



The US House of Representatives Subcommittee on Science, Research, and Technology took testimony in the Kresge Little Theatre last Tuesday. (Photo by Jim Vlcek)

## Two armed robberies hit MIT campus and vicinity

By Laura Farhie

A Harvard graduate student suffered minor injuries when her car and other possessions were stolen at knife point near the Hayden Library, Friday evening. The incident occurred just three days after another armed robbery took place on the MIT campus.

According to the Harvard student, a black youth around sixteen years old jumped on her as she was getting out of her car, which was parked on Memorial Drive. The youth forced her back into her car and climbed in next to her. She recalled, "I started struggling, trying to kick him out."

The assailant opened a car door to allow a second black youth, carrying a blunt knife, into the car. "I grabbed his hand and tried to get it [the knife] out of his hand," the victim recalled. She

a mistake, because the youth with the knife began "poking" her with it.

The victim reported that she tried to draw public attention to the incident by honking her car horn. As a result, "The other guy began beating me," she said.

She asked her assailants if they were planning to rape her; they replied that they only wanted her car. She recalled that as she was searching for her keys, the youths threatened, "Find your keys or I am going to kill you."

After the youths found the victim's car keys, they began removing her gold and silver jewelry. She said that she looked at one youth so she could later identify him to the police. "He saw I was looking and punched me in the face," she said.

"They kicked me out [of the

car] flat on my belly," recalled the victim. The assailants then stole the rest of her possessions, and drove her car away, running over her foot.

The victim then crossed Memorial Drive, where she met a jogger who witnessed part of the crime. She was transported to Mount Auburn Hospital, after an MIT Campus Police officer

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## Whitaker bldg. to be done soon

By John Ying

Construction of the Whitaker College of Health Sciences, Technology, and Management (Building E25) will be completed by the end of this month, according to Paul F. Barrett, Director of Physical Plant. The Health Services Building— Building E23

— adjacent to the Whitaker College, will house the entire Medical Department and will be finished by the middle of January, predicted Barrett.

Barrett added, "It's the largest single building that we have gone into since the original buildings. It will be a major facility to assimilate into our system." The total project will cost slightly over \$30 million, according to Barrett.

The building's completion was delayed by the strikes by two groups of the building's contractor, Turner Construction Company. Turner, who also built the new Athletic Center and the new dormitory, 500 Memorial Drive, suffered from a 13-week mason's strike and a six-week carpenter's strike. According to Harry Portnoy, Campus Architect, "the strikes came at a most unfortunate time for MIT" since the carpenters struck right at the time they were needed for the interior of the building.

"Personally, I find the building will be a fine addition to the MIT physical plant architecturally, and from a practical point of view, very functional," remarked Portnoy. The first floor of the six-story Whitaker Building will contain one 176-person lecture hall, one

50-person classroom, and two seminar rooms, as well as offices. The entire basement will be a special storage area for animals to be used in biological experiments. The remaining five floors will contain research and teaching laboratories and additional office space.

The Whitaker Building and the Health Services Building will meet in a glass atrium designed with deference to MIT's tradition of connecting all the academic buildings, according to Portnoy. The traversing hall of the atrium will face the Ralph Landau Building on one end, and Carleton Street on the other, so that people may enter easily from the Kendall Square subway stop. Due to energy conservation considerations, the glass used in the atrium will be double glazed, and the glass used throughout the remaining parts of the building will be triple glazed. Portnoy commented, "We have tried our darnedest to get everything."

Larry H. Bishoff, Associate Director for the Administration of the Medical Department said, "I think we are concerned about moving from under the domes; we have to since we are overcrowded here. However, we're nervous of moving from the center of action — in our present location [passers-by] will drop in. Unfortunately, we can't get any additional space here [in the main buildings]."

According to Bishoff, the move to a new building will alleviate the failure of the present infirmary to meet the new Health Safety Code for hospitals. Building W5 does not meet some of the more specialized regulations, according to Bishoff. For instance, the corridors and the doors aren't wide enough for a bed to pass, so that in case of a fire, patients must first be transferred to blankets before being evacuated, he indicated.

## CP enacts roof-hacking penalty

By Howard D. Trachtman

MIT Campus Police are enforcing their new fifty-dollar fine for unauthorized entry to institute rooftops, according to Chief of Campus Police James Olivieri.

The next student group caught on the roof of any Institute building without permission "will pay the penalty," Olivieri said.

Olivieri cited a significant increase in rooftop vandalism as the primary reason for the sudden policy change. MIT Physical Plant estimated damage at "tens of thousands of dollars," he said. The damage has included broken doors, padlocks, and windows, bottles thrown down ventilation pipes, and general roof damage.

The purpose of the new fine is two-fold, according to Olivieri. In addition to discouraging people from unauthorized access to roofs, any fines collected will be used to reimburse Physical Plant for damages. Olivieri noted that the fine is likely to be a permanent policy, and that the fine is likely to remain at fifty dollars unless damage to roofs increases significantly.

The Chief admitted that most roof trespassers are from MIT, and speculated that they come from many different living groups. He indicated that the damage might be caused by a small number of people, such as a fraternity group.

The decision to institute the hacking penalty was made after consultation by Olivieri with the



Chief of Campus Police James Olivieri. (Photo by Eric A. Sohn)

Office of the Dean for Student Affairs and the Committee on Discipline. Although the damage done to Institute property was the most important factor in the decision, the safety of students and complaints by librarians at Barker Engineering Library were also cited as concerns contributing to the decision.

To inform students of the new policy, letters were mailed to all MIT students, 600 flyers were posted, and signs were placed near all rooftops, according to Olivieri. The new policy does not apply to dormitories.

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## inside

Do US-Soviet academic and scientific exchanges serve to increase Soviet military power? The Department of Defense thinks so, but a group of scientists disagrees. **Page 2**

The Messiah gets a standing ovation. **Page 6**

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# AAAS to protest Defense Department claims

By Jerri-Lynn Scofield  
The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) will issue a statement to

the Pentagon protesting the Defense Department's contention that US-sponsored scientific and academic exchanges are increas-

ing Soviet military power. William D. Carey, executive officer of the AAAS, declared that his organization will send a letter

of protest to Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger.

exchanges, scientific conferences and symposia, and the entire 'professional and open literature' as inherently adverse to US military security interests."

## CP's react to armed robberies

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brought her to the MIT Infirmary. MIT Campus Police Sergeant Anne Glavin said the victim had cuts on her hand and possibly a broken foot. The crime is currently under investigation by the Metropolitan District Commission Police.

men approached a female MIT employee in the Albany Street garage. The men showed the victim a weapon and took her purse, according to Glavin. Glavin said the victim went to the nearby Polaroid Corporation building and called the MIT Campus Police, who later called the Cambridge Police.

A security guard at Polaroid showed the police where the two men ran. Glavin said that with the help of witnesses to the assailants' flight, the police tracked the men to a building in the Washington Elms Housing Project. Glavin reported that the police "sealed off the building" and knocked on the door of an apartment. After questioning the people inside, police arrested two men: Bruce L. Crivello and Michael T. Pagan.

The AAAS protest reflects the concern of many university officials that laws which prohibit the free exchange of scientific information for national security reasons could be broadened to infringe on other types of academic research which the Pentagon may wish to limit.

Carey added, "These normal and well-accepted fora for advancing scientific progress constitute the primary infrastructure of US and worldwide communication in science, and without them the US technology base would go stale very quickly."

## Solution to shortage of engineers sought

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Alternatives, supported Ryder, saying, "Frankly, there's almost no support in this country for that sort of program ... I presume that this is the result of ... [Director of the US Office of Management and Budget David] Stockman." He also asserted that students in America are free to choose their majors, and thus the normal cyclical pattern of interest will soon catch up with the demand for engineers. He also opposed suggestions to apply quotas or extra charges to foreign students. "If we overrespond," he claimed, "we're going to put people to real harm."

of ITEK Corporation, cautioned that the math and science curricula in primary and secondary schools must be strengthened if America is to retain its position of leadership in high-technology industries.

The two men will go on trial December 4. Lieutenant Joseph McClusky said that he cannot release more information, because "They [the court] would put us on the carpet for giving out information before the trial."

Pentagon officials claim that present policies allow Soviet scientists virtually unlimited access to information which may be extremely helpful to the Soviet military, while US researchers working in the-USSR are denied access to similar types of material.

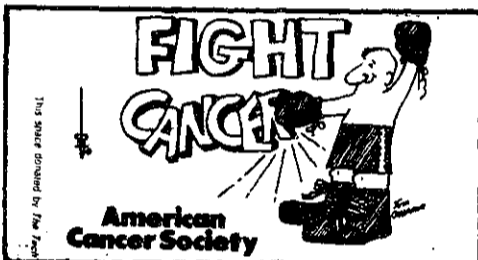
Carey commented that it is "somewhat astonishing to have the Defense Department charging that bilateral US-Soviet scientific and technical exchanges are giveaway channels benefitting Soviet military power. These bilateral exchanges, as you must know, are legitimized by formal intergovernmental agreements initiated by President Nixon and continued by his successors."

Tom Farrington, President of Input-Output Computer Services Inc., reminded the Subcommittee of the important role small businesses play in high-technology innovation and suggested that they receive additional Federal support, at the expense of basic research grants to universities.

Charles McKay, Executive Vice President of Foxboro Co., and Michael Rooney, President of Boston Systems Office, Inc., both claimed that American companies need more government incentives for foreign trade to allow them to compete with companies whose countries provide subsidies.

Charles Coulter, President of American Research and Development, a venture capital firm, testified that there was no shortage of capital, only of people.

Robert Henderson, President



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# news roundup

## World

**European nuclear weapons talks open** — Soviet-American talks on limiting nuclear weapons in Europe opened yesterday in Geneva. Both Soviet Premier Leonid Brezhnev and President Reagan have called for reductions in theater nuclear weapons. State Department officials expect that the conference will first try to decide what weapons to include in the negotiations.

**Dozens die in Syrian blast** — Sixty-four people died on Sunday when a car packed with explosives blew up outside a school in Damascus. Walls and windows of local apartments were torn away by the blast. The ruling Baath Socialist Party blamed the outlawed Moslem Brotherhood group, while the "Front for the Liberation of Lebanon From Foreigners" has claimed responsibility for the explosion.

**South Pole drug bust** — New Zealand customs officials have confiscated and opened mail bound for American research stations in Antarctica, claiming they have found packages containing marijuana and other drugs. News of the bust has depressed morale among the Americans on the South Pole. National Science Foundation officials threatened to move operations to Australia, but the State Department has told Americans to cooperate with the searches.

**Polish students on strike** — About 500,000 students went on strike last week in Poland to protest the appointment of a rector at an engineering college in Radon. About half of Poland's colleges and universities were affected by the strike. The striking students claimed that the rector was appointed in violation of principles the government agreed to after student protests last winter.

**The spy who loved her** — Edward Scott, a retired British diplomat, admitted that his love affair with an embassy maid led to contacts with Czechoslovak agents. Scott was the second-ranking British diplomatic official in Prague from 1956 to 1958. Scott denied being a spy, claiming that he approached the foreign agents in an attempt to get his lover out of Czechoslovakia.

## Nation

**Allen takes a leave** — Richard V. Allen, the White House national security adviser will take a paid leave from his job while the Justice Department investigates his receipt of \$1000 from a Japanese magazine. Allen received the money for an interview with Nancy Reagan he arranged last January. Allen has claimed that he did "nothing wrong," but did use "bad judgement" in not immediately reporting that he received the cash.

## State

**Lynn, Mass. downtown burns** — 17 buildings were destroyed and six seriously damaged in a blaze that began early Saturday morning. Firemen and equipment from over ninety towns tried to stem the fire. There were no casualties, but an estimated 1500 jobs will be lost due to the fire's destruction.

## Campus

**Gray and Low support Whitehead** — President Paul Gray and Provost Francis Low have announced they will recommend to the MIT Corporation that MIT affiliate with the Whitehead Institute.

## Sports

**Big football colleges bid for power** — 61 institutions with major football teams are seeking greater influence in the NCAA. The College Football Association, formed by the major football teams, is suing over the NCAA's monopoly position in negotiating network TV contracts. A special NCAA convention in St. Louis has been called to resolve the conflict.

**Ainge becomes a Celtic** — Danny Ainge, the former Brigham Young basketball and baseball star, signed a multi-year contract with the World Champion Boston Celtics Friday. Ainge played baseball this summer with the Toronto Blue Jays, from whom the Celtics bought his contract. An investigation into charges that the Philadelphia 76ers and Los Angeles Lakers tampered with the deal is being undertaken.

Tony Zamparutti

## Weather

Some sunshine this morning will rapidly give way to increasing clouds during the day. Winds will be picking up out of the southeast and temperatures will climb into the middle 40's. Rain will begin this evening and winds will be quite strong out of the south. Overnight temperatures will remain in the 40's, and periods of heavy rain are possible. Some showers will remain tomorrow morning, but most of the rain will end by noontime. Winds will shift to westerly and temperatures will remain in the 40's during the day, dropping to near 30 tomorrow night.

James Franklin

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## Hackers beware

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Olivieri commented that he is concentrating on reducing vandalism, as opposed to eliminating all activities on rooftops. Placement of banners during the Freshman Picnic and the Halloween pumpkin drop will still be allowed, since they are supervised activities. Access to roofs will be granted to anyone showing good cause, and receiving approval from Physical Plant. He added that "general tours are over ... for MIT students."

Registration Material for the second term is available today for all regular students in the lobby of Building 10.

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Auditions for MIT Dramashop's IAP production of *The Madwoman of Chailot*, by Jean Giraudoux, will be held tonight and tomorrow night at 7:30pm in Kresge Auditorium, Rehearsal Room A. Sign-ups for technical crews will also take place at that time. For more information, call x3-2877.

Effective today, Bursar's Office — Student Accounts undergraduate Account Representatives will meet with students based on last name, as opposed to class year. Eleanor Smalley will meet with students whose last names begin

with A-K. Ann Chick will meet with undergraduates whose names begin with L-Z. If you have questions regarding this procedural change, please contact Assistant Bursar Richard Davidson at x3-4133.

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November 9, 1981

To Members of the MIT Community:

You are cordially invited to attend a Ball on Saturday, December 5, starting at 9:00 pm in Morss Hall, Walker Memorial, to honor the Academic Deans, including those who have recently ended their terms of service as well as those who are new in office. The Ball in celebration of their past and continuing service will recognize the leadership our Deans provide for the academic life of the Institute.

The Ball will coincide with a weekend of events being planned around the Dedication of the new Athletics Center, to which the MIT Community is invited. The Dedication itself will be held in the Ice Rink starting at 3:00 pm on Friday, December 4. That will be followed immediately by a Reception in the Foyer of the Athletics Center.

At 5:00 pm on Friday, there will be an exhibition of figure skating in the Ice Rink. Starting at 1:00 pm on Saturday, December 5, there will be a galaxy of intercollegiate athletic events presented by track and field, basketball, wrestling, and ice hockey teams.

The President and the Provost's Ball honoring the Academic Deans will be the culmination of the weekend. Tickets for the Ball may be obtained in the Information Center, Room 7-121, Extension 3-4795, beginning November 23.

We hope you will be able to join us at the weekend events, and we look forward particularly to seeing you at the Ball.

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## Editorials

**Inconvenient but necessary change**

Students tend to wind their way through the Institute's bureaucracy guided primarily by lore, so very few realize that MIT housing contracts bind students to spending two terms in the dormitory system. Those students planning to move off-campus next term therefore received a rude shock in a letter sent out by Associate Dean for Student Affairs Bob Sherwood stating that such contracts would be enforced this year.

A small group of students had undoubtedly believed that the apparent policies of the past would continue and began to make plans to move out of the dormitory system. Their wasted efforts would have been avoided had the Dean's Office notified students of the decision earlier in the term. The shift in enforcement policy will minimize the number of empty rooms in the dormitory system, a problem which has been apparent since September.

MIT's housing system, unlike the dining program, is self-sufficient, receiving no subsidies from the Institute. The decision to cut losses, while inconvenient, is necessary. The managers of the housing system have not yet decided what to do about the deficit created by the rooms empty during first term: to open more rooms during second term would be costly and foolhardy.

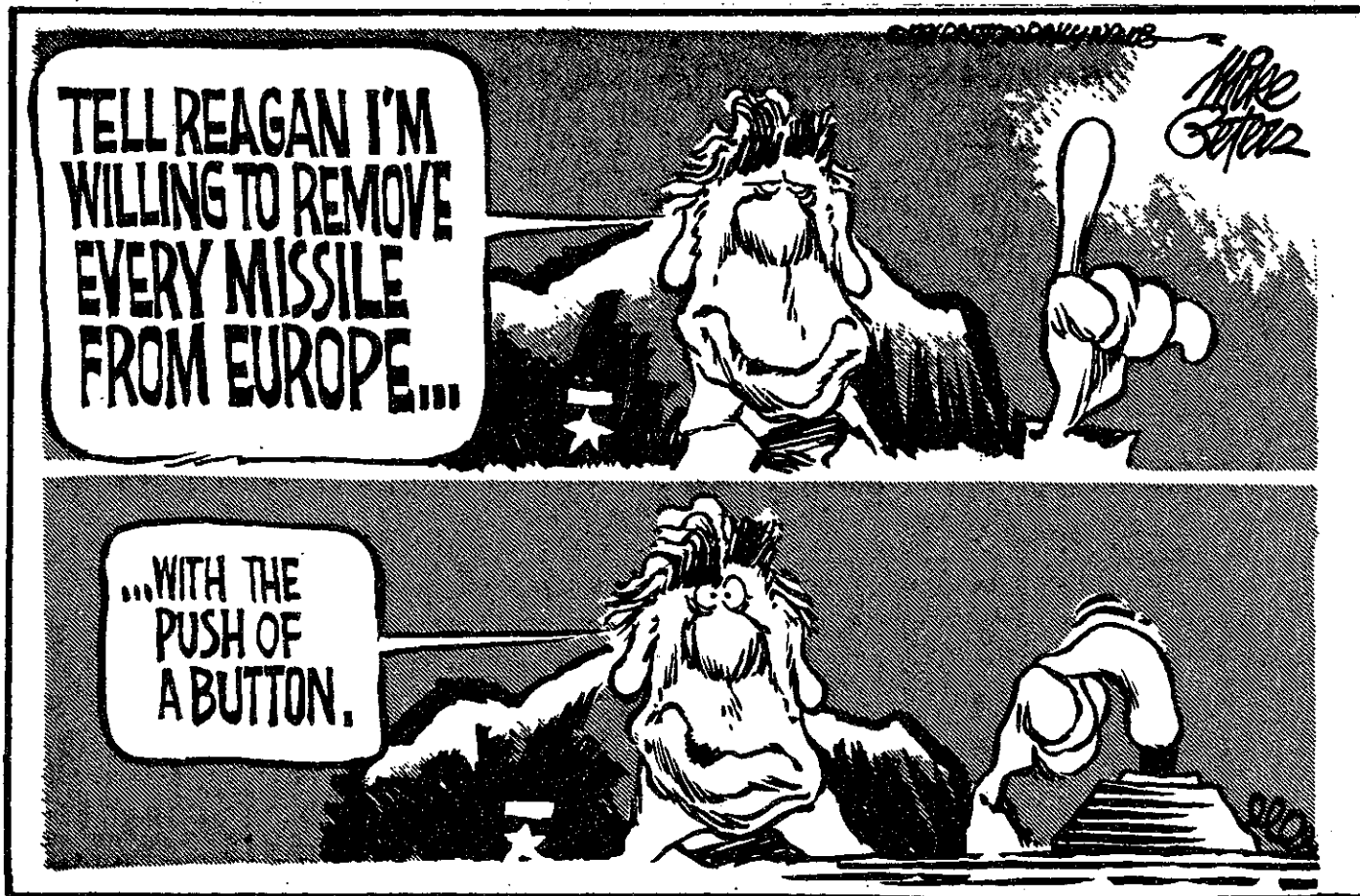
While enforcing housing contracts is a necessary interim step, a decision on how best to compensate for the loss of revenue from empty rooms must be made. The money could come from general Institute funds, from all the students in the dormitory system, or from a proportional contribution from students in the affected dormitories. Whatever the choice, the decision should be made soon enough to avoid surprising students yet again.

**MIT, students, and national importance**

Most MIT students realize that the institution they are attending is a national leader in scientific and technological research and education. Few extend this knowledge to its logical conclusion: MIT influences, and has the potential for greatly affecting, national views, actions, and policies in these areas.

This semester has provided several excellent examples of MIT's role in commenting upon and influencing policies of the United States government and other educational institutions. The debate over whether MIT should affiliate with the multi-million dollar Whitehead Institute has been followed closely by other universities and the national press. President Gray's warnings about the dangers of State Department interference with study and research by foreign students have proven necessary as the Department has contacted at least two colleges, including MIT, about potential restrictions. Last week, a Congressional subcommittee held a hearing in Kresge Auditorium to discuss the manpower needs of high technology, industry and the role of the university in meeting those requirements.

MIT's influential role is partly the result of the quality of its research work and the quality and prominence of its faculty members and alumni. The Institute's potential for influencing future policies and decisions, however, rests to a great extent with its current students. Part of the education these students will receive at MIT will take place outside the classroom, and an important aspect of this non-academic learning is the development of an awareness of current national events which affect and are affected by MIT.



→ feedback

**Writing course beneficial**

To the Editor:

The proposal that MIT should implement a writing requirement has received strong opposition. However, to argue that writing is not a necessary skill is absurd. The ability to communicate through the written word is essential to any career, whether it be writing a resume, a proposal for a project, or a scientific paper. MIT is responsible for providing the necessary background to accomplish these tasks. How MIT should meet this responsibility is a very controversial issue. Ideally, everyone should take at least one course in writing.

Under the current system, a student might proceed through his MIT education without learning how to write. Suddenly faced with a senior thesis, he finds himself at a loss. Shouldn't a writing deficiency be detected and corrected before senior year?

A writing requirement for future students has been proposed to solve this problem. The system presently under consideration would allow students with a reasonable degree of competency to bypass the writing course requirement in any of the following ways:

- 1) A high score on the College Board English Achievement.
- 2) The English Advanced Placement Exam.
- 3) A ten page paper evaluated by a committee at MIT.

**MIT should require term of writing**

To the Editor:

What good is a rigorous and technological MIT education if you can't express what you've learned on paper? FORTRAN, LISP, and PASCAL may be understood by computers, but the average American cannot be programmed. When seniors go to the Writing Department in desperation because they can't write a thesis it is an indication that something needs to be done at MIT. Many research scientists and engineers regret not learning how to write because they depend on government grants to fund their research which requires writing proposals. Writing is one of few ways of communicating one's ideas.

In order to satisfy the proposed writing requirement, students must either take a semester of writing, write a ten page paper, or do well on the English achievement examination. This will not

improve the quality of writing because many students will opt to write a ten page paper so they can commit plagiarism. Some argue that MIT students have enough requirements to fulfill without having to take another writing course. A simple solution would be to consider the writing requirement as a Humanities Distribu-

**FinBoard clarifies its funding policies**

To the Editor:

In response to the November 20th letter submitted by the MASA officers, I would like to clarify some points.

First, the comparison between 1980-81 and 1981-82 allocations is not valid. 1980-81 allocations represent those for the entire fiscal year while those presented for 1981-82 represent only initial allocations made at February 1981 Budget Compilations. From the unallocated reserve, we make additional allocations throughout the year. This is according to standard procedure. This fall, we have allocated to cultural groups an additional \$2,500 beyond the

no additional work, and the student's choice of courses would not be severely reduced. A student who feels comfortable with expository writing might choose a more advanced course, such as how to write an essay or a scientific paper. Every student could benefit from some type of writing instruction.

Writing is an important skill, and the benefits of a writing requirement far outweigh any inconvenience imposed by this requirement. Every student at MIT should take a writing course.

Amy Axelrod '85

\$4,200 listed, bringing that total to \$6,700 with more than half of the fiscal year remaining.

Second, I would like to reiterate that FinBoard has no special standards for funding ethnic groups. Our funding criteria apply to all groups and read as follows:

1. FinBoard funds only undergraduate activities recognized by the Association of Student Activities.
  2. These activities must be open to the entire MIT community.
  3. Funding is based on:
    - a. the actual and comparative need of the group.
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tion. Others argue that writing is a laborious task that takes too much time. The key to becoming dexterous at writing is to do more of it.

Therefore, each student should be required to take a semester of writing at MIT to satisfy the writing requirement.

Sheila Davis '85

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*The Tech* will attempt to publish all letters received, and will consider columns or stories. All submissions should be typed, preferably triple spaced, on a 57-character line. Unsigned letters will not be printed. Authors' names will be withheld upon request.

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**feedback**

**FinBoard policy clarified**

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- b. the financial and managerial soundness of the group and the proposal.
- c. the number of MIT undergraduates involved with the activity.
- d. the educational value of the activity to the group members and to the MIT community.
- e. the prestige that the group brings to MIT (e.g. Rocket Society participation in World Championships).

istence of cultural groups difficult, I believe FinBoard has done its best to assist these groups. Each group is assigned a FinBoard liaison. The liaison acts as a personal link between the activity and the Board, helping to prepare budget proposals and generally easing the budget process. Although the liaison program has considerably increased Finboard communication with student activities, I realize that there is room for improvement.

Finally, I agree with the statement that it is not FinBoard's place to say that a non-cultural group is inherently better than a cultural group. FinBoard does not make value judgements on any activities. Each group is judged on its financial and managerial soundness in addition to the criteria listed above.

I hope I have clarified some of the points which I feel do not represent the Finance Board accurately.

David M. Peereboom '82  
Chairman, UA Finance Board

4. FinBoard does not fund political or religious activities or the internal social events of a group.

Third, the paper "A Philosophy on Funding National/Ethnic Groups (for discussion only)" is not the official position of the Finance Board and the quotes from it are taken out of context. In order to present these quotes fairly the full text of the paper has been included in this issue (below).

Fourth, contrary to the claim that FinBoard has made the ex-

**Science's role debated**

To the Editor:

I am writing to decry the annoying manner of randomness exhibited by Tom Anderson in the opening of his 11/17 review of Tracy Kidder's "The Soul of a New Machine." Mr. Anderson states "In a world where science is lauded for many of mankind's problems, it is rare to see the publication of a book which attempts to understand science better than to decry it." This is rubbish. The last few years have seen the publication of an unusually large number of intelligent and well-informed popular books on science as well as an unusually intense public interest in serious science. Such books include those of Carl Sagan, Douglas Hofstadter, Jacob Bronowski, Jeremy Bernstein, oh yes, you know the books I'm talking about. This is not "a world where science is blamed for many of mankind's problems." It is a world in which science plays an increasingly important role, and science is an important topic of public debate. Some people are interested in science per se while being indifferent to the good science can do, while others, including perhaps Tom Anderson, are "for" science

per se while being blind to the harmful purposes to which science can be put. Most people, fortunately, are either in the middle or just making up their minds. That's how it ought to be.

Phil Agre G

**A Philosophy on Funding National/Ethnic Groups (for discussion only)**

In general the national and ethnic groups at MIT have the following objectives:

1. to provide an organizational link for the members of their group.
2. to provide an institutional framework for communication and social interaction amongst their members.
3. to help acclimatise new members to the Institute environment.
4. to inform and educate the Institute community of their culture and concerns.
5. to act as an organized collective in representing their concerns to the Institute bureaucracy.

Our mandate covers these groups, and we should assist them as we are able to.

We should, if necessary, subsidize the cost of maintaining an organization. We do not have to support anything more than a no-frills or skeletal organization. In general, the larger and more active a group wishes to be, the more it should be financially independent. Potential revenue sources vary according to the nature of the group: we should remember, that necessity is the mother of invention.

We should remind the groups that they should

provide an institutional framework to initiate communication and social interaction, and not be the only focal point for such activities. For example, in terms of communication a one or two page newsletter per month is sufficient for communication. If a group wishes to put out a major publication it and its members should bear the cost. A group that wishes to be the focal point of social interaction for its members, like the social clubs at Harvard, should bear the cost. If there are valuable benefits, members will be willing to pay for them.

We are all for groups helping to acclimatise new arrivals to the Institute environment. We should remember though that such activities do not require a subsidy. The major item here, meals, should be paid for by the attendees. This is in line with what the Foreign Students Office expects of all those who participate in orientation. In terms of advertising, the Freshman Handbook, Ho-To-Gamit, and the Activities Midway provide sufficient free exposure. Above all, the groups should remember that their objective is to initiate interactions which would blossom in smaller more individualistic and informal get-

together. There are declining benefits to repeated large-scale meetings.

Providing information and cultural experiences for the Institute community; bloody expensive, yet extremely beneficial and one of the reasons d'etre of MIT: one of the Institute's goals is to promote understanding amongst the people of our country and the world. Any group that wishes to provide such a service to the community should be commended and assisted by us. On the questions of financial assistance we have to examine and judge both subjectively and objectively the benefits to the community and the group of the proposed event, as well as its financial soundness. When we are involved in substantial support we have to, in conjunction with the group, decide on the scale and nature of the event. This is not interference in internal affairs of a group. We should keep in mind that more than one or two events by one group in a year will yield marginal returns. Members of the community, who are usually here for four years, will have one subsidized exposure per year, and if interested will attend other events of the group.

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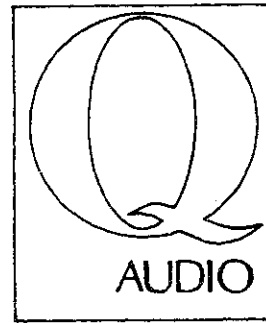
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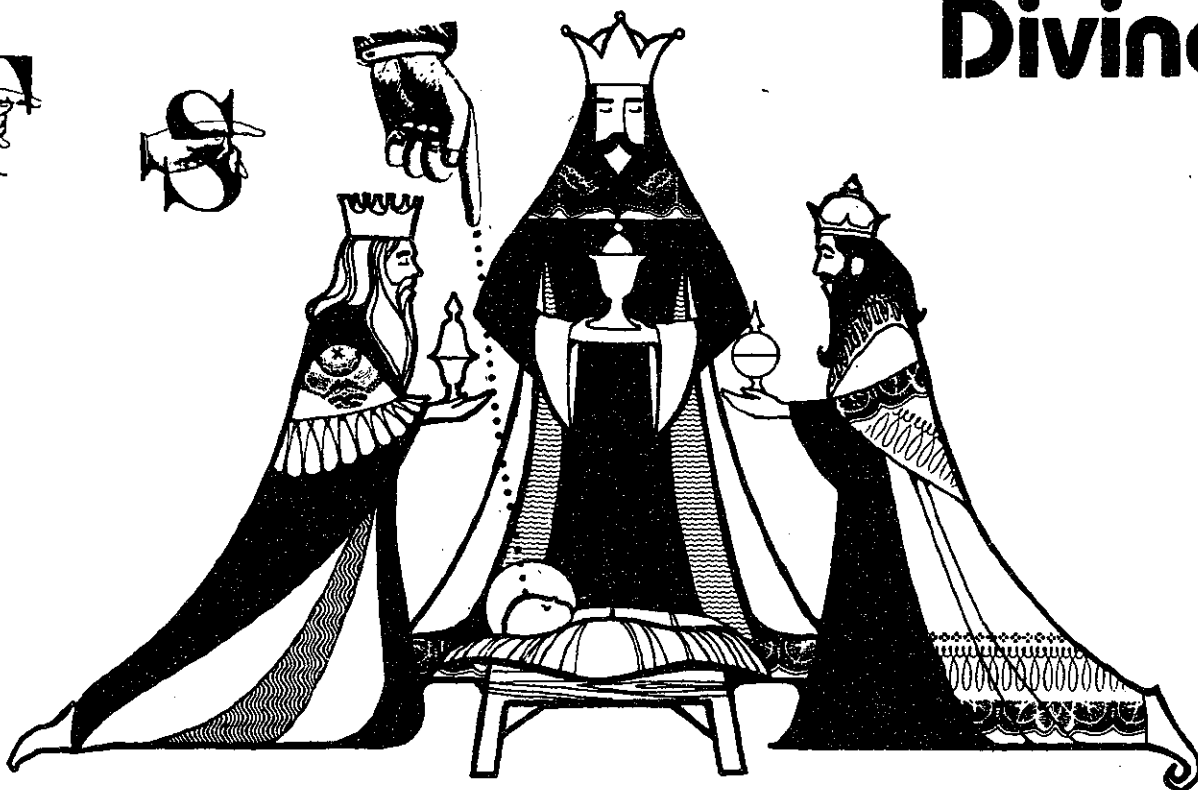
# A R T S

**The Messiah**, by George Friedrich Handel, performed by the Banchetto Musicale.

What could be a more appropriate way to begin the Christmas season than to listen to a performance of Handel's *Messiah*? Banchetto Musicale, under the direction of Martin Pearlman, presented an especially laudable interpretation of the famed oratorio. This ensemble strove to come as close to the original 1742 performance as possible, employing a baroque orchestra with the original instruments and a scaled-down chorus, plus four solo vocalists: a soprano, a countertenor, a tenor, and a bass.

The orchestra's performance of this divine oratorio was indeed heavenly. Pearlman's conducting and harpsichord playing lent an inspirationally baroque effect. The splendid chorus not only managed to support the soloists, but the "Hallelujah Chorus" truly earned the right to have the entire audience rise to their feet. The finale, or the "Amen" chorus, left the listener with the final bars ringing pleasantly on the mind.

The supreme delight of the entire evening, without a doubt, was the four featured



vocalists. Ray DeVoll, the tenor began the solo parts with an especially expressive "Comfort Ye," setting the tone for the rest of the evening. The countertenor, Jeffrey Gall, proved to be an exceptionally talented vocalist. Of the four soloists, his diction was the clearest and most precise; each word was formed and sung with the greatest care. His voice had a full rich tone, especially for a male singing such a part in

the higher ranges. Personally, I didn't particularly care for the part, although the musicianship of Mr. Gall could not be disputed. The air, "He Was Despised," was especially a treat to the ear — Gall's interpretation was very effective, and brought a bit of drama to the stage. Hearing this passage, one could not help feeling the pity Handel probably intended to evoke in the listeners.

# Divine Messiah

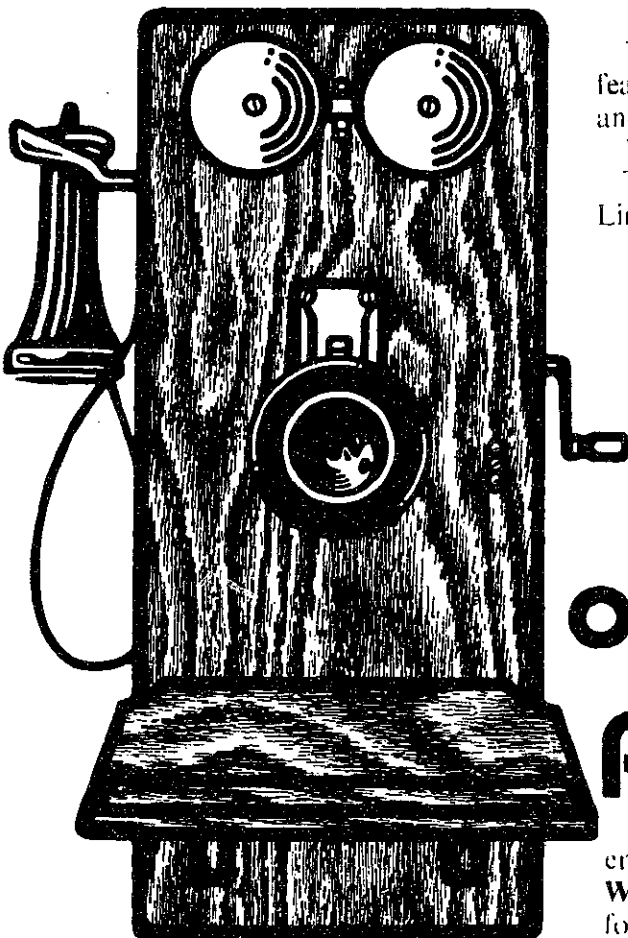
The soprano, Kerry McCarthy, did an excellent job on her solo in Part III. Each note of "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" was tenderly molded into a sound that was quite melodramatic. One could only listen with absolute reverence to the melody as it stirred the emotions. The bass, James Maddalena, could easily have taken his ovation solely with his rendition of "The Trumpet Shall Sound," especially since the trumpet didn't sound. The trumpet was the original baroque instrument and extremely difficult to play; hence the fanfare called for in this passage didn't quite sound as it should have. Mr. Maddalena, however, redeemed the air with his magnificently full and expressive voice. What pomp and majesty Handel intended was present through his performance, even without the support of a trumpet.

Banchetto Musicale certainly deserved the standing ovation it received. If a musical performance can leave the listener with the feeling of inspiration and awe, then the intentions of the composer were understood. This group certainly achieved that effect and more. Bravo to Pearlman and Banchetto Musicale!!

Mimi Yenan



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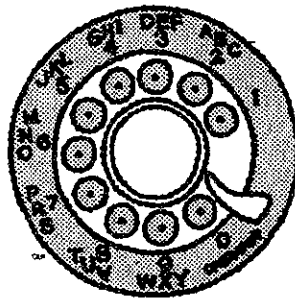
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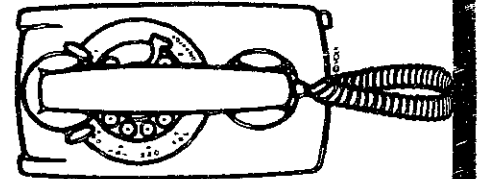
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The MIT Shakespeare Ensemble presents *Still Shakespeare After All These Years* on Wednesday evening at 8pm in 9-105. The free performance includes scenes from *Hamlet*, *Richard III*, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Call x3-2903.



Remember **Peter, Paul and Mary?** They're at the Opera House Thursday at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$13.75 and \$11.75.

The Hayden Corridor Gallery is currently exhibiting works on paper by local artists. **Local Visions: The Urban Environs**, organized by the Committee on the Visual Arts, is on display through January 3, 1982. For more information, call x3-4680 or x3-4400.



The **Young Snakes** head tonight's bill at the Rat. The MIA's and Romance Language will be playing, too.

This Thursday's **Noon-Hour Chapel Concert** features Martin Pearlman on the harpsichord. Admission to the performance, which features pieces by Rameau, is free.

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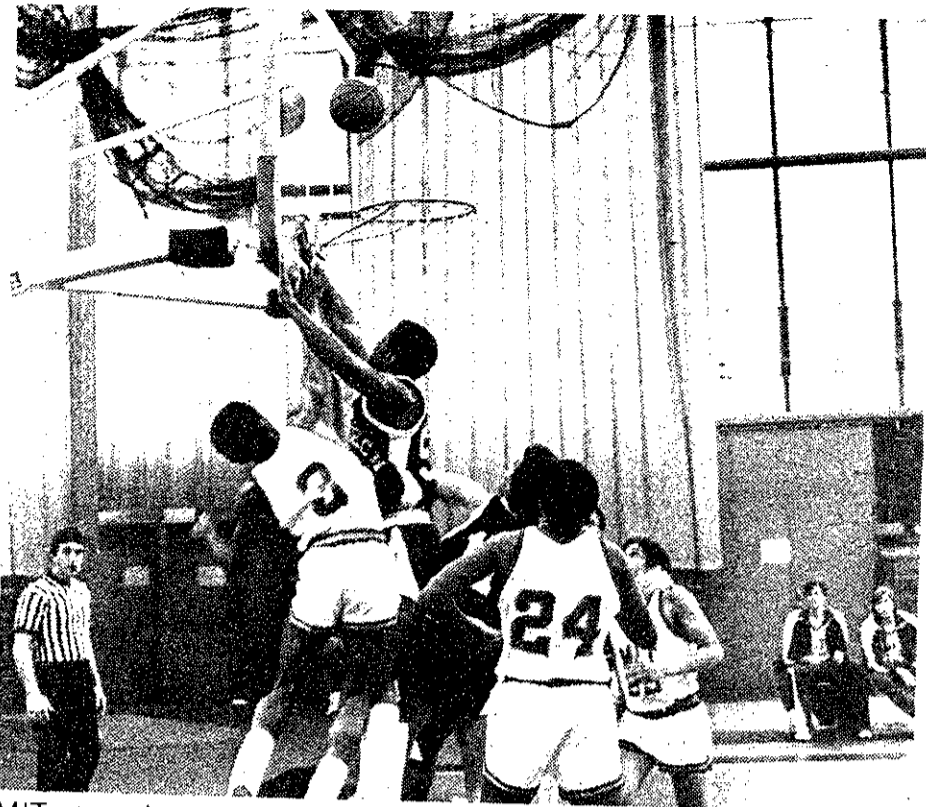
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# sports intramurals



MIT struggles to stop a Babson score during a 70-66 loss to the Beavers. (Photo by Bob Lake)

## Babson nips BBall

By Eric R. Fleming

The Beavers of Babson College edged the men's basketball team 70-66, in action at Babson Saturday. The loss evened MIT's record at 1-1.

The rivalry between these two teams has become a hotly-contested one in recent years, with the last three games having been decided by a total of eight points. This game, as with the others, was tight from the start. Led by junior Mark Branch's 14 first-half points, the Engineers took a 30-27 lead. Babson kept the game close by dominating in the rebound department, and making seven of eight first-half free throws (MIT did not have one attempt from the line in the first 20 minutes).

MIT's inside game, which was non-existent in the first half, came to life in the second as Lane Wilson '82 (18 points, 12 rebounds, and three important blocked shots) began to assert himself at both ends of the floor. The Beavers cut Tech's lead to two (50-48, with 10:03 remaining), then saw MIT extend it to five at 59-54, with a little more than seven minutes left. At this

point, Babson's Bill Allard '82 (17 points, including seven clutch free throws in the second half) and Jack Saniuk '84 scored the next six points to put the hosts up by one, 60-59. Robert Joseph '83 hit a jumper to give MIT the lead at 5:25, but Allard led a Beaver spurt of seven straight points to make the score 67-61. MIT managed to cut the deficit to two (68-66 at 0:58), but again Allard came through, sinking both ends of a one-and-one with 25 seconds left to ice the victory.

This game was a tough one for MIT to lose, as it had been in command for most of the game. Despite shooting 53 percent from the floor, and hitting five more field goals than Babson, the Engineers lost to the Beavers at the foul line (20-for-25 versus MIT's six-for-nine), and on the boards (39 to 31). Also hurting the Engineers were several cases of "non-calls" by the officials throughout, especially late in the game.

MIT's next foe is the highly-regarded Jumbos of Tufts, who visit Rockwell Cage tomorrow at 7:30pm.

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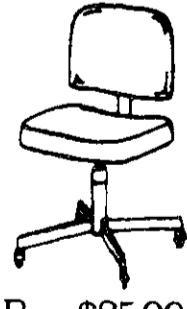
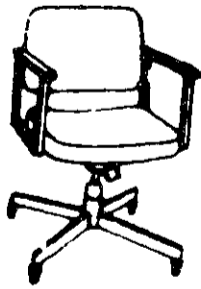


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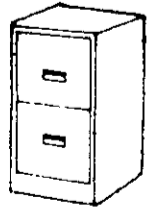


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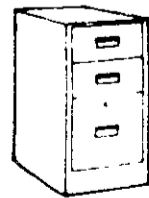
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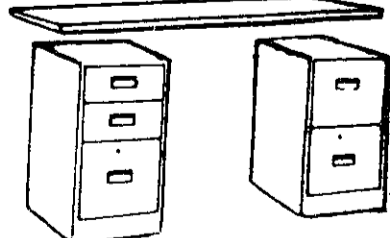
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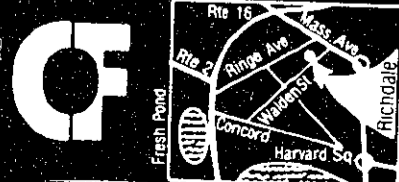


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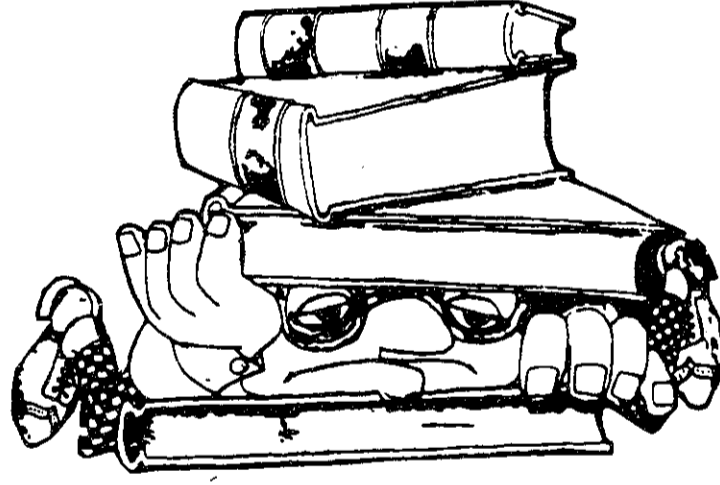


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