. Although student groups have been asking for increased funding for years, Paul Gray told a GA meeting three weeks ago that he was not aware of the problem until that day. Gray's comment is symbolic of the lack of communication between the administration and students over funding and other problems of student activities.

Student activities play a vital role in enriching the character of life at MIT. A wide variety of student groups provide entertainment and excitement to keep students away from textbooks, foster new friendships, bring together students on a campus where there is a dearth of student interaction, and create diversity in what might otherwise be an excessively science- and technology-oriented environment. Many groups provide their members with new skills and, in some cases, pre-professional training. Student activities broaden the college experience of their members and help relieve the relentless pace of MIT.

Some large groups can furnish their own operating funds, but most depend on FinBoard and other outside sources for funding. The Office of the Dean for Student Affairs, which allocates FinBoard's budget, should pay greater attention to the funding needs of these student groups. Students should cooperate with the administration in deciding the size of the student activity budget, following the provisions of a GA resolution calling for a framework for consultation between the student government and the Dean for Student Affairs on future FinBoard budgets. Such a framework is indispensable to a proper student budget process.

The Dean for Student Affairs office must supplement next year's FinBoard budget to compensate for the continued effects of inflation and to fund unfilled requests. This money should be allocated by FinBoard, not the DSA, based on student priorities rather than administration interests. More money shouldn't mean more strings.

## Visit the committee

The Institute's dangerous dependence on precedent has predictably prevented any change in the scheduling of the Corporation Visiting Committee on Student Affairs open meeting with students. Although Friday evening at 7:30 is a time better suited to socializing, it is imperative that students postpone their weekend's activities and meet with the committee.

The advisory committee, in one of its irregular visits, is investigating undergraduate academic support. Recommendations will eventually be made to the Corporation Executive Committee, and changes may even follow. In the past, the committee has examined various aspects of the Dean's Office, ranging from advising to housing to athletics, with varying degrees of success.

No one is better qualified than students to assess the adequacy of undergraduate academic support programs at MIT. These programs are designed to help students, so students should help design the programs. Students at MIT find no shortage of topics about which to complain, while people to whom they can complain are difficult to locate. Despite the awkward scheduling, students should take advantage of this rare opportunity.

Comments need not be confined to undergraduate academic support. This is the first Visiting Committee meeting since the re-organization of the Dean's Office, and opinions about the effectiveness of the new structure would undoubtedly be appreciated. Many students are also highly qualified to assess the effectiveness of the counseling, student activities, and residence sections of the Dean's Office.

There is no guarantee that student input will be respected—there never is. The Dean's Office is, however, the administrative unit primarily responsible for undergraduate education, and insuring its continuing effectiveness is an important task for students.

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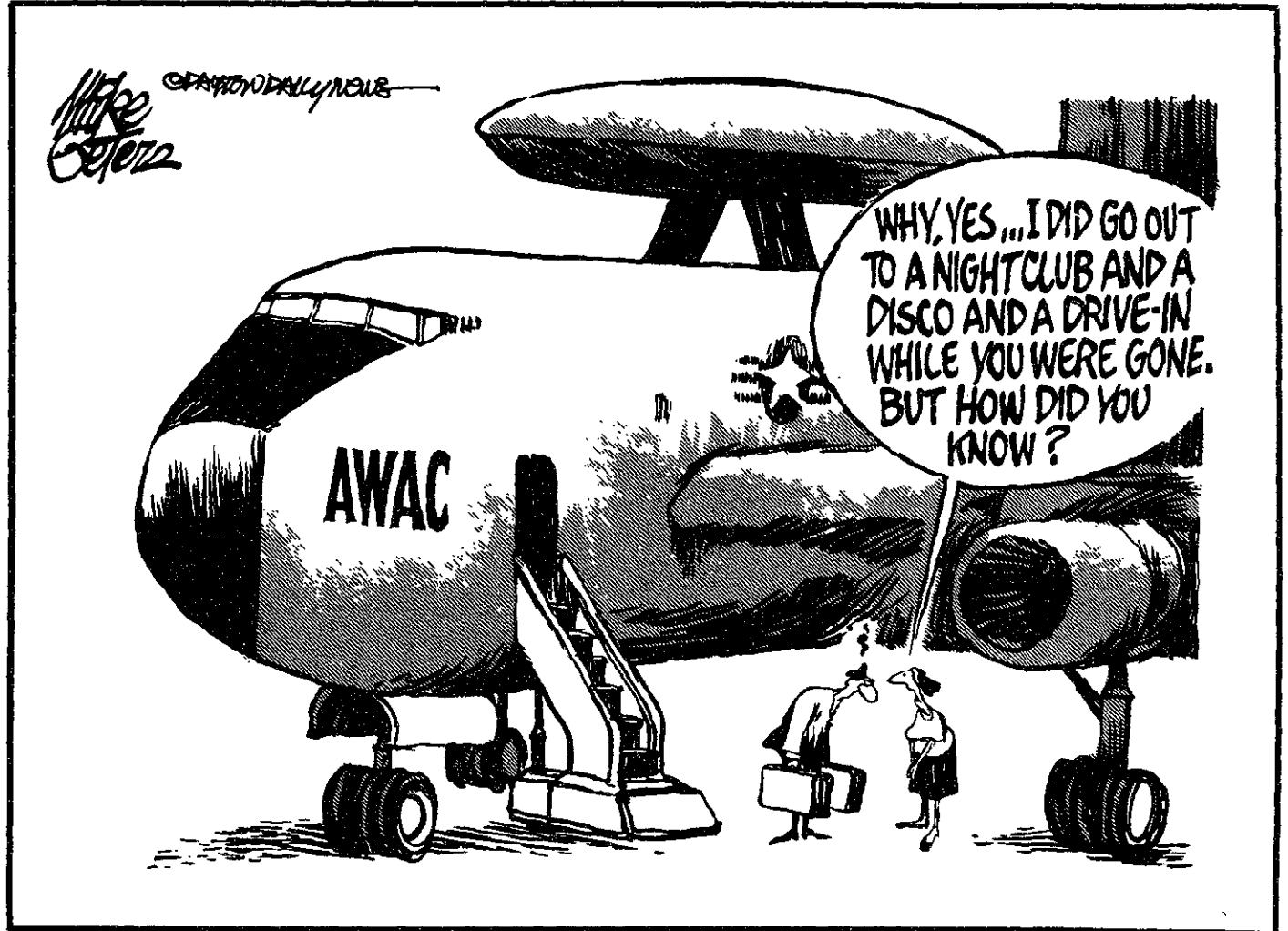
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## Guest Column

## Dealing with sexuality

(Editor's note: The name of the author of this column has been withheld at his request.)

A few Sundays back, the LSC movie was *Twelve Angry Men*. For those who missed it, it's a 1957 drama about bigotry and prejudice in the context of a jury making its decision. The rap? First degree murder with a mandatory death penalty. A little distant from sex, you think. But the gap was closed recently with a mock rally—capital punishment for homosexuals. The discussion since then has been limited, so I wish to add one more story.

The town I grew up in was a wealthy suburb which provided its children with one of the best education tax dollars could provide. We were taught not only facts but how to conceptualize, solve problems and lead. There was no question that we would go to college and become leaders of society thereafter.

But, when I got to college, I was confronted with a question I had ignored for the most part in high school. It seemed I was gay; it seemed I was sexually attracted to men. I say "it seemed" because, like most people, I was brought up with little knowledge about homosexuality and a great deal of prejudice that it was bad. How could I be gay? I didn't choose to be. What was I going to do? It was one of the most panic-stricken realizations of my life that I was now going to be deemed totally unfit and unacceptable for society. This despite years of training and encouragement, years of being told I was a capable young man with great potential; it was over.

To make matters more confusing, I didn't particularly enjoy sex with men even though I was strongly attracted to them, although this has changed. Conversely, I did enjoy sex with women but was not easily attracted to them.

Somewhere along the line I decided to take time off from school. I started working and I started seeing a counselor. From him I learned that the first question to be addressed was how I related to people, not whether I was gay or straight. The question was how was I comfortable and how to develop a good self-image. This process of understanding oneself, developing a good self-image, and then a public position, is what gays refer to as coming

out. In fact, everyone goes through it more or less consciously, whatever their sexuality. It is a conscious process for gays because of the condemnatory attitudes prevalent in society.

One time I was home visiting my parents and discovered that the Governor of Connecticut, Ella Grasso, was holding citizens hours in town. Mrs. Grasso was personally a very conservative Catholic, opposed to civil rights legislation for gays. I went to talk to her about that. One of her comments exemplified the gap in understanding that exists about sexuality. She was concerned that allowing gay groups on campuses would result in pressure on others to become gay.

And what about the pressure that gay students faced every day on and off campus, was my question. What pressure? The fear that you will be found out, the crude comments you may hear if you display affection toward someone you care about, the pressure of never discussing your true feelings when others discuss theirs, and much more.

But, to many people, that pressure is either invisible or only proper. Homosexuality isn't normal, so it should not be treated as if it were acceptable. I have heard that argument for a long time. For years I tried to find an analogy to explain my view to people. I have thought of one, but

it is one that may make people at MIT too nervous to be willing to consider it honestly. The analogy is intelligence.

Just how "normal" are those few supersmart people (like us) running around in this world? That question starkly illustrates the lack of clarity with which "normal" is used. One isn't likely to refer to smart people as abnormal but they are hardly the norm, the average, the common person. Being smart is perfectly "natural." Well, is it? In some ways it is. Smart people are a reoccurring human phenomenon but they're also rather unusual and different. So do you call smart people unnatural, sick, or immoral just because 90 percent of the population isn't? Well, if you know much history, you know that there have been more than a few cases when that was what was said. One wonders just how humorous Galileo or Copernicus would have found a rally preaching capital punishment for geniuses.

The analogy is not trivial, either. Nobody knows exactly what intelligence is or how it develops. There are clearly genetic, environmental, nutritional, and hormonal factors, to name a few. A similar multiplicity of factors is no doubt involved in sexuality. While many would have you believe there are

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**feedback**

## Stress fun of Olympiad

To the Editor:

Concerning the dispute surrounding the overall winner of the Spring Olympiad, I feel that it is appropriate that an alternative view be aired. As a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, I would like to offer my personal interpretation of the ambiguities in the rules so that everyone can judge the situation for themselves.

It is evident to me that an entire living group does not constitute the only means of forming a team: when people from various living groups decide to compete together, they are a team; when a single floor in a dormitory develops a strong identification with itself, lending primacy to its own concerns over that of the whole, it often competes independently, such as McCormick 7th west or New House 4—they too are an individual team.

The only manner that such entities may distinguish themselves as part of a larger group is to clearly define themselves accordingly at the outset. Both documentation and consistent precedent appear lacking in Burton's claim to unified competition: their failure to register as a cohesive, single unit and their repeated break-down into separate IM teams only appends an after-the-fact air to their revised claims.

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# Opinion

## An analogy for sexuality

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continuous gradations of intelligence but only the antithetical cases of homo- or heterosexuality, that is hardly true. There is sexuality and it has a wide range of expressions, although societies have tended to be more judgmental about the "proper" conduct in sexuality than in intelligence.

Perhaps some thought about this analogy will lead to greater understanding and less bigotry. There are sensible reasons why a society would want to encourage lasting heterosexual relationships: procreation, for instance. But, if heterosexual relationships are all they're cracked up to be, it seems absurd to use persecution of those in other situations as persuasion to be involved in heterosexual relationships. All too often, in

fact, attacks on homosexuality are diversions from the very real and very hard work that needs to be done for relationships to be successful. Anita Bryant's "Save Our Children" crusade never addressed questions of child abuse, economic inability of parents to stay home for child care, lack of day care for children of working parents, inadequate child nutrition, and on and on. Rather, it was a rally for bigotry and violence against gays that Bryant herself later wished had only been a mock affair. The joke just is not funny; the damage it causes is all too real.

The hardest decision to make about this piece is whether it should be published with my name or not. The reasons are many, including personal modesty. My family and many of

my friends know something about my sexuality, so that's not the problem. The problem is the boxes into which people stick others. I generally don't fit very well into any mass-produced cubicles. For instance, I consider it possible and of interest to have a woman lover and a family although I can't say how that would affect my relationships with men. I make no claims that my lifestyle is the best for others, but I do claim it is an honest and satisfactory one for myself given the complex family, genetic, and social influences from which I developed. For that, I expect the respectful behavior from society to which we are all due. I think it is time everyone started dealing honestly with their own sexuality and stopped being ignorant and judgmental about that of others.

## feedback

### Stop reading this and learn

To the Editor:

Consider the following description:

In the fetid heat I hear the murmur of a multitude of conversations. The tart, fruity smell of peach yogurt touches my nose, and as I glance to my right I see a young man sprawled on his chair leisurely reading the latest issue of *The Tech*.

There is nothing wrong with this scene if it takes place in the Great Court, in a dorm lounge, or even in a bus station. Unfortunately, when I made these observations I was attempting to benefit from a 6.003 lecture in Huntington Hall (Room 10-250).

When considered collectively, MIT students are as rude and obnoxious as a pack of spoiled ninth graders. I find it increasingly annoying being in a lecture seeking some return on my exorbitant tuition only to have my effort thwarted by inconsiderate classmates.

Why is it that students find it impossible to allocate some time in their busy schedules outside lecture hours to stuff their faces and exchange gossip? I can understand that there are occasionally circumstances where, due to some pressing time constraint, a student will find it necessary to eat in class. What I find intolerable is that some of these same students seem unable to display the common courtesy of cleaning up their garbage after their ill-timed munch. All too often we have to wade through balls of tin foil, Saran Wrap,

yogurt cups, and crumpled paper bags to find seats.

Perhaps if the students would just for a moment consider the world from the lecturer's point of view they would begin to understand why it is that our reknown professors seem to be becoming less and less sympathetic toward the needs of individuals in the class. What they might see on a typical day is a bank of open newspapers, a sea of bored-looking faces (some with the inevitable yogurt spoon in the mouth), and perhaps, if they are lucky, a few interested students bravely trying to make out their words over the buzz of conversation and the snores of the less energetic.

By far the most frustrating habit of MIT students is that of evacuating a lecture hall at precisely N:55 without regard for the closing words of the lecturer. This is just plain rude. Why is it so imperative that people leave promptly at five minutes of? Will the thirty seconds or even (God forbid!!) two minutes that it might take for the lecturer to finish up really make that much difference? Does it truly take the average MIT student 10 minutes to amble from one class to another? Again I can comprehend that there are times when people do indeed need to leave at five 'till, but I would think that these people would consider sitting on the edge of the aisles, where they will disturb a minimum number of people in their mad rush for the door.

It would be nice to believe that publishing this letter will make a

difference... I'm not so naive. People may read it but will, in any case, continue in their set ways. My only hope is that maybe, just maybe someone will think about it. Maybe someone will wake up and say "hummm things don't have to be this way..." Maybe one of those people reading your newspaper and eating yogurt in lecture will stop, reflect, and put the paper down until the lecture is over.

John Gonzalez '82

## Olympiad is fun

(continued from page 4)

Understanding the true spirit of the Spring Olympiad, however, I heartily support the decision of the UA Social Council Olympiad Committee and the professional manner with which the dispute was handled. I realize that if either team was singly announced the winner, the wrath of the "loser" could possibly create hostilities and drive a wedge between the dormitory and fraternity systems. I would like to reiterate my appreciation to all who put time and effort into the planning and running of the Olympiad, because the Olympiad provided me, along with many others, with a source of entertainment and friendly competition. Ideally, the self-satisfaction and enjoyment brought about by the weekend should outweigh the significance of any trophy.

I hope that next year, the Olympiad publicity will stress the fun of the weekend and not the cutthroat competition. The Olympiad Committee has made a wise decision eliminating as much sour aftertaste as possible with such a tender situation. I for one will be there again next year, ready to jump in the mud of the obstacle course, eat as much ice cream as I can, or get real close to someone inside of a Volkswagen. Win or lose, I will undoubtedly have a great time doing it.

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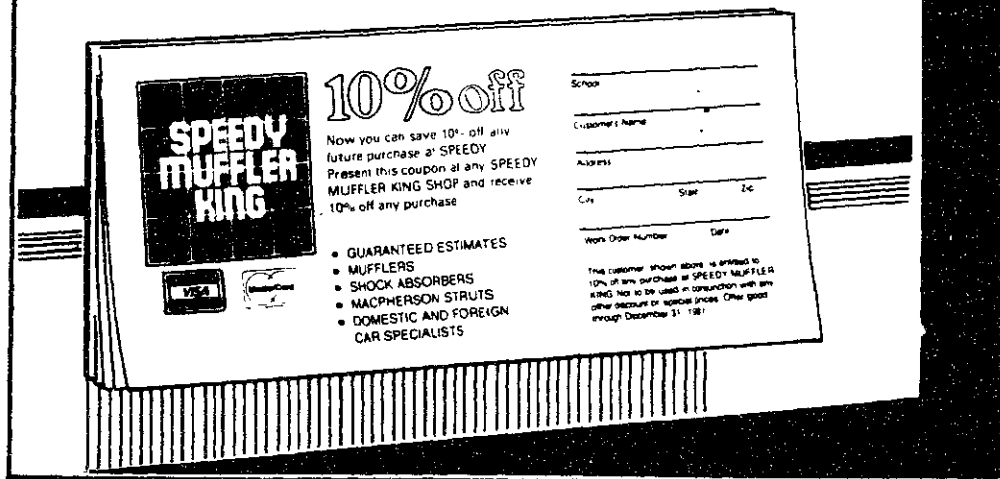
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## Critic Hates Heaven's Gate

**Heaven's Gate**, starring Kris Kristoferson, Christopher Walken, Jeff Bridges and John Hurt. Directed by Michael Cimino, a United Artists release, now playing at the Sack Charles.

Reviewing Michael Cimino's *Heaven's Gate* is a depressing task. Why perform a post-mortem on a movie that was pronounced dead on arrival last Christmas? Well, because United Artists is trying to pass this off to the public as the "most controversial, talked-about movie of the year," that's why. I really can't blame them. They sank some ungodly amount of money (I've heard guesstimates of \$30 million) into this project on the strength of Cimino's previous film, *The Deer Hunter*. What they got for their Christmas dinner was a real turkey — it was practically booed off the screen by New York critics, and was quickly yanked into "post-production" work. In a desperate attempt to recoup some of the investor's dough, a small army of editors (the credits must list half a dozen) managed to resuscitate the beast for national release. But *Heaven's Gate* is no phoenix rising from its own ashes; it's more like a Hollywood Frankenstein.

The film opens at Harvard (although it looks more like Oxford or Cambridge) in 1870. Boyish-and-charming Kris Kristoferson is graduating. There are lots of

crowds, lots of bands, a few shots of Joseph Cotten orating something stupid, lots of shafts of golden, remembered light, and dozens of carefree couples swirling about in the yard to the strains of *The Blue Danube*. Cimino soon cuts ahead some twenty years (offering us no discernible link) to mature-and-melancholy-but-still-charming Kris K. trying to keep law and order in a remote county in Wyoming. It seems the immigrants who inhabit this patch of land are slaughtering the grazing livestock owned by some huge Engulf & Devour-type corporation. Somewhat piqued by this senseless "anarchy," and doubting the capabilities of local henchman Christopher Walken to keep "order," E & D decides to move in with an army of their own and wipe out these immigrants (repeatedly termed "thieves and anarchists" in Cimino's witless dialogue). Of course Kris K., the honorable but disillusioned populist, has other ideas, but he's distracted by local madame Isabelle Huppert, who innocently accepts stolen cattle as payment for services rendered, thereby landing herself (gasp!) on E & D's Death List. It seems Isabelle is enamored of both Kris K. and Chris W., who are both waiting for her to decide between them (and their respective philosophies, of course). As the E & D posse closes in on our little county, her choice becomes a rather urgent decision.

Or so Cimino wishes we would believe. His swollen epic doesn't generate an ounce of tension or a volt of suspense. The only thing which could save a simplistic, cliched plot such as this would be swift pacing, but this film alternately leaps and crawls (if this is the best a platoon of editors could do, then I pity those who had to sit through the first version). Cimino apparently isn't smart enough to guess at the preposterousness of his own script (the executive board of E & D also captains the death posse, for instance) and so does nothing to hide its faults. His plot interests him not a jot. What does concern him then?

Nostalgia. Self-pity. Seventh-grade social studies. These are what is at the heart of *Heaven's Gate*. Cimino spends what seems like hours of screen time on scenes like the dance at Harvard and the afternoon of Isabelle's birthday so he can emphasize how wonderful these isolated moments are amid the slough of despondency. It's too bad they seem so banal; perhaps if they were really entertaining we could understand Cimino's treasuring them so. And the bits of social philosophy he throws in here and there would make any high school graduate blush. To be blunt, this movie is virtually devoid of artistic content, but is overflowing with sentiment and pretension.

There are a few nice moments as we trudge along, but they feel more like happy accidents than the product of careful design. The performances are generally boring, with two exceptions. John Hurt manages to salvage his role as Kris K.'s Harvard comrade, but just barely, while Sam Waterson's cold-blooded E & D exec is just hilarious. It would be nice to be able to say, "At least it's a visual feast!" but alas, it's not even that. Cinematographer Vilmos Zsigmond has run amuck with the golden filters and the dusty-rays-of-the-sun-through-venetian-blinds effects; after about an hour of watching this movie we feel as if we were swimming in maple syrup, a sensation which the outpouring of sentiment does nothing to lessen.

In short, there was nothing I liked about this film, except the fact that it finally ended. Don't be suckered in by the ads, and try to resist your curiosity. There's no controversy here. Poor Michael Cimino and his sentimental epic don't really deserve to be bailed out.

Tom Garvey

Spring Sing, May 2, 8pm. Room 111  
 The Spring Sing, in the capable hands of Danny Griscom, was a huge success last year. It's low point luckily came at the end of the somewhat artificial "Nightowls" "performed." While I doubt that these ladies scored grand rounds in Make-up 100 (Vassar's average to 18.01), their lack of musical errors, were more than mildly entertaining. A middle-aged quartet called the Mystics came next and a humor they had indeed. Their in-cheek irreverence and yuck-mockery were aided by effective interesting from musical variety. The combination of piano, guitar, flutes, maracas and voices played), and varied sound, and a from the rest of the bill.

Finally, of course, came the Boogie Woogie Bugle Band. Precise rhythm and, after enjoying the sadistic pleasure of a calculator, he sang "with not a little pathos."

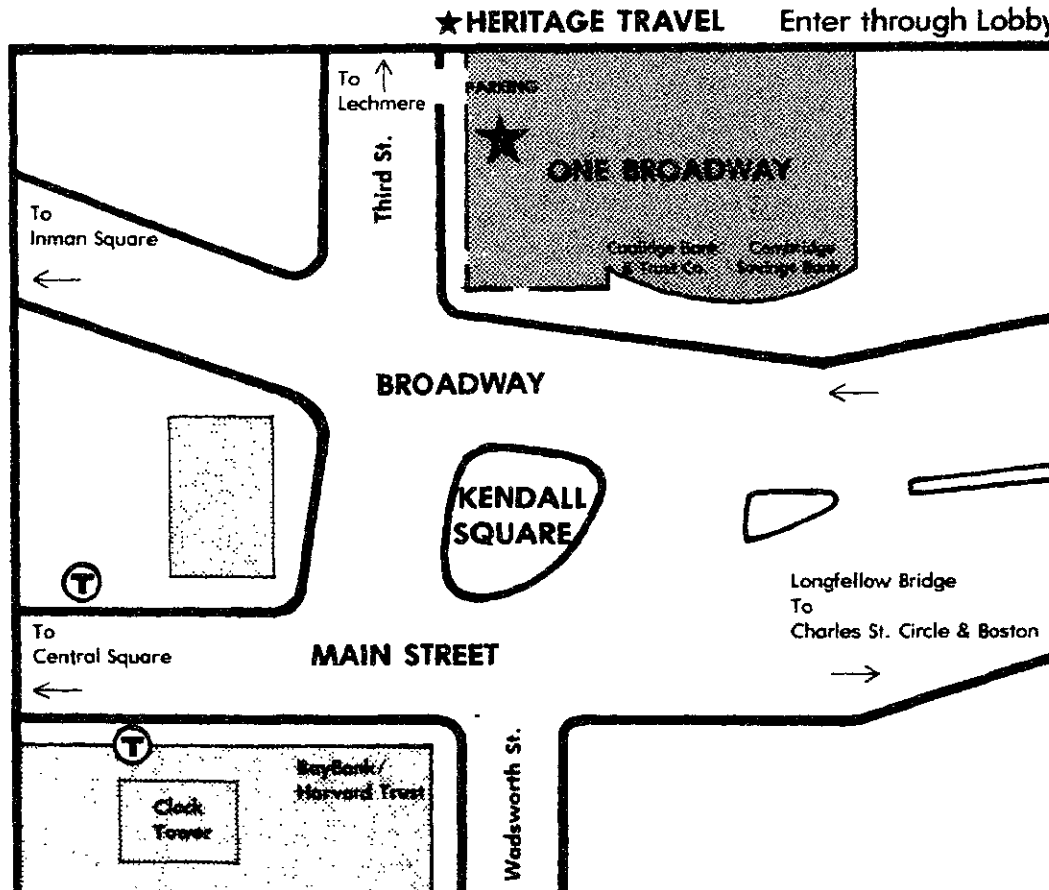
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# Dramashop's New Baby

Dramashop mounted an admirable production of Pulitzer prize winning play, *Buried Child*. The piece, one of Sam Shepard's newer works, is an account of the return of a grandson to his grandparent's home. There, he finds no one knows him or cares who he is. The central part of the story, however, is his family's revelation of a family secret to his traveling companion. True to Shepard's style, the stage is a "picture window": the audience observes passively. Visiting director David Wheeler seemed to minimize this effect by using the apron extensively, having the actors speak their monologues or dialogues to the side and more or less to the audience, and using *Self-Accusation* as a kind of frame to his ends.

Critic John Lahr points out that Shepard's characters "... are often plagued by inconcreteness, leaving the actors with ideas to play rather than characters." Given this built-in difficulty, the actors did a remarkable job. All the characters were believable except, perhaps, the preacher (Emil Millet). He seemed to

develop roots immediately upon entering: his lines were well-rehearsed and delivered on cue, but lacked dynamic backing. Edythe Frampton as Halie was credible, if a bit histrionic, and might have used a bit more subtlety in her expressions. There is no question, however, that Steve Solnick was made for the part of Tilden as he turned in a command performance as the moron. Bill Bryan, Steve Thornquist, and Dave Waggett (Bradley, Vince, and Dodge, respectively) all performed exquisitely as well, though Dave Waggett's own personality occasionally overshadowed his well-conceived characterization. Sue Botti exhibited her talents well as the carefree Shelly. She needs a bit more experience, though, to make all Shelly's lines her own.

The first production of the evening, *Self-Accusation*, by Austrian-born Peter Handke, is a theatrical exercise in biography. Called speak-ins (Sprechstucke), *Self-Accusation* and about four other pieces were a new form of theatre meant to make people aware of the limits of language imagery. Contradicting

Dramashop's production, Handke states: "The speak-ins have no action, since every action on stage would only be the picture of another action." The action in this case did detract from the speaking. If one disregards this unfaithfulness to Handke's intentions, however, the production becomes a mesmerizing experience, a sort of chant of meaningless words coming from all sides, accompanied by a modern dance which ranged all around the theatre. It effectively engulfs the audience and forces participation in the goings-on of the stage. Perhaps this is the mood Wheeler wanted to precede the Shepard play. One wonders whether another piece might have been just as effective without demanding so many deviations from the author's intended purpose. The actors were a plausible ensemble that worked well together and the choreography was inventive. Of the piece by itself, apart from its use as prelude to *Buried Child*, I can only quote Handke: "I suppose there's something to be said for not doing something well."

The production runs Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 7, 8, and 9 at eight o'clock in the Kresge Little Theatre. Tickets are \$3.50 (\$3.00 for students).

Jim Leatham

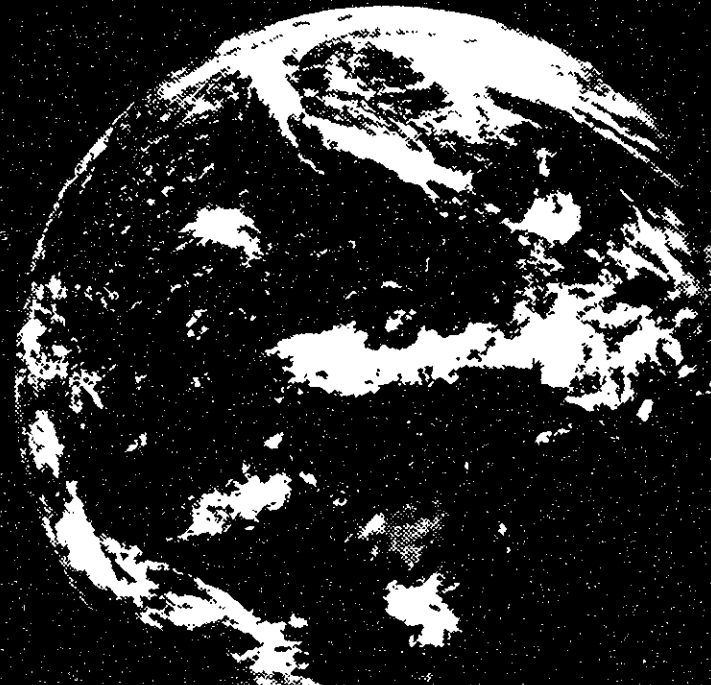


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Then there was an odd pause, a serious moment when we were all asked to reflect. The audience went silent. Realities from without the enchantment of Technology's confines were mentioned, and then the group sang "In His Heart There Burned a Flame" with a genuine passion; we were all struck pensive, united. How could there be a more eloquently managed to develop an MIT community spirit in the audience; they had also thought outwards, and integrated worldwide community. That is performance thorough; the discipline and coordination. "We Are the Family Fugue" and captivating... out win over the... in Richmond

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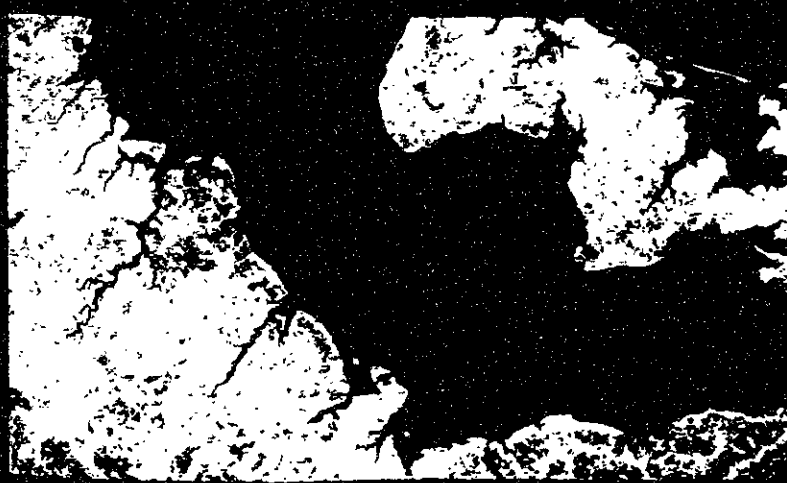


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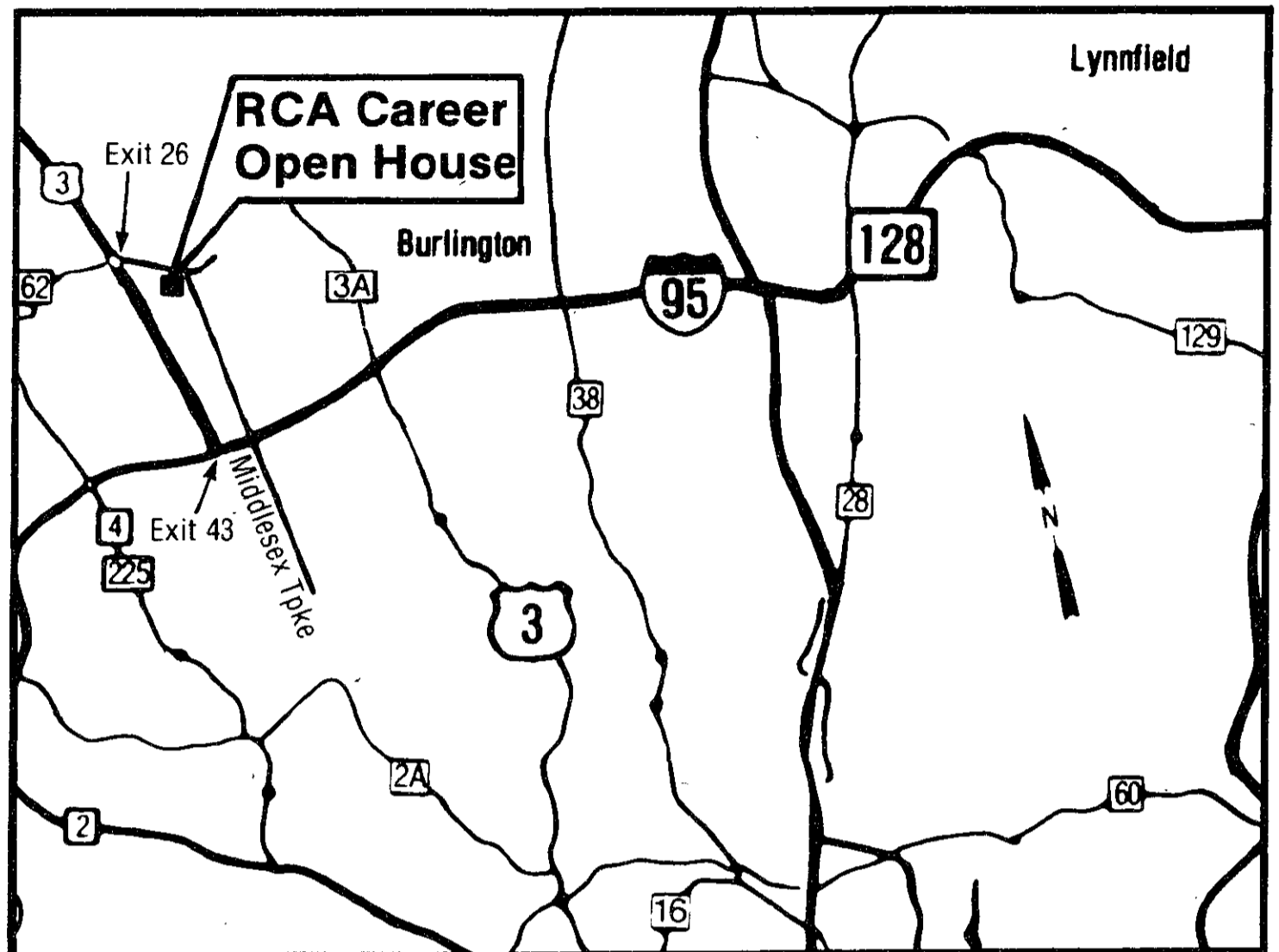


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# UJAN NEWS

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## SUMMER CONTACT

Concerned about a writing requirement, Freshman Pass/Fail, or a required computer class? These and other issues will be discussed at an open meeting Thursday, May 7 at 7pm in room 400 of the Student Center. Call the UA for more information (3-3916).

## COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

There will be an open forum with the MIT Corporation Visiting Committee on Student Affairs on Friday, May 8th in the West Lounge (2nd floor of the Student Center) from 7-9:30pm. This forum is open for all students to voice their concerns with undergraduate life at MIT. This visiting committee reports directly to the MIT Corporation, so make plans to attend and let your problems/praises be heard. For more information, call John DeRubeis or Ken Dumas at 3-2696 or drop by the UA Office (room 401 of the Student Center).

## YOUR VOICE CAN BE HEARD!

If you are planning an R/O event, please contact Denise Brush in 7-103 to find out what rooms and times are open and to be on the official list of events.

## R/O EVENTS

Each year the R/O Committee mails a packet to all freshmen with information flyers from student activities. (This mailing does not include living group information.) The cost is \$25 per 8 1/2 by 11 sheet in the packet. If your activity would like to be included in the packet, pick up an information sheet at 7-103, UASO. For more information, call Rhonda Peck, R/O Coordinator, at 5-9688 or Neal Lippman, R/O Packets, at 5-8390.

## FRESHMEN SUMMER PACKET

Would you like to be back at MIT R/O Week helping new students through orientation? Leave your name, address & phone number at UASO (Rm. 7-103). Questions? Call Rhonda Peck, R/O Coordinator, at 5-9688 or Cindy Pribble, R/O Manpower, at 3-3788.

## R/O 1981

## WILL YOU BE HERE OVER THE SUMMER?

The last "Preview" issue of the term was distributed Thursday, April 23. However, social events can be listed on "Partyline." Leave information in the SCC office (W20-347) or call 3-3916. The "Partyline" number is 3-3942.

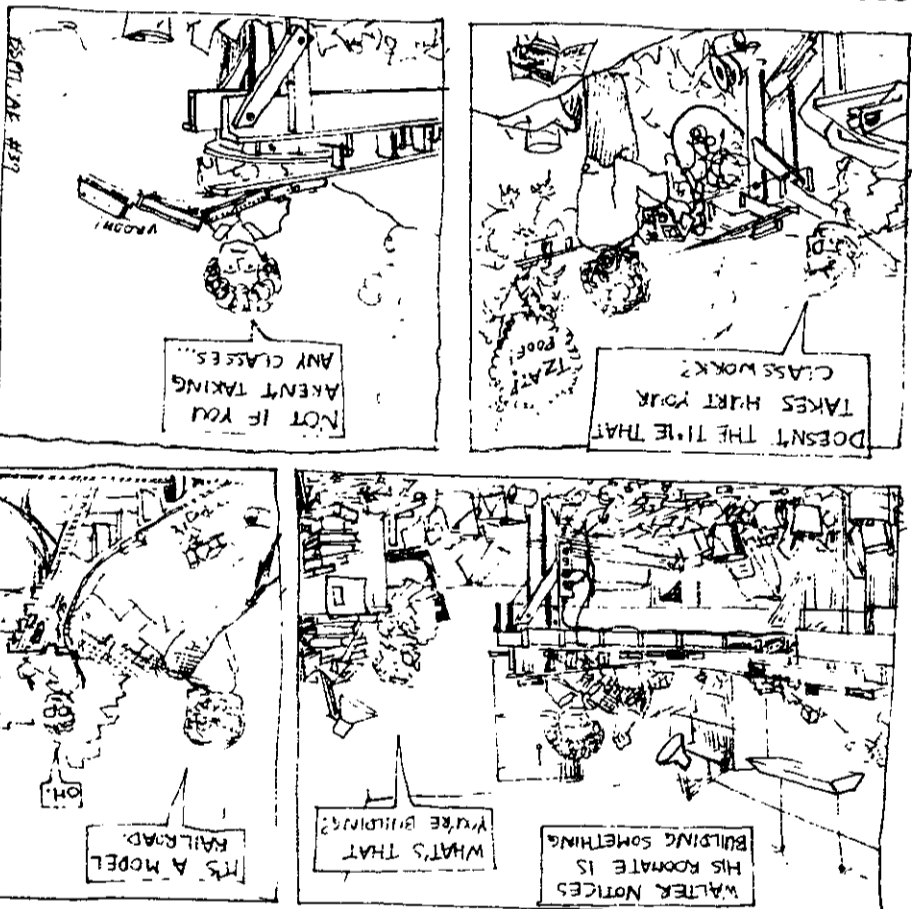
## PREVIEW

The 1983 Class Ring will be delivered on May 13 & 14 in Lobby 10. If you did not order a ring, you can do so then. All rings must be paid in full on the day you pick it up. Questions? Ask Ken Dumas (3-2696).

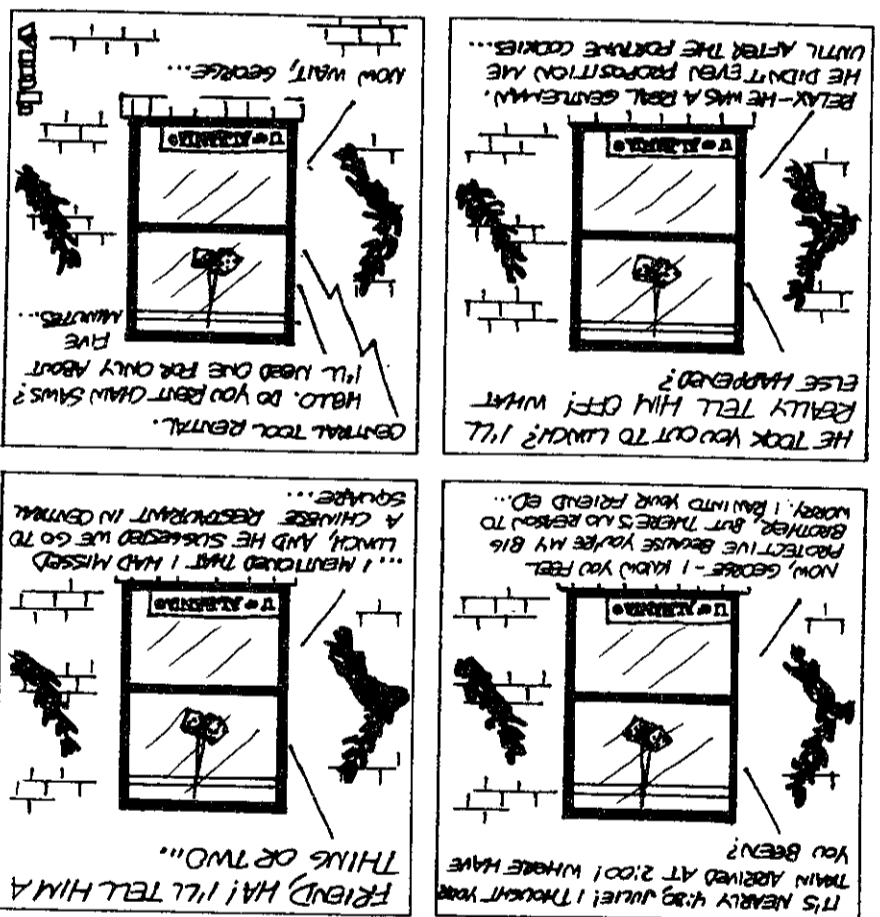
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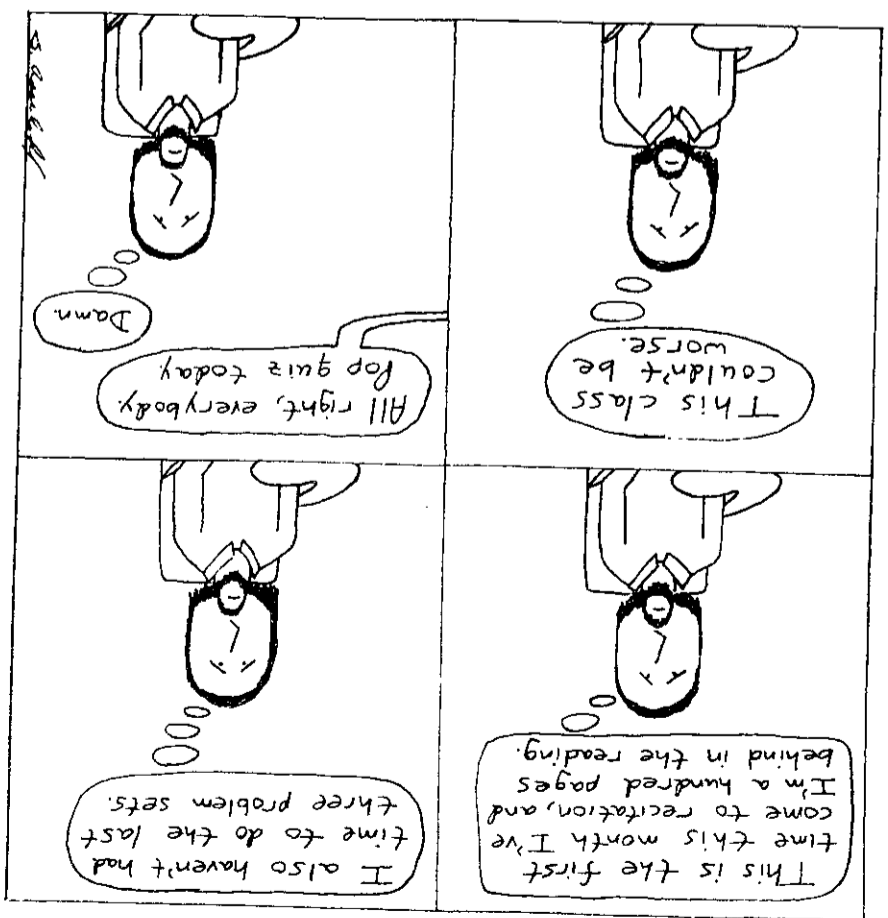
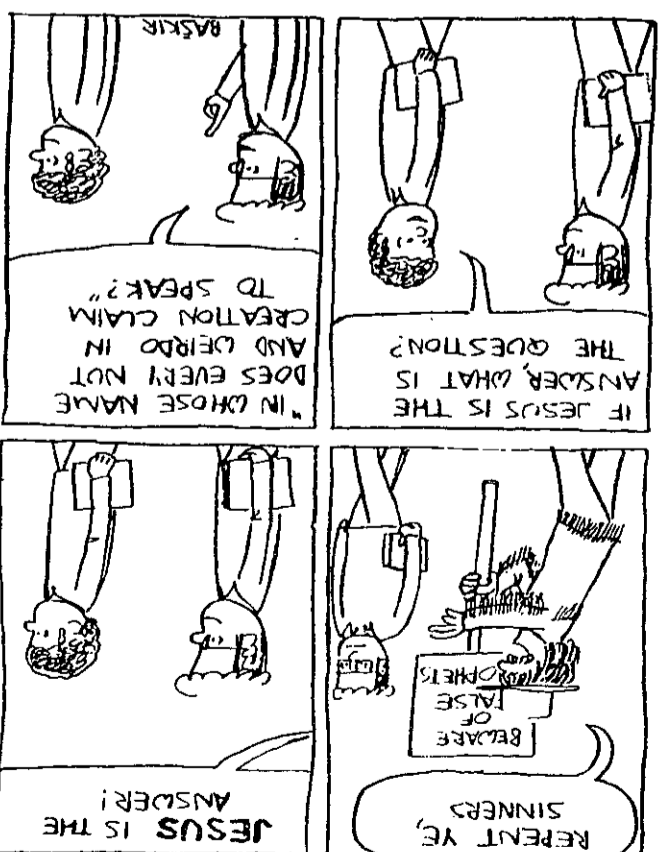
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## DON'T FORGET

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10.

The Undergraduate Association will be in full operation over the summer, so if you'll be here and would like to help out, come by the UA Office or call John DeRubeis (UAVP) or Ken Dumas (UAVP) at 3-2696. Get involved!

# City high-tech plans controversial

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 "good development, like Tech Square." He envisions a high-technology area that would provide some blue-collar jobs as a by-product. He said, "We're actively seeking new development opportunities" but that there were "no hard proposals at this point."

Roger Boothe, the Director of Urban Design in the Department of Community Development stated that it is "important not to polarize the discussion with regard to high-tech or housing" and that he is "looking for a compromise." He said that the neighborhood is concerned about housing. His department's proposal would allocate 10 percent of any housing over 10 units reserved for low and moderate income residences.

James Caragianis, a cofounder of the Riverside Cambridgeport Community Corporation, a citizens' group, said, "My position is that 80 percent of people want to see development on this site." He called the area "blighted" and noted that "crime is way up." He said, "We're a

high-tech area and blue-collar jobs are not coming this way."

Bill Cavellini, a member of the Simplex Steering Committee, a citizens' group opposing the CDD plan, called for a mixture of industry and housing in the area. "We don't want to see another Tech Square," he said. He stressed that he wanted a diversity of jobs and that he was "not opposed to hi-tech."

Cavellini claimed that "During the time period 1971-74, neighborhood residents uncovered secret plans by the MIT administration to develop the Simplex area." He said that MIT was not working with the Cambridge Planning Board at the time to ensure that local residents' needs were not being overlooked.

Cavellini explained that there had been a neighborhood referendum on Dec. 18, 1974. According to him, the vote was 700-29 approving low and moderate-income housing and light industry as priorities for development in the area.

When asked to compare MIT's expansion policies with those of Harvard, Truesdell commented, "There is some neighborhood

concern that MIT and Harvard will meet at Prospect Street and swallow the rest of the city." Cavellini also feels that Harvard's policies have been much less responsive to the needs of the surrounding community. He asserted, "Harvard historically and up to this day is worse than MIT — their arrogance is unparalleled

— they claim they were here first."

Seven of the nine city councilors must approve any proposal before it becomes binding. Only six votes would have been sufficient if MIT had not presented its petition. A final decision on the issue must be made by the City Council before July 14.

## 88 choose to live in new dormitory

By Stuart Gitlow

Eighty-eight students, including eleven women, have selected rooms in 500 Memorial Drive for the next academic year. Twenty-four rooms on the fourth floor have been set aside as a single-sex area; six women have chosen accommodations within this section.

"It seems as if we will have enough women asking for single-sex areas if next R/O [Residence/Orientation] is like last September's," said Robert A. Sherwood, Associate Dean for Student Affairs. "I believe there will be enough women to fill the area. [In addition to] possible overflows from McCormick, R/O activities will probably try to attract women to the dorm."

Each floor in the dormitory, with the exception of the co-ed fourth floor, is currently open to additional students wishing to move.

Barbara S. Chuck, Administrative Assistant in the Student Affairs Office, has announced a reception for the new residents of 500 Memorial Drive. The meeting, which is also open to students who have not decided where to live next year, will take place Thursday in the Bush Room at 7pm.

The meeting will "give people a chance to meet graduate residents, tutors, and the housemaster," said Chuck.

Chuck added that applications for those wishing to move to 500 Memorial Drive will be accepted throughout the summer.

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## DSA to consider student support

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to date" and "the elections also indicated a high interest on the part of the four classes. . ."

It is noted that it is still difficult to "accommodate the many demands within the community for [Kresge Auditorium], Walker Memorial, the [Student Center], and the Burton-Connor Dining Hall." Talbot House reportedly has full occupancy during term weekends and throughout the Independent Activities Activities Period (IAP).

Other priorities contained in the report are for reinforcing the

existing spirit of cooperation between the Dean's Office and the Campus Police, improving services to graduate students, increasing visibility of special support activities for minorities and women students, and assessing the effectiveness of services to fraternities.

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# sports

## Fans hysterical after comeback

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Bobby Jones pass. Robert Parish hit a jumper. 89-87 with 3:44 to go. Noise and silence. Expectation and despair.

Parish rejects a Darryl Dawkins dunk attempt. Tiny Archibald steals a Lionel Hollins pass, and Bird is fouled, making two of three. 89-89 at 2:51. The Celtics fans BELIEVED. The Sixer crowd wondered.

Erving missed a 22-footer, but Philly retains the ball. Another attempt by Dr. J. is rejected by Bird. Hollins misses a 22-footer. But Boston can't score either. The tension built. And built. Dawkins misses one from in close with Parish in his shorts. Bird (who else) picks up the loose ball as bodies litter the floor under the Sixer hoop and drives down the court to pull-up for a jumper. SWISH. Explosion. Boston 91, Philly 89 with 1:07 left. Elation and gloom. The time out lasts for hours.

Dr. J. has a pass stolen by M. L. Carr (17 gutsy minutes), which is shortly stolen by Hollins. He is fouled with 29 seconds to go. Philly fans see a glimmer of hope. Hollins misses the first. DOOM. He makes the second, but that's it. NO PENALTY. the Celtics fourth foul of the quarter. 91-90. The first Sixer point since 5:24.

The Celtics ran 23 seconds off the clock before Carr missed a

jumper and four more seconds before Bobby Jones ripped the ball from Parish (who had rebounded) and called time. One second left. Jones' inbound pass bounced off the backboard to Maxwell. THE END.

And the beginning of the celebration! The noise from we Celtic fans drowned out the crowd at the Garden (which was booming from the speaker). People jumped and clapped and SCREAMED and screamed. But a few just walked quietly away.

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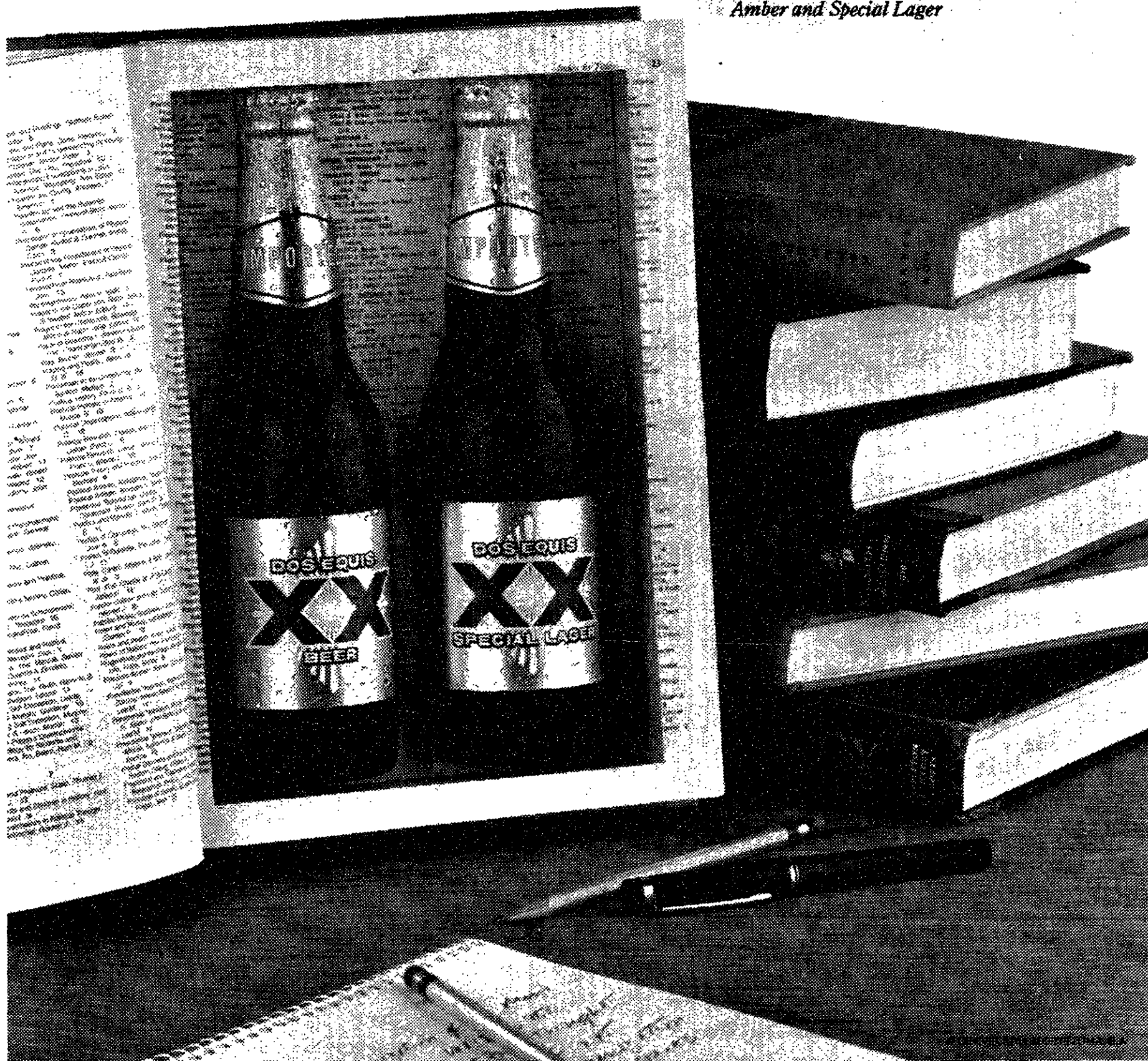
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# sports

## sports update

Robert W. Leishman

### Stud. Center TV shows Celtic win

**Softball** — Down 6-0 after the first inning, the women's softball team rallied back to edge Brandeis 9-8 on Briggs Field Saturday. MIT scored two runs in the seventh on a wild pitch and a single by Lisa Richardson '82 to win its second straight. Friday afternoon, Tech whipped Regis, 20-6.

**Baseball** — The Engineers split a pair with the Engineers from WPI Saturday at Worcester. MIT cruised in the first game by a 7-2 margin, led by Carl Nowiszewski's five-hit pitching, but WPI came back to take the nightcap, 8-5. MIT goes on the road to play the Northeastern Huskies Wednesday, and closes out the spring with a doubleheader here against Tufts Saturday.

**Lacrosse** — John Laplante continues his assault on enemy defenders. The junior middle from Foxboro scored six goals Saturday as Tech easily disposed of Brandeis 14-8, in action at MIT. MIT scored eight times in the first quarter and was never seriously challenged. Bates invades Cambridge for the last intercollegiate game of the season today at 3pm.

**Crew** — The lightweights were the story of the day, as they won handily Saturday on the Charles River. The varsity (6:09.2 over the 2000 meter course), second varsity (6:10.0), and freshmen (6:23.5) eights all took their races against boats from Rutgers and Coast Guard.

The women traveled to Worcester's Lake Quinsigamond for the New England Invitational. The varsity eights took fourth versus UConn, UMass,

Smith, New Hampshire, and Amherst, the JV eights took fifth, and the varsity fours (consisting of bow Heather Preston '82, Monique Buellesbach '82, Joan Purdy '82, stroke Catherine Markham '81, and cox Janet Jozwiak '82) pulled off a win in a time of 8:03.6, edging Wellesley by only two-tenths of a second.

MIT's heavyweights had a tough day at the Cochrane Cup hosted by Dartmouth. Although the first frosh eight managed a solid seven-second win over the host schol, Dartmouth and visiting Wisconsin took over in the other three races. The Badgers won the varsity race by only two-tenths of a second over Dartmouth, while the Engineers were a distant third.

**Sailing** — MIT's women sailors finished tenth at the Jerry Reed Trophy regatta outside Providence. The meet was scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, but high winds forced the cancellation of Sunday's racing. BU won the event, while Brown earned second in the eleven-school regatta. Melissa Miller '83, Michelle Bagdis '84, Lina Janavicius '82, and Dominique Grey '84 were in the boats for MIT. The season wasn't a particularly good one for Tech, but Coach Stu Nelson has high hopes for '81-'82.

Saturday, the men won third-place honors at the Oberg Trophy at Harvard. Dave Kuller '81 highlighted the day for the Engineers by winning his division, while Captain Steve Dalton '81 took runners-up in his division.

There were shouts of joy, wild applause, moans of despair, and flaming at the officials. And the score was but 3-2. The intensity of the Celtic and Sixer fans watching the large screen TV inside and outside the TV lounge in the Student Center Sunday afternoon was almost equal to that at the Boston Garden.

This was it. Game seven of the NBA Eastern Conference finals. The thirteenth meeting of the two best basketball teams in the world. The Boston Celtics vs. the Philadelphia 76ers.

My fellow Celtic fanatics and I had the worst of it for most of the game. We sat back (or stood nervously) as the Sixers took a double-digit first quarter lead to the joy of the twenty or so supporters of the men in red. Then the Celts came back, cutting the lead to five at the quarter, enlivening the variable crowd of 40 to 80 fans of the local boys. Ditto in the second period. And

again in the third as Boston cut it to one, only to fall behind 69-58, then fight back to a 75-71 third quarter deficit.

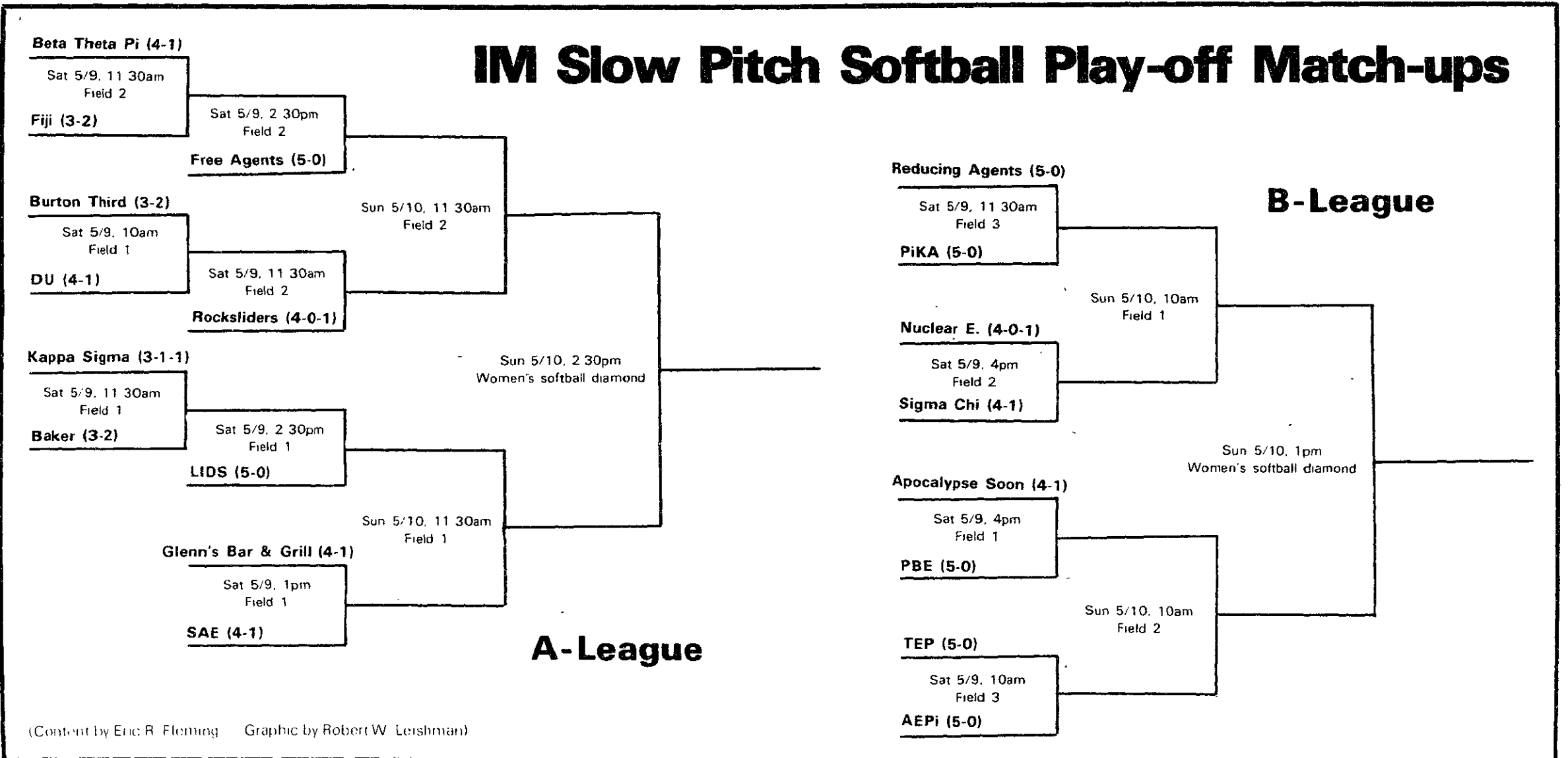
We muttered to each other about the Boston comebacks of games five and six. Could they do IT AGAIN? "They have to, there's no denying them now." "No way." "I know they will." Then the fourth period began.

The Celtics ran off eight unanswered points. Bedlam. Standing ovations. Then almost seven game-minutes (that seemed like months) where the Sixers were the only team to score. Equal exultation by the Philly contingent. The Sixers led 89-82 with but 5:24 to play after a Julius Erving special.

Then IT happened. Andrew Toney, the unstoppable Sixer guard of the early games, missed a jumper and Cedric Maxwell hit one of two free throws. Larry Bird stole an Erving pass, then a

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## IM Slow Pitch Softball Play-off Match-ups



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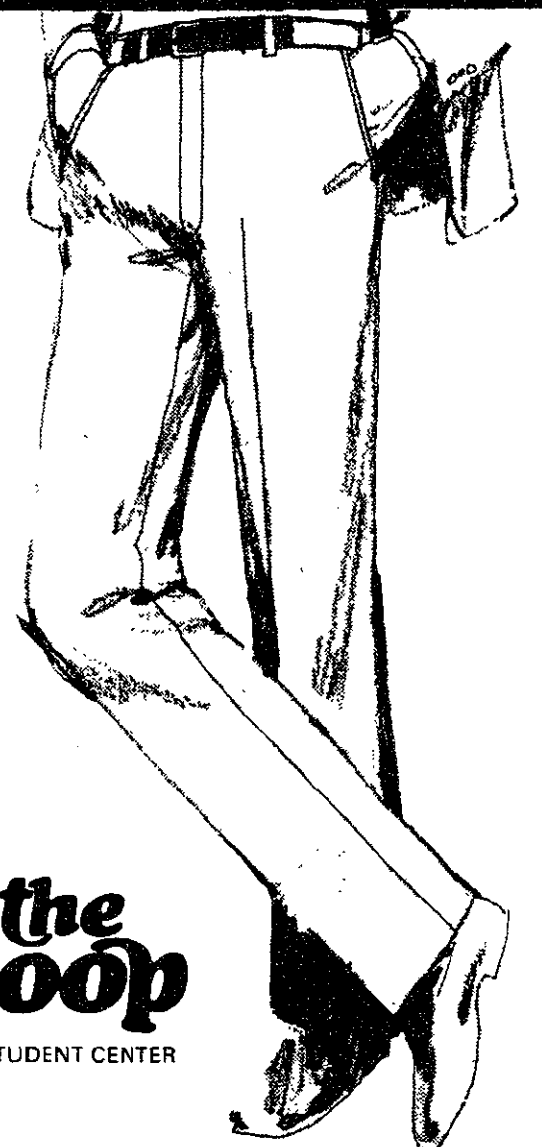
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