



Five of the six Coop employees arrested last Friday on trespassing charges after distributing pro-union literature. (Photo by Billy Stewart)

## DSA frowns upon fraternity "pranks"

By Frank Hrach

Representatives of Pi Lambda Phi, an MIT fraternity, met yesterday with Associate Dean for Student Affairs Robert Sherwood to discuss disciplinary actions to be taken against the fraternity, ranging up to suspension of the chapter. The meeting was the result of a number of incidents that involved the fraternity's initiation ceremonies, including the staging of a mock anti-gay rally and the planting of five lambs' heads around the Institute Friday night.

The Executive Director of Pi Lambda Phi's national chapter will fly here Monday to conduct a special meeting with the house and representatives from the Dean for Student Affairs office, according

to Sherwood. The Interfraternity Conference (IFC), Pi Lambda Phi's national chapters, and the Dean's Office will all collaborate, according to Sherwood, to "make this incident into some kind of a learning experience." Possible disciplinary actions include fining the members of the house, restricting Pi Lambda Phi from rushing freshman next year, or even suspending the entire chapter, said Sherwood.

Sherwood expressed extreme disappointment in the fraternity since he noted "I've been ... working with Pi Lambda Phi." The fraternity is currently on the Dean's official warning list for incidents which occurred last year, according to Sherwood. He noted that "they were to be on the warning list until June of this year, and so far they had done well by submitting three progress reports describing their community relations, alumni relations, financial situation, and grade point averages."

As part of this year's initiation weekend ceremonies, the fraternity held a mock anti-homosexual rally last Saturday morning in Harvard Square. Anti-gay posters, which advertised the Capital Punishment for Homosexuals Society (CPH) and read, "Let's make the faggots bend over the chopping block," were distributed around the Institute the night before. Gays at MIT (GAMIT) charged that the rally and posters were offensive to them as well as to the entire MIT community. Richard Salz '82, a member of the fraternity, commented, "It amazes me that anyone can look at that [incident] and take it seriously."

The second incident involved the placement of five lambs' heads around the Institute.

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## Coming soon: UAP/VP elections

By Jerri-Lynn Scofield  
and Ivan Fong

This year's candidates for Undergraduate Association President (UAP) will have "a lot more rules ... being thrown at them," said Chuck Markham '81, current UAP.

Elections for UAP will be held on March 11 at various polling places on campus, to be announced at a later date.

"As a result of last year's election misunderstandings, it was decided that a more formal, explicit set of rules was needed," commented Markham. In addition to procedural amendments to the constitution governing candidate behavior, this year students will vote on a "simple" rather than "preferential" ballot.

Under the "simple" system, each voter selects one candidate for each position. This procedure differs from the "preferential" system, under which voters were able to rank all candidates in order of preference.

According to Markham, there are four reasons for this change. First, "it's simpler," second, "it avoids errors," third, "it allows us the possibility to use voting machines from the Boston Election Commission, if it might be arranged," and last, data compiled by Bill Jeffrey '82 indicates that, historically, preferential balloting has had little effect on the outcome of elections.

The five UAP and UAVP teams met Wednesday with President Paul Gray '54 to discuss current campus concerns.

The Black Student Union (BSU) and the Mexican-American Students Association (MASA) will hold a UAP / VP forum on March 1, at 3pm in 66-110. The BSU and MASA will endorse one of the candidates after the forum.

The UAP / VP candidates will appear before the General Assembly on March 5, at MacGregor House.

The Tech asked each UAP candidate to "briefly summarize [his] highest priority as UAP." The results were:

John DeRubeis '83: [not available for comment]

Gerald Fitzgerald '82: "Restructure the financial aid system and get the Center for Alternative Scholarship Help running. We would also like to set up a campus-wide team to work out campus dining issues."

David Gauntt '83: "Open up the Student Center Committee, ... by making it more responsive to student ideas and complaints."

Chris Johannesen '82: "Make the UA an accountable and effective voice to the administration."

Charles Moon '82: "Change the attitude of the student body, to involve as many students as possible. Currently, decisions are made by a small, elite group of people."



Chuck Markham '81, the current Undergraduate Association President, has formalized rules for the upcoming election.

## Revolution Books may be moved

By Kenneth Snow

Revolution Books is being forced by Limestone Realty to vacate their Central Square store. Limestone Realty is the owner of the building, located at 233 Massachusetts Avenue.

Revolution Books is a distributor of literature dealing with Marxism, Leninism, and social revolution. Bruce Pritchard, staff member and spokesman for the store, asserts that this is a case of "political oppression." Limestone Realty, which leases the property to Revolution Books, flatly denies this charge. Limestone now has a potential client that is willing to pay the required rent for the property. "This is nothing more than a simple business matter," said Gregg Rains of Limestone Realty.

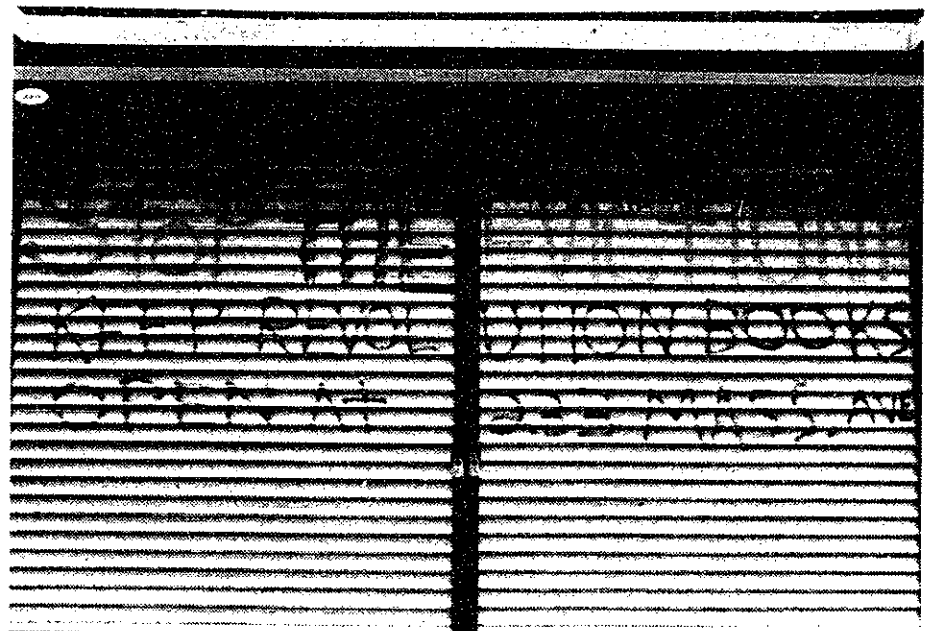
Revolution Books believes that, if they are evicted, MIT fraternity Zeta Psi will be the new

resident. Zeta Psi has been looking for a house since their introduction to MIT in 1979. Tom Popik '82, president of Zeta Psi, denied this allegation. According to Popik, Zeta Psi has been looking for a house for two years and anything that becomes available will be of interest. At present, the building is still occupied and is not zoned for a fraternity. "This proposal is just a rumor," emphasized Popik.

Associate Dean for Student Affairs Robert Sherwood said that MIT might have an interest in this property if it were to become available. "The building is not ideal but could be promising to MIT for expanding academic programs or to Zeta Psi," said Sherwood. "But, MIT is not the landlord and is not evicting anybody. We will just have to wait and see what transpires."

Presently the building is zoned as a business establishment. A zoning variance would be necessary to allow Zeta Psi to occupy the building. Such a variance would require passage after an open hearing by the Cambridge City Council.

According to Rains, an employee of Limestone in charge of this case, the charges of "political oppression" are entirely



A spray-painted sign on the Revolution Books gate. (photo by Jonathan Cohen)

"off the wall." The lease was for one year with an option for renewal for another year. The book store had to reply by January 3, 1980 to accept that option. However, acceptance of the option would have meant acceptance of an increased rent.

Revolution Books refused the option but did ask for a new lease in March of 1980 at the same rent they were paying before, without any increase. Limestone had no

new tenant in mind then, so they agreed to continue renting to the book store at their old rent level on a monthly basis until such time as a tenant came along that would pay what Limestone considered an equitable amount.

Rains stated that it was Limestone Realty that rented the store to Revolution Books at first. "We knew what kind of material they were selling and did not ob-

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## inside

Despite MIT's claims, there are students here who are denied an education because of financial pressures. Three of their stories are on Page 4.

Sheena and Dave check out the singles scene. Page 8.

# Draft protesters get 30 days

By Barry S. Surman

Seventeen protesters arrested January 5 in connection with an anti-draft demonstration at the main Post Office in Boston were sentenced Tuesday in the US District Court in Boston.

Magistrate Robert J. DeGiacomo sentenced the seventeen, who were found guilty earlier this month on charges of obstructing the entranceway to a federal building, to the maximum allowable penalty of thirty days in prison and a fine of \$50 each. The sentence followed a request by Assistant US Attorney Janis Berry for a sentence of ten days in prison.

Berry refused to comment on the sentence, saying "The canons of ethics prohibit me from commenting." Defense attorney Robert Hernandez was indignant at the severity of the penalty, commenting, "It is obvious to me they were sentenced for their political beliefs."

"The Court cannot punish them for expressing their ideas. All the evidence shows that they were acting out of conscience," continued Hernandez, who has represented draft protesters in several other cases, and is an active member of the Boston Alliance against Registration and the Draft and the Parents Against

the Draft. He questioned the system of Justice which allows the courts "to punish them for what they stood for, what they believed, what they expressed."

Hernandez said an appeal would be filed by next Friday. The defendants' sentences have been stayed pending that appeal.

Also on Tuesday, the Cambridge District Court heard the appeals of Bruce Gordon, Sonia Neilson, and Charles Hussock on their convictions February 12 on charges of being "idle and disorderly persons" at

an anti-draft demonstration January 10 at the Harvard Square Post Office. Neilson and Hussock were sentenced to fines of \$125 each, and Gordon to fines of \$250 by Judge Lawrence F. Feloney at the time of their conviction.

On appeal, the cases were continued without finding by Judge Arthur Sherman until August 24, when the cases will be dropped if the defendants have no further serious legal problems. They were assessed court costs of \$200 for Gordon and \$125 each for Hussock and Neilson.

## Eviction not political

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ject to them. If this were a political issue we would never have rented to them in the first place. Also, if we objected to Revolution Books we could have had them evicted last April when their lease expired," commented Rains.

Pritchard argues that "this is not a simple tenant-landlord dispute." Pritchard feels that this issue must be viewed on a much larger scale. Recently, three stores, in Berkeley, New York, and Seattle, selling revolutionary books were closed. The

bookstore's lease ran from April 1979 to April 1980. The case comes to trial on March 5.

Pritchard states that the store tried to renew their lease but the landlord refused, even though he had no new tenant. "The books will prepare people for revolution in this country," said Pritchard. "They may be offensive to certain people, but are necessary. As Lenin said, 'without revolutionary theory, there can be no revolution.' The issue here is not why we're moving, but why they're trying to make us move."

# notes

429 of the Student Center between 1pm and 5pm.

### Correction

The Tech Coop employees who were arrested last Friday will be represented by attorneys from the Union of Food and Commercial Workers, not the National Labor Relations Board, as stated.

### Activities

A fellowship meeting will be held on Friday, February 27, from 7:15pm - 9pm by the **Campus Crusade for Christ**, in 37-252. Music and refreshments will be provided.

There will be a meeting for students interested in joining the **MIT Association for Recording Science** in 20F-009 at 2pm today. For more information call Jon at x5-6663.

The **Student Art Association** has room in the following evening courses: life drawing, sculpture, jewelry, non-class photography, special projects in photography, cibachrome, calligraphy, stained glass, and basic clay. Studios are open 24 hours daily. Those interested should register in Room

### Announcements

The **1983 class ring** is complete: the final design and prices are available for inspection in the UA office (room 401). Orders will be taken on March 10, 11, 12, & 18. If you have any questions, call Ken Dumas 5-7364.

The **R/O Committee** is now forming. If you are interested in helping on R/O call Rhonda Peck (5-9688), R/O Coordinator or Ken Dumas (5-7364), Asst. R/O Coordinator or leave a note at UASO, Room 7-103, phone 3-6771.

The Dept. of Biology is accepting nominations for the **John Asinari Award** for Undergraduate Research in the Life Sciences. Eligibility: Undergraduates in Course VII, VII-A and VII-B. Details: See Ed Gaudiano in Room 56-524, Ext. 3-6715. Deadline for submissions: April 24, 1981.

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# news roundup

## World

**Reagan considers noncombat advisers for El Salvador** — Senator Howard Baker Jr. said Wednesday that he supports a Reagan plan to send as many as 150 US military advisers to El Salvador. The dispatch of noncombat advisers "would help the Salvadoran Government in its fight against left-wing insurgents. "It is entirely appropriate to dispatch noncombat advisers to tell those people how to defend themselves against Cuba," said Baker. The Administration also plans to increase the level of military aid to El Salvador from the current \$10.4 million to as much as \$40 million.

## Nation

**Miscalculations add to Federal tax cuts** — President Reagan ordered \$3 billion to \$6 billion in budget cuts in addition to the \$41.4 billion in reductions announced last week. Reagan's advisers had underestimated Federal spending for the 1982 fiscal year, and the additional cuts must be made if Federal spending is to hold to a \$695.5 billion ceiling.

**January CPI up only 0.7 percent** — Consumer prices increased 0.7 percent last month, which would mean an annual inflation rate of only 9.1 percent if prices were to continue at the January rate, reported the Labor Department Wednesday. Annual inflation has been increasing at a double digit rate since September. The Government also reported a 12.4 percent rise in the 1980 consumer price index. Economists warned that the January survey does not reflect petroleum price increases after domestic oil decontrol, which occurred on January 28.

**Environmental Council may be cut** — Top Administration policymakers are deliberating the elimination of the Council on Environmental Quality, according to White House officials. The Council on Environmental Quality is a Cabinet-level body that advises that President on environmental issues, and may be withheld financing for fiscal year 1982 as a step in total elimination as part of a reorganization plan, an official said.

**87 percent draft registration rate reported** — The Selective Service System said Tuesday that 87 percent of eligible men registered for the draft in January.

**Hell's Angels win court fight** — Federal prosecutors dismissed charges against the Oakland, California Hell's Angels motorcycle gang after two mistrials had been declared and millions of dollars had been spent. Trials began in 1979 on charges of conspiracy and racketeering.

**Boy holds up teller and flees with \$100** — Armed with what may have been a .25 caliber automatic pistol, a boy held up a teller at the midtown branch of the New York Bank for Savings Wednesday morning. The boy appeared to be 9 or 10 years old and escaped with \$100 in cash.

## Local

**King seems unwilling to bail out MBTA** — Governor Edward King suggested yesterday that "there isn't any chance" he would support Boston Mayor Kevin White's proposal that the state be responsible for Boston's \$40 million Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority assessment. White said a total of \$70 million in state aid is needed as a result of Proposition 2½.

**Subway service slated to be slashed** — The MBTA has proposed elimination of Sunday service on the Red Line beginning March 22. These and other cuts were discussed at a public hearing held in the Boston State House's Gardner Auditorium yesterday evening.

Ivan Fong

## Weather

Mostly cloudy this morning, becoming perhaps partly sunny by afternoon. Highs will be near 45. Winds will be northerly 10-15mph. For tonight, partly cloudy and cooler with lows near 30. Tomorrow, partly sunny and mild with light winds and temperatures reaching 45 again. Winds shifting to the south late in the day, and Saturday evening will be mild with lows near 35. We may see some light rain showers by Sunday morning. Highs will be in the upper 40's.

James Franklin

# TELETHON '81 RESULTS

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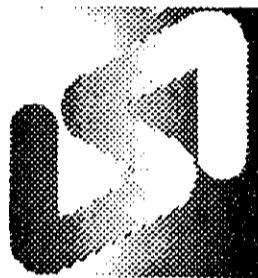
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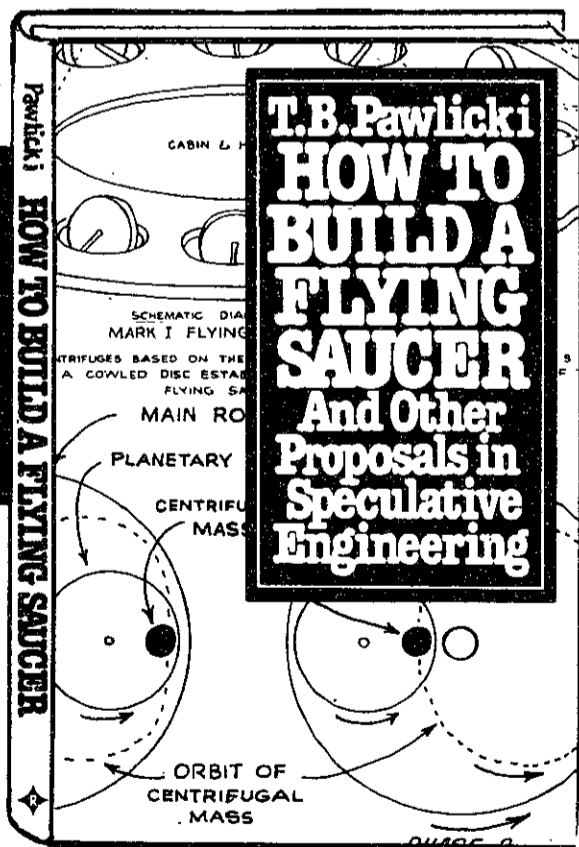
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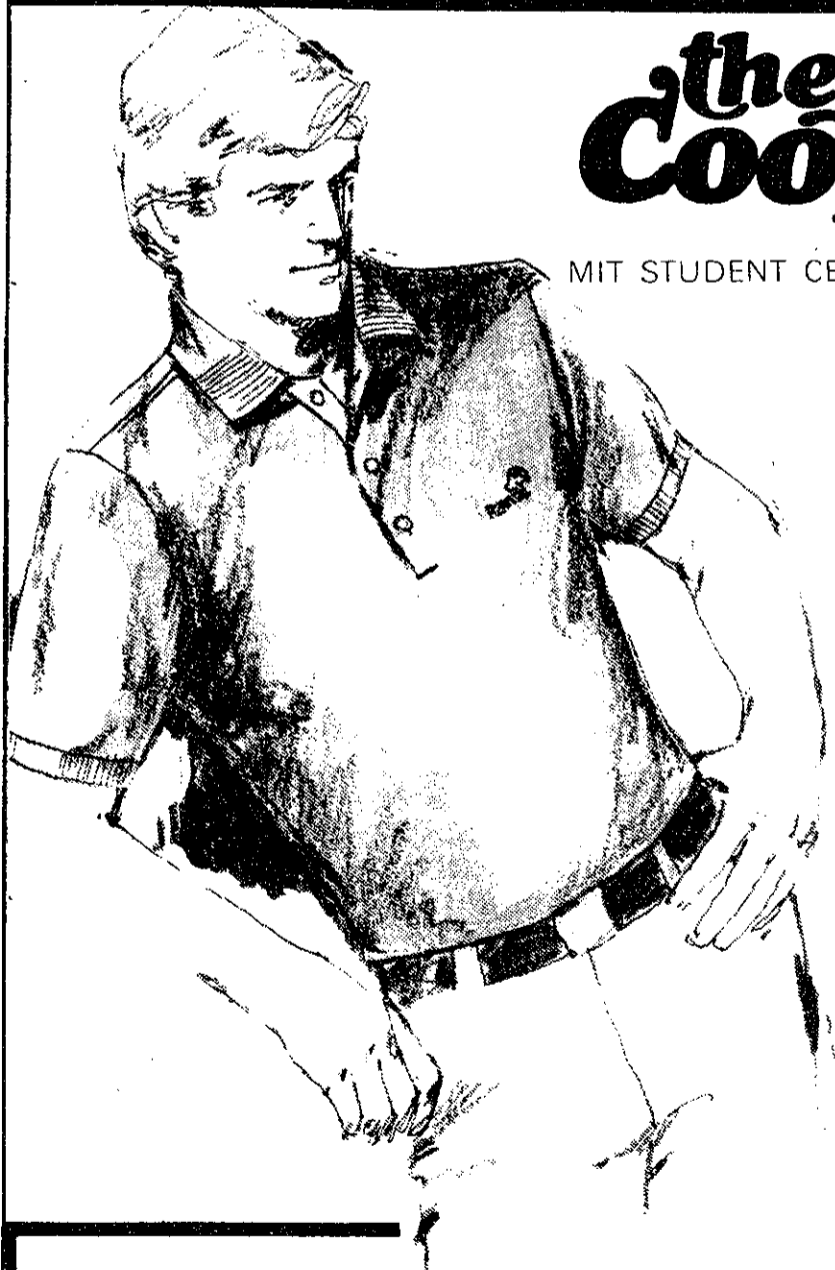
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# opinion

Stephanie Pollack

## On being denied an MIT education

Usually, MIT students can handle any numbers that are thrown in their direction. When the numbers are 19 percent or \$7400, however, some students have serious difficulties. This is the story of three such students, who are fighting — and losing — a battle of numbers with MIT.

These students asked that their identities be hidden to avoid reprisals from the Financial Aid Office, which they consider their primary adversary. The names have thus been changed to protect the truly innocent — those whose only crimes are desiring an MIT education and being unable to pay for it.

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"Mark" is a freshman who insists that he "will not leave MIT because of tuition." Nevertheless, he has not yet paid any of this term's fees, and he does not have the funds to do so. Much of his career at MIT has been spent fighting with the Financial Aid Office about how much his parents earn and can afford to pay. He is still waiting for the Institute to acknowledge the devastating effects of a sharp drop in his family's income which occurred recently.

How will he pay for next year? Mark, who has not registered for the draft, will join ROTC. He is not happy about the decision, but needs the scholarship to pay for MIT. At least he is not alone. Mark claims to know at least six other students who appeared in the various ROTC offices around campus "within two days after they announced the tuition increase."

There may be other ways to deal with prohibitively high costs, but withdrawal turns out not to be one of them. "Ken" withdrew from the Institute earlier this term, although not because of financial pressures. He now ruefully notes that "money would have been a good reason not to withdraw." It seems that, upon withdrawal, all financial aid is cancelled. This would be fine if all charges were similarly excused, but students are expected to pay some pro-rated portion of their tuition. Withdrawal thus becomes an expensive proposition, with all of the tuition coming out of the student's pocket.

Will Ken be back next year? Probably not. He is close to the loan ceiling, and his parents have never been able to contribute more than one-tenth of what MIT believes they are capable of paying. Although he has received a "fair amount" of financial aid until this term, it will fall two terms short of what he needs because of his withdrawal. He is understandably bitter, especially about MIT's frequent contention that its high costs will be more than compensated by high starting salaries after graduation. Ken may never graduate.

"Jane" will graduate, but not from MIT. She is seriously considering transferring to a less expensive school. Jane is putting herself through MIT because her parents "don't contribute — they would rather I stay at home and get married." Not exactly a spendthrift, she has enough money for one meal per day. "Any more," she says, "and I don't eat at the end of the term."

Last summer she worked multiple jobs and ridiculous hours to earn enough to pay for school. She uses Social Security benefits to pay her rent, but President Reagan has proposed drastic cuts in that program. What about loans? "I am planning to start my own business when I graduate. I won't be able to pay back loans." Jane does not know where she will transfer, but she hopes it will have a Financial Aid Office which, unlike MIT's, will not laugh when she explains how many hours she worked over the summer.

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These, then are the stories of three students who don't exist as far as the Institute is concerned. Official MIT policy, as repeatedly expressed by President Paul Gray, states that "talented students with the capacity to do MIT-level work will not be denied an MIT education because of lack of money." True, Mark and Ken and Jane have received an education, but not about what Gray — or they — expected.

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## BEST ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE..



## feedback

### An apology from Pi Lambda Phi

To the Editor:

It has come to our attention that a number of members of the MIT community were offended by some of our actions this past weekend. We, the brothers of Pi Lambda Phi, would like to both apologize to and clarify the situation for the community.

We trust *The Tech's* coverage of the external situation. We want to explain the motivation behind our actions. Our initiation week is very important to us. One of the main thrusts is the development of a sense of togetherness among the pledges. Another is providing them with something both memorable and enjoyable. To accomplish these goals, we try to come up with some harmless hacks and pranks.

Two of this year's hacks were the placing of goat heads and the staging of a mock rally advocating capital punishment for homosexuals. Neither of these activities was intended maliciously towards any person or group. In retrospect, the grossness of the heads was underestimated. The rally was so blatantly reactionary as to be obviously farce, down to the details of costume and handouts. In both pranks, our error was our insufficiently sensitive perception of the community's reaction.

The specific individuals and groups offended have already received personal apologies. We

would like to take this opportunity to apologize in public to any other members of the community we have offended or hurt. Our intent was clearly not to embarrass MIT or its fraternity system.

We are still not sure if the present furor is the result of our insensitivity or the community's reaction. We really had no idea that anyone would get this upset. Again, we are sorry.

The brothers of Pi Lambda Phi

### Bridging the gap with CASH

To the Editor:

Last Friday's *Tech* carried two articles on the Center for Alternative Scholarship Help, neither of which gave an accurate account of what CASH is all about. In response to rising educational costs and shrinking financial aid, the center was founded this sum-

mer to help bridge the ever-widening gap between students' financial need and their resources. After preliminary studies, it was found that many scholarships go unclaimed because qualified applicants do not apply for them. MIT students are qualified, but they are often reluctant to devote time and effort to securing a



second to demonstrate to the MIT administration the need for changing its 100 percent deduction policy to a level that gives students an incentive to search for aid outside of MIT. CASH has been understaffed since its inception, but because of devoted volunteers, the program

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IT'S TIME WE ALL TIGHTEN OUR BELTS...



I THINK WE ATE OUR BELTS..



feedback

Consequences of a nuclear attack

To the Editor:  
Stuart Gitlow's article on civil defense [The Tech, Feb. 13, 1981] manages to discuss solutions without mentioning the problems. A new cold war seems to be starting, and perhaps we should consider what might happen if it heats up. Apart from noting that the Cambridge area would suffer "total devastation," Mr. Gitlow doesn't consider the consequences of a nuclear attack on the MIT area.

they would probably collapse on us. If they didn't, we would have a day or so to die from radiation sickness. The civil defense system is useless in such a situation. We shouldn't be concerned with restocking the shelters; that might only lull us into a false sense of security.

The article suggests that we can survive a nuclear attack if we are prepared for it. Any sensible adversary will want to make sure that we won't survive. Sometimes having a reputation for technological expertise can be a

liability. It is also worth noting that if The Tech knows that we are to be evacuated to Greenfield, then so do the military planners in the Soviet Union. I'm sure they wouldn't mind lobbing a few warheads in that direction as well, just to make sure. There are plenty to go around.

Civil defense against a nuclear war is like applying a band-aid to a sliced carotid artery. The best way to ensure our survival is to reduce the risk of war. We need prevention, not useless first aid.

John Lepingwell '81

Institute not supporting CASH

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has made progress in the last 6 months. In addition to having a good chance of raising over \$10,000 in outside aid in its first year, CASH has in place an extensive system for locating scholarship sources and matching applicants with the appropriate sources. However, many problems still exist, the largest being a lack of support from the MIT administration.

The help that CASH can give to MIT students is sorely needed, but in spite of this, the center has received minimal support from

the Institute. The operating budget for this year was only \$300, which came from the Undergraduate Association. An opinion which frequently surfaces within the administration is that CASH is getting involved in an area where student participation is inappropriate. However, if the center can provide aid that does not draw on MIT resources, then the Institute should at least encourage such efforts, not block them.

Andy Dobrzeniecki G  
Director for Graduate Operations  
CASH

Dental Bridge

To the Editor:

The Metropolitan District Commission does not wish to get embroiled in a controversy concerning the designation of the bridge along Massachusetts Avenue which connects Boston and Cambridge. We do suggest that the legislature could exercise the option of naming the structure for neither Harvard nor MIT. This could be done and still have a name which was both descriptive and academically identifiable if the designation were changed to the Tufts Dental Bridge.

Paul F. McDevitt  
MDC Legislative Director

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March 4



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Don't advocate higher costs

To the Editor:

The Tech is advocating higher educational costs for MIT students, according to the editorials of 2/24. First, they proposed reduction of the class size to 1000. With educational overhead remaining the same, The Tech is thus requesting a tuition increase of another 5 percent. Responsible student leaders should be rationally communicating with

the administration about cost-cutting, admitting more students, or adopting other budget measures. Secondly, The Tech encouraged students to be "responsive to social conscience" and support unionization of the Coop. There can be no doubt that unionization would increase costs with students being the ultimate losers.

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## Committee to decide on corporate proxy votes

By Tony Zamparutti

Over the next few months, MIT will be casting proxy votes, decided upon by the Advisory Committee on Shareholder Responsibility (ACSR), on policy questions for corporations in which MIT has stock holdings.

The ACSR has eight members, including one undergraduate. It casts proxy votes on corporate policy prior to the company's annual meeting. There are two broad categories of proxy questions: regular business items, such as the election of corporation officers, which must be ratified by shareholders; and social issues, which call into question controversial actions taken by the company.

The most frequent proxy questions concern corporation involvement with the government of South Africa, involvement in the military nuclear industry, and nuclear or chemical waste policy. Such proposals to change or set corporate policy are usually

proposed by a dissenting group of shareholders, and are generally only supported by university and institutional shareholders, a small percentage of the total proxy votes.

Robert Solow, Institute Professor and a member of the ACSR, commented "Universities as stockholders are not going to be a major influence on corporations." Walter Milne, Assistant to the Chairman of the Corporation and a member of the committee, remarked that "we're participating in an activity of moral symbolism," since few proxy votes on social issues carry. The committee examines each question thoroughly, and tries to articulate its position behind each vote.

"We try to express our opinion beyond a yes or no vote," said Milne. Each question is examined in isolation, but the committee has in previous years set general guidelines on certain issues, such as South Africa. The votes of the

ACSR are only recommendations to the Executive Committee of the MIT Corporation, which almost always agrees with the ACSR recommendation.

The ACSR can also recommend that the Institute divest its stock in a corporation whose policies on an issue are unacceptable. Last year the committee considered the possibility of divesting itself of holdings in corporations that trade with or own plants in South Africa, but made no recommendation. By contrast, Harvard's Committee on Shareholder Responsibility has a strict policy of not investing in corporations that lend directly to the South African government. When Citibank recently made such a loan, Harvard sold its \$50 million in securities in the bank. An outside manager controls the operation of MIT's portfolio and chooses the companies in which the Institute invests without such constraints.

MIT holds stock in almost 100 corporations, but only 10 have proxy issues in any given year. Usually the ACSR considers 20 to 25 questions a year. The first meeting of the committee for this year will be on March 4 in Room 10-300 at 4:30pm.

## Baker House chair theft resolved

By Tony Zamparutti

An incident between Delta Kappa Epsilon (Deke) fraternity and Baker House has recently been resolved with the return of a chair taken from Baker by Deke brothers last term.

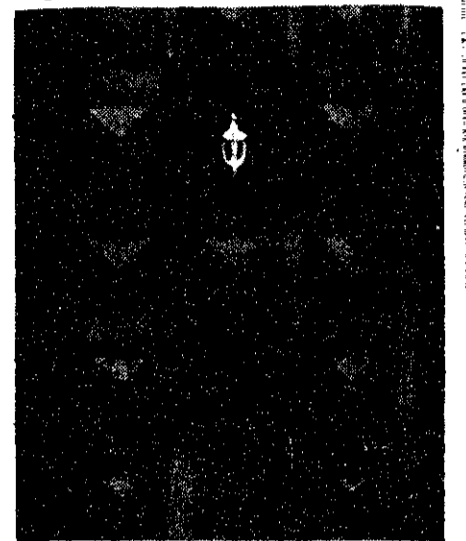
The chair and an ottoman, valued at \$650, were removed from a Baker House common area during the middle of last semester. If they had not been returned, Baker House residents would have been assessed for the loss.

Debasish Tripathy '81, president of Deke, pointed out that the chair was taken by individuals and that what occurred was not a house action. The chair was noticed at the fraternity by some Baker students who were there for a party. The Baker residents notified Campus Patrol, who referred the problem to Associate Dean Robert Sherwood of the Dean for Student Affairs Office. Sherwood contacted Simon Peacock '81, then president of Deke, and arranged for prompt return of the furniture. The fraternity received an official letter of warning for the incident. Sherwood said that it was "not a major incident but somewhat of a traditional incident between liv-

ing groups that got out of hand."

A meeting took place between Dean Sherwood and the presidents of the two living groups to resolve the matter and dispel any ill feelings that may have developed over the incident. The chair might have to be re-upholstered, and Deke will have to pay for any damages, according to Sherwood.

Abeldrah Maklouf '82, president of Baker, noted that "everything has been settled, and there are no more problems." Sherwood said that Deke "has been very cooperative" in resolving the incident.



(Photo by Jonathan Cohen)

## New regulations for foreign students set

By Tim Kneale

A change in US Immigration Service regulations due to take effect on March 31 will have "no major impact" on MIT's foreign students, according to Eugene Chamberlain, International Student Advisor.

After the change is implemented, non-immigrant visas granted to students entering the USA after March 31 will be valid for one year from the date of issuance. The regulation will not affect foreign students presently on "duration of student status" visas unless they leave the US and return after the end of March.

The change will restore international student regulations to essentially the same status they were prior to 1978. In that year, due to rapid rises in numbers of foreign students, and the accompanying increase in paperwork, the government instituted revised rules so that students had to register with the Immigration and Naturalization Service only upon their initial entry into the United States.

Recent unrest in countries such as Iran and Afghanistan has made the ability to keep track of foreign students of interest to those concerned about internal national

security. Unfortunately, the regulations that cut paperwork also made it difficult to trace international students. Consequently, the government rescinded the 1978 changes. Effective April 1, students entering the US must register every year with the INS.

Chamberlain believes that the change will not affect foreign students here at the Institute to a large degree because the International Student Office is there to handle the paperwork. In any case, students presently enrolled at MIT will not be subject to the regulations as long as they remain in the country as students.

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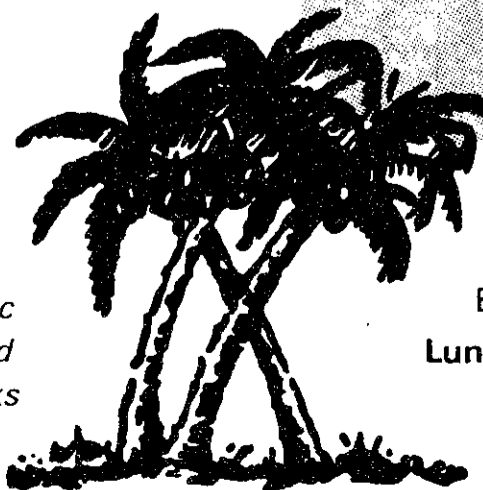
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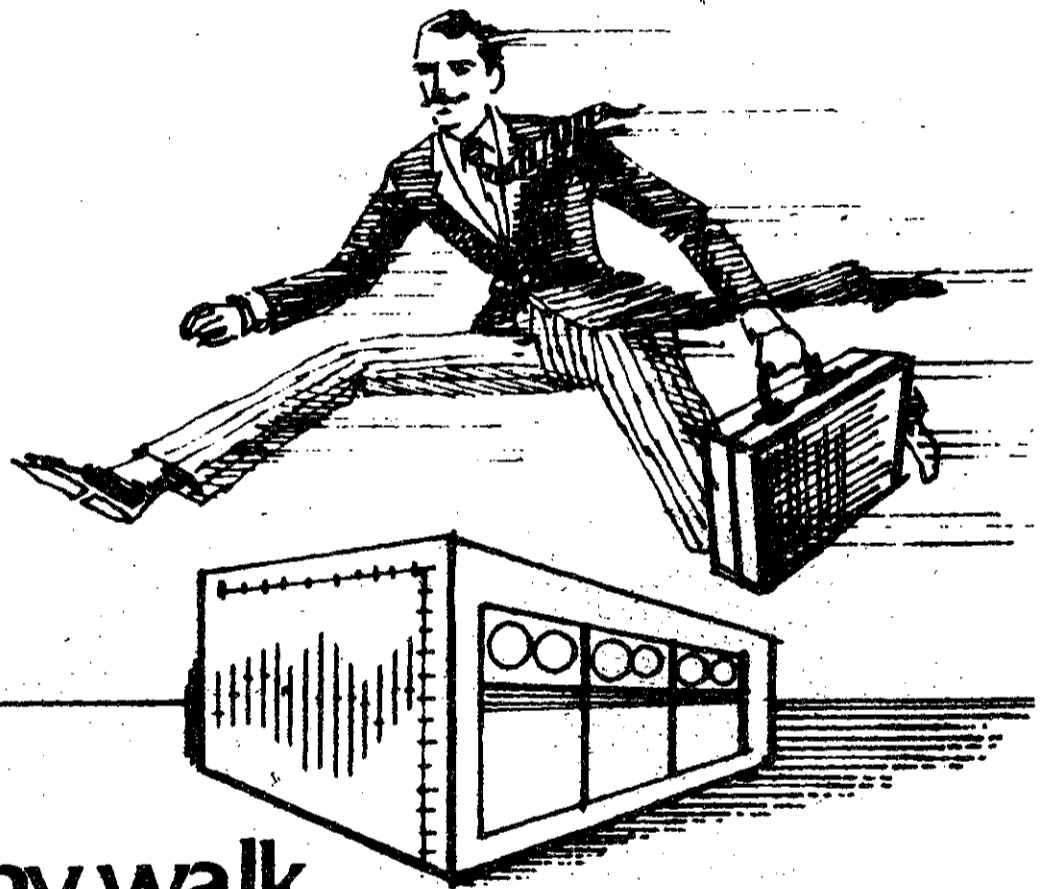
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Modern Method's  
madness

John Surette (l) and Neal Sugarman (r) of Boys' Life (Photo by David Shaw)

Its usual charming self, the Channel played host last Thursday to an exemplary collection of Boston bands all of whom are on the local Modern Method label. I missed the Outlets due to slow hitchhiking, but at this point they hardly need my recommendation. The Future Dads, fronted by local hero Richie Parsons, turned in their tightest show to date, moving away from initial problems with excessive seriousness (besides, a band with a song like "Art Must Go" deserves a place in your heart).

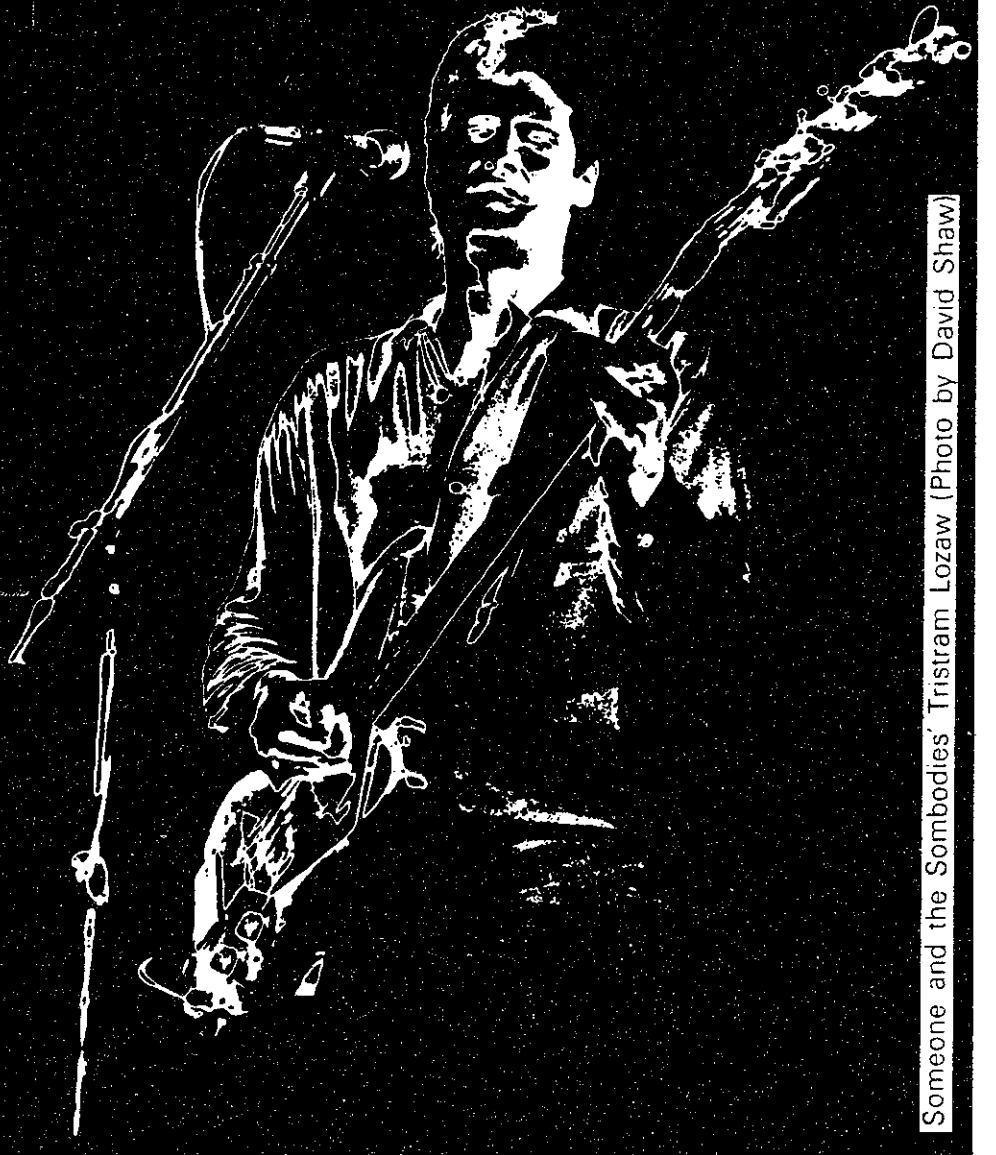
Over to the avant-garde frontiers with Someone and the Somebodies, who offered a subtle collection of modern rhythms, led by Tristram Lozaw's and Robbie Davis's dynamic vocalization. Most of the crowd

came, understandably, for Boys' Life, who even did us the favor of throwing their instruments at each other and punching in the ceiling, as well as ripping through their big hits. Of course, Boys' Life could just stand there and lots of us would be happy, but they play fast, too.

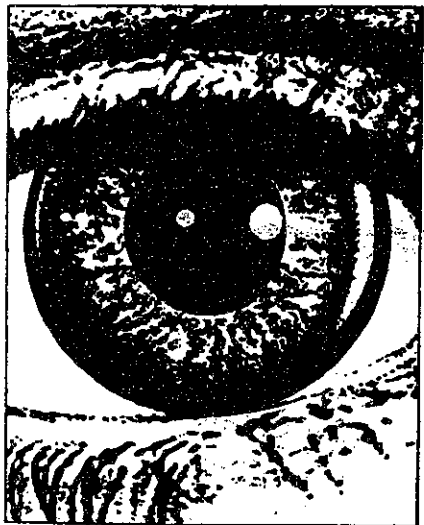
Filed my nails during Pastiche, who seem to be cornering the market on a particularly nasty brand of show-biz flash, and missed the Young Snakes, but in between, Bound and Gagged did their thing to great audience enthusiasm: jarring rhythms, querulous and exciting singing, and a guest sax spot by one of the Suade Cowboys.

This is a pretty kool town, *n'est-ce pas?*

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Someone and the Somebodies: Tristram Lozaw (Photo by David Shaw)



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# Singles going steady

## Delta 5 Colour Try

*Rough Trade, Domestic 45*

This cutely irritating group gets legitimacy by joining the impeccable Rough Trade roster. "Colour" starts off with a great crazy, mixed-up, young bass and little eddies of guitar and cymbal noise. A few tantalizing horns mirror the chanted vocals which build tension through repetition. It's a simple, jumpy song that absorbs meaning from the way it's sung. "Try," the B-side, gets more airplay and is better, too (not always the case). It's not super-significant, the song is too lightweight, but Delta 5 have a distinctive sound which works here. The accompanying noise is low-key, and so the absolutely spring-tight vocals whip us through this song. Changes in vocal pitch are the interesting device that furthers this high-strung, intelligent track.



## Girls At Our Best Politics It's Fashion

*Record Records, import 45*

Uh-oh... I've been hearing this for a couple of weeks on trendy radio without realizing what it was. And now, seeing the single, I thought, "How dippy, 'A Special tribute to the 1980 Presidential Elections,'" only to be slapped in the face by the hummable familiarity of the tune. Given the subject matter, it's a pretty disposable commentary, but there's a nice contrast between high, trilling female vocals (laying on sarcastic observations on US political folly) and the heavy feel of the music.

It's a likeable tune, but a silly concept. Popular in Britain, Girls At Our Best might have success with a similar formula, but get real. The B-side is "Diasaster Cafe"—sounds like the Vienna Boys' Choir over a beefed-up soundtrack from a Godzilla movie.

## Wah! Heat

### Seven Seconds to Midnight Don't Step on the Cracks

*Inevitable Records, Import 45*

I'll bet this is inevitable, too. Wah! Heat's leader, Pete Wylie, once worked with other Liverpoolians who now front Echo and the Bunnymen and The Teardrop Explodes. There is, not surprisingly, a sort of synthesis of these two bands' styles in Wah! Heat's efforts. That should be a successful strategy since the disjointedness of Echo might temper the lushness of Teardrop. Might. Unfortunately this is a muddily produced 45, and it's marred by stylistic defects as well.

Wah! Heat are too traditional, they try too hard to find that happy U2-ish middle ground between Echo and Teardrop. "Don't Step on the Cracks" is compositionally strong, but gets messier and messier as it unfolds; the song demands cleaner work. However, "Midnight" is a near-success and the singing is so sincere that if you hear it casually it works well. At the end of "Midnight" the guitar shows real promise, and the drumming is refreshingly subtle in a period when so many bands sustain everything with thunderclap drums.

But Wah! Heat need (like students, adolescents, and artists everywhere) to find themselves and their own sound. The potential is significant—inevitable may indeed be the word.



## The Gist Yanks This is Love

*Rough Trade Records, Import 45*

I never know what to name the Rough Trade label. The Gist is Stuart Moxham (vocals, instrumental) and Philip Moxham and brothers (both on bass). The Marble Giants, England's pre-eminent of post-punk folk music, the music on this single be like? a continuation of Moxham's the Giants, or would it be a capitalist effort?

The answer lies somewhere in Yanks and This is Love are more than any Giants tune, but both retain the quiet melodic, minor-key so prominent in the Giants' single is distinguished by Stuart Moxham's soft, crooning vocals and a flow. Ultimately there is little difference between the Gist and the Young Marble Giants. Moxham just wanted a chance to sing.



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**Dread Beat an' Blood and Reggae**, part of the "Rock Routes: Films with a Beat" series. Now showing at Off the Wall.

A double bill of British reggae films begins Off the Wall Cinema's five part music series, "Rock Routes: Films with a Beat". *Dread Beat an' Blood and Reggae* both offer an insightful look into the English reggae scene of the seventies. As with many of Off the Wall's features, independent filmmakers with more talent than money are responsible for these rather peculiar, but interesting, productions.

*Reggae* is Horrace Ove's cinema verite record of the 1970 Carribean Music Festival in Wembley, England. This innovative motion picture technique combines film from the concert with interviews of disc jockeys, club owners, and record company people, providing an expose with

commentary on reggae music and its place in the United Kingdom. Extremely competent editing intersplices the music of the Maytals, Desmond Dekker, Black Faith, and others with unscripted sequences depicting the black culture of Jamaica. Scenes of fire walking and limbo dancers perfectly complement the mood and rhythm of the bands. One rather creative sequence contains tinted footage of *King Kong* inserted within a song.

As *Reggae* looks at the music, *Dread Beat an' Blood* looks at the man. Linton Kwesi Johnson: poet, teacher, librarian, sociologist, and musician is the one of the most potent black voices in England today and is the focus of this 1978 documentary, produced and directed by Franco Rosso. Johnson is known for his outspoken stand against racism in the UK and the strength

of his musical and social work. He has been denied a visa to the USA on the grounds that he's too politically sensitive.

Johnson's poems about racism and black urban life in England are written in Creole, his native language, and chanted to a reggae beat. His style is compared with that of the Jamaican "toaster" poets, DJ's who recite improvised lines over a background of reggae music. But unlike the "toasters," Johnson's lyrics and music are well-integrated: he writes down the words first and lets the music naturally flow from the paper.

The film is like *Reggae* inform. We follow Johnson from an outdoor market to the recording studio and through poetry readings and social work, leading to a recitation at a demonstration to free George Lindo, a black man framed on a

robbery charge. The movie gives the viewer a documentary look at the black working class community in London and highlights it with Johnson's musical activism. Even those who have never heard of Linton Kwesi Johnson will be impressed by his philosophical determinism and vocal expressiveness as presented by *Dread Beat an' Blood*.

If you're "into" reggae, this pair of flicks will be right up your alley. If you hate it, forget it. But if you're even lukewarm or ignorant of the style, this Off the Wall presentation may give you a fresh look at a unique musical genre and an inside view of its steadfast following. But never de less, eef dees films got a goal, eets to convince us, dat reggae got soul!

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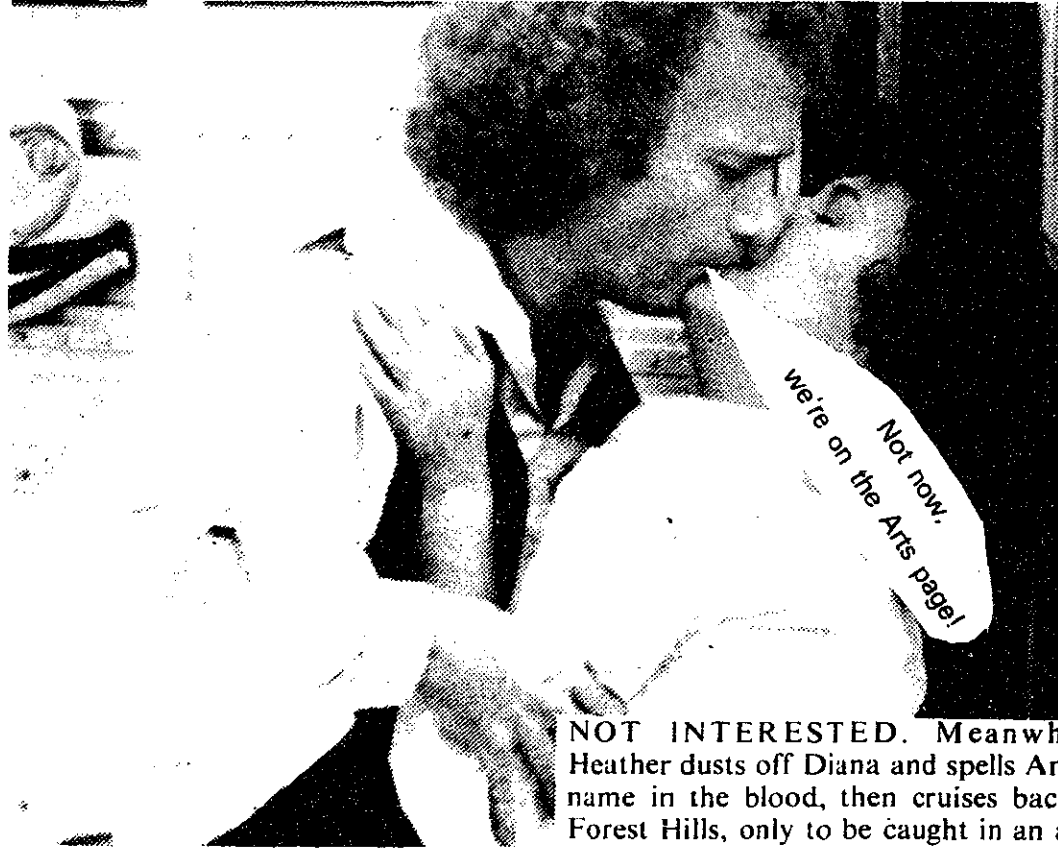
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NOT INTERESTED. Meanwhile, Heather dusts off Diana and spells Anne's name in the blood, then cruises back to Forest Hills, only to be caught in an accident, where the cops mistake her for a real nurse while meta-medics Rick and Jeff attend to the victims. On the other side of town, America's fave couple Luke and Laura, are playing squeeze and tease on the dream triple date of the century — Luke and Alex, Laura and Robert, and Joe and Bobbie. Things get hot at the campus disco, where the Scorp and Bobbie win the big dance contest while Luke bolts up to the warehouse. The Scorp gets wise to the scene, chucks his disco crown and makes

tracks for the warehouse, where he and Luke join forces to foil the evil Casadine henchmen. Back at the disco, the chicks engage in a cat fight in the bathroom after which Laura gets bummed and splits in a taxi leaving the rest of the gang to party it up in the Scorp's penthouse. Back at the Sanitarium Heather plays dumb while Jeff lays down some heavy news then splits for the police station to get a positive ID on the baby footprints. On the couple front, Luke and Laura and Rick and Leslie engage in some snappy sex. Meanwhile, the rest of the town gears up for the event of the century, Port Charles week.

Trixie Belden

## Infra-Man's a lotta laffs

*Infra-Man*, produced by Runme Shaw, Hong Kong, dubbed in English. Showing at Coolidge Corner, March 1-3.

*Infra-Man* is gaining momentum as the most laughed at Sci-Fi flick of all time. It's the usual case of the power-hungry lunatic trying to subjugate the earth before the superhero can battle his way into the underground headquarters and smash the control panel, causing a crescendo of fires and explosions. Nothing new there, but the surprises come in other forms.

The superhero robot is *Infra-Man* who subsists on a solar/nuclear diet. He has many extra features which no robot will want of be without including razor laser frisbees, exploding darts and an electron beam, usually red to match his uniform. He has jet-propelled feet, X-ray vision and of course, thunderfists.

The antagonist is the evil Princess Dragonwing who resides in something like a Chinese Restaurant with Halloween decorations. At her disposal is a rogue's gallery of giant Muppets who could all find work as NFL mascots. These polymer fiends look especially incongruous poised in a karate stance.

Karate? Sure, why not? In fact if you strip away the futuristic decor and the outrageous costumes, you're left with just another poorly dubbed martial arts film. But the campy lunacy makes it all worthwhile.

Playing on the same bill is *Hardware Wars*, an irreverent parody of *Star Wars* with a vacuum cleaner as R2-D2 and an electric iron as the Millenium Falcon. You get the idea. Then if you're still in one piece, you might try to sit through *Barbarella*.

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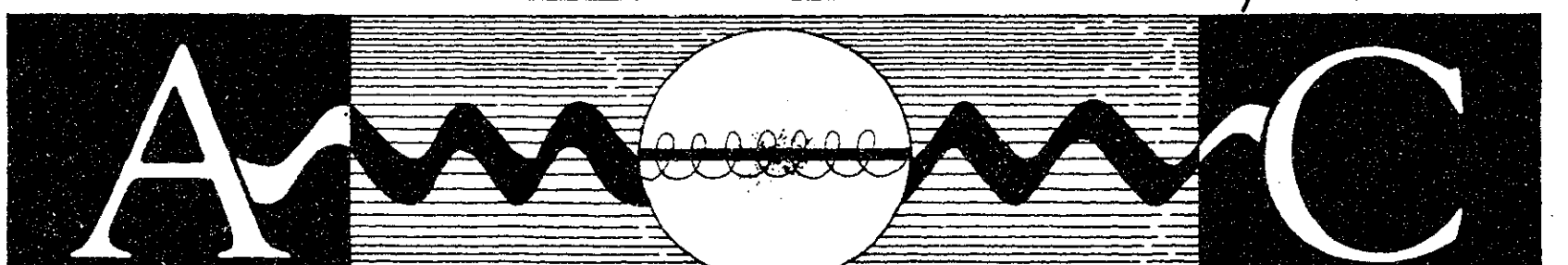
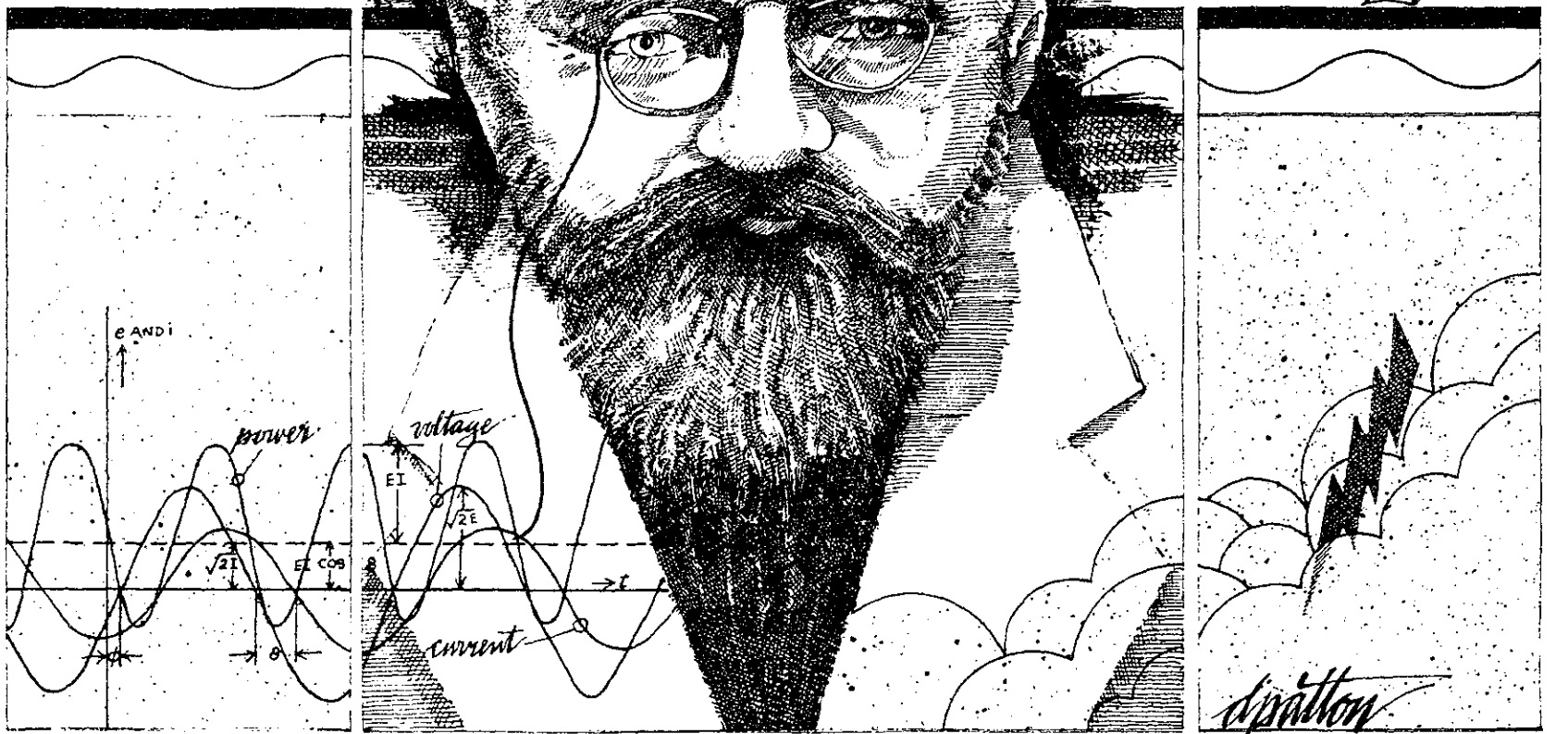
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## MIT/Harvard study advises pollution tax

By Selina Lin

A tax on sulfur pollution "would act as an incentive for industry to clean up their act," noted David Wilson, Professor of Mechanical Engineering at MIT and one of the authors of a recent study of the health risks of air pollution.

Present regulations are ineffective: rather than trying to meet regulations, industry would try to find ways of circumventing them, commented Wilson.

Suspected of claiming 50,000 lives annually, air pollution from fossil fuel combustion will become an increasing problem if the government does not enact effective measures against polluting industries, Wilson and his colleagues warned.

Their book, entitled *Health Effects of Fossil Fuel Burning — Assessment and Mitigations*, is the result of a two year study. In it, they proposed that a multi-billion dollar tax be imposed on polluting plants. The technical report is a summary of past studies on the effect of pollution on humans.

To be fair to industry, the tax would be based on the amount of sulfur released into the atmosphere multiplied by the number of people affected, Wilson added. The reason for this is that pollution from some plants is carried to sea or other unpopulated areas and thus is not hazardous to people.

In addition to the tax on industry, the group proposed a tax rebate for citizens living near harmful polluting plants.

When asked whether the tax would hurt small industries, Wilson replied that "the tax would be implemented over a long period of time, giving industry time for adjustments." However, he said that industry would probably try to pass the

costs onto consumers. Wilson calls this plan a "modified free market" plan. "We are not advocating total freedom of enterprise. A combination of regulation and taxation should be permitted for the protection of citizens," he added.

Proof of pollution's risk to public health are still to be found. There is scientific debate as to whether a threshold level for pollution exposure exists, since some persons exposed to low levels of pollution over many years do not become ill while others receiving the same concentration of pollution do become sick.

Pollution no longer affects only those who live in industrialized areas. Pollution is spread across the country by prevailing winds.

Wilson cited London as evidence relating illness to sulfur pollution. "Four thousand more people died in a week there usually until 1952 when England banned the burning of coal," he said.

## Homosexuals offended by rally

(Continued from page 1)

heads around the Institute Friday night. Members of Pi Lam bought the lambs' heads at a Haymarket butcher shop and put one in the Student Center Library, one under a cushion in the Twenty-Four Hour Coffee House, one in a women's rest room, one in an elevator of the Green Building, and one in the coffeepot of the donut stand in Lobby 7. The racist heads were discovered Saturday and Sunday and were removed with the assistance of the Campus Patrol.

A third incident occurred the night of Wednesday February 18 when the Pi Lam freshmen painted offensive graffiti, aimed at two other fraternities, on the Harvard Bridge. The freshmen were initially instructed only to paint a purple stripe down the middle of Massachusetts Avenue as part of their initiation. Jay Napoleon '81, president of Pi Lam, commented "They got carried away when they did that, but everyone [involved] knows that they will repaint it as soon as the

rainy weather ends."

Pi Lam has sent letters of apology to both GAMIT and the woman at the donut stand who found one of the heads. The members of Pi Lam are also sending letters of apology to two other people who were offended by the heads, according to Napoleon. In the letter of apology to GAMIT, Napoleon said that "we would like to stress that no serious attack was intended on the gay community... We realize that our error this year was in picking an issue which attacked a specific group of people rather than an abstract cause." Last year Pi Lam staged a pro-draft rally for initiation weekend.

Chuck Brown '81, president of GAMIT, commented, "I hope that something constructive comes out of this incident. The fraternity claims that there was no malicious intent on their part. I find that very difficult to believe." Brown added, "They [Pi Lam] draw an analogy between this rally and last year's pro-draft rally. I feel there is no analogy here.

Fraternities are, in general, the group most intolerant of gays on campus." GAMIT Vice President Kyle Hoepner '84, however, said that "we don't want to make anything big of it; we just don't want it to happen again."

Pi Lam handed out leaflets during the rally which contained quotes made up by fraternity members. Sarah E. Yedinsky, President of the Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Students Association (HRGSA) sent a letter to Harvard Dean of Students Archie C. Epps III protesting the rally. HRGSA is sponsoring a gay rights rally today at noon in Harvard Square in response to Pi Lam's rally. Members of GAMIT will also be in attendance.

Napoleon said that the fraternity is definitely not anti-homosexual, and he added that the rally was just taking "a popular cause to such a ridiculous extent that it obviously becomes a farce." He continued, "The two incidents [the rally and the lambs' heads] are totally unrelated."

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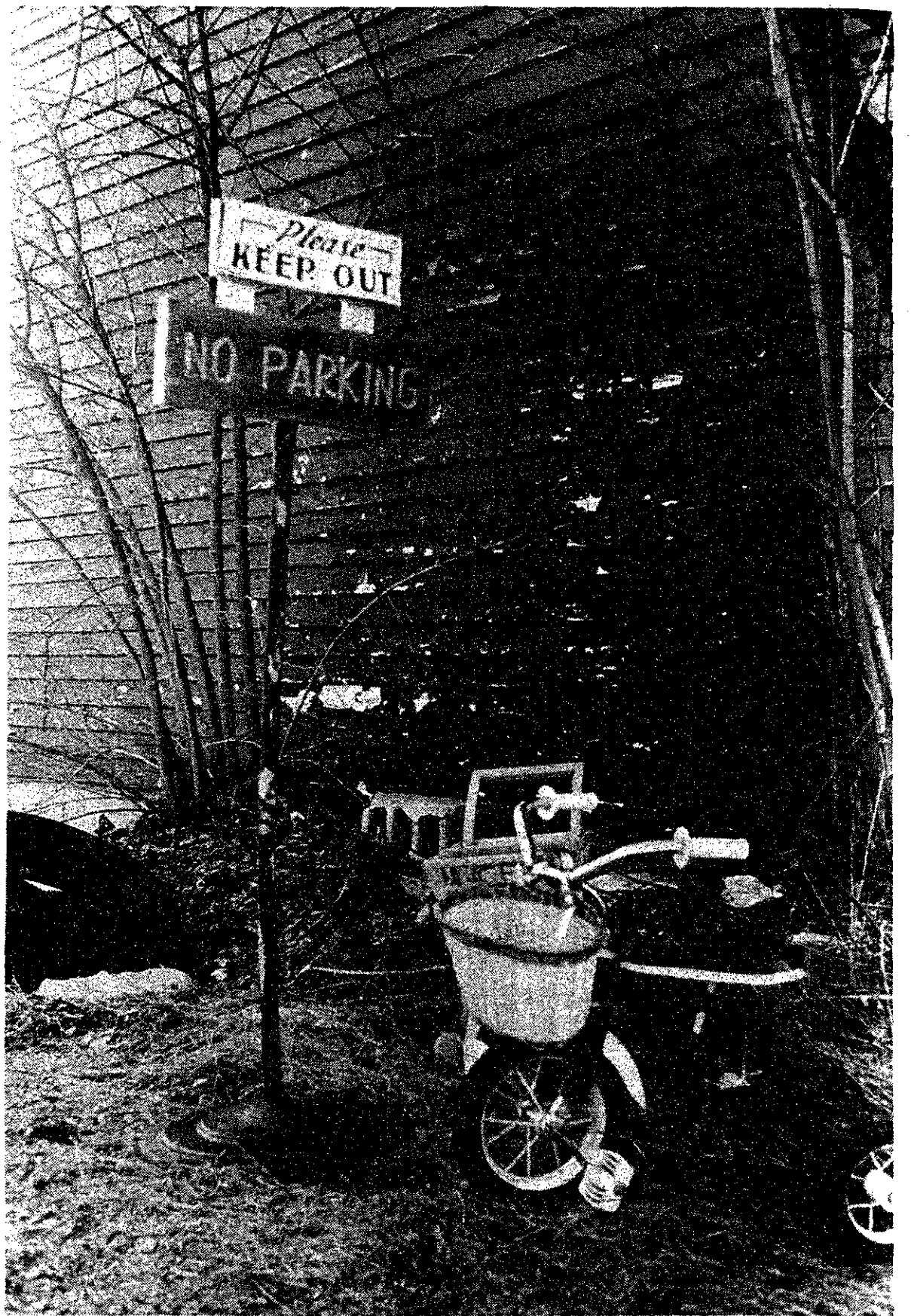


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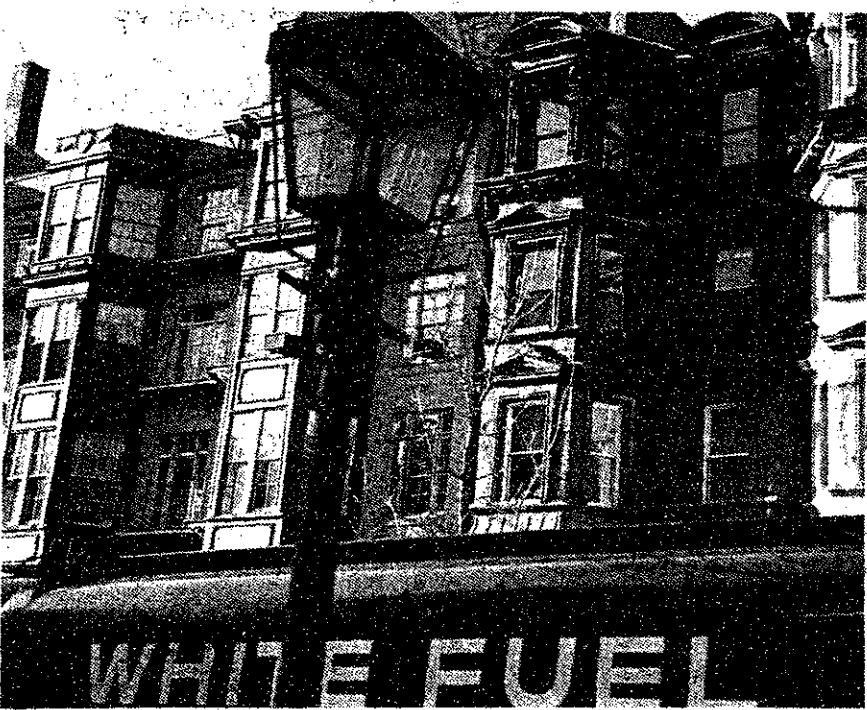
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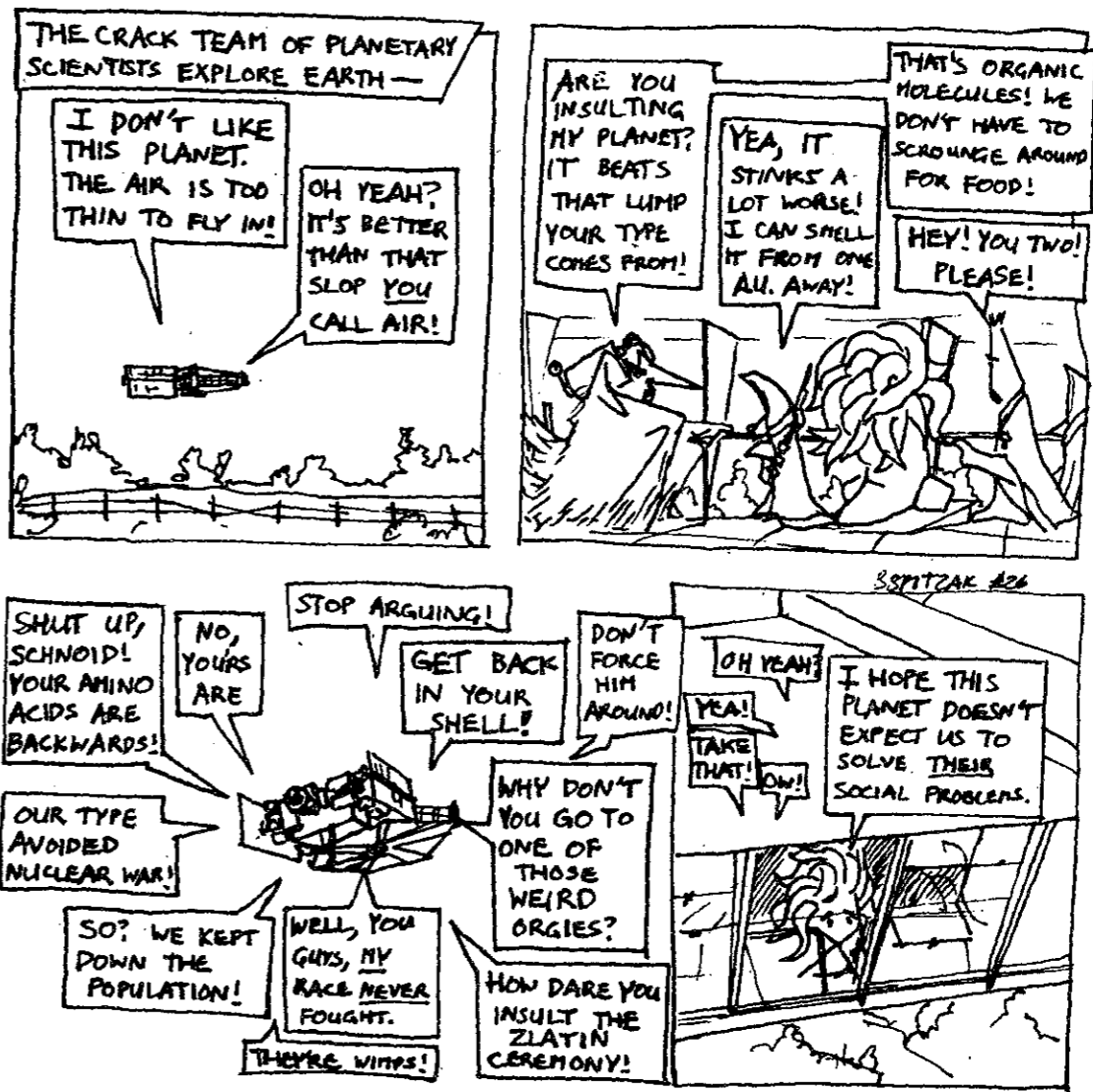
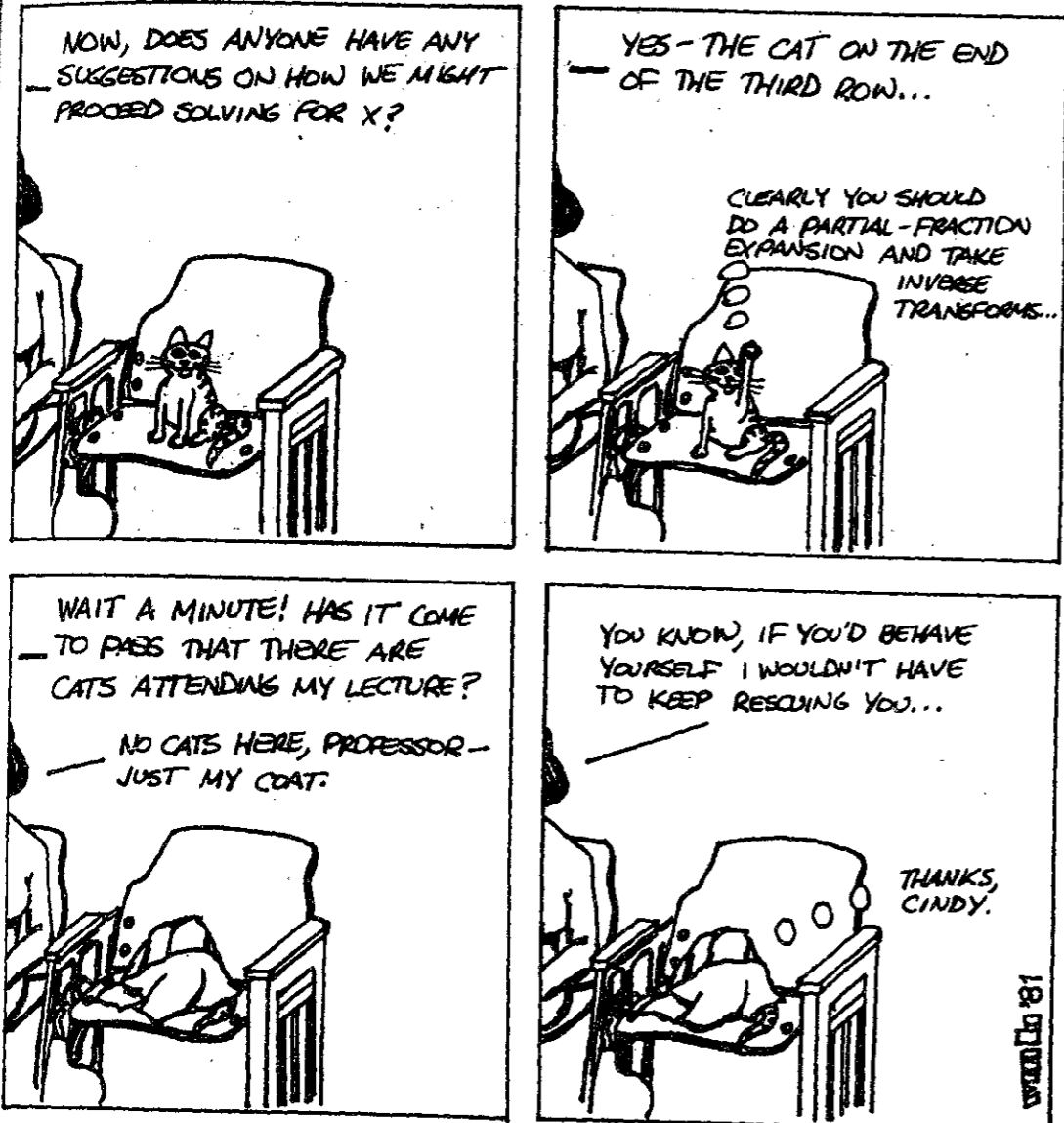
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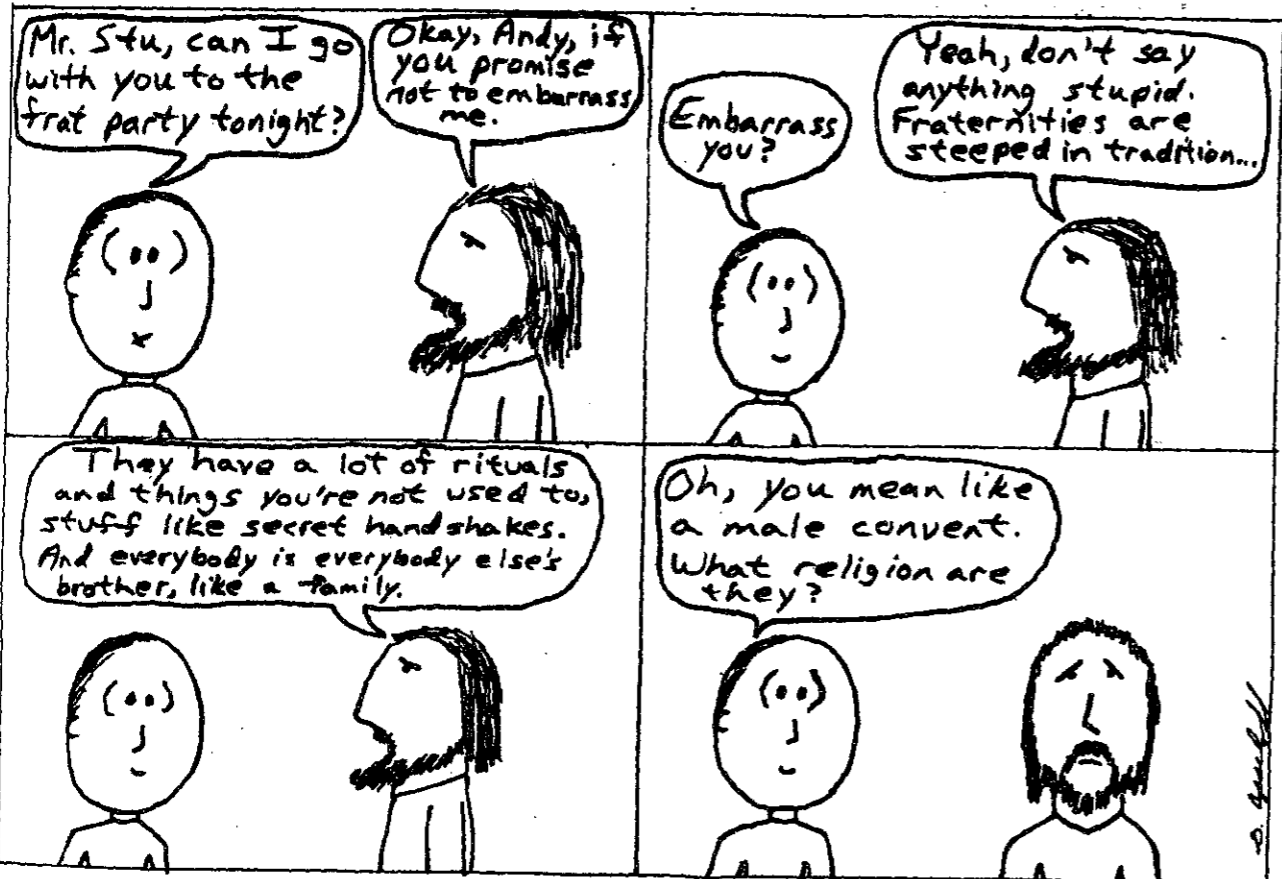
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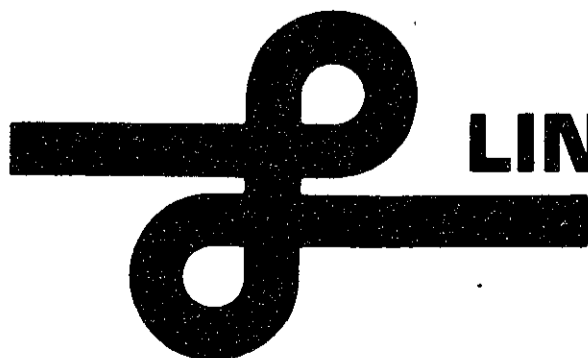
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# sports

## Boston Celtics best team in NBA in '81

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league's leading shot-blockers despite his limited playing time.

The center position is shared by starter Robert Parish and Rick Robey. Parish, along with Bird and Archibald, was on the NBA East all-star team this year. The seven foot shot-blocker has been very impressive on both ends of the floor with over 20 points a game and hustling play that has made him the premier center in the game today even in comparison with Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Darryl Dawkins. Robey, now in his third pro season, is becoming an excellent powerman and has the finesse that would earn him the starting role on many other teams.

"Tiny" Archibald and Chris Ford are the veteran starting guards. Tiny is the leader on the floor, and his knowledge, quickness, and superb passing ability are keys to the Boston offense. Ford is a fine defensive guard and a league leader in three-point field goal percentage. Backing them are Henderson and Duerod, two outstanding quick young guards with excellent shooting ability.

M.L. Carr, just returned from a foot fracture to his role as reserve

guard and forward, is a fine defensive player who will be contributing greatly to the stretch run. The eleventh Celtic is Eric Fernsten, a center-forward who has shown he can fill in very effectively in either position.

Coach Bill Fitch has brought his squad a long way in the past two seasons. His leadership and the great bench depth should carry the Boston Celtics to the NBA Championship in the upcoming playoffs.

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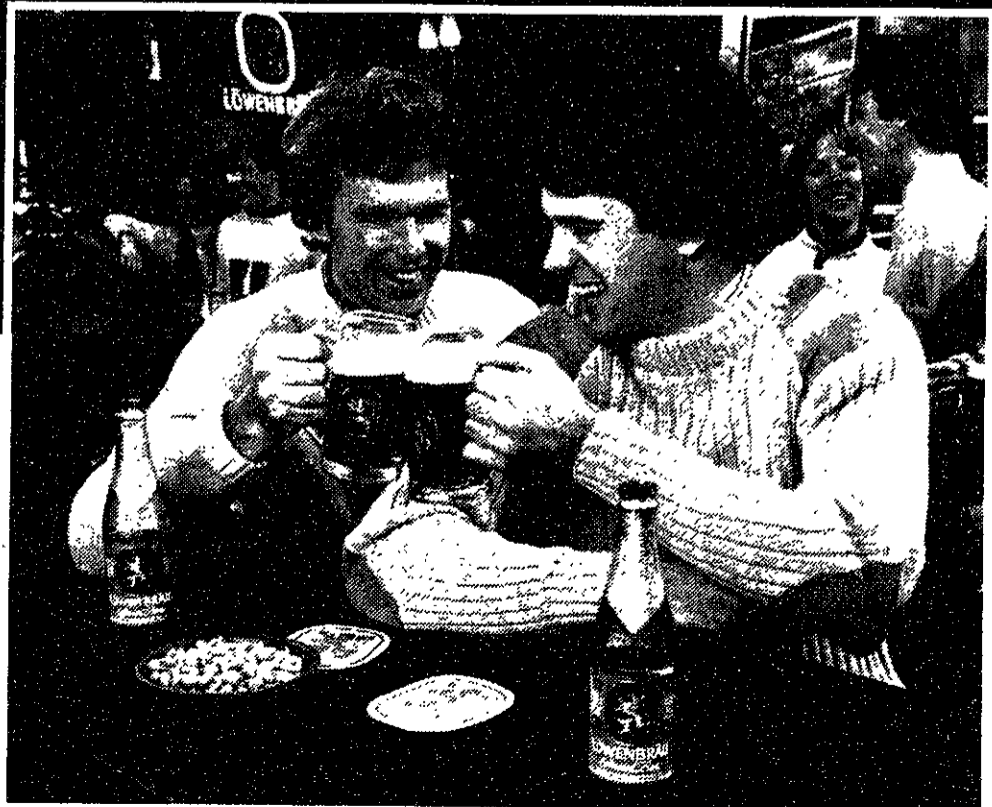
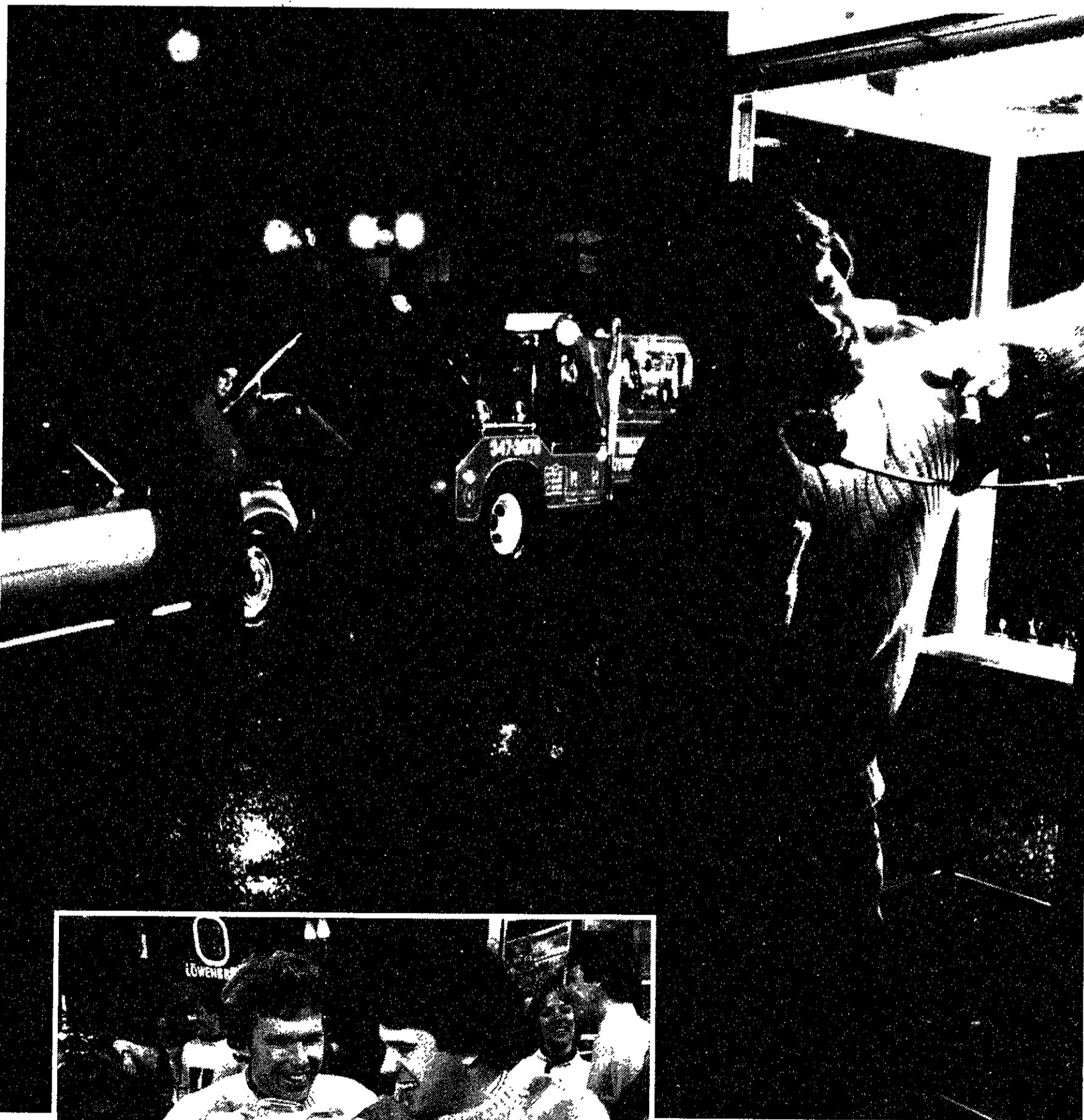
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## Past, Present and Future: Three Jolly Green Giants

Number 18. Big Red. Over 15,000 loyal Celtics fans turned out two weeks ago to honor one of pro basketball's all-time great centers, Dave Cowens. Few people thought the 6'8" kid out of Florida State could make it as a big league center, but his performances of the past decade proved them wrong.

Cowens may not have been a giant physically, but his hard-nosed determination and hustle made him a superstar. He played the gutsy, aggressive defense that continued pro ball's transition from a run-and-shoot offensive battle to an all-around (offense / defense / fast break) team game that began with Boston's own Bill Russell. Dave Cowens will be remembered for outside shooting ability, going to the floor for loose balls, mobility, passing, and tenacious in-your-shirt defense. Changes in the style of play at center that has brought the game to a much more intense and exciting level.

While his era ended seemingly all too quickly, Cowens exited gracefully, receiving gifts from both fans and management (which included a motorcycle and sidecar) and thanking his supporters "from the choice seats up to the heavens (the upper balcony at the Garden). You made it easy for me to play hard." And he certainly did that.

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As much as I loathe Notre Dame basketball teams, I've got to respect and admire them for yet another "giant killing." Last Sunday's 57-56 last-second victory over number one ranked, undefeated Virginia was just the latest feather in the cap of Coach Digger Phelps and his program at the Golden Dome.

In the best college game this season, fans saw Virginia and Notre Dame tied at least seventeen times, including every even number from 2 to 24. It was a gambling defense employed by Phelps and the Irish that kept them close against a better Cavalier squad. Double-teaming Virginia's 7-4 sophomore sensation Ralph Sampson and guarding senior Jeff Lamp man-to-man, the Irish held them to ten and nine points, respectively, and prevented the Cavaliers from building more than a six point lead. Two free throws pulled the Irish to within one with 35 seconds left. After exchanging turnovers, Virginia had to take the ball out with ten seconds left, but

the hustling Irish defense forced an errant pass. On the third offensive rebound for the Irish, Orlando Woolridge hit an 18-footer with two seconds left to down the Irish' fourth giant in the past eight years.

Phelps' teams have already ended the 88 game streak of UCLA (1974), DePaul's 23 game strin (1980), as well as disrupting four other number-one teams' seasons. Beware the GIANT KILLER. Beware the Fighting Irish if your favorite basketball team has to travel to Notre Dame.

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Back to the pros and the team that is probably the best in the NBA, the Boston Celtics. Despite the preseason retirement of Cowens, and a 3-3 start, the Celtics have developed into a super team.

The firm base of Larry Bird, Nate Archibald, Chris Ford, Cedric Maxwell, Rick Robey and Gerald Henderson was augmented by the off-season trade of two first-round draft picks for Golden State's Robert

Parish, and the Warriors' number one pick (which was used to select Kevin McHale). With Eric Fernsten and Terry Duerod rounding out the bench and the return of M.L. Carr from the injured reserve, the Celtics have a total team in which all eleven men have significantly contributed to at least one victory.

Bird, now in his sophomore

season at forward, is playing like a hardened veteran. His 20-plus points and 11 rebounds per game are an understatement of his actual contributions. While the Celtics have shown that they can win without Bird, the loss of his hustle and all-around instinct would make it very difficult if he would be out for any length of time. Maxwell and McHale are

the other forwards, both strong power players. "Cornbread" had the best field goal percentage in the NBA last season and is doing very well again this season, and is again leading the team in foul shots. McHale, who came to the Celts as the third pick in the college draft, is an outstanding young player and one of the

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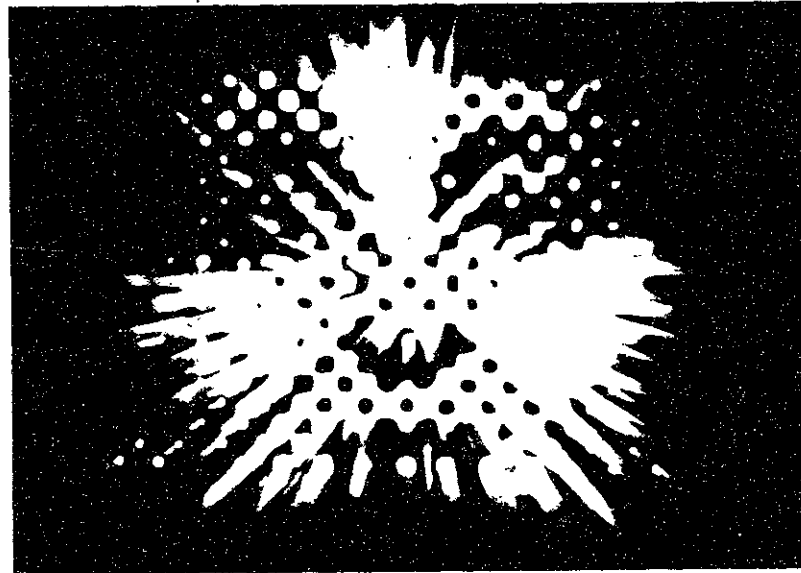


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Gymnastics takes the spotlight this weekend as MIT will host major championship action. Saturday, the Massachusetts Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (MAIAW) championships will be held in Dupont Gymnasium, beginning at 2pm. Joining the host Engineers will be UMASS-Amherst, Salem State, and Northeastern. Coach Linda Laatsch feels that this trio of schools are "the best in the State," and that MIT does not expect to win. However, Sandy Young '83 hopes to qualify for the Eastern championships with a good all-around effort Saturday, and teammate Arlene Roane '83 is aiming for her best performance in the all-around competition.

On Sunday, the men's squad will host the New England Conference championships. Tech's fortunes will ride on sophomore Jiro Nakauchi (all-around), and Linus Kelly '81 (pommel horse). MIT hopes to finish second or third in the meet, at which Lowell is the defending champion.



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