A student is served dinner in McCormick dining hall, which may change to an a la carte system under campus currently being considered. (Photo by Jonathan Cohen)

Dining Service plans changes

By Laura Farhie

Two major changes could enhance the MIT Dining System in compliance with suggestions made by the Committee on Campus Dining in their October 1979 report.

A consulting firm has been hired to suggest renovations for Walker Memorial’s dining hall and the dormitory dining halls may switch from the “priced” system to an a la carte system. Labehall, however, will not be renovated, as the Report had strongly recommended.

“Our first priority is that we have students participating in the Comm program [in the east campus dormitories] under the best desirable conditions,” declared Gene Bannacker, Director of Housing and Food Services. Edward Leonard, the General Manager of Food Services explained, “It’s an awkward situation, combining commons and a la carte.” He described the lunch lines as “two to ten minutes long.” One East Campus freshman commented, “That’s nothing. During the weekend after five, the lines at Pritchett are a half hour to an hour.” Another East Campus freshman described the capacity of Walker Dining Hall as “It’s like eating at Lobdell.” George Hartwell, the Assistant Director of Housing and Food Services, described the Koshar Kitchen in the basement as “small and inadequately ventilated.”

The consulting firm, Goodly and Clancy, in conjunction with the MIT Planning Office, is “pulling out of the archives” ideas for renovating Walker that have accumulated over the years, according to Hartwell. After the consulting firm makes suggestions, a client team composed of administrators and students will review the suggestions and decide a course of action. The residents on the east side of campus were also very vocal in their criticism of the food at Walker. An East Campus freshman who used to work for the Walker Dining Service said that while the meat delivered to Walker looks “adequate,” the actual meat dishes have “small quantities of meat with 50 percent fat.” A freshman who currently works for the Walker Dining Service said noted that the food is “cooked in vats.” Another East Campus freshman said, “Things are hidden under opaque sauces so you can’t see what you’re getting” and “after you get the lazy hurry.”

Proceed Francis Low said, “There are bound to be situations of conflict and I think by large [the system for checking such conflicts] is pretty good.”

Faculty and staff reports on outside work are due before the summer. Department heads can refer cases involving possible conflicts of interest for consultation to the Faculty Committee on Outside Professional Activities. This committee reviews all cases they are referred to it and advises faculty members on possible changes to be made in their activities.

Conflict of interest policy OK

By Tony Zamparotti

The Institute’s present system for investigating faculty member’s conflicts of interest has been given a passing grade by Walter Cheskin, director of the SAA and former Provost. “If I had to give it a grade I’d say it’s passing.”

The former UA Finance helped to develop the SAA’s procedures for consultation, which were written into the SAA’s conflict of interest policy and approved by the board of directors. The policy requires that all faculty members sign a statement acknowledging their awareness of the conflict of interest issue, the definition of conflict of interest and the possible ramifications of a conflict of interest.

Cheskin said that the procedures are “very effective.”

I wouldn’t give it an A-plus. . . . Department heads sometimes hesitate to push their colleagues.”

Faculty must annually report all aspects of their outside work for the Walker Dining Service, or as consulting work or membership on a corporation’s board of directors, to the heads of their departments for review of possible conflict of interest with their work at MIT. Institute policy suggests that outside activities be limited to an average of one day a week of a professor’s time.

By Nick Adams

Seniors have worked closely with the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs (DOS) to create its performance report.

The DOS was created last year’s last year as a result of recommendations made by the Undergraduate Association (UA) and the Student Assembly to create a central office to handle matters concerning student affairs.

The DOS has been in existence for three years, the subject of concern to MIT students this semester has been the subject of concern to MIT students this semester has been the subject of concern to MIT students this semester has been the subject of concern to MIT students this semester has been the subject of concern.

An informal association between the DSA and Student Assembly was botched as the seniors were in business to prevent suicide.

It is the function of talking, to prevent suicide. Said Deans for Residence Robert Brammer, “I’d lie. I said that often a person in distress can be helped by just finding out that others have had and dealt with similar problems. Just thinking about suicide is not abnormal, he said, however “the problem arises if they think they will act on it.”

“Most people are ambivalent about most things,” explained Special Assistant to the President Mary Morse. People considering suicide often alternate between being suicidal and feeling shame for being suicidal, she observed.

Harley Lipman, the first American to study politics in Poland, spoke last Thursday in 10-250 at the invitation of the Lecture Series Committee. (Photo by Jonathan Cohen)
Press stresses innovation

By Michael Shimazu

"One-third of economic growth is directly attributable to technological advances," asserted Frank Press, associate professor in the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, in a lecture given in the Science Forum Series in Burton Dining Hall Tuesday.

Press, the President-elect of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS), predicted what he called "a second industrial revolution," particularly in electronics and composite materials industries, and stressed the need for increased productivity to bolster the American economy.

In the near future, "we're going to face serious problems with respect to high technology competition with other industrialized democracies," he forecast. "The unique things that exist in this country as a real partnership between government and industry," he added, calling for government support of both short-term and long-term development as a means to increase US productivity.

However, "Most people in Washington don't appreciate the issues of science and technology," according to Press. In addition, he says, "Managers of industrial enterprises are very uneducated about many aspects of the technologies that the companies they manage.

Commenting on the present Administration, Press said, "While the Reagan budget is a severe one, basic core sciences have been left relatively untouched." He observed that the Administration is "most interested about the government's role in research and development.

Press contrasted American industrial management with foreign counterparts. "Japanese companies, and their technological development in Japan is financed on a long-term basis by banks supported by the Japanese government," he continued. These companies have long-term reinvestment strategies. However, because American companies must be responsive to their stockholders' demands for short-term returns, says Press, they are unable to plan similar strategies.

"The present Administration holds "a primitive view of regulation," Press noted. "Regulations have to be evaluated to see if they have an scientific basis," he continued.

One management approach Press expressed "is bucking, however, at some of the Reagon Administration's attitudes on regulation. The present Administration holds "a primitive view of the government role in regulation," he commented.

Press also called on the US government to encourage technological development in developing nations. "Technological assistance is good politics, good economics, it is something we do well, and it is something that other countries respect," he said.

Press said that "residence is the concern of the dining section" and that "the process which sets commons policy clearly has a predetermined outcome." Adams said that the Dean's Office was "not using [coordination with Student Activities and Residence] Anita Walton's talent," and that "what does Anita Walton do?"

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Dept. heads must report conflicts to committee

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conflicts. "It's sort of a passive-aggressive approach," he added, "like the Bunker Bacter [41, Mechanical Engineering professor and committee member.

The committee addresses an average of three inquiries a year. Information sources are internally vague, and the committee concluded that the solutions were rated as the weakest in the Dean's Office.

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college food plans compared, rated

By Kenneth Snow

A survey of students at five universities on the East Coast showed that students are not as disillusioned with their dining programs as MIT students are. However, students at other schools also have less freedom in their meal plan options.

At Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, the dining program is mandatory for all freshmen. Upperclassmen have the option of rejecting the meal tickets. According to Jon Kesler, an RPI student, "the food isn't the best, but people tolerate it.

Dinner costs approximately $4.00, lunch is $2.50. Kesler noted that there is a la carte dining area in the RPI student center and many students buy their meals there.

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World

US closes Libyan mission — The United States ordered Libya to close its diplomatic mission in Washington Wednesday and ordered all Libyan diplomats to leave within five working days. The State Department cited "a wide range of Libyan provocations and misconduct, including support for international terrorism." Colonel Qaddafi, who seized power in Libya in 1969, has supported revolutionary groups in many countries, given asylum to terrorists, and purchased approximately $12 billion in arms from the Soviet Union. The US embassy in Tripoli, Libya, was burned in December 1979 by a pro-Iranian mob. Many US fellows in Western Europe have been assassinated in the past year, although Qaddafi's government has denied responsibility.

US envoy to discuss arms aid to Guatemala — The Reagan Administration will send General Vernon A. Walters, the US ambassador to the UN, to Guatemala next week to discuss resuming arms aid. The Carter Administration ended its military aid to Guatemala in 1977, as a reaction to that country's human rights abuses and the American ambassador's loss. The State Department claimed that Guatemala has $2,000 "Cuban-supported Marxist guerrillas" in Guatemala and that the previous Carter policies had "clearly failed." Amnesty International claimed that over 3,000 have been killed in Guatemala since 1979 by government agents and right-wing death squads.

Weather

Mild overnight with lows near 50. Rain 0 percent today, 20 percent Saturday, 40 percent Sunday. Winds will shift to southerly tomorrow and be quite strong, but highs will be near 70 under mostly sunny skies. Showers Saturday night or Sunday. Mild overnight with lows near 50. Rain 0 percent today, 20 percent Saturday, 40 percent Sunday. Winds will shift to southerly tomorrow and be quite strong, but highs will be near 70 under mostly sunny skies. Showers Saturday night or Sunday.

Nation

House defeats liberal budget proposals — The House of Representatives rejected two alternative budgets for fiscal 1982 in a compromise. The Reagan Administration's $507 billion budget. A proposal to reduce military spending and increase funding for social programs, sponsored by the Congressional Black Caucus, was defeated by a vote of 356 to 9. A plan to increase money for social programs and to defer a tax cut until 1984 was rejected 403 to 119.

Air Force jet explodes over Maryland — Twenty-six persons died in the crash of an Air Force C-135-A, which exploded at 10:33 a.m. Wednesday at an altitude of 29,000 feet. The cause of the explosion is under investigation. The plane was equipped with special tracking equipment to detect missiles and satellites, and was on a training mission. The wreckage landed in a field near Walkersville, Maryland.

Local

Massachusetts House rejects Boston bail-out plan — The state Legislature voted yesterday 119 to 32 against a plan that would allow the mayor to borrow up to $44 million in borrowed funds. The proposed bill would have allowed the mayor to borrow $28 million in ten-year notes at a city-owned property tax abatement and the amount necessary to deal with "an educational emergency."

Caucus passes budget plan — The Boston City Council approved a proposal Monday by Mayor Kevin White to allow $3.5 million to the police and fire departments and $6.4 million to the School Department. Increased the payroll of 400 police officers and firefighters, opened the police and fire stations in South Boston, and allowed the operation of public schools for about five more days.

Don Law sued for monopolizing Boston — The Don Law Agency has had a $6.2 million anti-trust suit filed against it by Providence concert promoter Frank Russo, charging monopolization of concerts at the Boston Garden and Cape Cod Coliseum. Russo claims Law's groups have controlled 117 of 121 concerts held at these arenas since 1977, and that the Boston Garden, Cape Cod Coliseum, and Boston Opera House have refused to deal with him because of their exclusive arrangements with the Don Law Agency.

Sports

Rockets tie Celtics in NBA — The Houston Rockets defeated the Boston Celtics last night 92-90 at the Boston Garden in their best-of-seven National Basketball Association Championship Series. 1-1. Boston was the first game Tuesday night 98-95. In related news, Celtic forward Cedric Maxwell was fined $200 for showing a fan whose remarks he apparently found offensive after being knocked into the stands during Game 5 of the Eastern Conference finals at the Philadelphia Spectrum. Tony Zamparutti and Robert W. Leishman

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Sun today, but there is a good chance for a cool sea-breeze. Temperatures along the coast will be near 50 this afternoon, near 60 well inland. Low tonight in the middle 40's. Winds will shift to southerly tomorrow and be quite strong, but highs will be near 70 under mostly sunny skies. Showers Saturday night or Sunday. Mild overnight with lows near 50. Rain 0 percent today, 20 percent Saturday, 40 percent Saturday night and Sunday.

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Dining: uncommonly blatant lies

Last year’s promise that Dining Service would soon be improved as recommended in the Report of the Committee on Campus Dining has proved as true as the myth that MIT’s undergraduate academic support services are truly making a difference. Many students accepted last year's report, with its controversial call for a return to mandatory commons, in good faith. Most realized that the other recommendations were intended only to garner support, but assumed that the promises would be kept, even if reluctantly.

A year of jawboning has proved these grudging promises to be outright lies. Since the Administration will have a captive audience for its meal plans in another three years, when the new plan is put in place, it can be expected to believe that the needed changes will ever be made if they are not made soon.

The list of suggestions which have been forgotten is long and discouraging. Common prices are up, despite a continuing subsidy and promises that the mandatory system would decrease costs. While east campus students are currently subject to the “least desirable conditions” in Walker Memorial Dining Hall, renovations will undoubtedly be long in coming since a consultant’s firm has just hired to study remodeling plans. The case is even grimmer at Lobdell, where no changes are contemplated.

Students are understandably upset. Criticisms range from an east campus complaint about finding “a grape hoppers in my salad” to a former UAP’s charge that the dining program is a farce. Meanwhile, Co-ordinator of Dining and Residence Services, Anets Wake, insists that many are happy because many students have somehow rid themselves of points which they have no choice but to use.

Any increased socialization which comes as a benefit of mandatory commons will be achieved if the program is required only to garner support, but assumed that the promises would be kept.

For a useful visit by the committee

The MIT Corporation Visiting Committee on Student Affairs faces a formidable task. Formulating a report on student concerns over a two-day period so close to final examinations will require conscientious effort by the Dean’s Office and students as well as the committee members.

Members should look beyond the issues raised by the self-assessment prepared by the Dean’s Office and keep an ear attuned to voiced student concerns. An examination of the recent Dean’s Office reorganization and the solicitation and use of student opinion, for example, could help address important problems without fatally reducing the focus on undergraduate academic support services.

Due to inadequate publicity for tonight’s meetings, there may be no overriding student response at the open forum. However, this prospect should not prevent the committee from probing student concerns by listening carefully to student leaders and those who do choose to air their complaints.

It is especially important that committee members recognize the potentially non-representative nature of the student self-assessment. Rather than generalize from a few outspoken individuals, members should seriously attempt to gather a wide cross-section of student concerns. The committee might even consider spending some time visiting living groups to obtain first-hand student impressions.

Through intensive, independent examination of the role of the Dean’s Office, and with the cooperation of concerned students, the Visiting Committee can truly make a valuable and timely contribution to MIT’s undergraduate environment.

Comic on religion insensitive

To the Editor:

The appearance of Geoff Baskir’s comic in your May 5th edition, which attempts to make fun of Christian evangelicals is a sad commentary on the level of sensitivity to religious issues on our campus. Mr. Baskir evidently finds religious zeal so amusing that he allows himself to turn his satirical shots on all serious Christians. I would not allow members of my own religious community to be so maligned, and I cannot ignore with indifference such a crude attempt at humor at the expense of others.

Like many members of the MIT community, I resent the unwelcome intrusion of missionaries who, motivated by love, would convert me to their unique religious postures, without granting me the integrity of my own religious experience. But creating such stereotypes as Mr. Baskir would be so laugh at hardly serves the needs of our community as ours, which is now struggling more with midnight vandals and beggars of every stripe than with too much religion.

Homosexuality is an acquired habit

To the Editor:

The following is my opinion and not that of any organization with which I am affiliated.

One of the few topics that recurs in letters to The Tech is that of homosexuality. Not only do I offer my opinion not yet represented in The Tech, I also sign my name to it.

I believe that nearly every adult has asked himself or herself the question “Am I gay?” I am sure they have also asked, “Should I go to college?” and “Do I plan to get married someday?” These questions are turning points, and each person has the free agency to choose their answer. Specifically, I believe that gay people are not forced into their sexual orientation by any physiological or psychological mandate.

It is my opinion that gay people are simply those who have decided to be gay, or who have allowed their minds to dwell on the possibility of being gay, and when confronted with chances, experiments with homosexuality. They get involved deeper and deeper until homosexuality becomes a habit. And like any habit, it can be broken.

I do not believe “gay people are born that way.” I believe human beings are naturally heterosexual, but that they are capable of forming the habit of thought and action which we call homosexuality. If the reader is gay, I then challenge him or her to objectively analyze their history of thought and action to see if it does not basically agree with what I have stated.

Daniel Milliron ’84

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New company to supply caps, gowns

By Lawrence Choi

Cottrell and Leonard, which supplied caps and gowns for MIT graduates last year amid labor disputes with its employees, has a new owner, E.R. Moore Inc. Moore will supply caps and gowns to MIT graduates this year.

Last spring 900 workers at Cottrell's factory in New Jersey complained about poor working conditions and low salaries and, with the help of the United Auto Workers Union (UAW), demanded a new contract from the company.

The plant, one of the largest national postwar boycott last year as a result of charges of unfair labor practices against Cottrell and Leonard by the UAW. Since Cottrell and Leonard supplied caps and gowns to MIT and other area institutions, the UAW and its members through the Coop, the Coop offered students and faculty an alternative cap and gown provider.

Cottrell, faced with additional pressures from the city ordinance committee to improve its working conditions, decided to sell the company rather than investing more capital in the factory to improve working conditions. The company was bought by E.R. Moore, a division of trustee Inc., one of the nation's largest food corporations. Moore closed down the factory.

Mike Winston, executive director for the Long Island University branch in New York, said that there are no labor complaints against E.R. Moore Inc.

Suicide support outlined

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Rowe also identified a difference between people suffering from an acute crisis and those suffering through a long-term struggle. For an acute crisis, she noted that immediate pressure was the key to the goal. Kahne explained that while "there is no recipe, no canned speech, no reliable algorithm," generally this immediate aid involves helping the suffering to "recognize and talk about their pain," in order to "help which is free and available life is worthwhile.

"It is not as if people considering suicide are irrational," Kahne said, "their reasons are quite for- meda... In the last analysis, the person has to handle the di- fference." He added, "I take seriously anyone who says they are considering suicide." The perception that a person is just looking for attention does not cover any "illegitimacy to his/her health," he said. This idea is "pure nonsense," he added.

Eleven to attend Pugwash

By Tom Lodo

Eleven more important will be among the 77 graduate and under-graduates from 22 countries who will participate in the annual Inter- national Science and World Affairs Conference on "Moral Dilemmas of Technology and Democracy." This year's conference will meet from June 15-21 at Yale University.

The Student Pugwash Conference is an offshoot of the annual Pugwash Conference in which scientists, educators, and humanitarian participate. The conference has its origins in the 1950s in a meeting held in Pugwash, Nova Scotia. The con- ference, attended by eminent scientists including Bertrand Rous- sol and Albert Einstein, produced the Pugwash Declaration: It is the moral responsibility of scientists, but especial- ly scientists, to examine and at- tempt to reconcile the moral dilemmas of science in general, but particularly in relation to the operation of a democratic state. Conference based on this theme have since been held annually.

Physics Professor Bernard T. Feld, one of the faculty partici- pants and chairmen of the Ex- ecutive Committee Council of the International Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs, was unavailable for comment yesterday.

This year's conference is the third specifically organized for students. Ten student participants are selected on the basis of academic performance, essays written for application, and a paper or paper outline related to the topic of the conference and submitted by the student.

Student attendees will discuss that papers in morning discussion groups consisting of students.

Derek Bok warns of commercial links

By Nicholas Rowe

Harvard President Derek Bok expressed concern over the dangers of growing commercial enterprises in an annual report to the Harvard Board of Overseers on April 24.

Bok referred to issues that were raised late last year, when Harvard and MIT announced an agreement to assist Harvard researchers and professors in developing commercially lucrative research. Bok said the criticism followed and Harvard dropped the commercial plan.

"These opportunities were tempting," Bok said, "especially when we are on the edge of a new scientific revolution." Indeed, the prospects seemed all but irresistible to us when we in- itiated discussions last year to explore the possibility of helping create a new commercial venture and to realize the rest on the path to success would be marked by every kind of sin and phi- losophy.

Bok also referred to a probable conflict of interest between academic and commercial commitments. He added that these conflicts may raise suspicions that are "hard to control." Bok explained some specific dangers. University administrators might view a scientist's business as a threat to his contribution to academics. Declin- es on employment and raises in salary might be influenced by com- mercial capabilities. Professors might begin to neglect their academic responsibilities in favor of their commercial ventures; poten- tial profit from these ventures could lower intellectual values of in- tellectual institutions if administrators wanted to go into partnership with the money-makers.

Bok also said that "he was worried about the possibility that profes- sors might make it clear that they need work not related to the intellectual development of the student," but he added that "he was aware of any substantial problems existing.

Special Assistant to the MIT Provost, Francis Menard expressed formal agreement with Bok's concerns. He said that Bok "yet parameters are needed to ensure that enterprise to protect it's integrity." He also added that graduate students should not work for their academic superiors.

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Students to discuss moral dilemmas

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and conference faculty who share an interest in one of several topic areas including biomedical technology and health care, computers and society, energy, the economy and the environment, weapons and world peace, and the regulation of science and technology. Afternoon sessions will include addresses from faculty followed by an open discussion.

William Ramsey, a senior majoring in Political Science and Electrical Engineering, will discuss a paper he wrote that treats the tradeoffs between national security and free research, using cryptography as a case study. Of the topics to be discussed this summer, Ramsey remarked, "Those are issues that are going to be important as political issues, as issues in a democracy."

Sandra Landau, a graduate student in applied mathematics, will talk about the role of the Associate Advisor in advising students and planning for next year.

Comments and plans for next year.

If you are interested in serving as an associate advisor next year stop by the USASO, Room 7-103, for more information.

Conference

A conference on Labor, Safe Energy and Full Employment will be held at the Forum, Kennedy School of Government, 79 Boylston Street, Cambridge, on May 16 at 9.30am. The conference will consist of two panel discussions and several workshops, and will discuss problems pertaining to nuclear energy from an economic, labor, health and safety perspective.

The conference is sponsored by the Committee for a Labor Conference on Safe Energy and Full Employment and by the Institute of Politics. It is free and open to the public.

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The National Audubon Society Expedition Institute will award scholarships to students interested in the subjects of outdoor education or environmental studies. Application forms may be obtained before July 31, 1981 by writing to the Institute at 953 Third Avenue, New York, NY, 10022.

The MasspiRG public service internship program is announcing opportunities for the summer and fall of 1981. MasspiRG's theme for these two sessions is "Citizens Concerns." The program includes Professional Supervision, Structured Learning, Citizen Action Seminars, and Career Advising. For more information, contact Elizabeth Reed in the Career Planning and Placement Office, x3-4733.

There will be a get-together for all current and prospective Associate Advisors on Thursday, May 14, from 4-6pm in the West Lounge of the Student Center to talk about the role of the Associate Advisor in advising students and plans for next year.

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Protest and Conflict

Photo Essay By Kevin Osborn

Approximately 50,000 people gathered near the Lincoln Memorial last Sunday before marching to the Pentagon to protest US intervention in El Salvador. The gathering was uneventful. Leaflets were distributed and newspapers representing various ideologies were solicited. Old friends met and people of diverse backgrounds mingled. Trade union members, liberals, communists, and militant groups all came together to protest the same government policy.

The March began resolutely but not too loudly . . .

Including 500 Moonies who tried to disrupt the demonstration with a counter-demonstration of their own. Violence between the two groups threatened to erupt. Protest security quickly surrounded the Moonies, to separate the two groups.

Diverse groups competed for attention at the Pentagon

A policeman came up to the leaders of the counter-demonstration and asked them to leave before anything serious happened. The Unification Church media representative whispered something to the officer and showed him some papers. The Officer said "Oh!" and backed off. Later I saw the Moonie demonstrators loading their van in a restricted Pentagon parking lot right next to the building. Hmmm.
Bopping Around Planet Earth

The MIT Choral Society, conducted by John Oliver, will perform Händel's "Self-Accusation" directed by David Wheeler, on Saturday, May 9, at 7 and 9:30 pm in 26-100. Sheppard. Performances are Friday at 8pm, Saturday at 7 and 10pm beginning May 15. 

Tickets are $4 and $5; call 426-6602 for more info. 

At the Boston Film/Video Foundation, on May 14 and 15 is an all-girl group from LA, will appear at the Channel, 25 Nuncio Street in Boston, on May 8, along with the Taxi Boys. 

The New Models and the Spikes are at the Underground, 1100 Conun Ave, on Saturday, May 9. 

Jonathan Swift's "A Trip to China" is an excerpt From: A Trip to China is an exciting and rich travelogue, a slice of Paris: 

Isle St. Louis: and a welcoming sunny cafe, poor streets where poets lived, wrote, brushed, Baudelaire, Apollinaire, arms interwoven and our love melting, firing: 

"Longinus has contributed a subtly (un proletarian) poem with a deceptively simple surface and a reaching hesitancy in its very form. In addition to his artwork, Longme Ross offers two reasonable poems and one of better promise, "Contributions:" Karen Goodall. This piece is admirably straightforward and without the laboured affectation that mars almost all the other prose (e.g. "Magda" by Carol Jean Papineau). Even more skill is demonstrated by Karen Goodall: a published poet and Faculty Resident of the New House; her poems are marvelously written, almost all the other prose (e.g: "Magda" by Carol Jean Papineau). Even more skill is demonstrated by Karen Goodall: a published poet and Faculty Resident of the New House; her poems are marvelously written, 

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photo essay
by
Daryl Kahn
Other entries were certainly impressive. From Hampshire College, Team Wiener: Two machines made of exotic composites, a team with Campagnola uniforms and no other than Eric Heiden, 1980 Olympic speed-skating champion and Tom Howard, national cycling champion, as riders. Heiden was slightly hurt on Saturday, but it was mainly lack of familiarity with the machines and a crash which kept Team Wiener from making any significant showing. Most innovative was Steve Ball’s Dragonfly, a screaming hand and foot linear drive machine, which placed third. From England came a jovial team of backyard mechanics who won the first day’s time trials, but blew a tire on the second day and had to drop out. They had an incredibly stable “tricycle” with two rear wheels, front wheel drive and steering.

The Fairgrounds was used because the previous site, the Ontario Motor Speedway was purchased by Chevron to make room for an industrial park and condominiums. The course conditions were horrendous. The surface of the dragstrip was covered with rubber, which had caked off in certain areas. The rest of the course was dirt, the quality of an old parking lot, and loose gravel caused several accidents. The Cal Poly San Luis Obispo entry Phoenix blew a tire at nearly 60 mph, rolled over, knocked off the plexiglas shell, and ejected one of the riders. Fortunately, he suffered only loss of skin on his left side, no broken bones or severe cuts. He borrowed a bike and rode a mile to look for first aid. When Peter Boor, president of the International Human-Powered Vehicle Association (IHPVA) was asked, “Isn’t it possible that in a crash of 50-60 mph, someone could be seriously injured?”, his words were, “from what?” When the discussion turned to the riders hurt in the Phoenix’s reply was, “If he had been wearing his safety straps . . .” Boor’s attitude expressed a callous disregard for the safety of the contestants. In view of the effort which goes into building these vehicles, it seems the teams deserve a decent place to compete (When queried about next year’s location, Boor said, “same place”), instead of dealing with frustration.

Under the present organization, it is clear that the sport will suffer. This year’s machines showed significant progress, but no world records are going to be set at Pomona.
IM Council tables football manager

By Eric R. Fleming
and Nick Rowe

Selection of a football manager for next season was once again tabled at Wednesday’s IM Council meeting.

Only one nomination (which was subsequently declined) was made at the meeting, as those interviewed but not present could not be nominated. A series of phone calls to prospective candidates proved to be futile.

A meeting of the IM Executive Committee is scheduled for next Wednesday (May 13) afternoon, where it is hoped that a manager can be named. Those interested in the position should contact Mike Colec
ni, Baker House, prior to next Wednesday’s meeting.

Man-powered vehicles compete in California

By Bruno Mombriente

Editor’s Note: Bruno Mombriente is a student
in Mechanical Engineering who is working on a human-powered vehicle in conjunction with Prof.
Woodie Flowers and David Wilson. Mombriente traveled to California for the Human-Powered Vehicle Speed Championships for The Tech and the Dept. of Mechanical Engineering.

A few months ago in Stockton California, Fred Markham and Chris Springer, a pair of world-class bicyclists, raced their way into the seats of a three-wheeler. They took off on Interstate 5 and headed for Sacramento, some 42 miles away. As they passed a semi, one trucker noticed the two pedaling their vehicle, and his buddy replied, “Yah, and do you know how fast that’s goin’?” It seems they were going 39 mph on the own grades and above 45 on the ups.

The trip took 49 minutes and 40 seconds, giving an average speed of 50.5 mph. Markham and Springer’s three-wheeler is known as the Vector, the world’s fastest human-powered vehicle, which set a record of 62.93 mph on May 3, 1980 at the Ontario Motor Speedway in California. The Vector, led by record-setter Dave Gryllis, won its second straight title at the seventh annual Human-Powered Vehicle Speed Championships at the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds May 2 and 3.

The Friday night before the races, the four-man Vector crew was up until 2am, labeling the new single-man vehicle with sponsors’ names, adjusting derailiers and brakes, building up spare wheels, deciding what clusters to use, etc. The basic design was developed two years ago; this year’s singles speed championship and road race winner was built in the week before the races. Sold for $10,000, the vehicle includes front and rear tooth chain gear, fiberglass body and a Lexan windshield. “It’s supposed to weigh 51 pounds, but it’s actually closer to 70,” says Dave Gryllis, won its second championship. (please turn to page 11)