

CEP to debate curriculum Changes contemplated in science and humanities requirements

By Laura Farhie

Major changes in the MIT undergraduate curriculum will be considered by the Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) this spring term. According to a nineteen-page report released by the CEP on February 26, the three items undergoing close scrutiny are the Institute Science Requirements, the Institute Humanities Requirements, and the pace of the undergraduate program.

"... reasonable doubts can be and have been raised about the rationale and effectiveness of the General Institute Requirements in Science as presently constituted," states the CEP report. The CEP feels that a required biology course deserves "serious consideration." Also, the report states that attention should be given to the "possibility of a required subject in computation." However, the question remains as to how such a course could be taught so that students could get a broad, "professional introduction to computer science."

Another issue is whether the content of core science courses should be changed. One key question raised by the Committee is: "Do the present core subjects place too much emphasis on getting a single correct numerical answer rather than on the qualitative solutions and approximation bounds that are more characteristic of scientific or engineering applications?" Since so many students enter MIT with an equivalent of 18.01 (Calculus I), the CEP is considering the possibility of making 18.01 a requirement for admission. If not, the CEP would ponder the question of whether those who entered with an equivalent of 18.01 should be required to take a full year of math.

The Science Distribution Requirement is also under examination by the CEP. The MIT catalogue for 1980-81 reads that this requirement exists to "broaden and deepen the educational foundation in basic science begun in the first-year

program." The CEP report raises doubts that many students get breadth as well as depth, because "For whatever reasons, department degree programs have in fact come to be designed in such a way that many students satisfy the Science Distribution Requirement automatically." David Linglebach, a student member of the CEP and the chairman of the Student Committee on Educational Policy (SCEP), stated that "Many courses have a lot of prerequisites, that act as hidden requirements, which serve in the long run to narrow the

focus of MIT's education."

"Thus, of the 44 departmental degree programs, 17 specify all 36 units of science distribution subjects, 11 specify 24 units, and 9 specify 12 units," states the CEP report. "Only in the Departments of Architecture, Humanities, and Linguistics and Philosophy are students entirely free with respect to election of science distribution subjects." Two suggestions the CEP has are either "straight-forward abolition" or "substantial revision" of the science distribution requirements.

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MIT to defend union complaint

By Ivan Fong

Local 1445 of the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, AFL-CIO, has filed an unfair labor practice complaint against the Harvard Cooperative Society and MIT.

The complaint will be arbitrated by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) and was the result of a February 20 arrest of six Tech Coop sales clerks. Local 1445 has been supporting efforts by Coop employees to unionize, a vote on which will take place on March 26.

In the charge against the two co-respondents, Warren H. Pyle, an attorney for Angoff, Goldman, Manning, Pyle, and Wanger, stated that the arrested workers were "in a public area of the ground floor lobby [of the Student Center] near a stairway which leads to the employee entrance ... prior to their scheduled starting time."

James J. Fandel, Personnel Office Manager of Labor Relations, said, "I don't know what their point is." Lawyers for MIT will be examining the complaint early this week, but "I have no information at this state," according to Fandel.

News Office Director Robert M. Byers confirmed that "the Institute will defend itself before the NLRB." He said he believed "the Institute has a right to regulate

the right to use of MIT facilities." "The Coop and its employees are an outside group: we are not taking sides [in the unionization issue] because we do not intend to let either side use [the Student Center]" commented Byers.

A date for the NLRB hearing has not been set, according to Byers.

Mark Govoni of Local 1445, who was present during the February 20 arrest, claims that

"the lobby is for Coop employee use," and that "the arrest was discriminatory against Coop employees."

In a related incident last Friday, Tech Coop employees active in the unionization effort distributed copies of "The Scoop" to Coop workers early that morning. "The Scoop" is a pro-union newsletter.

According to Dottie Magnan, one of the employees handbilling,

"We were at the employees' entrance at the lower level [of the Student Center], and although managers said they would like us to leave, they did not make us leave." Magnan estimated that sixty to seventy bills were distributed: "I think all the employees got one, except for the managers," she said.

Govoni added that two Campus Patrolmen were waiting for the workers at the lobby of the Coop that morning, but "after they made sure the handbillers were inside and not in the lobby, they said everything was OK."

Dale Archer of the Tech Coop noted that they will continue to handbill every week since "there seemed to be no major problems this time."

Asked to comment, Tech Coop manager Daniel Lunt said "We will have to be patient and see what happens on the 26th." Lunt was not in his office last Friday.

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Bus and T services cut

By Jerri-Lynn Scofield

Several extensive cuts have been proposed for mass transit service provided by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.

A series of reductions became effective on February 1, primarily

of certain Sunday routes on both bus and rapid transit lines.

Additional cuts in service have been proposed, effective March 22, including elimination of additional Sunday bus routes, with significant reductions in the schedules of other lines. Additionally, curtailment of all Sunday service on the Red Line rapid transit route is planned.

In an open hearing held last Thursday evening in the Gardner Auditorium of the Massachusetts State House, Cambridge City Councilman David Sullivan '74 acknowledging the possibility that some of the cuts may be justified, criticized the Advisory Board of the MBTA, which recommended the service curtail-

ments. He claimed, "Many of them [the cuts] are simply stupid."

Sullivan lambasted the Council for holding open public hearings to discuss cuts which had already been implemented, charging, "That is an abuse of the hearing process called for by Federal law and state law."

Service cutbacks are necessary because the MBTA has an insufficient operating budget for 1981. The 1981 budget has been reduced by \$7 million from the 1980 funding level.

At the hearing, Clark Frazier of the Boston Air Pollution Control Commission testified that mass transit reductions may exacerbate

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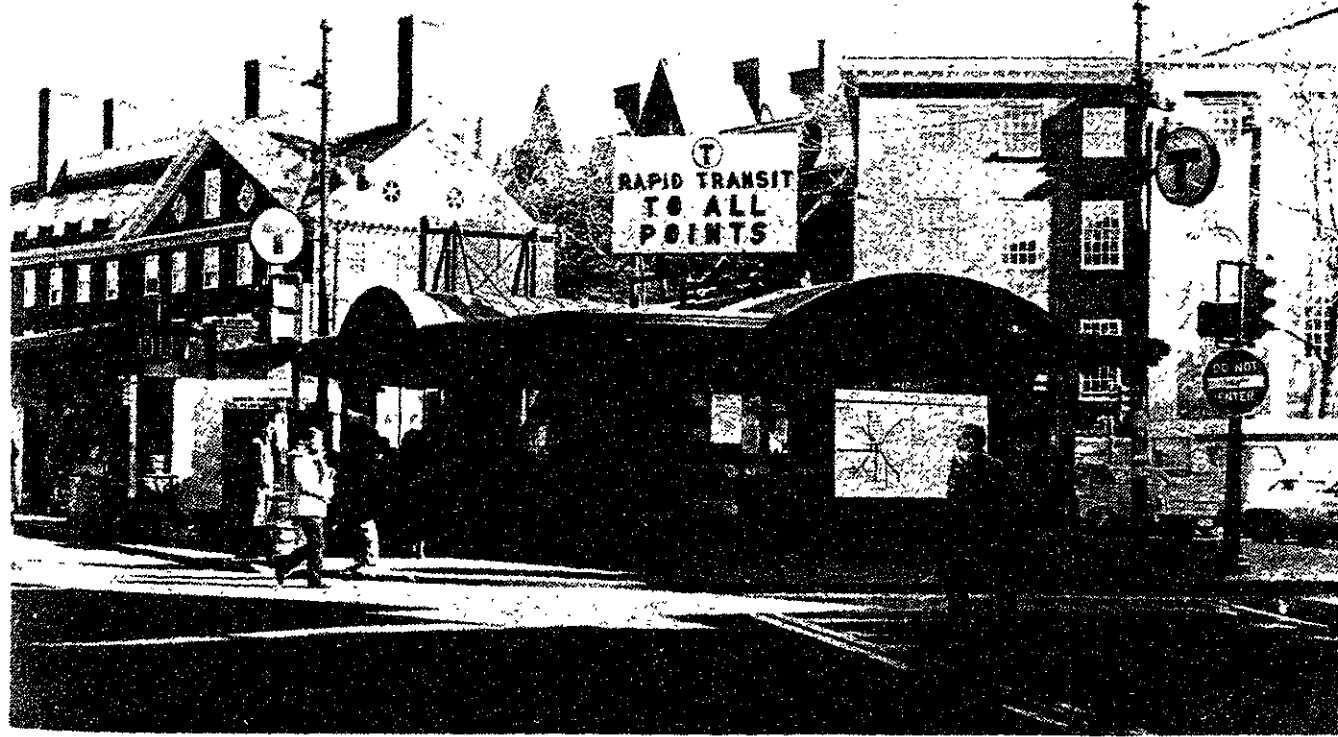
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Jack Frailey '44 of the Office of Student Financial Services told the GA Thursday that MIT would provide necessary funds to aid federal loan-dependent students. **Page 2.**

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The Harvard Station of the Red Line. Proposed MBTA cutbacks will affect Sunday service on this line (The Tech File Photo)

Frailey calms GA

By Tim Kneale

The General Assembly's meeting last Thursday at Sigma Chi was headlined by a discussion with Jack Frailey '44, head of MIT's new Office of Student Financial Services, on the adequacy of student financial aid.

The fears of many students concerning the proposed termination of low-interest, federally guaranteed loans were soothed during the discussion when Frailey said, "We would provide the funds necessary" to keep loan-dependent students at MIT. These funds would presumably be in the form of a loan, according to Frailey.

Frailey also discussed the Institute policy on outside scholarships. The GA suggested that MIT allow part of any outside scholarship earned by a student or incoming freshman to be applied toward reduction of the student's total budget, rather than having MIT take all of the money, as is the case at present.

Such a financial incentive would make students likely to apply for, and thus be awarded,

more scholarships. Coupling this with the expected tendency for more scholarship holders to continue their scholarship applications, it was proposed that MIT would take in more money than it does at present. According to Frailey, this is not done at present because calculations show the proposal to be unprofitable: MIT would lose more in giving partial deductions than it would gain in additional scholarship money. Frailey said, however, that his office will continue to keep an eye on the situation.

In other GA meeting news, Arnold Contreras '83 was elected General Assembly Floor Leader. Mike Lopez '83, Barry Surman '84, and Dan Hoskins '83 were elected representatives to the GA Executive Board.

The Election Commission reported to the GA that two candidate forums have been scheduled for the next week. There is a meeting today at 5:15pm in Room 10-250, and another one on Thursday at 8pm in the MacGregor dining hall.

Cambridge to enact expansion controls

By Tom Lored

The Cambridge Community Development Department is considering proposals that would provide community control over university, as well as institutional, expansion within the city.

Under the limit of state legislation passed a year and a half ago, the proposals can have little, if any, effect on MIT, according to Walter Milne, Special Assistant to the President for Urban Relations. The MIT campus is a C-3 zone, the highest density residential zone, and is almost completely surrounded by industrial and business zones.

The state legislation, designed to protect low density residential areas within the state, gives local governments the power to create institutional regulations that apply only to the least dense residential zones of cities. In Cambridge, these are called the C-1 residential zones and other less dense zones.

Harvard University is virtually surrounded by low density residential zones and as a result will be directly affected by the proposals if they get through the City Council. According to *The*

Harvard Crimson, Harvard officials said they would make no comments on the issue until an ordinance in final form was released by the Community Development Department.

The City Council charged the Planning and Development Department with the responsibility of putting the state regulatory ordinance into operation in Cambridge. Bob Simha '57, Director of Planning in the MIT Planning Office, remarked that this was "a tricky business," noting that it could be difficult to meet the intent of the legislation without harming landowners.

Simha noted that the City Council is "constrained in writing regulations by the bill passed by state legislature." He also noted that the bill was very specific, and that its intent was to protect low density residential areas, not to regulate institutions.

The Community Development Department must still draft the proposals into an ordinance before the City Council can react on it. The ordinance may not emerge in final form for several months.

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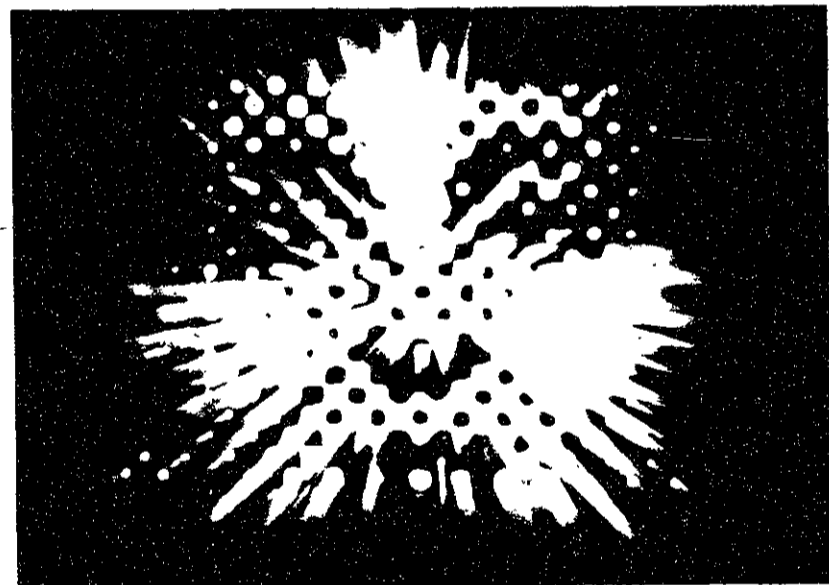
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World

Antinukers battle West German police — Over 50,000 protesters were met by riot police outside a nuclear power plant under construction near Brokdorf, West Germany. More than twenty demonstrators were arrested Saturday and over thirty policemen and many protesters were injured after a small group of demonstrators set fire to the grass and pelted officers with rocks and firebombs.

Castro's trigger finger — A forthcoming book by a former Cuban newspaper editor and Castro aide reports that Fidel Castro personally pushed the button that downed Maj. Rudolf Anderson's U-2 spy plane over Cuba during the Cuban Missile Crisis in October 1962.

Nation

Reagan slashes another \$10 billion — The Reagan Administration has approved a second round of budget cuts totaling about \$10 billion that include reductions in veterans programs and manpower training; a federal hiring freeze; cuts in fuel assistance to the poor, the school milk program, and farm subsidies; and the elimination of many federal water projects. The Administration is also considering doubling the proposed cuts in the National Science Foundation budget.

Congress to reconsider Clean Air Act — Industrialists and environmentalists are gearing up for battles over relaxing and strengthening the federal Clean Air Act when it comes under review by Congress later this year.

Salvadoran refugees returned — The Immigration and Naturalization Service is deporting illegal Salvadoran immigrants, sometimes without telling them they have the right to seek political asylum. After many refugees sell all they have to finance their illegal journeys and return to their homeland, unconfirmed reports say that some of the returnees have been murdered by "right-wing" death squads.

Four new galaxies discovered — Astronomers working for three years at the University of California Lick Observatory have identified a new galaxy over ten billion light-years away. The galaxy and three others found at similar distances are the farthest galaxies yet discovered and improve the chances that scientists will soon be able to see far enough to be able to determine whether the universe will eventually collapse.

Pentagon seeks space laser — A Pentagon study urges the US to begin developing a space X-ray laser weapons satellite. The study asks for an accelerated program, including \$300 million in funds for this year, for what eventually would be 100 shuttle launched platforms that "should severely inhibit a Soviet war initiative or 'first strike' strategy."

US convertible comeback — Chrysler "K" car convertibles will be available for sale in about a year, and Ford may also be considering reintroducing flip-top models.

Diamond prices dropping — Prices for high quality diamonds have plummeted over thirty percent in the past year, causing suppliers to sharply reduce their supplies.

Princeton may ban porn movies — Princeton University is considering banning pornographic films from being shown on campus after a fall registration day showing of "Deep Throat." No decision has yet been made, but faculty and administration support the ban.

Local

Kennedy criticizes economic plan — Massachusetts Senator Edward M. Kennedy denounced the President's economic package as a program of unfair sacrifice and unequal benefit. Kennedy was also concerned that the cuts "would take the most from middle-income families, and from those who have the least." He was also worried about "a tax cut that would give twenty times more to the very wealthy than to the middle class," and said the program "is based on an untested and uncertain economic theory."

King of potholes — *Boston Globe* reporter David Arnold has named "an urban fault of geologic proportion" at the intersection of Huntington Avenue and Wait Street in Roxbury as Boston's "best" pothole. Other cavities worthy of mention are a collection of five on Commonwealth Avenue near the BU Bridge (runner-up), one on Route 95 just north of the Mystic Tobin Bridge, and one northbound on the Southeast Expressway entering the South Station Tunnel.

Robert W. Leishman

Weather

Snow flurries should end this morning, becoming partly sunny, windy and colder today. Highs will be only in the lower 30's. Winds will diminish tonight, and temperatures will drop to near 20 under clear skies. For Wednesday, sunny in the morning, becoming partly cloudy later. Highs 36-40. Mild overnight with lows near 30. Thursday's forecast is rather uncertain but the potential exists for a winter storm towards the end of the week.

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Editorial

Choosing a UAP

The winner of this year's UAP election will take charge of a recently revived GA and a student body clearly discontented with spiralling tuition costs. It would seem that this developing student activism would diminish the apathy usually surrounding the election for UAP.

The problem is that, at first glance, this year's crop of UAP/UAVP candidates appear to be predictable and somewhat homogeneous in their views. Not surprisingly, all teams are concerned with the tuition increase, mandatory commons, and increasing student input into GA and Institute decision-making.

A more careful evaluation of the candidates' rhetoric must be conducted within the confines of an established set of criteria. The UAP must have a balanced mix of the following qualities:

1. **Personality:** The UAP must be able to work well with people both in the GA and the Administration. He must have leadership ability to attract the widest possible variety of students to his administration, and keep them working productively and smoothly.

2. **Ideas:** Thoughtful and consistent positions on topics of interest to MIT students are essential to the development of a workable and representative set of policies as UAP. Not all ideas need be eminently practicable if they are truly innovative, but they should be appropriate to the role and responsibility of UAP.

3. **Experience:** In the end, it is the UAP's actions which will determine the success of his administration. Experience is an invaluable indicator of management ability and devotion to work. Both of these traits will be important during the UAP's two terms of dealing with diverse and difficult problems.

This year's candidates do not seem to have the visibility or diversity of those previous years. As this could easily lead to low voter turnout, we feel a special responsibility to help students sort out the field. The evaluations which follow were conducted objectively and with limited communication with the candidates.

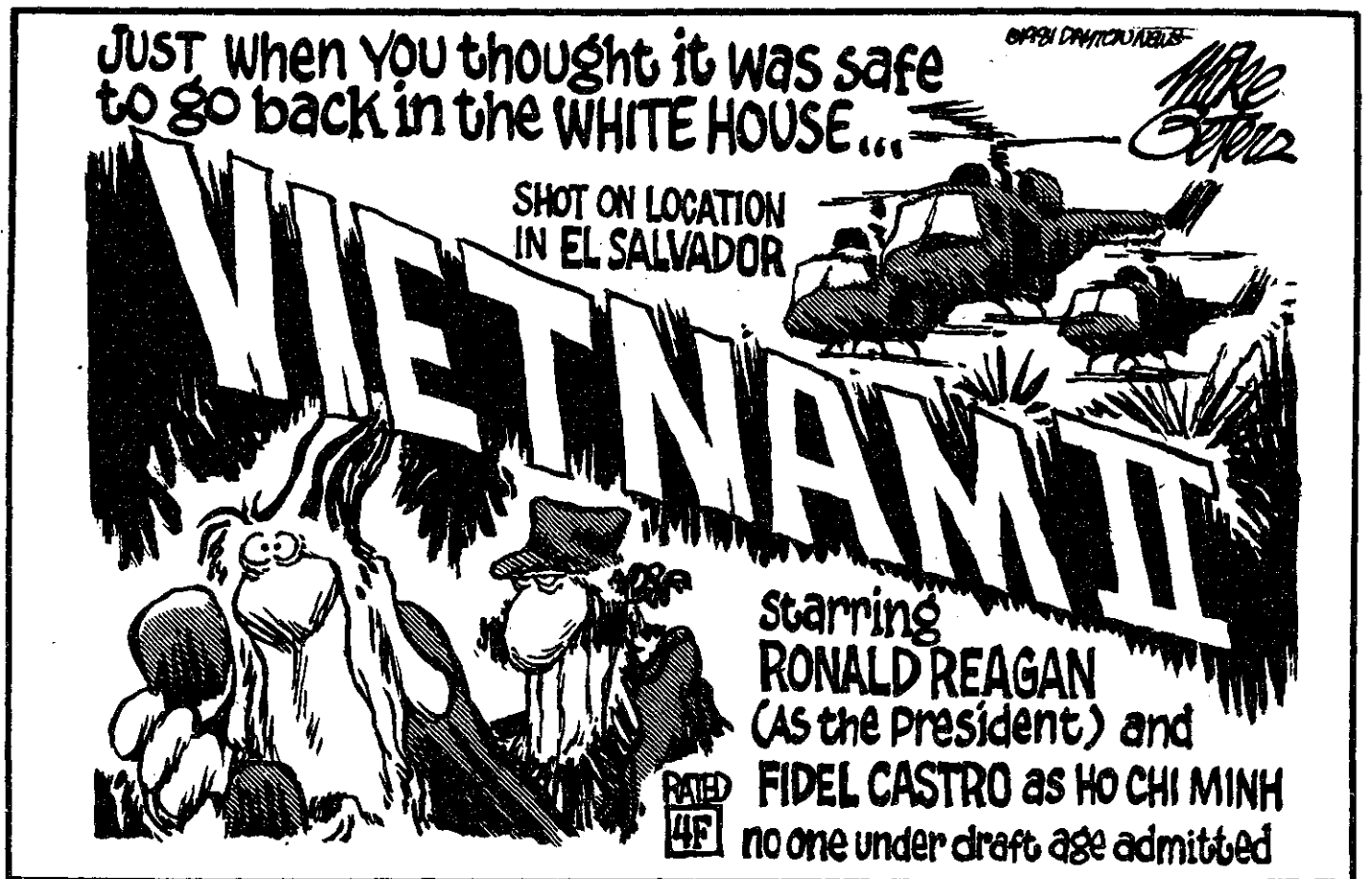
Gerald Fitzgerald has an impressive record in student government, having served on the UA Nominations and Social Committees. His stated policies on dining and financial policies only mimic popular student opinion and offer little new to think about. He may also be stretching his responsibility thin by promising to represent undergraduates' views to the Cambridge and Boston communities. As GA parliamentarian, Fitzgerald's reputation has been one of dealing with petty rules rather than important issues. It is not clear that his ability to deal with people is any better than his handling of issues on the floor of the GA.

Chris Johannesen's primary experience has been as Chairman of the MIT Social Council, but his tenure there has been less than spectacular. The Social Council newsletter *Preview* has not appeared as of late, and Council members have been left feeling that decisions have been made unilaterally. Some of the policies in Johannesen's platform are useful and necessary, such as the call for student input into Academic Council decisions and proposals for easing financial problems. Johannesen calls on students to "expect more from your Undergraduate Association," but it is doubtful, based on past performances, that he can deliver on his ideas.

Charles Moon is focusing his campaign on the need to widen student participation in student government. His call for "extensive communication between the UA and living group officers" is a useful one, and he is correct in stating that students must take student government seriously before the Administration will. Moon comes across as a thoughtful candidate, but offers little experience to convince students of his ability to carry out his policies.

John DeRubeis has served on the Class of 1983 Executive Committee, the Inter-Fraternity Council Executive Committee and in various other organizational positions. His plans to serve as a liaison between students and administrators are sound, especially when coupled with a direct increase in student input through the Academic Council and MIT Corporation. Wisely choosing to build on existing programs, DeRubeis appears to have the right combination of experience, practicality, and ideas. Although his sincerity may be interpreted as naivete by some and may be taken advantage of by others, it should be a welcome addition to the GA.

We therefore endorse the candidacy of John DeRubeis for Undergraduate Association President.



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Women at Wellesley and MIT

To the Editor:

I got a call from a Wellesley student government representative last week wondering if I would come to their meeting the next night and kick up some ideas as to improving relations between Wellesley and MIT women. The idea sounded dubious and I wasn't psyched to commute there on a Monday night, but I felt obligated to go, especially since she said I was one of the few "contact" women she'd been able to reach.

My friends Lesley Saunders and Patti Chin came with me.

What we discussed in the next hour and a half was extremely illuminating so I'd like to share our newfound revelations with your readers.

Initially, I saw three reasons why MIT women might not interact with Wellesley:

- 1) The distance and time involved in going to Wellesley — there's really nothing that can be done about this obstacle;
- 2) The stereotype that most Wellesley women come to MIT only interested in finding an MIT guy; and
- 3) No events of interest to women held at Wellesley are advertised at MIT. Parties are the only events posterred and MIT women think that they are directed at the men, that outside females wouldn't be welcome. After all, do women go to parties to meet other women?

So, basically, why would an MIT woman want to visit Wellesley?

The Wellesley student government's approach was more academic. They wanted to see more MIT women in their classes to provide refreshingly contrasting points of view. The ones who had taken classes at MIT said that the class response in the two places was very different. They wanted to erase the stereotype that the only MIT students who take Wellesley courses are males who want gut courses in clas-

srooms full of females. They would like to see MIT women use their libraries and come to their afternoon teas to informally meet other women. Wellesley on a sunny afternoon would be a relaxing place to escape from the hassles of city life. They have IM sports teams that would love to compete with MIT women's teams.

The Wellesley women at the meeting were under the mistaken impression that MIT women were somehow "polarized" closer to each other because of the greater number of men. I believe there is not so much a "female" identity here as each person tends to be extremely individualistic and independent, developing friendships indiscriminate of sex.

They were also surprised that women hold many of the top positions in MIT student activities. They erroneously thought that MIT women had to struggle under prejudiced male dominance!

Wellesley should attack the problem of Wellesley-MIT female relations at the beginning by revising the information that is fed to MIT freshmen. Namely, there is very little communication

from Wellesley itself and the MIT literature and word-of-mouth bill it as a beautiful place abounding with women. So MIT females are immediately turned off and never venture to find out what Wellesley is really like. Wellesley should attract MIT freshmen out there before the pattern of not going to Wellesley sets in.

So, basically, what I learned was that the underlying reason for the meager interaction between Wellesley and MIT women was due to a lack of communication. And hopefully, improved communication on their part will produce the desired results, i.e. MIT women going to Wellesley who never would have otherwise. I'm trying to do my part by bringing what they perceived as a problem to your attention. I wish them the best of luck.

Incidentally, they had planned perhaps a forum on women's issues at Wellesley from MIT but we didn't think that would be too popular so they've invited us instead to their spring weekend celebrations on the first weekend of May, which is the weekend after MIT's Spring Weekend '81.

Angie Liao '82

Buying inefficiency with tuition hikes

Editor's note: This is a copy of a letter sent to President Paul Gray.

To the Editor:

It truly amazes me that in this time of ridiculous inflation and growing national conservatism, an intelligent entity like the MIT Corporation (the name almost implies profit doesn't it?) chooses to actively expand its programs, facilities and expenses above and beyond the rate of inflation, and charge the bill to Student Accounts. At a time when inflation is rapidly diminishing the ability of parents to pay the requisite

thousands of dollars to send their children to MIT, and a time when the Federal Government is comprehensively cutting its financial aid to students, MIT is relying on increases in tuition to finance its inefficiency. You might say that the MIT Corporation is pursuing an ill-considered course of reckless spending and wasteful budgeting. To paraphrase one of MIT's deans, "MIT must continue to expand its programs, its facilities, and its research. We cannot stop expanding now." Is this in line with your (President Gray's) plea to "slow down?" You will recall, of course, that you called upon the MIT community to lessen the hustle-and-bustle and slow down the rapid activity that abounds on this campus.

As a result of the 20 percent increase in tuition, can we expect the number or quality of faculty members to increase, or the number of classrooms to improve? At the moment, quite the opposite is occurring: clas-

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DeRubeis replies

To the Editor:

We realize the difficulty *The Tech* experienced in trying to reach us for a statement; therefore, we would like to take this opportunity to respond as we would have in Friday's article on the UAP/UAVP elections:

Our main emphasis is on programs which directly benefit MIT students. Our goals include

a student-run food co-op, a MBTA Harvard/Dudley bus pass, an on-campus bank/student credit union, plus the continuation and expansion of existing UA programs such as SAVES, CASH, and the buyers' cooperative.

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MIT is worthwhile

To the editor:

There are sacrifices we must make, at this, the temple of technology. While some may opt for more classical forms, there is no substitute for hard work and money. Six years ago, I made the commitment to study here. The silversmith's tools that had earned me a satisfying and comfortable living were sold. From a house by the sea, in a very liveable city, I came to this gritty town. A year later, I was broke and looking for work. Despite all the hardship, it was worth it. If it were to take me ten years to finish

a degree, due to financial reasons, I would. No doubt others have, or will have, similar stories.

Although we can't change that number, we are able to improve the quality of student life at MIT, for ourselves, and others. It starts with your own life, but it is how you share it with others. Everyone likes to feel that they are unique, and perhaps even a cut above the rest. In the economics of human interactions, the things we do for personal gain can improve others' lives, or benefit no-one in the long term. These intangible commodities of life can not be kept,

only borrowed or loaned. It all comes back, eventually.

There are a lot of people whose actions do benefit us all. It is somewhat of a tradition for us to do a lot of administration-bashing, this time of year; but they all do really have our best interests in mind. We are fortunate, for they could not possibly perform their duties as they do, if they did not have a genuine interest. They are all well intentioned and competent.

There are also a lot of student
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El Salvador does affect MIT

To the Editor:

We would like to make some comments on the recent events in El Salvador and how they affect the MIT community. Firstly, if we at MIT would examine the social processes that have been going on in Central America for over a decade, we would be less apt to accept the caricatures of those processes we see in the media. Secondly, the situation is leading to war. The covert and indirect US intervention of the past (such as encouraging private and third-party shipments and supplying US advisors to the junta's troops) has failed. Reagan and Haig realize that people will overthrow the unpopular junta soon, unless direct US intervention comes even sooner. (This could be either more troops, or funding for a Guatemalan invasion.)

Can we allow our leaders to drag us into a war? They are arguing that Cuba and North Vietnam

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rooms are being converted into laboratories for research, faculty-to-student ratios are decreasing (in many electrical engineering courses, students are being kicked out of classes because of overcrowding, lack of faculty, and shortage of lab kits), and to complete the irony, the cost of these inconveniences is rising to \$7400 a year. The quality of the MIT education appears to be decreasing on the dollar; we are paying more for less. Perhaps future MIT graduates will not be so esteemed if their undergraduate education were lacking in scope or quality.

If MIT was founded as an *undergraduate institution*, why is it that only 15 percent of the total annual budget goes to teaching undergraduates, while nearly 70 percent is used to finance private industry and graduate research? Has MIT changed its philosophy and purpose? Perhaps the MIT Corporation would prefer to go into the research business for profit.

It has already been pointed out that since MIT is stingy with its aid to students, it is not likely that hard-pressed graduating students will feel any need to contribute gifts (after they break even financially) to an institution that exorbitantly drains the financial resources of its students. MIT is quickly becoming a school for the elite wealthy, not the academically advantaged. If that is part of the game plan, then I'm afraid I can't afford this expensive playground. The wealthy will always abound, so there is no need to worry about future finances. The rest of us (the less fortunate in the financial real world) will effectively be denied an education at MIT on the basis of our financial status.

Brad Wright '84

have already intervened. So far, these are just accusations made by the one side desperately looking for excuses for direct, overt military intervention. These excuses serve the function of tapping America's knee-jerk reaction to "Russian expansionism," and short-circuiting public debate. We slipped into intervention in Vietnam without the issue entering into popular awareness. The time is now to bring the issues of El Salvador to popular awareness and to refuse to let the Pentagon make our decisions for us.

Dissenting members of the State Department are on public record as admitting that the US Government has been deliberately manipulating the newspapers to present a false image of the

democratic, popular opposition in El Salvador as "leftist extremists" (falsified through selective omissions of background facts). Therefore, we at MIT cannot expect to get all the facts if we just sit back and wait for them to be served up to us on a platter. An organization is needed, to serve both as a resource and as a structure within which people can cooperate in finding, assessing, and disseminating information. Interested students, staff, and faculty should contact the MIT Committee on Central America, Rm. 2-090, or come to the organizational meeting Wed., 7pm, Room 4-231

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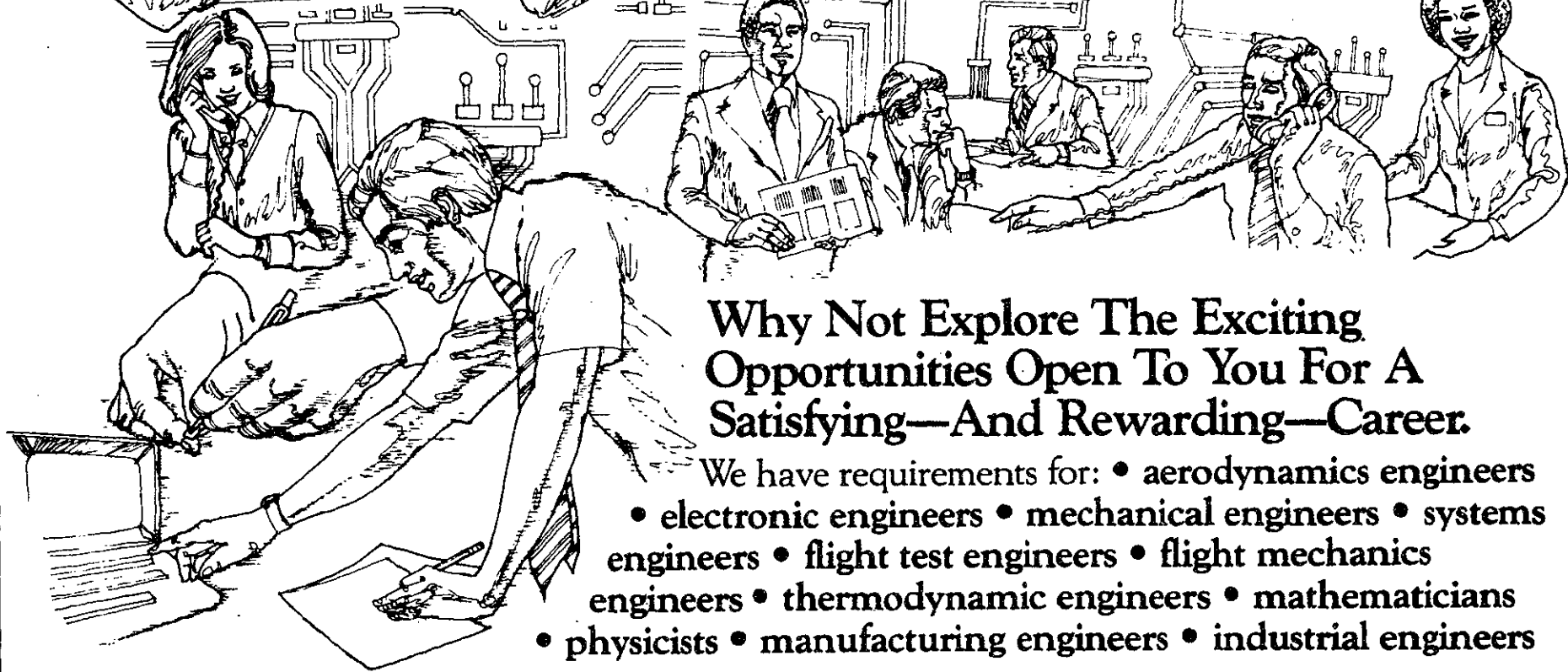
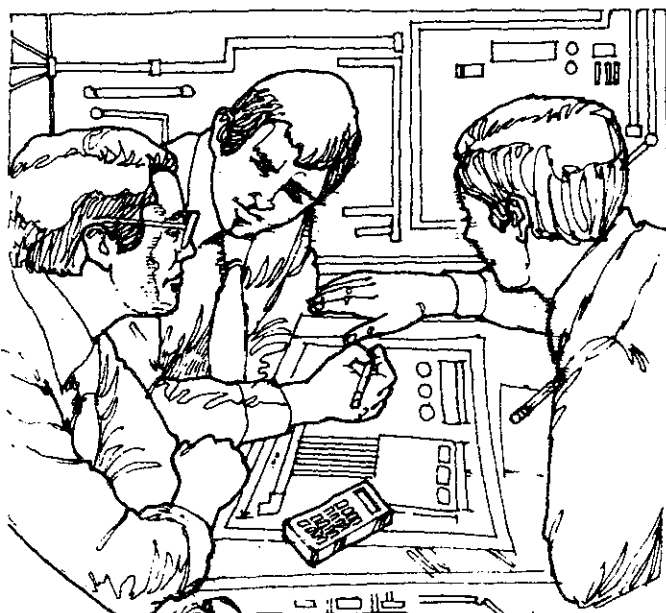
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Off campus students need better representation

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groups that are doing positive things. From those fine people at LSC who show all those nice movies, to the hard-working people at APO, there is a lot of collective good-will. There is room for improvement in some areas; an improvement that can only result by increasing student involvement.

A case in point is the Undergraduate General Assembly. Despite being constitutionally bound to equal and proportional representation, there is a large body of students who have always been excluded. Since its inception, there has never been more than two reps for off-campus students. There should be twenty. To excuse this injustice with the claim that off-campus students aren't interested, is adding insult to injury.

The GA is meaningless, and in defiance of long established constitutional principles, as long as one fifth of the student body at MIT has effectively no voice. In December, the GA approved a resolution to study this problem, but nothing has been done. I have made several recommendations, based on my discussions with off-campus students, but they have

fallen on deaf ears. The members of the executive committee, who run the GA with an iron fist, state glibly that it is a problem for the Non-Resident Students' Association to deal with. NRSA does a lot for off-campus students already, with no outside support. They don't have the resources to hold elections for GA reps. They don't even have an outside phone. Off-campus students pay nothing to NRSA, but they do get dunned by the UA.

No one can honestly say that off-campus students have not tried to get on the GA. This fall, of the five students who were circulating petitions, only two of us made the deadline. Yet since that deadline, other at-large candidates have been approved by the executive committee. It is a demeaning, and rude task, soliciting signatures from strangers; most of whom do not live off campus, and cannot sign. There is no question that off-campus students are exploited by the UA, and that their long-sought goal is actively suppressed. There are a lot of ways of holding an election, it only takes a little imagination. I see it as an interesting problem.

A closely related issue is the

proposed constitution for the class of 1984. On the surface, one would think it commendable that our freshman class is so involved. Unfortunately, this is not the case. The fact that this document is being foisted on an unsuspecting public by the GA's organizational review group is not enough reason for upperclassmen to oppose it. However, there is a problem concerning the representation of those transfer students who will join the class this fall. A whole residence will be excluded from the class government this fall if this constitution is

not amended. These facts are well known by the perpetrators of this sleazy document, as evidenced by their immediate rejection of amendments to this effect.

This latest attempt by Org to legitimize the disenfranchisement of residence students, as they have those who live off-campus, has the potential for generating a lot of bad feelings. My only question is: Who's next?

What can off-campus students do to change these injustices? Not much. Perhaps next fall more petitions will be approved, but the imbalance that must be made up

is large. With the up-coming UA elections, we have an opportunity to express our dissatisfaction. Unless some candidates state their resolve to correct this injustice, and offer a concrete formula to effect it, our votes are worth nothing. The candidate who does do this, and present members of the executive are disqualified, has the potential for 800 off-campus votes. The other option is the time-honored one of defacing our ballots. You don't even have to be an off-campus student to do this.

Bill Ogilvie '81

No space for anyone at MIT

To the Editor:

The lack of understanding and tolerance displayed in the letter concerning "Space for Blacks at MIT" in the February 24 issue of *The Tech* is disturbing. The letter implies that blacks are being discriminated against in the allocation of space for special events. This is definitely not the case. In fact, MIT bends over backwards to meet requests made by black students and black organizations.

Any recognized MIT activity may request space for its events. The facilities mentioned —

Kresge, the Student Center, and the Vannevar Bush Room — are among the highest in demand. They are scheduled months in advance, in some cases over a year in advance, and are often booked solid. If major facilities are required, scheduling for Black History Month should be started early in the previous year. It is unreasonable to expect space to be made available on short notice. Other organizations would have to move or cancel their events which, depending on such factors as contractual obligations and

publicity, could be very difficult and very costly. The statement that Institute facilities should be available to anyone at any time is unrealistic. There are always rooms available, but those which are highly sought after must be scheduled in an efficient and equitable manner.

Ill-considered letters such as the one in question do not serve black students' interests; they merely act to further polarize the student body.

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Writing skills, "preprofessionalism" questioned

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The final aspect of the science requirements under scrutiny is the laboratory requirement. The CEP report says that because the "laboratory" is so vague, and because many students postpone the requirement until their junior or senior year, the present requirement is "unsatisfactory" in many ways and should be reexamined.

The humanities requirements might undergo major changes as a result of the CEP curriculum review. The CEP is concerned that the "present criteria for HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences) Distribution subjects are unrealistic, and possibly undesirable." A HASS Distribution subject must "display a concern for the understanding of human values in their social, historical, and cultural context and call for reading, writing, and classroom discussion that demonstrate that concern." The CEP report declares, "The attempt to meet

these criteria can lead (and, we believe, has led) to forcing some subjects into a mold that is not natural or appropriate for them." The CEP feels that a more relaxed attitude should be taken to these subjects, so that "one subject could be purely historical, another purely literary, another purely artistic, and so on."

"MIT students have a serious problem with communications—making themselves clear in a written and oral sense," states Linglebach. The CEP report raises the question that either there be a writing requirement "within a context of the student's major program" or that students be required to take a course offered by the Writing Program. "... the subcommittee does not envisage a monolithic 'Freshman English' subject to be required of all students," stressed the CEP report.

The CEP is also concerned with the fact that since most humanities courses are nine units, while most science courses are twelve units, students put less value on their humanities courses. "A simple counting of subjects" instead of the unit system is recommended by the CEP for further examination.

Two other aspects of the humanities department which the

CEP is examining are whether the HASS Distribution Committee should "initiate and coordinate" courses; and whether students should be required to take a larger number and broader range of humanities distribution courses as well as a humanities concentration.

The third area of the undergraduate curriculum which the CEP report addresses is the "overall quality of the student experience at MIT." One problem the CEP finds is the increasing pressure on students to choose majors early in their MIT careers. Faculty Rule 2.82 says that "departmental programs should be arranged so that departments can be entered by students at the start of the junior year without excessive cost." Yet the CEP finds that "This rule is now ignored to the extent that in some department a wise student makes his or her choice and begins focusing on a major in the freshman year." Also, several departments require as much as 375 or 380 units in order to get a Bachelor's Degree.

"Many members of the faculty with whom we have discussed this focus on professionalism believe it to be a key issue in undergraduate education at MIT, while others believe it to be an issue of no concern at all," states

the CEP report. "We intend to make this one of our central topics of deliberation and hope to be able to make recommendations to the faculty concerning it."

The CEP report finds the tradition of the MIT freshman to overload on subjects a situation warranting examination. "Upperclass 'wisdom' regularly passed on to freshman urges students while they are on the pass/fail options to 'get out of the way' as many subjects as possible which may be difficult or distasteful," explains the CEP report. The report says that the overloading problem exists also because students wish to get a degree in three years, although "For the vast majority of these students, a three-year degree never materializes." Also, the late drop date encourages the overloading problem: almost twice as many students register for courses as finish them. One possibility the CEP suggests is that all subjects above fifty units taken by freshman should be for no credit or for a letter grade.

The CEP is also studying the impact of special programs, such as Concourse, ESG, UROP, Undergraduate Seminars, Engineering Internship Programs, and on the quality of un-

dergraduate life and education at MIT. One question which arises is whether these special programs should be funded by the Institute or by the individual departments.

Another aspect of the general curriculum being studied is the allotment of subject units to courses. There is often little correlation between the number of preparation units a course has and the amount of homework assigned, according to the CEP report. Some CEP members would like to see the number of preparation units enforced, while others feel that the number of class, laboratory and homework hours should be made into one "contact unit" system.

Linglebach feels that the MIT curriculum needs to be reviewed because "I've talked to many MIT alumni and I have begun to get the feeling that they are becoming more and more dissatisfied with the education they received at MIT. That is not to say that MIT has a bad education, but that other schools are moving ahead, and MIT is lagging behind." He stated that it is important that MIT undergraduates take an "active rather than a passive role" concerning the curriculum review, by writing letters to periodicals or joining SCEP.

notes

Correction

A letter to the editor last Friday from the brothers of **Pi Lambda Phi** should have stated "We are still not sure if the present furor is the result of our insensitivity or the community's overreaction." *The Tech* regrets the error.

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MIT **Amnesty International** human rights meeting, Tuesday, March 3, 7:30pm, has been cancelled.

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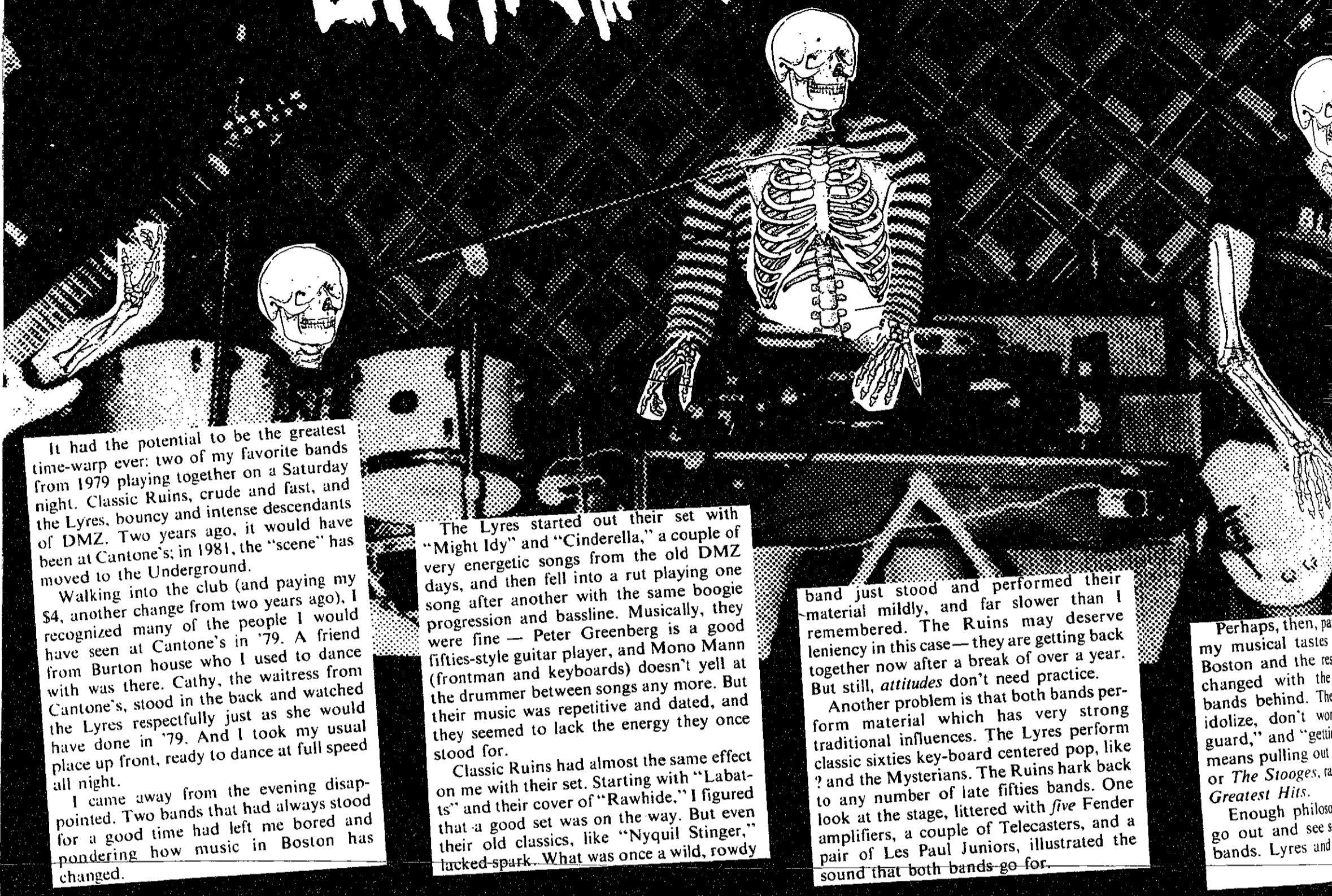
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Walking into the club (and paying my \$4, another change from two years ago), I recognized many of the people I would have seen at Cantone's in '79. A friend from Burton house who I used to dance with was there. Cathy, the waitress from Cantone's, stood in the back and watched the Lyres respectfully just as she would have done in '79. And I took my usual place up front, ready to dance at full speed all night.

I came away from the evening disappointed. Two bands that had always stood for a good time had left me bored and pondering how music in Boston has changed.

The Lyres started out their set with "Mighty" and "Cinderella," a couple of very energetic songs from the old DMZ days, and then fell into a rut playing one song after another with the same boogie progression and bassline. Musically, they were fine — Peter Greenberg is a good fifties-style guitar player, and Mono Mann (frontman and keyboards) doesn't yell at the drummer between songs any more. But their music was repetitive and dated, and they seemed to lack the energy they once stood for.

Classic Ruins had almost the same effect on me with their set. Starting with "Labatts" and their cover of "Rawhide," I figured that a good set was on the way. But even their old classics, like "Nyquil Stinger," lacked spark. What was once a wild, rowdy

band just stood and performed their material mildly, and far slower than I remembered. The Ruins may deserve leniency in this case — they are getting back together now after a break of over a year. But still, *attitudes* don't need practice.

Another problem is that both bands perform material which has very strong traditional influences. The Lyres perform classic sixties key-board centered pop, like ? and the Mysterians. The Ruins hark back to any number of late fifties bands. One look at the stage, littered with five Fender amplifiers, a couple of Telecasters, and a pair of Les Paul Juniors, illustrated the sound that both bands go for.

Perhaps, then, part of my musical tastes in Boston and the rest of the area has changed with the times. The bands behind. The Ruins, don't worry, don't worry, don't worry, means pulling out all the stops or *The Stooges*, *Rawhide*, *Greatest Hits*.

Enough philosophy go out and see some of the bands. Lyres and

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Scanners, starring Jennifer O'Neill, Stephen Lack, and Patrick McGoohan; written and directed by David Cronenberg; an Avco Embassy Pictures release, now playing at the Sack Saxon, Boston

"There are four billion people on the earth. Two hundred and thirty seven of them are scanners." This radio blurb only begins to hint at the awesome powers of the "scanners." By definition, scanning is the linking of two nervous systems separated by space. Yet when the two systems compare like a slingshot and a bazooka, the consequences can be incredible. These two hundred and thirty seven individuals have mental powers so intense they can fry your mind from the inside out. They are "scanners; their thoughts can kill."

David Cronenberg, a leading Canadian motion picture director, is the mind behind *Scanners*. Working from his own screenplay, he shot the film in nine weeks in Montreal. *Scanners* continues a long line of schlock shock films made by Cronenberg with such notable titles as *The Brood*, *Rabid*, and *They Came From Within*. His new picture, however, by virtue of a larger budget and a more experienced crew, has slightly elevated itself above his past efforts and far surpasses any of the crop of horror exploitation films currently making the rounds. *Scanners* can easily be classified as one of the few grade A B-movies.

The film opens with a bang — literally. In the first five minutes there are five deaths. Once Cronenberg has us primed for the rest of the picture's gore, some sort of plot begins to develop. The top-secret Consec corporation is trying to assemble a top-secret group of scanners to carry out their top-secret projects. Whatever Consec is actually supposed to be around for must also be top-secret, as it is never revealed in the film. Consec's top scanner is eliminated by members of a rival scanner faction that is hostile to their program. The supervisor of the Scanner program, Dr. Paul Roth (Patrick McGoohan), enlists the aid of another scanner, Cameron Vale (Stephen Lack), to hunt down and destroy the leader of the faction, the super scanner Revok (Michael Ironside). Vale is ignorant of his powers at first, but Roth teaches him how to control his abilities, only to find that he is their most powerful scanner yet.

Trash aesthetic

On his mission, Vale joins forces with Kim (Jennifer O'Neill), a member of another scanner group opposed to Revok. There are more deaths with more violence until Vale and Kim discover that Consec's intentions with the scanners are far from honorable. Vale learns of a computer program in the Consec data banks with the code name RIPE, a sophisticated plot for the selective breeding of scanners. In a fiery battle scene, Vale mind-locks with the computer via the telephone lines and attempts to destroy the program.

Abandoning Consec completely, Vale and Kim try to weed out the conspirators in the RIPE plot which leads them to none other than Revok. He tries to get them to join his crusade for world domination while meanwhile introducing a slew of incredible plot twists. Vale retains his good guy image and battles Revok for the final showdown. Their two minds lock in scanner combat. Only one can win. Guess who.

Despite its obvious shortcomings, there is still much in *Scanners* that is of merit. Cronenberg's weak screenplay is strengthened by his tight direction. The cast is relatively inept, many without much prior experience, but they manage non-

ethless. The only notable actors are McGoohan and Jennifer O'Neill but both of their characters are horribly underdeveloped. One saving grace is in the make-up and special effects. The visuals are both striking and realistic. The overall production values are superior to Cronenberg's other pictures, but the film still lacks the quality of a top-rate feature.

Nevertheless, *Scanners* is worth a viewing if only for the novelty of it. The opening sequence is literally mind blowing and the finale so intense one woman walked briskly out of the screening. The story is based on an interesting concept and the violence is bizarre. Seeing a David Cronenberg film is like taking a trip to the Combat Zone; everyone should do it once. Don't expect a lot from *Scanners* but then again, don't expect to be bored. It's certainly different.

Mark DeCew



goes for broke

Serial music:

food for thought

The prestigious Boston Musica Viva offered up a full slate of rarely performed and debut works Friday night at Harvard Square's Sander's Theatre. It's sad that so little public attention is given to the important works of the artists presented, but the Musica Viva didn't seem to mind the somewhat academic atmosphere. I exclude only the debut performance of Martin Boykan's "Elegy," written for the traditionalism clashed miserably with the nerve and daring of the other pieces performed. Boykan is a professor at Brandeis, and the Elegy is the first part of a three part work-in-progress, a sort of contemporary Winterreise, based on Boykan's research in twelve-tone systems. Although soprano and German texts was heavyhanded, the older works on the program seemed far more innovative and effective. The musicians made a fine beginning the third song of the program, with a fine cello-clarinet in-strumentation. The Music Director Richard Pittman later in the program is in-

The rest of the program sparkled. What a joy to see musicians alive to the tension and extremity of these pieces, performing so fearlessly! Dallapiccola's "Piccola Musica Notturna" (1954), Karlheinz Stockhausen's "Nr 1 Kontra-Punkte" (1952-3), and Edgard Varese's "Octandre" (1924) are all challenging examples of serial music, a concept first evolved by the composer Schoenberg, in which structural importance is given to all the elements of the musical development, and traditional Western conceptions of tonality, melody, and harmony are discarded. The basis of composition is the twelve tones of the chromatic scale, but no tone is repeated until all the other eleven have been used. Dallapiccola was interested, in "Piccola Musica Notturna," in finding new melodic colorings, and in using nonperiodicity effectively. The Musica Viva players, with their hyper-aware playing, gave the piece all the aching and tentative suggestiveness one could have hoped for.

Stockhausen, who also worked within the twelve point system, made great strides in synthesizing highly antithetical elements and avoiding the monotony the twelve-tone system can fall victim to. His "Kontra-Punkte," part of the revival of contrapuntal form by twelve point system proponents, demonstrates this. The dissonant density of the piece was well brought out, with six pairs of "sound groups" providing the contrapuntal figures. Varese's short "Octandre" gave the Musica Viva a chance to display their abilities with another variant in the serial music field; the music's asymmetry here was jubilant rather than chaotic, something the musicians seemed to grasp fully. The show-stealer was, however, Donald Erb's "Duo for Clarinet and Percussion" (1980), performed by William Wrzesien and Dean Anderson. Erb, a Cleveland-based composer, is part of a newer generation of serial composers who are concerned with even wider-ranging elements, such as the performers' contribution to the creation of the music. Erb's "Duo" aims to "test the percussionist's ability;" the clarinet anchors the piece while the percussion — instruments were spread out all over the stage — provides the color. Dean Anderson's spirited and frantic playing of organ, harmonica, bells, drums, and gongs was the program's star performance. With new research into such questions as the "psychology of form" and the use of computers, these pieces are not the culminating effort of the serial music field; however, they are difficult and significant landmarks, and a performance as excellent as Friday night's is indeed worthwhile.

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CampusWatch

Bok issues "open" letter on discrimination

By Barry S. Surman

In an eight-page open letter released last Friday, Harvard University President Derek C. Bok assessed the state of race relations, minority admissions and hiring practices, and a proposal for a Third World Center at the University and outlined his objectives and plans for the future regarding these issues.

The letter came in response to requests from several minority students' organizations, and followed the unauthorized disclosure of the Klitgaard Report, an internal preliminary paper on minority admissions and performance prepared by Professor Robert Klitgaard, Administrative Assistant to Bok.

The limited value of standardized test scores and prior grades was stressed in Bok's letter. He conceded their value as "the best measures we have to meet our threshold goal of screening out those applicants who are likely to have trouble meeting the normal academic standards of the institution," but reiterated that "grades and scores tell us little about the progress students can make toward subtler educational goals, such as ethical sensibility, creativity, or a capacity to work effectively with others."

Bok defended the University's admissions criteria. "... The selection of minority applicants furthers Harvard's commitment to assembling a diverse student body ... Students believe they have benefited as much in their personal development from contact with each other as they have from their readings and lectures." He continued, "... an enlightened admissions committee will wish to assemble a class with widely varying backgrounds and talents so that every student has a chance to encounter a broad range of values, perspectives, and experiences from which to draw stimulus in developing as a person. From this standpoint, in a country where racial issues are so important, everyone can benefit from the chance to live and work with classmates of other races who bring differing attitudes and experiences with which to challenge and inform one another and increase the understanding and tolerance of all concerned."

"A sound admissions policy," Bok also noted, "should also provide for special efforts to enroll able minority students because they have unusual opportunities to make important contributions to society after they graduate." He vowed to defend Harvard's admissions philosophy "against any effort from outside the University to overrule our policies and limit our authority to use our own judgement in admitting students to this institution."

On the issue of race relations, Bok admitted that "the record of achievement is uneven ... We have obviously made considerable progress toward our objectives. It is just as obvious that we have some distance yet to travel."

The three "pertinent objectives" stated by Bok are equal opportunity for all students at Harvard, an atmosphere conducive to obtaining the best possible education, and encouragement of interchange among all students. His message to minority students is that "they are welcomed here as fully as any other group of students—because they meet our intellectual standards, because they enrich our diverse community with their presence, because they

have much to contribute in later life with whatever assistance we can provide them." Bok also placed a large emphasis on the wide appeal of studies of "the history and culture of minority groups and the racial problems in our society" beyond just the minority groups involved.

A proposed "Third World Center" met with a cool reception from Bok, who stated, "I would not attach a high priority to any project that might serve, at least symbolically, to emphasize a separation between different races." He supports "the right of any group of students with similar interests or backgrounds to gather together informally in pursuit of common interests." But he made it clear that Harvard's

resources could not be used to "provide special facilities for the social and cultural needs of particular categories of students."

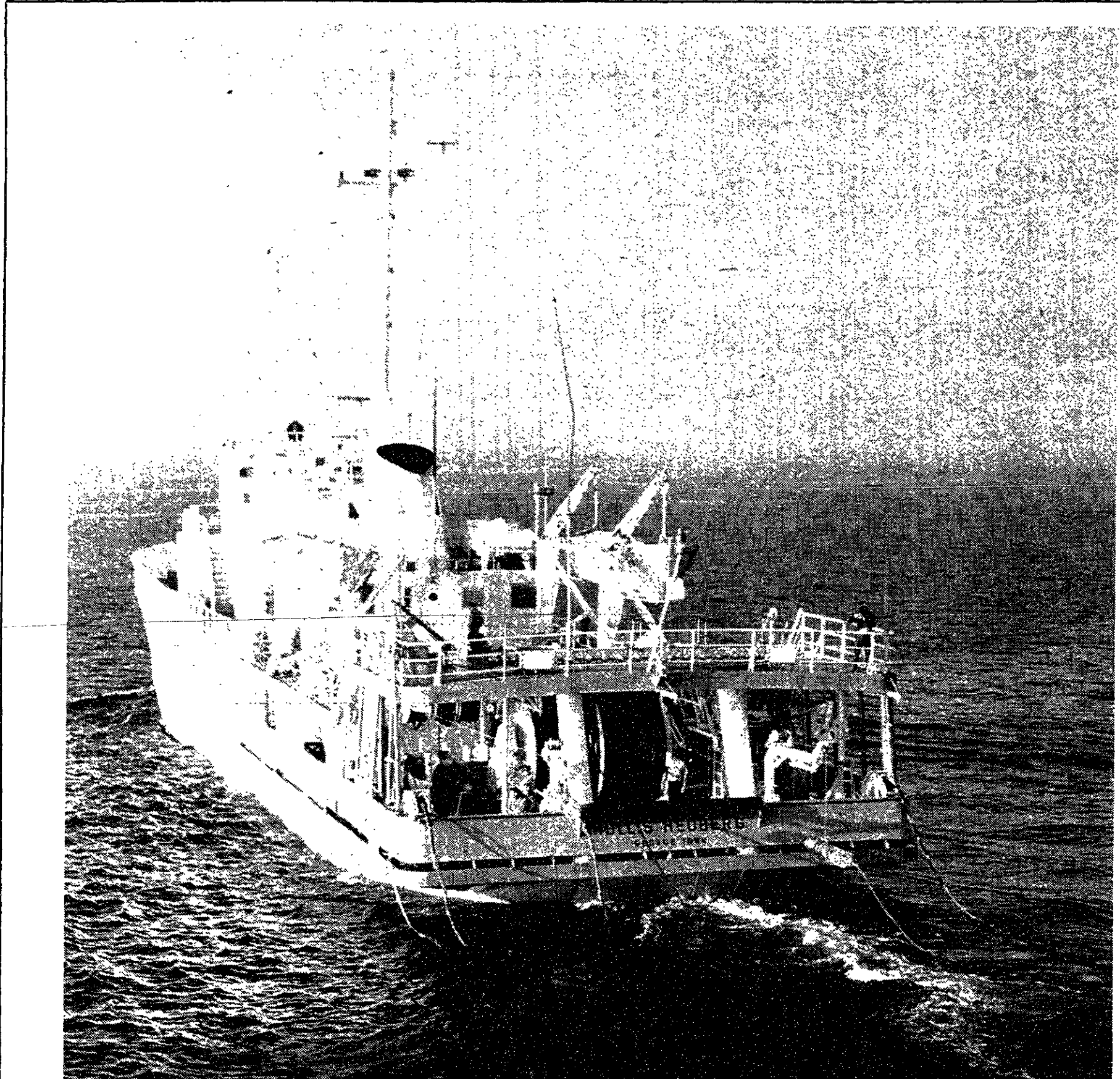
Modest support is advocated, however, for an organization to promote racial understanding and appreciation. Bok quoted a committee report recommending the establishment of "a foundation devoted to the improvement of relations among racial and ethnic groups within the University."

Bok reaffirmed the University's commitment to affirmative action, independent of the possibility of government repeal of requirements for such programs. He interpreted affirmative action as a policy of awareness and recruitment rather than quotas and reverse discrimination; the

primary consideration in employment decisions will remain to be the ability of the candidate to contribute to Harvard. This does not preclude the consideration of the minority perspective to be gained by hiring a minority candidate as a positive attribute.

Bok dwelt on the difficulties in finding qualified minority candidates. "We simply cannot expect to make significant progress until larger numbers of minority persons have elected to pursue academic careers," he said.

"One of Harvard's great opportunities lies in these issues," according to Bok. He seeks to maintain Harvard's leading role in the advancement of the interests of minorities, and therefore in the nation as a whole.



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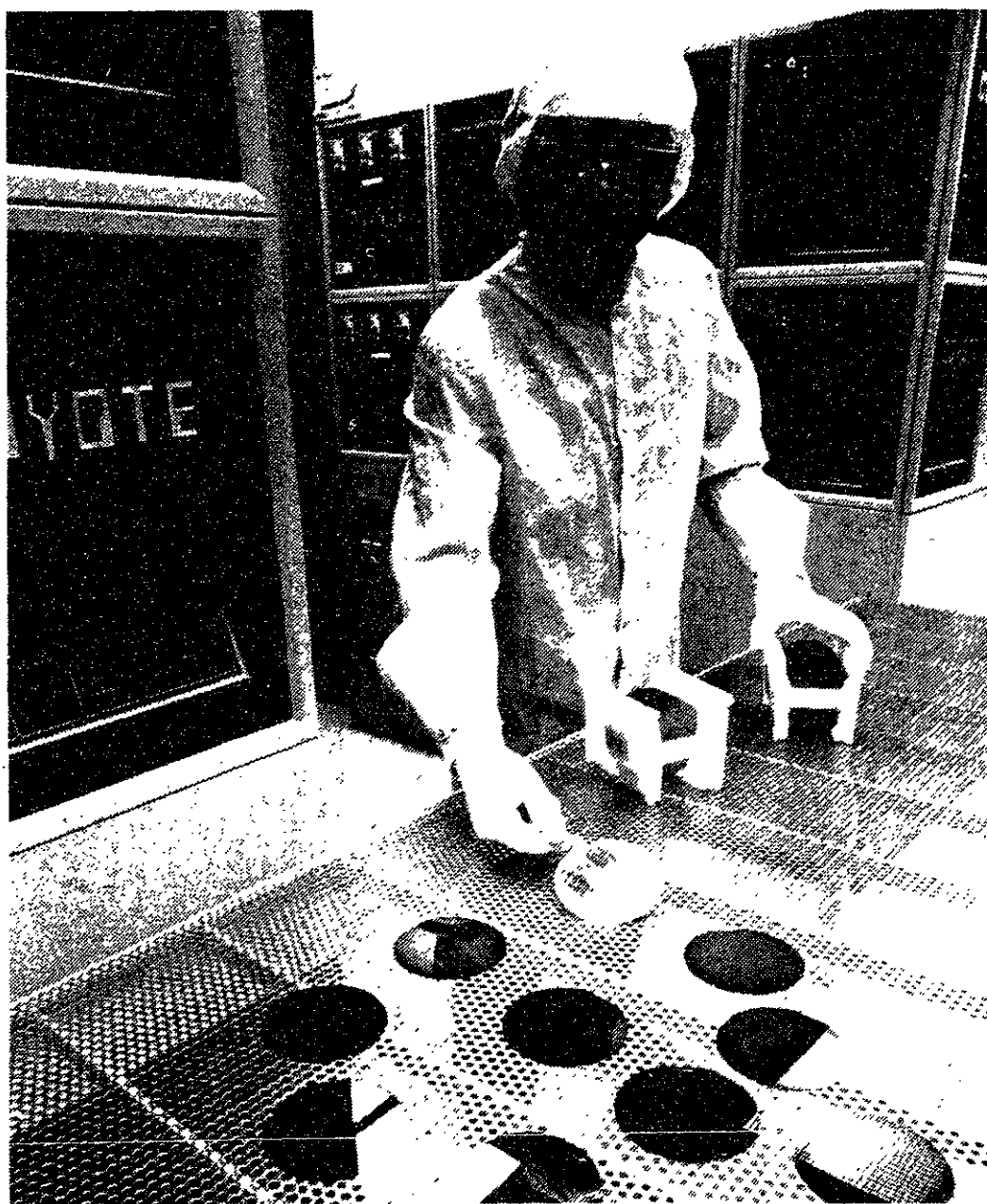
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Ice rink to close

By Lawrence Choi

On March 20, the ice skating rink at the newly-built Athletic and Events Center will close. Intramural and intercollegiate hockey games, as well as PE skating classes will be completed and the dashboards around the skating rink will be dissembled by workers from the Minnesota company, Rink Ice Makers Inc., which originally built the new center last year, according to Assistant Athletic Director John G. Barry.

The March 20 closing date for the new indoor ice rink is the same as the closing date for the old outdoor skating rink. Asked why the rink was closing on March 20 rather than later in April or at any other date, so that the MIT community can utilize the ice skating facility for a longer time period, Barry said "The con-

tract which MIT made with the company in Minnesota calls for the removal of the dash boards on March 20, and to postpone it will cost a great deal of added expense for MIT."

Agreeing that the MIT community would prefer to have the rink open beyond March 20, he promised that next year the facility shall be open at least until April 15.

The reopening date for the skating rink is scheduled for October 15 and, until then, the rink will be converted in to a place to hold various activities. The rink may be used as a place for indoor graduation ceremonies if weather conditions make that necessary. The maximum seating capacity for the facility is 4,200 persons, and the site can be reserved by the MIT community through Barry's office.

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Steve Stansel, a textbook buyer for the Tech Coop, indicated that he did not have a vote in the March 26 vote on union representation, but still has "mixed feelings about the issue." He claims there is "no pressure" from upper management, although there have been managers' meetings "to inform people of what is going on." "Lunt is trying to keep a low profile at this point," added Stansel.

Tech Coop salesclerk John Laughlin said he thought the biggest problem facing employees is "a lack of guarantees." "There is no set employee manual, and as a result many things are left unexplained," continued Laughlin, "I could be fired and there would be no way to lodge a complaint. There are no set criteria for merit raises, and when you do get a raise, it can take months for it to come through. We seem to be at the mercy of whims of management." Laughlin has been

with the Coop for seven months.

Magnan, a Lobby Shop worker, noted that "higher turnover causes a lot of the employees' unhappiness. It is a Coop tradition to get someone else." "What really bugs me," emphasized Magnan, "are the pay (an average of \$95 to \$97 a week) and the working conditions." She explained that, although listed as store clerks, employees are expected to do stock work, returns, ordering, and clerical work as well, and should therefore be paid accordingly.

A Coop employee for four years, Magnan also complained of the lack of grievance procedure and a statement of official company policy. She noted, however, that only recently the management has produced a two page handbook.

Magnan said she thought the union organizers "have the support" of Coop workers, "especially the older employees."

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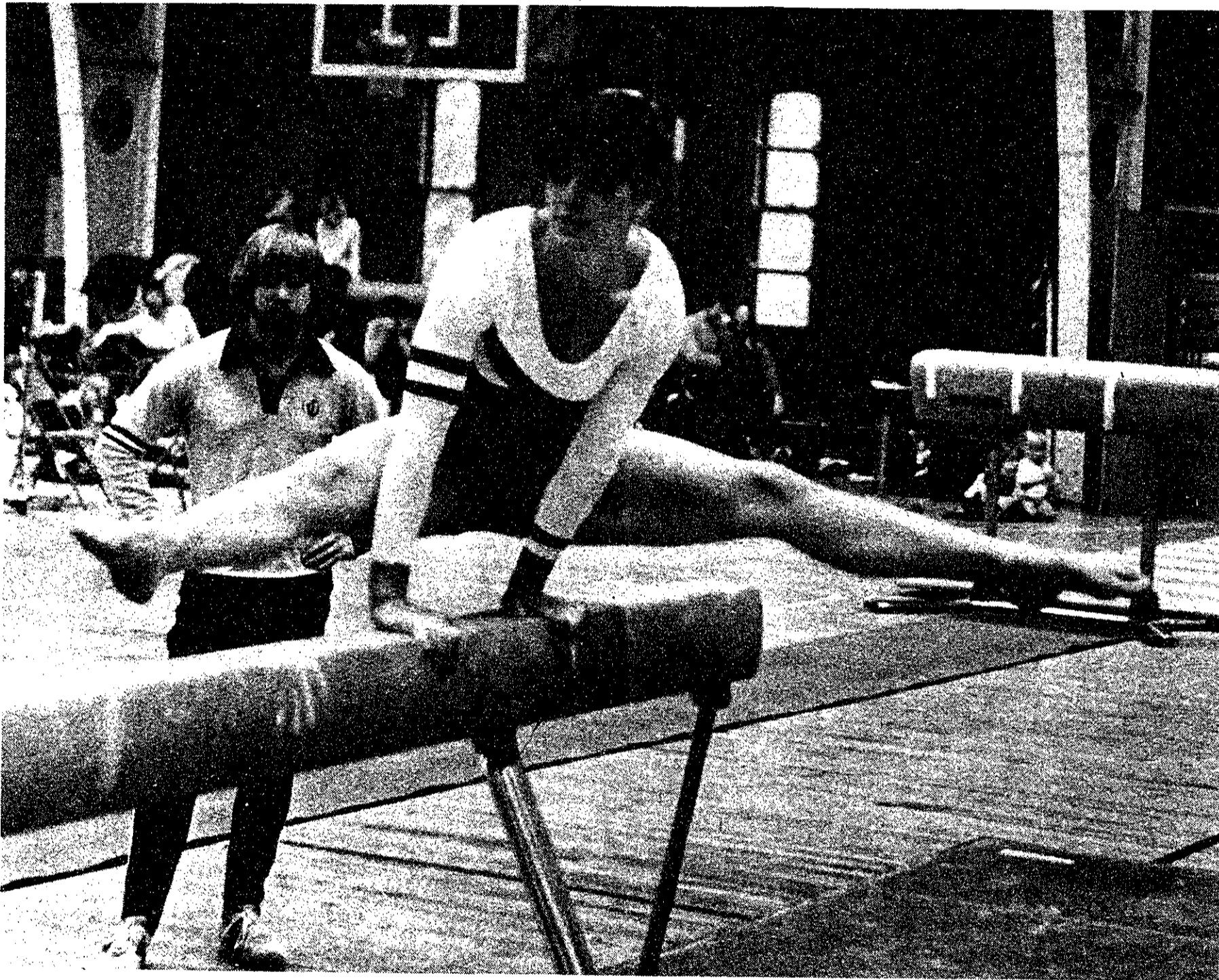
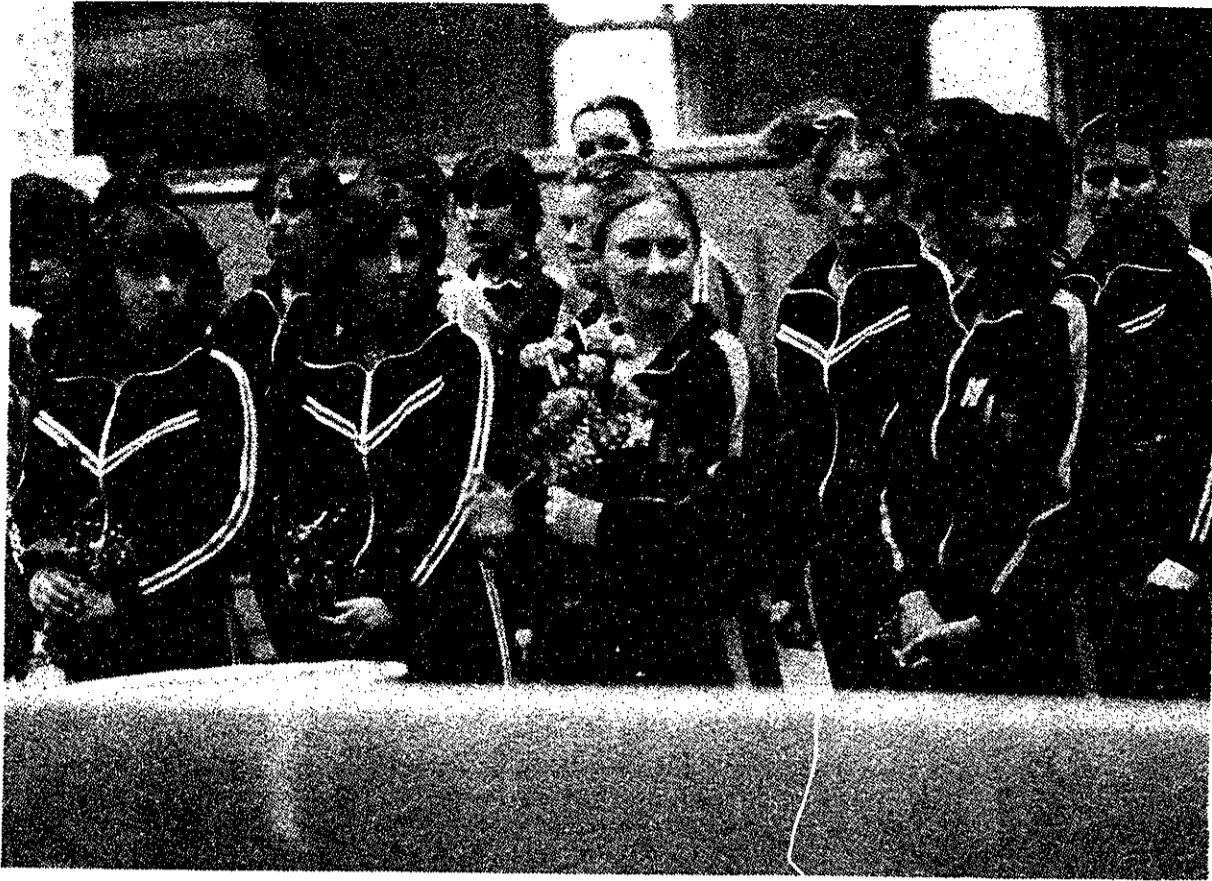
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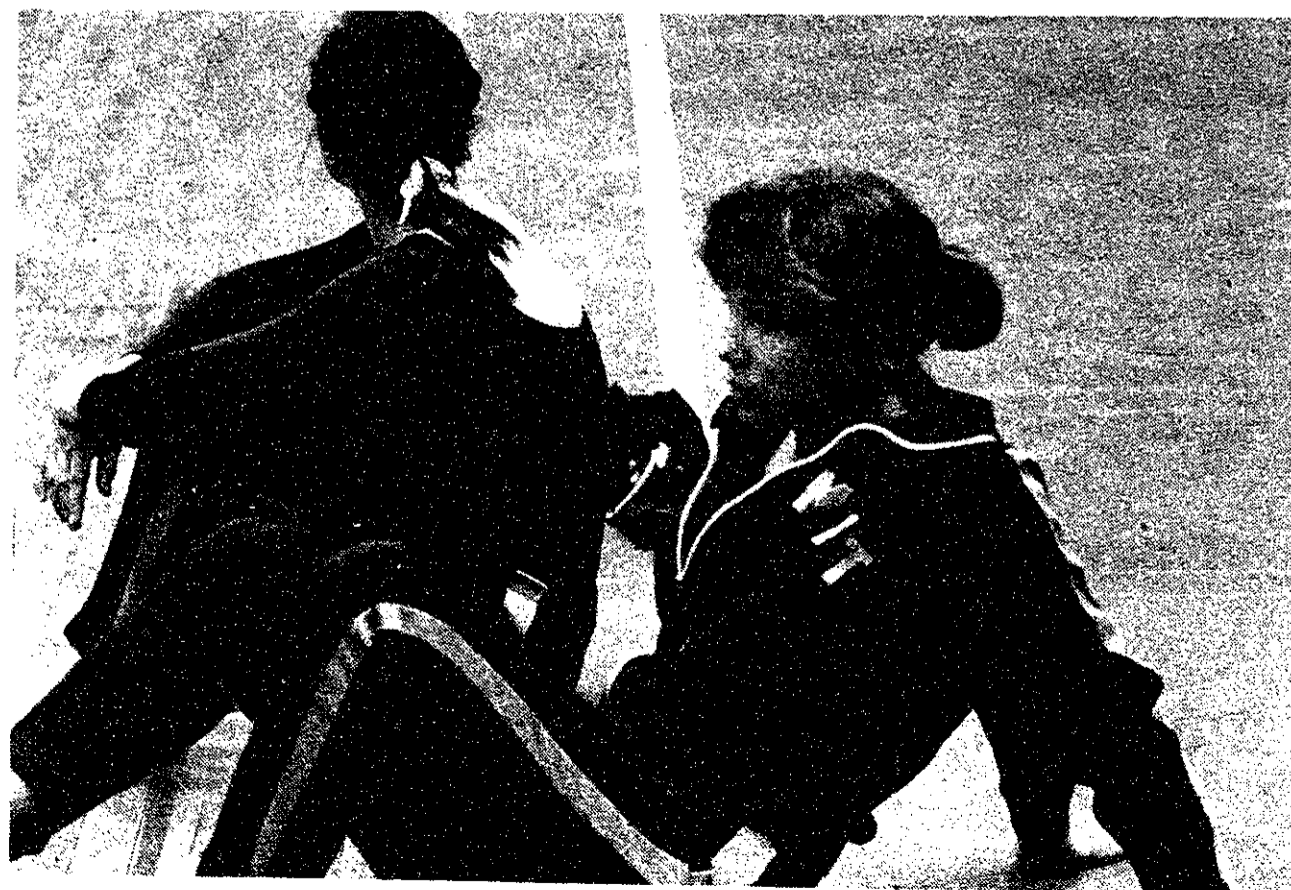
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Student Center Pub

A proposal to open a pub in the East Lounge of the Student Center is being considered by the Student Center Committee and the Class of '81. Mitchell Brook and Nick Adams would love to here your suggestions.

Election Information

UAP/VAVP Candidates

The Election Commission has inspected and validated the Nomination Petitions of the following candidates for Undergraduate Association President and Vice-President:

- John Dekubels - Ken Dumas
- Gerald Fitzgerald - Andrew Washburn
- David Gauntt - John Sullins
- Chris Johanssen - Robert Cox
- Charles Moon - Bob Wallace

Meet the Candidates

UAP/VAVP Candidates will participate in several forums to outline their ideas, philosophies, and concerns, and to answer students' questions. Upcoming meetings include: Tuesday, March 3, 5:00-7:00pm, Room 10-250; Thursday, March 5, 8:00pm, MacGregor Dining Hall.

Correction

Last Week's UA News inadvertently omitted the name of Kevin Scott from the listing of class office candidates. Scott is running for the office of Treasurer of the Class of 1984.

Class of 1984

A referendum will be held at the regular elections this spring to determine the form of class government for the next three years. The class will choose between the Uniform Class Constitution (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Board Members-at-large elected annually by the class) and the "Freshman Council" proposal (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer elected annually by the class, plus a council with half-year membership by petition).

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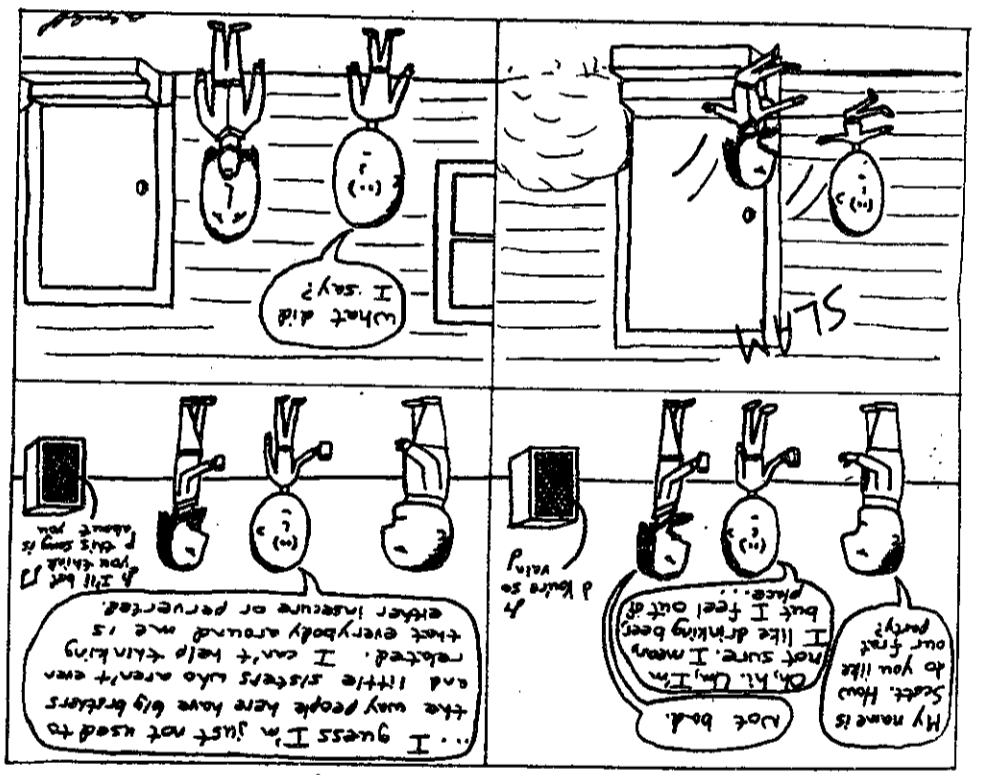
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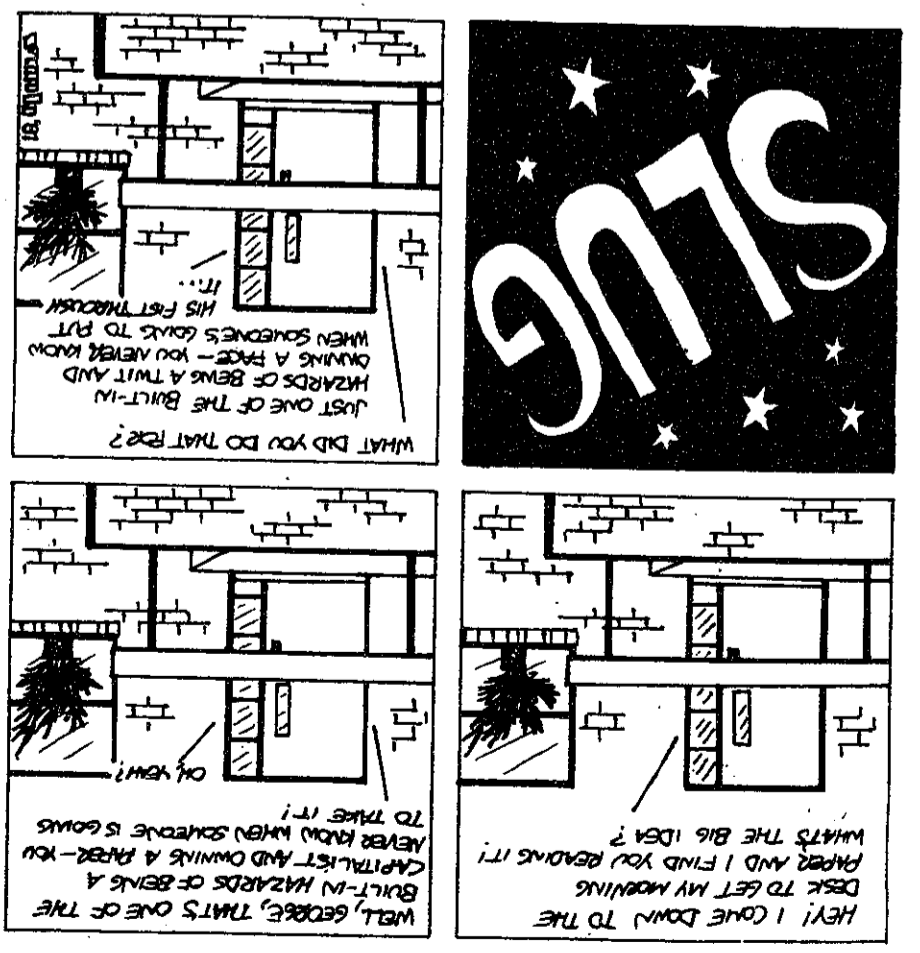
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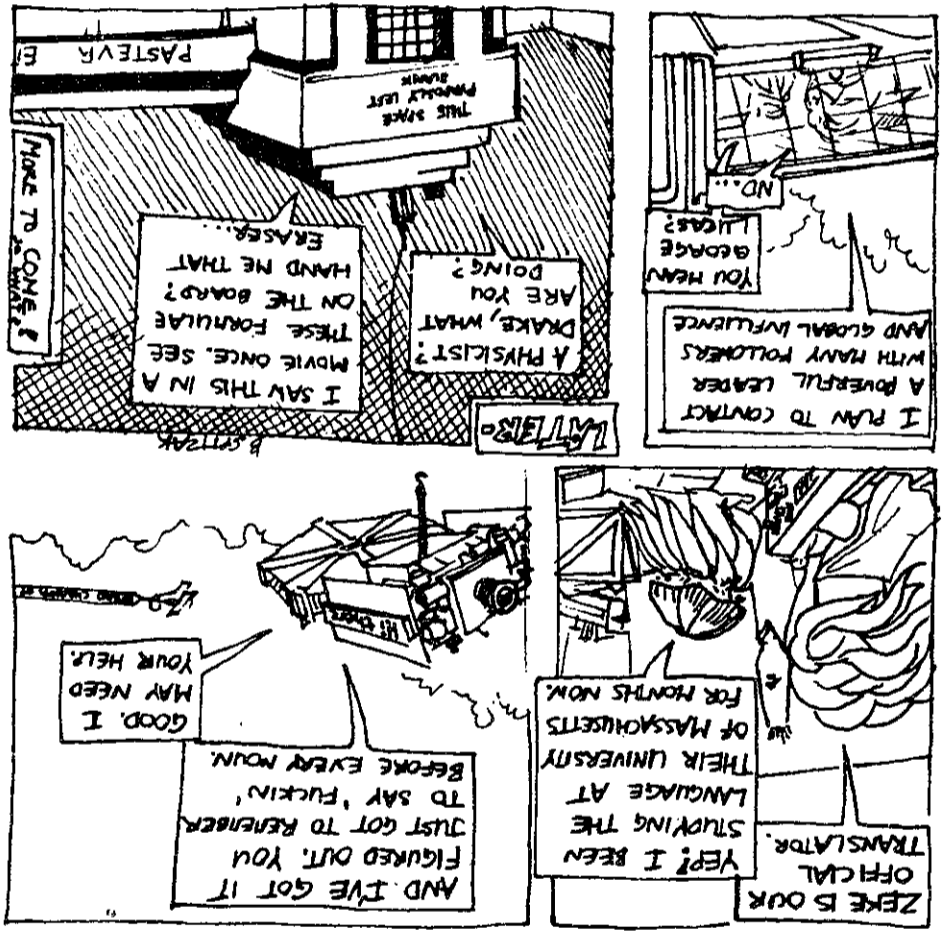
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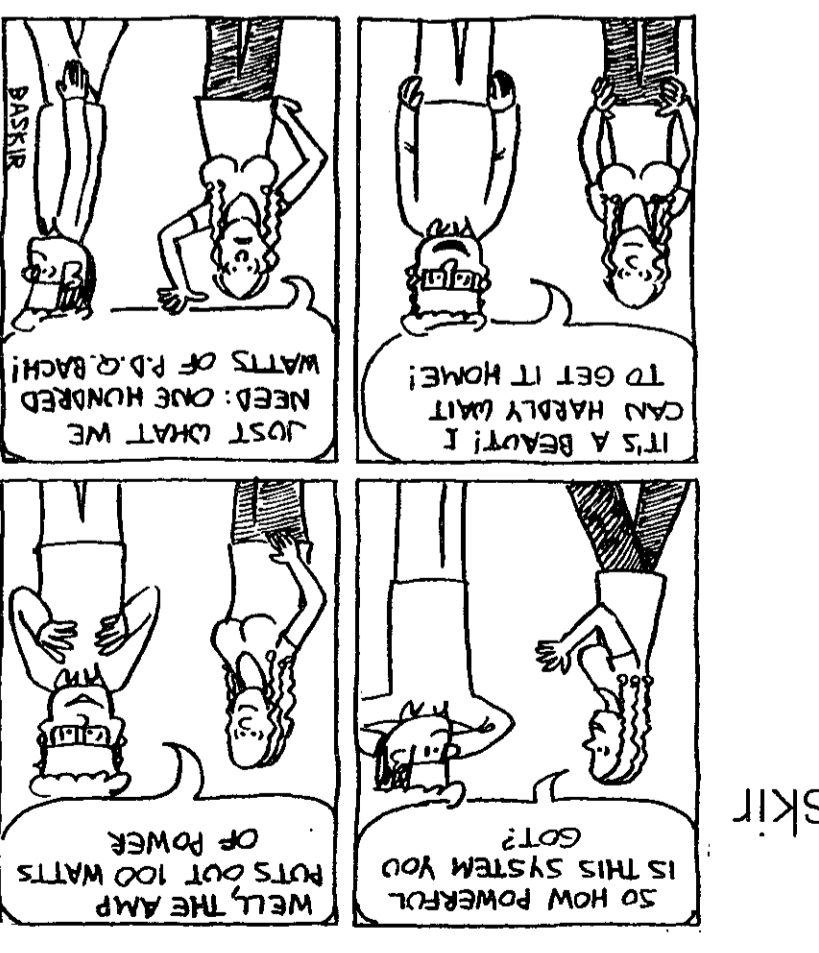
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UMass No. 1 in gymnastics meet

By Eric R. Fleming

The University of Massachusetts at Amherst won the Massachusetts Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (MAIAW) gymnastics championship at MIT's duPont Gymnasium Saturday afternoon, buoyed by a one-two finish in the all-around competition.

Robin Low won the all-around title, which consists of combined scores in the vault, uneven parallel bars, balance beam, and floor exercise. Low took both the vault and floor exercises (the latter in a splendid performance which earned her a 8.85 score). Her teammate Heidi Milender finished second in the all-around, with a score of 31.25 (Low ended up with 33.70 points). UMass gymnasts captured individual honors in all four events en route to winning the four-team meet with a total of 130.95 points. Northeastern, winner in 1979, finished second (119.20), while Salem State and MIT finished

third and fourth, respectively (Salem State earned 106.10 points, and MIT had 70.75).

MIT's fourth place finish was expected, as its three rivals Saturday were Division I or II schools. Due to a couple of injuries, Tech could only field three women in the uneven bars and floor exercises, which affected its scoring potential. Nonetheless, MIT came out of the meet well, according to coach Linda Laatsch. Laatsch spoke highly of the performances of Lillian Chang '84, and Claudia Buser '81. Buser had a good day on the bars and vault, while Change has come a long way since the beginning of the season.

MIT's Sandy Young '83 qualified for the Eastern championships to be held next weekend. Young, a resident of Walnut Creek, California, qualified for the important meet in the uneven bars.

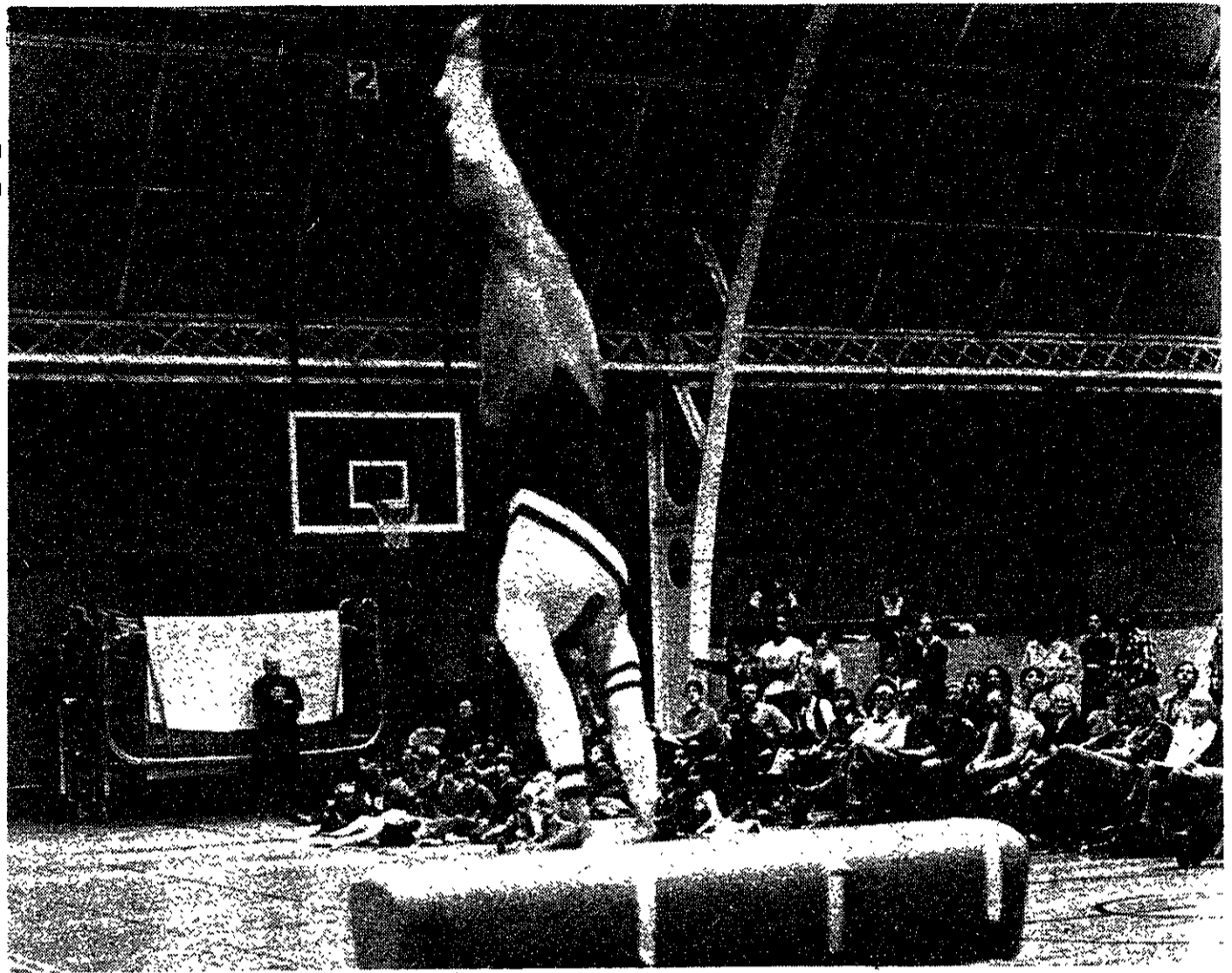


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sports update

Men's Gymnastics — MIT hosted the New England Conference Championships Sunday afternoon, and came away with a fourth place finish. Individually, Mike Ehrlich '84 earned a third in floor exercises with a 8.85 score, and Linus Kelly '82 also took third in the pommel horse (7.85) to pace MIT's effort. Dartmouth won the competition with a score of 183.55, while Coast Guard finished second and Lowell third. Dartmouth's superiority in the meet was unquestioned, with Lowell, Coast Guard, and the Engineers fighting for second and third spots.

Track — Paul Neves '83 has done it again, this time becoming MIT's first all-New England champion since 1973, as he won the 1000 yard run at Boston University Sunday. His time of 2:08.8 qualified him for the NCAA indoor championships in Detroit March 14 and 15. Neves also anchored the Tech 1600 meter relay team that set a new school record of 3:18.02, good for fifth. Joining Neves were John DeRubeis '82, Lance Parker '84, and Ron Smith '84. The school distance medley record was also shattered by the quartet of Frank Luedtke '81, John Taylor '84, Jeff Lukas '82, and Colin Kerwin '82. The time of 10:14.4, a full second off of the old mark of 10:15.49 set at the GBC-New York meet in January, was run despite Luedtke's dropping of the baton at the start of the race. Tech finished 12th out of 47 schools.

sporting notices

The MIT International Student Association is participating in the International Olympics at Babson College in April. The purpose of the Olympics is to raise money for UNICEF. Sports that will be held include soccer, swimming, volleyball, tennis, and squash. Anyone that is interested in participating for MIT should call Patrick Tan at d18264 or Cuneyt Czveren at d17507.

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