



A host of dignitaries, including Paul Gray and Howard Johnson, dedicated the Athletics and Special Events Center last Friday. See related story, page 11 (Photo by Ray Henry).

## CEP urges Institute writing requirement

By Barry S. Surman

Responding to "widespread agreement among faculty and students that there should be an Institute Writing Requirement," the Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) issued a report this week recommending to the faculty establishment of such a requirement.

According to the report, a substantial number of MIT students do not achieve a level of writing proficiency adequate for their course work at MIT or their professional careers later on. . . . the curriculum as a whole does not reflect the importance of this skill, and . . . the Institute would benefit all around from proper attention to the problem.

Professor Felix Villa, Chairman of both the Faculty and the CEP, noted, "The definitive proposal will not be ready before the beginning of February. . . . We hope to use the time to receive additional input from faculty and students." The proposal to be presented to the full faculty in February will be drafted at two CEP meetings during IAP.

"The basic features of the requirement are early evaluation, a variety of modes of completing the requirement, and curricular

wide involvement," the report stated. The proposal consists of a two-stage process, beginning with a freshman-year evaluation of each student's writing ability. This part of the requirement could be met by achieving a minimum score on the College Board English Composition (with essay) Achievement Test or Advanced Placement Examination in English, passing an essay examination given by the Institute, writing an acceptable five-page paper for any MIT subject, or taking an expository writing class.

The proposal states, "a student who does not successfully satisfy one of the above options by the end of the freshman year must complete a mutually agreed upon plan worked out with the director of the office administering the requirement." No specific guidelines for such plans are included in the proposal.

The second part of the requirement could be met by either "receiving a specified grade for the quality of writing in a subject (or subjects) within the general area of the student's professional studies, and having a significant expository writing component . . . [or] submitting a ten-page paper

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## Corporation OK's Whitehead

By Tony Zamparutti

The MIT Corporation approved affiliation with the Whitehead Institute in an "overwhelming but not unanimous" vote during its meeting Friday morning, said Howard Johnson, Chairman of the Corporation.

The Corporation also passed a resolution praising the faculty for its debate on Whitehead, which was "of great assistance in its deliberations." The Corporation also acknowledged "the concern voiced by members of this faculty."

Johnson noted that the Whitehead Institute will have a unique relationship with MIT,

but said that "it's hard to find a precedent . . . for a gift of that magnitude." Johnson added that the agreement on Whitehead "provides for a governable structure which we can accept . . . It's going to strengthen the Biology Department in a major way."

Johnson said "I can understand why . . . when you have a gift of this magnitude, a donor should give it in this manner. I think this is a diverse country; diversity in the use of resources is an acceptable doctrine to me."

The Whitehead Charitable Foundation will give MIT \$7.5 million in conjunction with the

Whitehead Institute. Edwin Whitehead will pay for the Whitehead facilities, worth approximately \$20 million, donate a \$60 million trust fund for operating expenses and an endowment fund, and provide up to

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## MIT early applications increase

By Stuart Gitlow

The Admissions Office has reported that 21 percent more high school students applied to MIT under the early action program this year than last. 158 of the 871 early applicants are women, a 23 percent increase from last year.

Peter H. Richardson, Director of Admissions, speculated on the reasons for the increase at MIT. "In this period of recession and layoffs, what people want is security. It looks as if the money is in the field of technology." Richardson further noted that more man-hours were spent on the road for recruiting purposes than ever before.

"We will release the list of accepted students on December 15," Richardson added. "Results will be sent to applicants on the tenth."

The number of early action applications at Harvard University decreased three percent to 1506 from last year's 1552. "We're right where we were last year, at a very high level," explained William R. Fitzsimmons, Dean of Admissions at Harvard. "Our expectations are the same as they have been in the past," he said on Friday.

Princeton University received 1437 early action applications, an increase of 16 percent from last year's figure of 1243. At Yale University, 1150 early action applications were received, up from 1097 last year, an increase of five percent. Worth David, Dean of Admissions at Yale, and Spencer Reynolds, Director of Admissions at Princeton, were unavailable for comment.

At Brown University, the application figures rose to 1606 from 1594, an increase of less than one percent. Jim Rogers,

Director of Admissions at Brown, discussed the decrease in early action applications at Harvard: "I don't think it's significant. Princeton's increase, I think, is the most significant in that it went up so much," he said. Rogers, like Richardson, believed that MIT's application increase was due to its "specialized and technological education."

Of Brown's 1606 applications, 805 were from men, 801 from women. Rogers noted that the difference last year from last year's applications was about 40.

Rogers declined to speculate on the possible reasons for this change.

The other Ivy League colleges have early decision programs, under which the applicant, if accepted, must attend. The early action program leaves the student with a choice of accepting or waiting for decisions from other colleges.

Richardson noted that MIT has had an early action program for about 20 years. "The other four just joined us a few years ago," he pointed out.



Dean for Student Affairs Shirley McBay speaks at luncheon in 500 Memorial Drive's dining hall. The newest dorm on campus was dedicated last Friday (Photo by Ray Henry).

## Tuition forum to be held this Thursday

By Kenneth Snow

An open forum on tuition and financial aid being held on Thursday night will be "the first time that students will have such an opportunity" to discuss the subject with the administration, according to Dean for Student Affairs Shirley McBay.

The meeting, sponsored by the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs (ODSA), will take place in the Mezzanine Lounge of the Student Center from 4:30pm to 6pm on December 10.

McBay noted that the Academic Council held its first meeting on tuition last Tuesday. She contended that the tuition forum could not be held any earlier because "the farther away from the decision that you hold the forum, the less of an impact it will have. It is better to hold the forum between the first and second discussions." Holding the meeting any later, McBay added, would mean having the forum during IAP, when many students

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Peter H. Richardson, Director of Admissions (Photo by Gerard Weatherby).

# Students to vote on Homecoming Queen

By Max Hailperin

MIT students will vote in March to decide the future of the Homecoming Queen contest as the General Assembly (GA) voted Thursday night to place a referendum to determine the nature of next year's contest on the March UA general election ballot.

The referendum will offer four alternatives: "a Homecoming Queen, gender unspecified; a female Queen with a male Homecoming King; UMOG [Ugliest Man or Woman On Campus] shall be Homecoming Queen; elect no form of Homecoming Queen."

According to the GA resolution, the purpose of the referendum is "to assure that next year's decision on the Homecoming Queen controversy represents the interests of MIT undergraduates."

All undergraduates will have the opportunity to rank the four

options in preferential order. The UA Election Commission will tabulate the results using the procedure described in Robert's Rules of Order.

Skip Butler '82, chairman of the UA Social Council, expressed satisfaction with this arrangement. "I feel that it's reasonable for an election that's going to elect someone to represent MIT to be run by the Election Commission," he commented.

The first option, "Homecoming Queen, gender unspecified," replaced the original "a female Homecoming Queen," after "Homecoming Queen/King" and "Homecoming Thing" were also offered as alternatives.

Neither the scheduled speaker, Dean for Student Affairs Shirley McBay, nor the alternate speaker, Advisor to Fraternities and Independent Living Groups Steven Immerman, attended the meeting.

# Dean to hold forum

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are away, or at the beginning of February, after the Council has met for a second time. "This time is the lesser of all evils," McBay concluded.

McBay noted that the idea for a hearing is a result of a similar forum held last year. The previous forum, however, was held after the tuition decision had been made. McBay explained that "We [the DSA Office] made certain that this year we would hold the forum prior to the decision making." The Academic Council's discussions on the budget begin in early December and continue through February.

Members of the Academic Council include the Institute's Deans and Vice Presidents. In addition, John DeRubeis '83, Undergraduate Association President, and Nancy Wright G.

President of the Graduate Student Council, were present at the meeting. McBay said that the pair will be invited to all of the Academic Council meetings on tuition.

The Academic Council establishes a budget and recommends it to President Paul E. Gray '54. Gray then recommends a budget to the MIT Corporation, which makes the final decision.

McBay noted that many faculty members and administrators had expressed an interest in attending the forum. She listed several of those who might be present, including John Currie, Director of Finance, Jack Frailey, Director of Student Financial Services, Frank Perkins, Associate Provost, William Dickson, Vice President for Operations, and Felix Villars, Chairman of the Faculty.

# Whitehead approved

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\$100 million upon his death for its permanent endowment.

Johnson said the process for choosing joint MIT/Whitehead faculty members and "protection [of MIT] from financial hazard" were major concerns of the Corporation during the debates. Both issues have been satisfactorily resolved in the agreement, Johnson noted.

Sixty of the 77 Corporation members were present for the debate. "It is believed that this is the largest attendance ever for a December meeting," said Bob Byers, Director of the MIT News Office. Corporation members

also attended because of events such as the opening of 500 Memorial Drive, and the Athletic Center, noted Byers.

A tentative site for the Whitehead Institute has been chosen in Kendall Square and only one open space on the Whitehead Institute Board of Directors remains. Bernard J. O'Keefe, chairman of EC&G, Inc. and Dr. Donald S. Frederickson, former director of the National Institutes of Health, have both recently accepted positions on the board. They were chosen by agreement between MIT and the existing Whitehead Institute board.

# CP arrests one, others flee after Student Center party

By Howard D. Trachtman

MIT Campus Police arrested a Northeastern student early Saturday morning after the suspect allegedly struck and injured an MIT student after a dance held by the MIT Chinese Students' Club (CSC) in the Student Center.

Several non-MIT Chinese entered the Sala de Puerto Rico during the dance, according to Tony King G, President of the CSC. These individuals have been known to cause trouble at Chinese activities on other campuses, said King, who alerted two nearby Campus Policemen that problems could develop.

The group later caused a distur-

bance by breaking balloons. One member of CSC asked them to stop; other members said that they continued to be unruly. After the dance, the person who had asked them to stop was approached by three people who assaulted him, drawing blood above his eye, according to the victim. Campus Police chased the assailants as they ran from the Student Center. They caught one suspect near the infirmary, where he was handcuffed, according to a bystander.


Campus Police originally charged the suspect with assault and battery. However, the victim decided that his injuries were

minor and the suspect was then charged with being a disorderly person.

Although the apprehended suspect is a student at Northeastern, King believes the others were not college students. The other two alleged attackers have yet been caught, according to Campus Police.

King noted that the incident was unexpected and that security will be increased at future CSC events. Chief of Campus Police James Olivieri said he was concerned about the presence of non-students at MIT functions but "there has been very little trouble in the past" at such events.

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# news roundup

## World

**Khadafy denies assassination plan**— Speaking on ABC television, Libyan leader Moammar Khadafy denied he had sent a team of agents to assassinate high-ranking US officials. "It is not our character, not our behavior to assassinate any person," declared Khadafy. "It is the behavior of America, preparing to assassinate me, to poison my food. They tried many things to do this," he claimed. The Secret Service has increased security around President Reagan and several Cabinet members, including Alexander Haig, following reports that Libyan-backed agents had entered the United States.

**Soviets silent on Sakharov**— Soviet authorities have yet to comment on the condition of Andrei Sakharov, Nobel-prize winning scientist, who began a hunger strike two weeks ago. Both Sakharov and his wife, Yelena Bonner, were hospitalized on Friday. The couple began their hunger strike to protest the Soviet government's refusal to grant Bonner's son's fiancée a visa to emigrate to the United States. Bonner's son is presently living in Massachusetts.

**Bomb scare in North Sea**— A male caller telephoned Oslo police last Friday, claiming that warning bombs to draw attention to Palestinian refugees were planted on an oil rig and a helicopter in the Norwegian North Sea oil fields. A massive search operation of oil rigs supply craft, and helicopters has yet to turn up any explosives.

**UN Deadlock remains**— Although present Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim has removed his name for reelection, the race for the position remains deadlocked. Waldheim was repeatedly vetoed by China in his bid for an unprecedented third term as Secretary-General. The Chinese veto has repeatedly stopped Western attempts to reelect Waldheim.

**Somalia wants faster US moves**— Despite the presence of 250 American troops sent for the Bright Star military maneuvers in the Middle East, the Somalia government has been unamused at the slow pace with which American military equipment is being delivered. "This is trying our patience to the limit," noted one Somali government official.

## Nation

**President sees "Reds"**— President Ronald Wilson Reagan and several personal friends viewed a private screening of the new movie "Reds," a film about radical journalist John Reed, who covered the Russian Revolution. A White House spokesman said yesterday that "the story was good despite the plot."

**GAO hits war on organized crime**— A report of the General Accounting Office (GAO) criticized the federal government's \$100 million program to curb organized crime. The study said that there was little cooperation among various law enforcement agents and that "organized crime was flourishing." A majority of criminals convicted under the federal organized crime strike force program receive sentences of less than two years; most are eligible for parole in eight months.

## Local

**Legislators to vote on Boston**— The controversial Tregor Bill, a plan to ease Boston's worsening financial crisis, is expected to come to a vote in the state House of Representatives this week.

Tony Zamparutti

## Weather

Becoming cloudy again today with light snow developing towards evening, perhaps mixed with rain near the coast. Highs will be in the upper 30's. Snow continuing overnight with lows near 30, tapering to flurries tomorrow with likely accumulations less than 2 inches. Becoming windy and colder as well tomorrow, with highs in the mid 30's, lows in the mid 20's.

James Franklin

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This MIT Campus Police will provide storage space for students' valuable personal items during winter break and IAP. Students are encouraged to store items such as stereos, television sets, and the like as a crime prevention precaution. Items must be brought to Campus Police headquarters in sealed boxes or cases, clearly marked with the owner's name, term address, and expected date of return, between 9am and 5pm, Monday through Friday.



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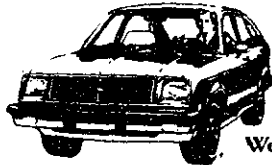
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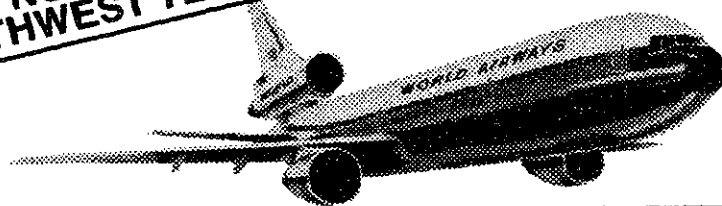
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## Editorials

**Poorly timed forum is a good first step**

In order to solicit student input on the setting of next year's tuition fee, the Dean's Office is sponsoring an open forum during dinnertime on the last Thursday of classes.

The forum is a valuable first step toward giving students a meaningful role in the tuition-setting process. Although the timing is ridiculously inconvenient, students should make every effort to attend. Surprisingly good turnout and valuable advice at a similar exercise of the Dean's Office last year has resulted in tangible change.

Simply holding a single forum at an awkward time, however, does not fulfill the Institute's responsibility for drawing students into budgetary decisions. The decision to allow the Undergraduate Association President and the Graduate Student Council President to attend Academic Council meetings on the topic is an excellent one. Holding more forums during Independent Activities Period would also be valuable, although some students will not be here to take advantage of the opportunity.

Students who have participated in similar exercises in the past have learned a lesson that administrators would do well to heed: listening is not learning. Many students cannot be convinced to spend their time at such affairs because they don't believe anything will happen as a result of their efforts. The Institute must take steps to establish its credibility with such students, by replying to all queries in writing or inviting high-ranking officials such as President Gray to any future forums.

The Institute's attitude toward the collection and use of student input seems to have changed from uncaring indifference to well-meaning acknowledgement. On an issue as important as setting tuition fees, the Administration should go one step further and try intelligent application.

**New payment plan is more equitable**

Students need not worry about changes in policies regarding late and deferred payments to the Institute now slated to take effect next fall. While interest charges will substantially increase the penalty paid by those who are delinquent in their payments, students who pay their bills on a reasonable schedule will pay no more—and perhaps even less—than under the current system.

The present program of late fees and administrative fees for deferred payments is unfair, as Director of Student Financial Services Jack Frailey has observed. Under current policies student with an overdue balance of one hundred dollars for one week must pay the same fifty dollar fine that is paid by a student with thousands of dollars outstanding for two or three months. Inequalities in the current system have led to inconsistent enforcement and, therefore, more injustice.

Deferred payments will still be permitted under the new, more flexible system. Students may choose to accelerate their payment schedules to reduce interest costs, or to take more time to pay, despite the costs involved.

The Administration is wise to postpone implementation of the new system. The delay will allow resolution of any questions or misunderstandings and a smooth transition to the new system.

The new plan is an equitable way to encourage early payment, increasing the Institute's cash flow while distributing borrowing costs among students in a fair way.



SO I FIGURED, WHAT THE HECK... WHY NOT JOIN THE PACK AND PICK UP A FEW BUCKS DURING THE REAGAN YEARS?

→ feedback

**Stupid hackers caused fine**

To the Editor:

Originally this letter was going to be an obnoxious flame at the Campus Police for making a unilateral decision, without student input, which seriously affects a substantial number of people. However, after reading Tuesday's *The Tech* article about the recently implemented fifty dollar fine for roof trespassing, I find that my anger is misdirected. It seems that there are a number of very thoughtless hackers out there who have really spoiled things for the rest of us.

In the past, I have been thankful to "the hacker before me" for leaving certain doors open and generally making things easier. I had assumed that, like

me, the vast majority of the MIT hacking community had a basic respect for property and an appreciation for clean, elegant hacking. It should be possible to hack to your heart's content without doing a cent's worth of damage. There is absolutely no excuse for "bottles thrown down ventilation pipes" or for the crowbar job someone recently did to one of the roof doors on the Green building.

One of my arguments against the fifty dollar fine was that, since I am paying \$7400 a year to come here, those roofs are partially mine and I should be free to explore them if I wish. By the same token I don't go around destroying them, either, any more than I

would destroy my own room. I'm going to keep this letter printable and not say what I really feel about the idiots who instigated this. Not only have they apparently cost the Institute tens of thousands of dollars, which I (and they) pay for, but they have caused me to have to risk fifty dollars if I want to continue my own, peaceful explorations.

Steve Summit '83

**Forum should be rescheduled**

To the Editor:

In last Friday's *Tech* (p.6) there was an advertisement encouraging students to attend an open forum on 1982-1983 tuition and financial aid. This forum was thoughtlessly scheduled on Thursday, December 10, while students have countless tests to study for and final exams awaiting them the following week. Why does the Institute always seem to schedule open forums on important student issues when the students are unable to attend? Perhaps we should ask: Does the Institute really want students to attend their token open forum?

Obviously, such a forum should have been scheduled much earlier in the term when interested students at least had an opportunity to attend. I appeal to the administration's promise to be more sensitive to the needs of its students by rescheduling this forum for a more appropriate time.

Geoffrey Goodman '83

**Homecoming tree is part of conspiracy**

To the Editor:

I would like to raise a vehement protest against the so-called "Christmas" tree that has been raised in front of the Student Center. It should be obvious to any intelligent human being that this is not a Christmas tree at all; rather it is, in fact, a Homecoming tree. This Homecoming tree was placed in front of Stratton by racist Taiwanese spies, who are working undercover from their base at the MacGregor front desk. What is *not* well-known, however, is that the ultimate objective of these spies is to undermine the UA FinBoard. FinBoard Apparently, cut funding to the Taiwanese Surveillance Club

(TSC) when it was discovered that TSC was spending its entire budget on a display of Air Force art. (TSC also holds the largest collection of lewd Matisse line drawings on campus.) All of this becomes clear when we keep in mind that TSC was responsible for the breakdown of the dish sanitizing system at Walker.

I am truly amazed at the lack of perspective among MIT students, who refuse to address matters of pressing urgency such as the Homecoming tree. The inability to distinguish between substantial and trivial issues is indicative of a distorted concept of the world.

David S. Wilson '82

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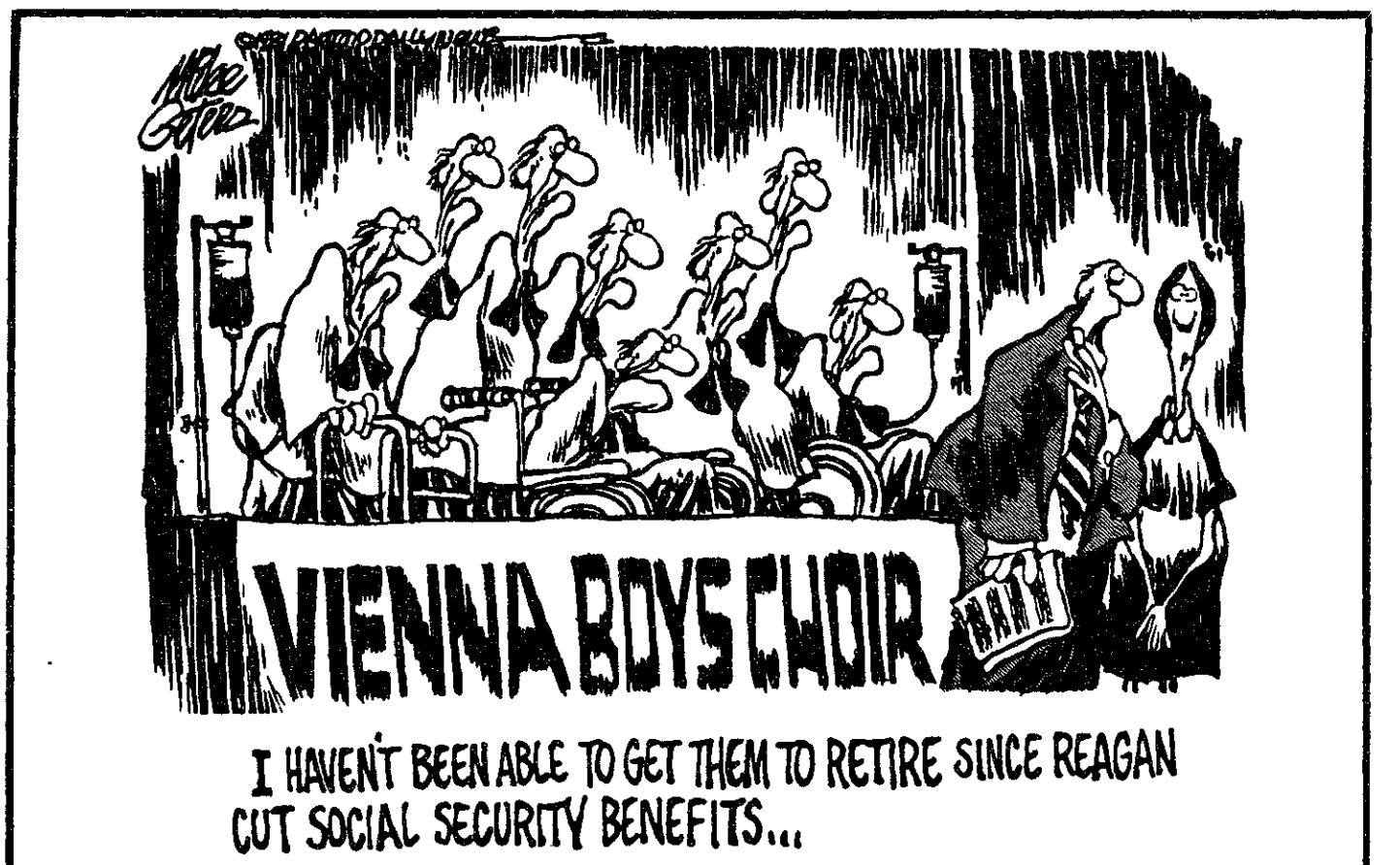
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I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET THEM TO RETIRE SINCE REAGAN CUT SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS...

# Profs locate non-defense jobs

By John J. Ying

"Our main purpose is to be a support group for people in high technology who are in defense wanting to leave or who are about to be forced into a defense-related job," said Warren F. Davis, co-founder of High Technology Professionals for Peace.

According to Davis, a researcher at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, High Technology Professionals for Peace (HTPP) is a group of about 35 researchers and professionals, including members at MIT and Harvard, who have become disenchanted with American weapons system development.

The group runs an employment agency to help those presently in a defense job or about to enter one find another place of employment. Charging a fixed \$2,000 fee for its service, HTPP has about a dozen companies and about twelve resumes on file. According to Davis, the response from companies and individuals has been

"very positive and very encouraging." He expects that the group will soon make its first job placement.

Davis said that avoiding or leaving defense related jobs can be difficult for those who have specialized skills.

Although planning to work with the MIT Career Planning and Placement Office, HTPP will mainly try to educate students about weapons research. The group is planning to publish a brochure based on the experiences of people in HTPP who have worked in the defense industry. The group will also publish a list of important questions to ask corporate interviewers about issues such as promotion, type of research, and freedom to publish experimental research.

"If all other things were equal — same pay, same challenge technically, etc. — except for one thing, whether or not the work dealt with weapons research, in all probability, most people

would choose not to work on weapons," stated Davis.

HTPP will also publish analyses of present and planned weapons systems. "We intend to use the expertise of our members derived from the experience gained from working with weapons projects to generate information on weapons or parts of weapons. This will provide people who need to argue against weapons supporters with supportive data," commented Davis.

An MIT member of HTPP clarified the need for such a program. He said, "Once people are aware of the facts of weapons — that there is doubt that they can perform as well as advertised — people would object very strongly [to them]. There hasn't been a single weapons system developed by man that hasn't been used by him; it's only a matter of time before we use the hydrogen bomb. When people realize this, there will be informed and long lasting pressure on both the United States and Russia to reduce their weapons stockpiles."

# Watt gives Cambridge grant

By Vanessa Cruz

Secretary of the Interior James Watt announced that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has been awarded \$2 million to develop the Lechmere Canal Park in Cambridge.

The seven-acre park is sited between First Avenue and Msgr. O'Brien Highway. According to Alan Zimlicki of the Cambridge Community Development Department, the first phase of the project should be under construction by the middle of December, and the second phase by the summer.

The city of Cambridge intends to redevelop a former industrial area facing the park. The 60 acre urban development area will be occupied by housing, office buildings, retail stores, and liquor markets.

Zimlicki added, "The money for the Lechmere Canal Park project came mainly from federal and state grants for which the city of Cambridge applied a couple of years ago." In addition to the \$2 million in federal grant, the local government will add \$6,883,000 to the development package.

The \$2 million came from the Land and Water Conservation

Fund; most of the money in the fund comes from revenues of Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leases.

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# CEP urges undergraduate writing requirement

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of expository prose from an MIT subject, or UROP activity, within the general area of the student's professional studies and judged satisfactory by the professor or supervisor and by faculty evaluators for the requirement."

The CEP report also calls for "a resource center . . . to provide consultation with writing advisors" and other services, "cooperative arrangements between instructors in technical subjects . . . and those in writing," and other programs and efforts to convince students that writing ability is important and to inform them of available services.

"Consideration of parallel efforts to develop skills in oral communication," is also suggested in the report.

A Standing Faculty Committee on the Writing Requirement would oversee the requirement, under the CEP plan, and day-to-day administration would be carried out by an office reporting to the Provost.

Associate Professor Kenneth R. Manning, Chairman of the CEP Subcommittee on Writing Proficiency, is pleased with the plan. "I think it's the best way for MIT to go . . . the combination of [options] is the most appropriate."

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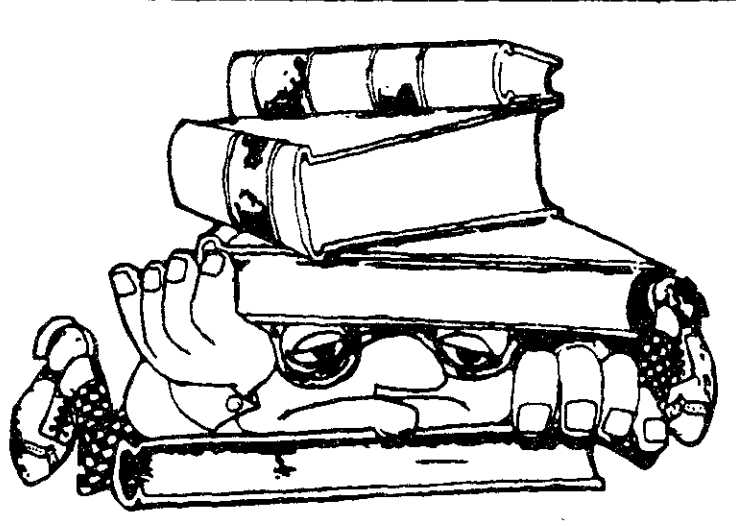
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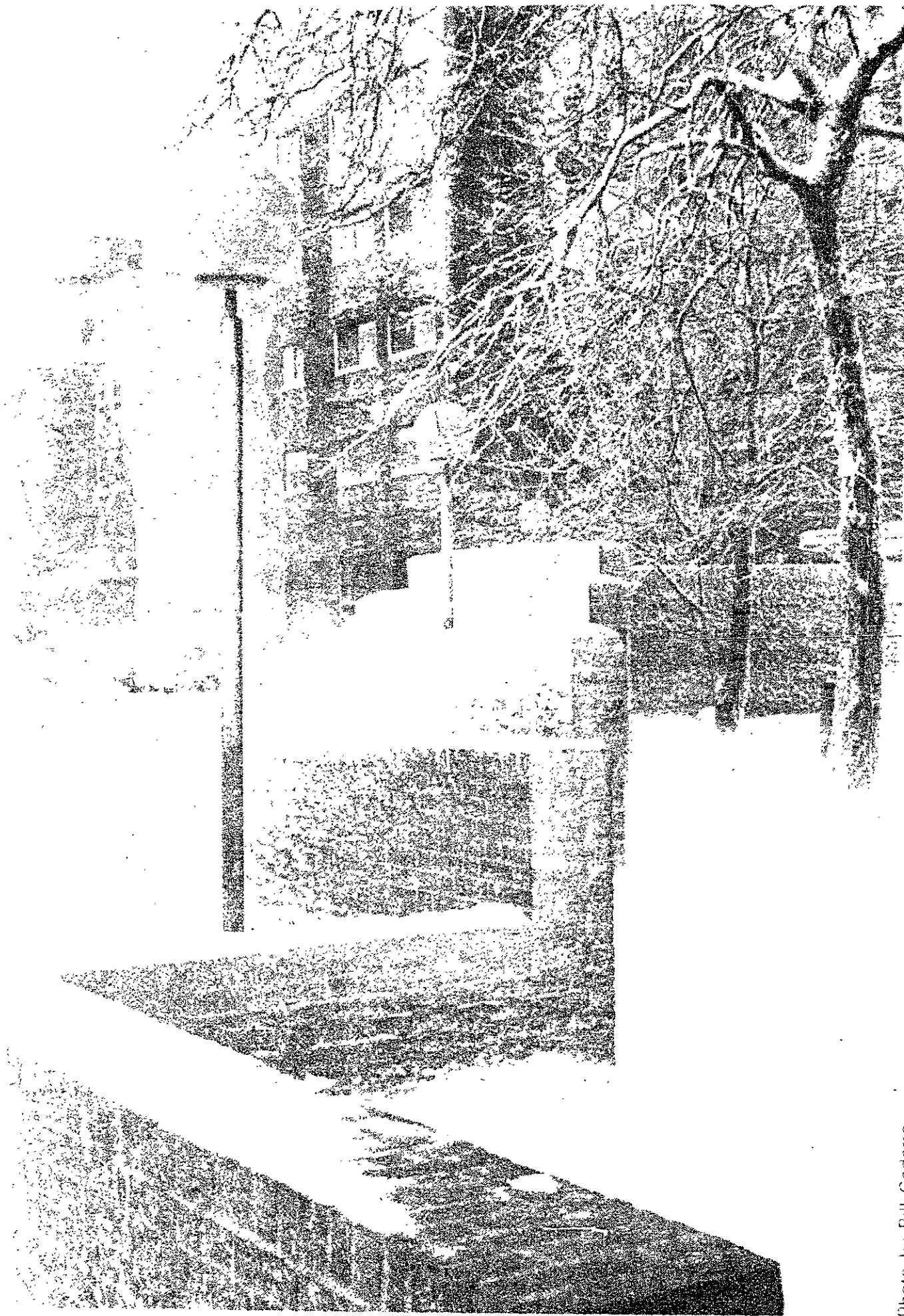
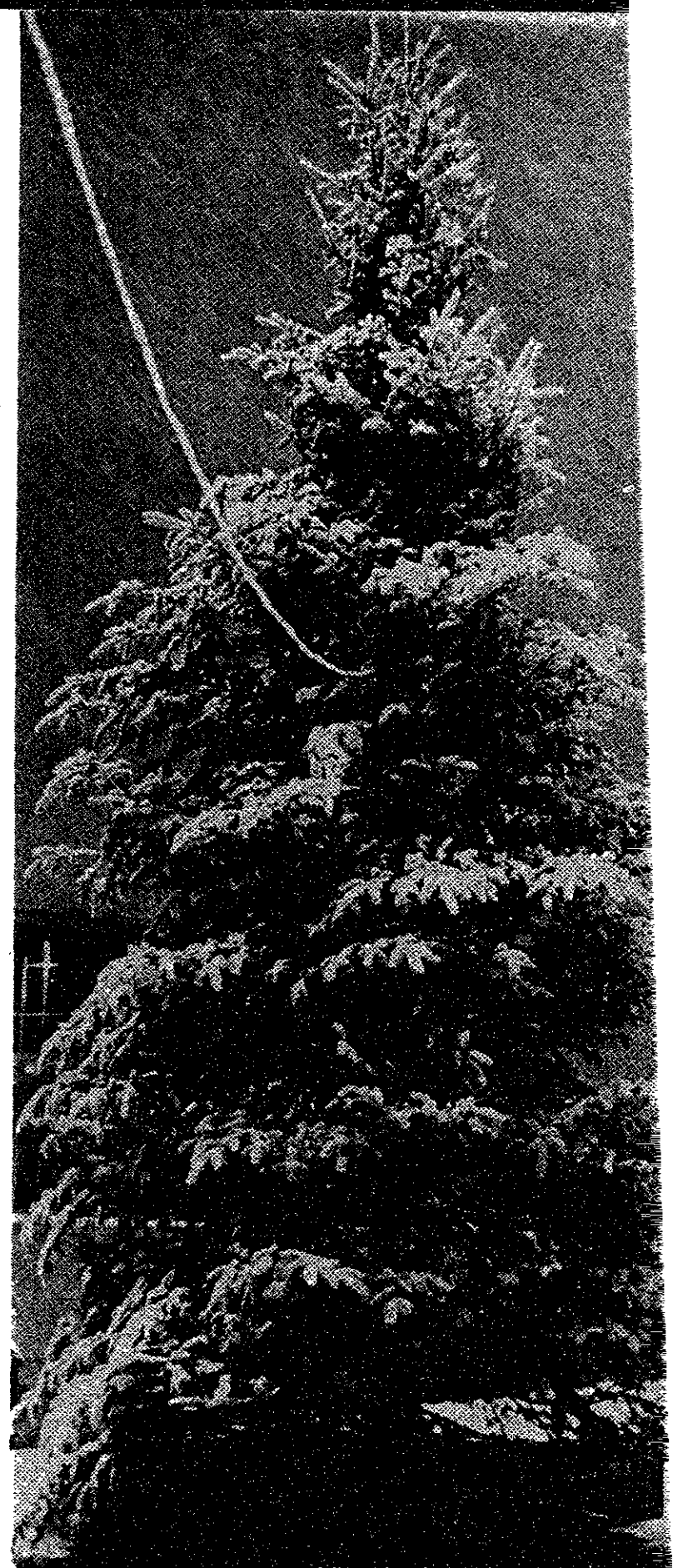
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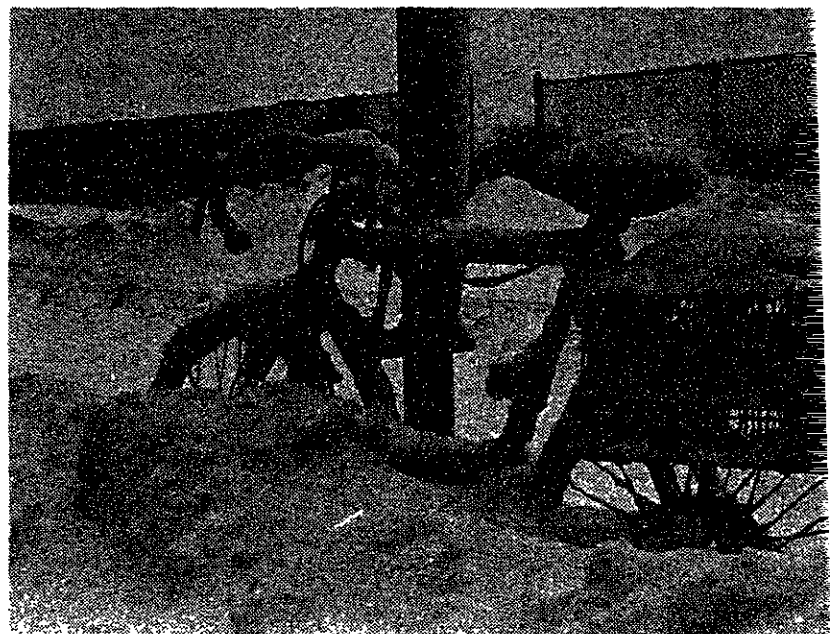


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# Absence of Competence

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**Absence of Malice**, opening soon at Sack Theatres in and around Boston.

In Columbia Pictures' new film, *Absence of Malice*, the director, Sidney Pollack, and the writer, Kurt Luedtke, set out to examine the press' abuse of its ability to print virtually anything about anybody, however untrue, as long as there is absence of malicious intent. The result is a well-written, well-acted film, but a flawed analysis of the problems associated with the journalistic guideline of "absence of malice."

The reason the analysis is flawed is that the reporter the story centers around,

Megan Carter (Sally Field), is not very competent, and so her story does not easily generalize to all journalists.

She is, for instance, the type of reporter who gets caught secretly taping an interview. Her journalistic specialty is printing untrue and unconfirmed stories. For the first half of the movie, the victim of her stories is one Michael Gallagher (Paul Newman).

In one particularly disturbing scene, Carter badgers Gallagher's emotionally unstable girlfriend, who eventually gives Carter some very embarrassing information, while insisting that her name be kept out of the story. Thoughtlessly and

pointlessly Carter uses her name, and the girlfriend commits suicide the next day when the story is published. This time, Carter not only neglects to confirm the story, but she also fails to get any background for it, which would have revealed that the girlfriend was seeing a psychiatrist.

In each instance, Carter publishes false or damaging information but is safe from libel because she is not doing so maliciously. Such — Pollack and Luedtke would have us believe — are the dangers of "absence of malice."

Unfortunately, the only reason Carter could not be accused of malice in this movie is that she is clearly not clever enough to act maliciously, and the low point of the movie occurs when her editor tells her that she is a good reporter.

In fact, because she is a relatively gullible and stupid reporter, Carter believes and prints almost everything anyone tells her. Throughout the movie she publishes virtually nothing but unconfirmed and unconfirmable hearsay, which is the province of *The National Enquirer*, not the *Miami Standard*, her supposedly legitimate newspaper. The only really true story she prints causes someone's suicide.

The only reason Gallagher continues to talk to this dangerous reporter is to set up his subtle revenge, which is certainly the movie's high point. In a brilliantly written series of scenes, he calmly gives all the antagonists enough rope, and they hang themselves in one of the most satisfactory movie revenges in recent memory.

The enjoyment of watching the antagonists slowly come to realize just how they have damaged or destroyed their own careers is strongly enhanced by a fine performance from Wilford Brimley as the Justice Department investigator who is called in at the end to pick up the pieces.

Paul Newman gives a very convincing and restrained performance as the gritty Gallagher who moves from victim to victimizer. Sally Field plays one of the most unlikable characters in her career. It is either a tribute to her acting ability, or a sad sign of the times which include Janet Cooke and the printing of gossip by the *Washington Post*, that her portrait of a stupid and gullible reporter is also entirely convincing.

Joseph Romm

# On The Town

drama

The MIT Community Players announce the production of a futuristic version of *Prometheus Bound*. Based on the original ancient Greek play by Aeschylus, it evolved through eight weeks of workshop improvisation, this futuristic version is in post-history on the top of the New York World Trade Center. Performances are 8pm on the 11th, 12th, and 13th. Admission is free. Room 491 of the MIT Student Center.

dance

This Thursday and Friday, the MIT Drama Program will present *Student Works in Progress*, with informal performances by students of the MIT Dance Workshop, directed by Beth Soll, and the Acting I class, directed by Ron Jenkins. The production will be held in the Kresge Little Theater and admission is free. Call 253-2877 for information.

The Boston Ballet presents its 18th annual production of *The Nutcracker* at the Metropolitan Center from December 1 through January 3. As a special addition this year, there will be a matinee performance on Christmas Eve at 2:30pm. For ticket information call 542-3945.

music

The MIT Noon-Hour Chapel Concert featuring the Ensemble Chanterelle will perform early Italian Baroque vocal and instrumental music this Thursday at the MIT Chapel. It all starts at noon and admission is free.

The Zamir Chorale of Boston conducted by Joshua Jacobson, will perform Handel's *Saul* on Sunday, December 13 at 7:30pm in MIT's Kresge Auditorium. Tix are \$5.50-\$8.50 and are available at the door or may be procured by calling 566-3812.

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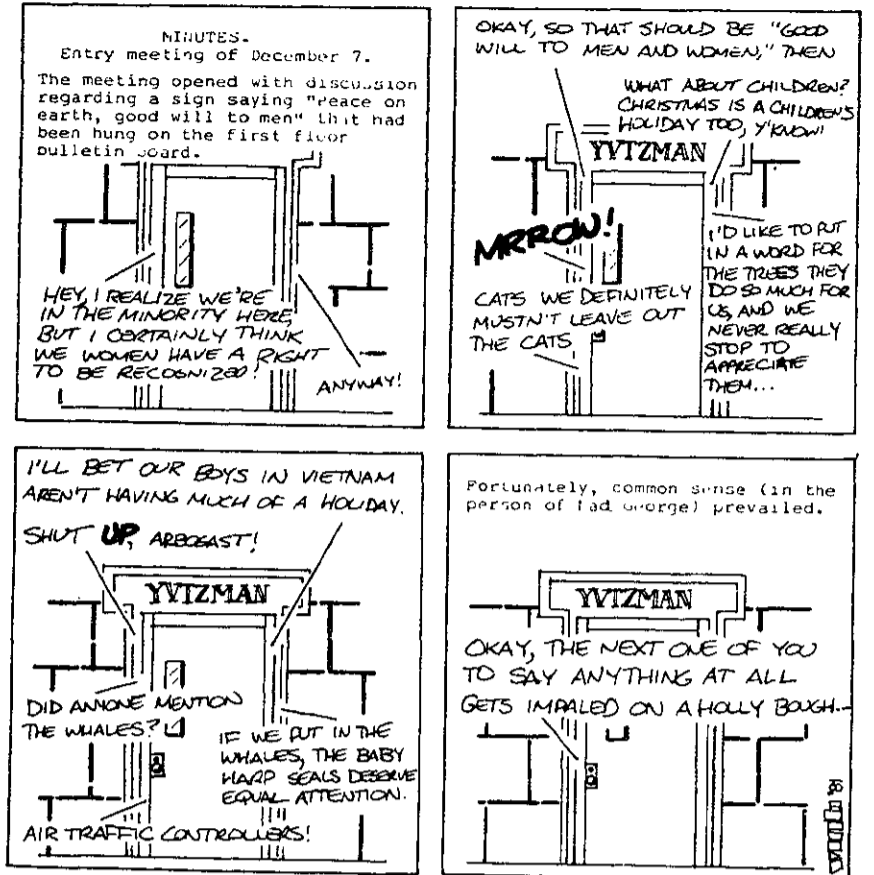


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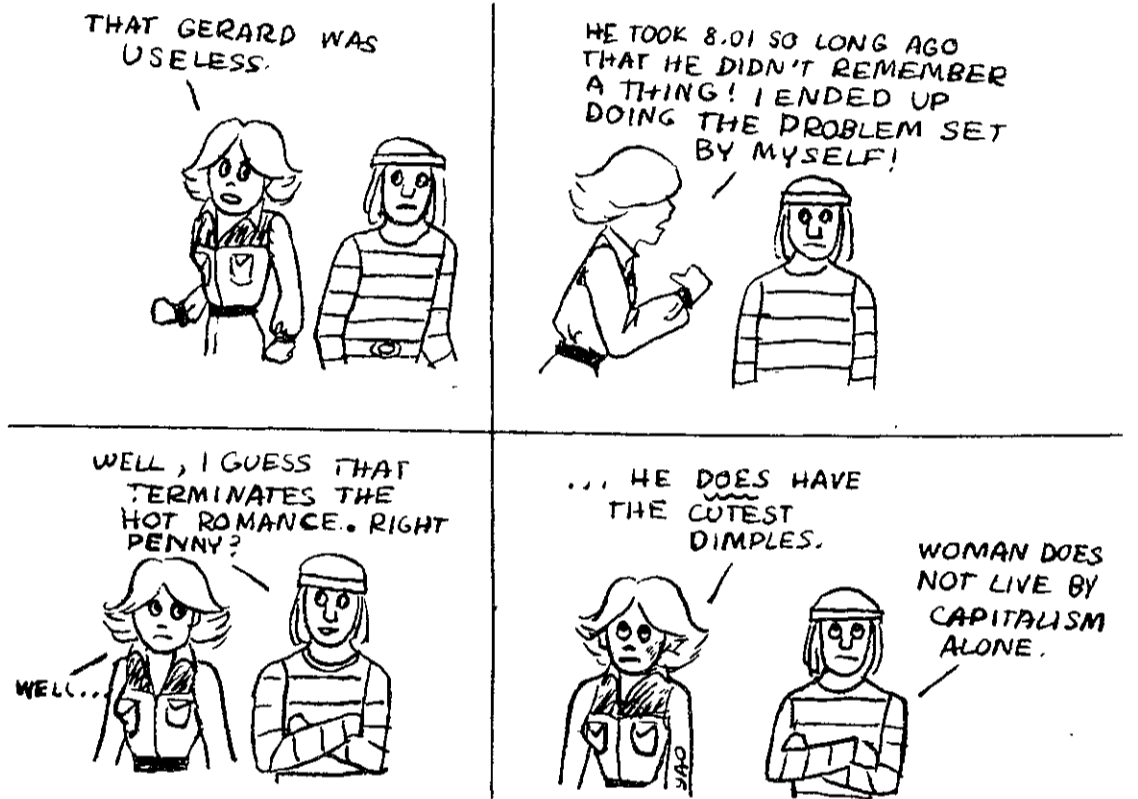
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## UA News

The Undergraduate Association  
wishes to extend holiday greetings  
to all members of the MIT community.

**Announcements**

The **National Research Council** announces its 1982 Research Associateship Awards Programs for research in the sciences and engineering to be conducted in 18 Federal research institutions, whose laboratories are located throughout the United States. The programs provide Ph.D. scientists and engineers of unusual promise and ability with opportunities for research on problems largely of their own choosing yet compatible with the research interests of the supporting laboratory. Initiated in 1954, the Associateship Programs have contributed to the career development of over 3500 scientists ranging from recent Ph.D. recipients to distinguished senior scientists.

Approximately 250 new full-time Associateships will be awarded on a competitive basis in 1982 for research in chemistry, engineering, and mathematics, and in the earth, environmental, physical, space, and life sciences. Most of the programs are open to both US and non-US nationals, and to both recent Ph.D. holders and senior investigators.

Awards are made for a year with possible extensions through a second year; senior applicants may request shorter tenures. Stipends range from \$22,400 a year for recent Ph.D.s to approximately \$50,000 a year for Senior Associates. Allowances are made for relocation and for limited professional travel during tenure. The host Federal laboratory provides the Associate programmatic support including facilities, support services, and necessary equipment.

Applications to the Research Council must be postmarked no later than January 15, 1982. Awards will be announced in April.

Information on specific research opportunities and Federal laboratories, as well as application materials, may be obtained from the Associateship Office, JH 610-D1, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20418, (202) 389-6554.

**Lectures**

Oscar Handlin, Carl H. Pforzheimer University Professor at Harvard and Director of the University Library will discuss what he sees as the deterioration of America's capacity to assert influence in the contemporary political arena. This is the subject of his new book, **The Distortion of America**. Join Professor Handlin at Cambridge Forum, Wednesday, December 9, 8pm, 3 Church Street, Harvard Square. Free and open to the public.

*Working Papers* magazine is sponsoring a teach-in, entitled **Beyond Reagan: Other Visions of America**, on Saturday December 12, from 10am to 9pm at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, 79 Boylston St., Harvard Square. Speakers include Rep. John Conyers, Heather Booth, I. F. Stone, Tony Mazzocchi, and Mark Green. At 7:30 the teach-in will conclude with a debate on Reaganomics between Rep. Barney Frank and William Niskanen of the President's Council of Economic Advisers. Call 547-4474 for more information.

**Activities**

**The Science for the People Women in Science Group** is seeking new members. The group has ongoing biweekly meetings on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month at 7:30 at the Science for the People Office, 897 Main St., Cambridge, MA.

Science for People invites new women participants to explore issues around feminist science. Some of the activities include: organizing education activities, writing articles, and reading and discussing feminist and scientific literature.

For further information contact Terri Goldberg at 547-0370.

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On the 1st day of IAP, January 4, 1982, a film will be shown, entitled, "Assignment Life" which will be followed by a debate on the Abortion Issue. Panelists will be Mildred F. Jefferson, M.D., President of National Right to Life Crusade, Inc. and Phillip Stubblefield, M.D., President of Mass. Planned Parenthood. The topic to be debated is "Do We Need A Human Life Amendment?" The program will be held in 9-150 (enter through 77 Mass Avenue). The schedule is as follows:

6:30 — 7:00pm Refreshments  
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8:00 — 9:15pm Debate  
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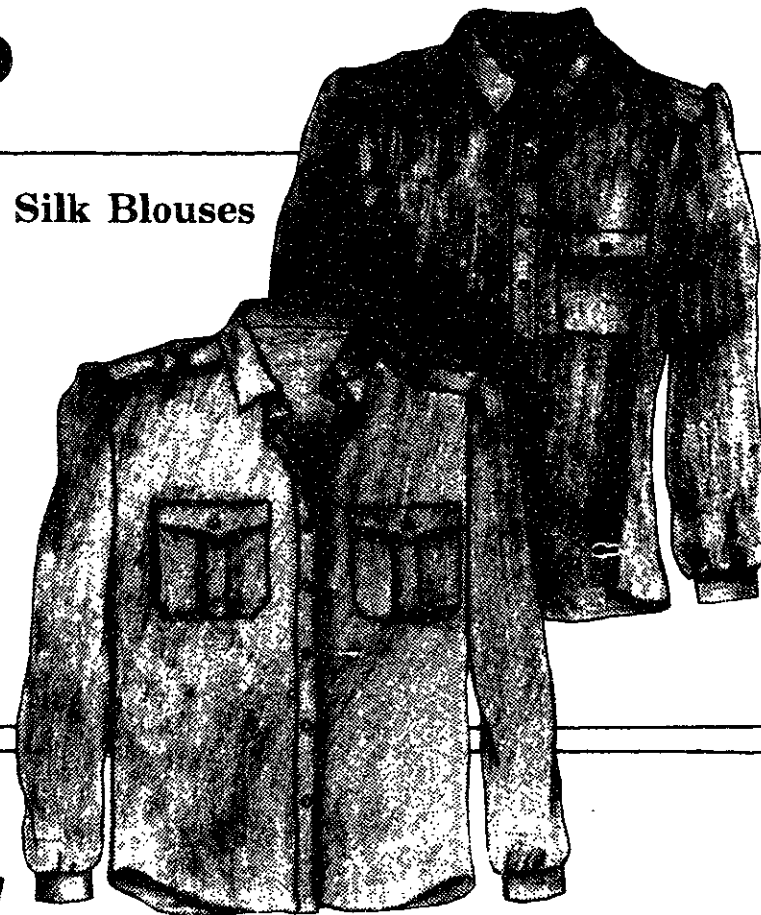
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# sports

## New Athletic Center officially dedicated

By Eric R. Fleming

The \$9 million MIT Athletic Center was officially dedicated in ceremonies held on the first floor of the new facility Friday afternoon.

The dedication coincided with meetings of both the MIT Corporation and the Corporation Visiting Committee on Athletics. The Visiting Committee's main function is to hear and to evaluate suggestions on athletic policy from students, Athletic Department faculty, and the administration.

Speakers included MIT Corporation Chairman Howard Johnson, Institute President Paul Gray '54, Visiting Committee Chairman Irene DuPont, and Athletic Director Royce Flippin.

Gray called athletics at MIT "an almost unequalled community resource," emphasizing the new center's value to students, staff, and faculty.

Flippin, successor to Ross H. (Jim) Smith (whose 20-year career at MIT was honored with the presentation of a silver bowl by the Corporation), cited four important characteristics of the athletic program: a strong sense of tradition; excellence; "vision and courage"; and perseverance. Flippin also paid tribute to the late longtime MIT hockey coach Ben Martin, who led many successful teams in the cold of the outdoor ice rink. At the close of the speeches, Flippin spoke of his

ideas for the future, which included service to the aged and infirm, a supervised employee exercise program, and a research center for health fitness technology.

Three students, Mary Bowden G, Harvey Stenger G, and Jeff Lukas '82, spoke about MIT athletics and the new facility. Bowden, a primary organizer of the new women's hockey club, highlighted the team's progress in the last year and the direction of women's athletics. Club football and hockey member Stenger complimented the center's locker room and training facilities, and termed the center "a show of confidence in the [athletic] program." Lukas, co-captain of the varsity indoor and outdoor track squads, was grateful "for all athletes," and said of his experiences in MIT sports, "I'll best recall the fun, friendship, and closeness that is unique to sport."

Indoor and outdoor track coach Gordon Kelly reviewed the track team's history in Rockwell Cage, known as the "Beaver Box" to team members. The cinder surface and square corners of the cage gave MIT runners a distinct advantage over opponents, Kelly noted.

Following the ceremony, which ended with a ribbon-cutting by the speakers, was a reception in the center lobby and a show presented by the MIT Figure Skating Club.

## sports update

**Indoor Track** — Picking up where it left off last season, the indoor track team won its opening meet Saturday, easily polishing off WPI and Brandeis, 103-41-24. Martin Taylor '83 led MIT with two wins (high jump and triple jump), as the Engineers took first place in 11 of the 16 events held. Sophomore Bob Walmsley set a facility record of 8:31.79 in the 3000 meters. Holy Cross, always a tough squad for MIT, comes into town tomorrow for a 5pm meet, and the traditional Alumni show-down will be held Saturday.

**Basketball** — The hoopsters had a mixed weekend. The men suffered through a listless first half and took their third straight loss (Brandeis, 71-55), while the women opened the season with 50-43 win at Regis. Both teams have home games this week:

Trinity plays the men's squad tonight at 7:30, with Colby-Sawyer taking on the women's team Wednesday at 5:15pm.

**Wrestling** — In a round-robin tourney held here Saturday, MIT won two of its three matches. Bowdoin fell to the Engineers, 21-19, and Tech disposed of Wesleyan, 20-18. Western New England College (WNEC) defeated MIT 33-9, en route to taking all three of its matches. MIT hosts Yeshiva Sunday at 2pm.

In squash, MIT lost to Wesleyan, 6-3; women's swimming, it was Wesleyan 68, MIT 54. Two big events scheduled for Sunday, the New England All-Star Soccer Game, and the Holiday Invitational Fencing Tournament, were canceled due to the inclement weather.

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# Hockey skates to 3-1 victory over Jumbos

By Martin Dickau

Team captain Tom Michalek G scored two goals, and defenseman Norman Townsend '85 added another to power the men's hockey club to a 3-1 win over the visiting Jumbos of Tufts University Saturday afternoon. The Engineers' record goes to 2-1 while the Jumbos' falls to 0-1.

MIT appeared to control the game from the start, but it was Tufts scoring first with five and a half minutes remaining in the second period. Team captain Jay Smith got the puck on a breakaway and beat goalie Randy Grace '83 from the right side.

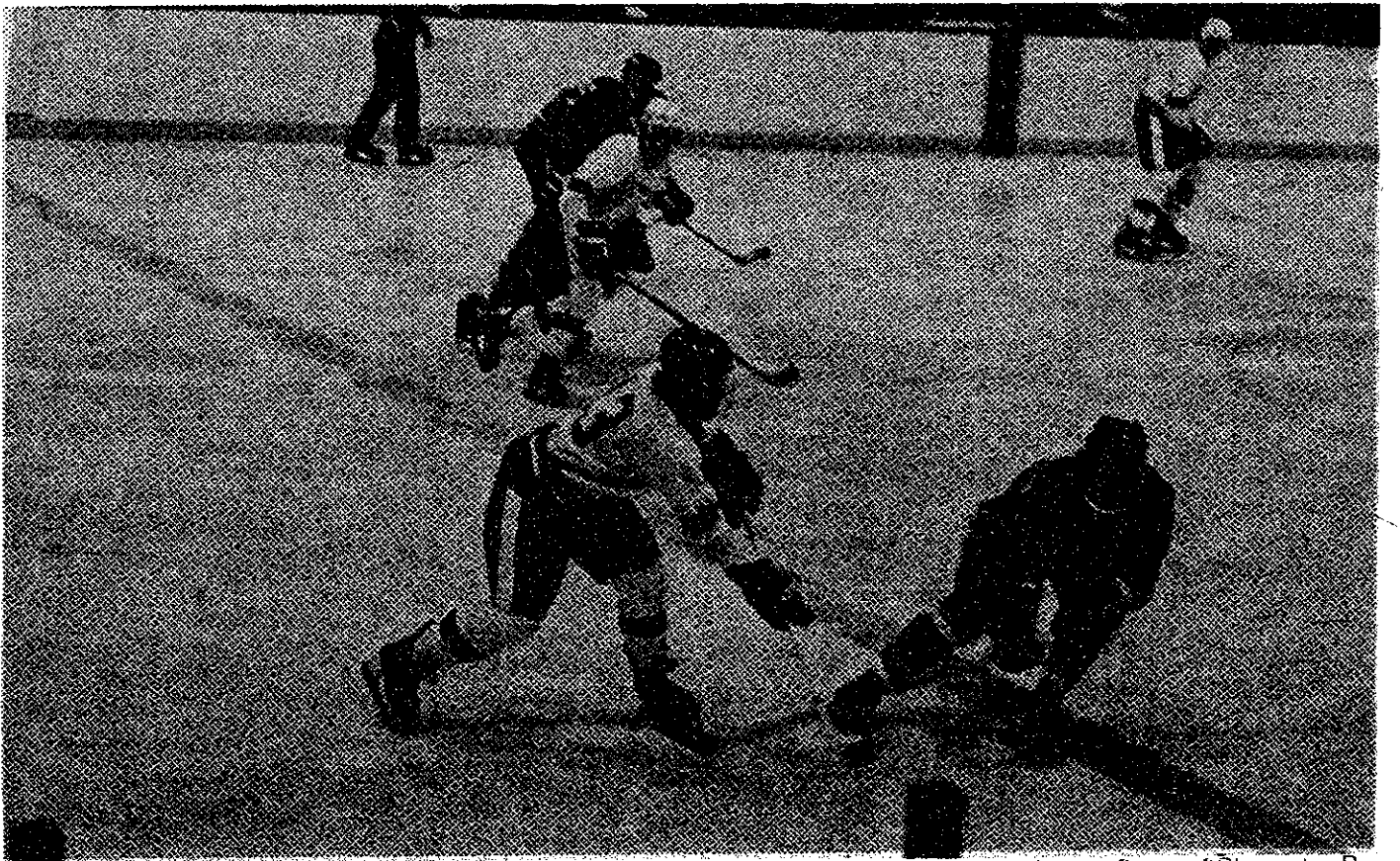
The Engineers were given a golden chance to tie the score at 7:39 of the third period when Tufts' John Wilson was sent off the ice for holding, and then a minute later Mark Yates was given a penalty for cross-checking. It took MIT only thirty-nine seconds to capitalize on the two-man advantage. Captain Dale Malone '83 took a pass

from Pat Foley '82 and let go a blistering shot from the right point. Jumbos' goalie Bob Martel made the save, and the rebound went out to Michalek, who wasted no time in ramming it home.

A minute and a half later, with both teams skating four men after MIT's Matt Neville G was called for elbowing, Dale Malone put a pass on the stick of Norman Townsend whose slapshot from the left point beat Martel to the stick side, making the score 2-1.

MIT finished the scoring with just over four minutes to play in the game when Michalek collected a loose puck at center ice, skated around the lone defender, and put the puck in the net for his second goal of the game, making the final score 3-1.

This was the team's last game before Christmas break. Their next game will not be until Wednesday, January 13, when the Engineers will face Gordon.



The MIT Club Hockey Team defeats Tufts 3-1, in action last Saturday in the Athletic Center (Photo by Ra. Henry).

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