By Jerri-Lynn Seefeld
The Julius Adams Stratton Building must be closed completely to faculty involved in outside activities to accommodate Vice President George Bush’s planned visit on October 30, according to Student Center Committee Chairman, Monahan.

"Indications are at this point," he notes, "there appears to be no intent to shut down the facility or restrict upper floor use.

Oliveri continued, “certain activities will be curtailed,” but it is too early to tell exactly what those activities will be.

According to Mei Chiu ’82, Student Center Committee Chairman, Monahan indicated, “We [the Secret Service and the rest of Bush’s entourage] want to interfere as little as possible with what is going on here [the Student Center].”

Chiu also indicated, “He [Monahan] saw no need to close off the second and third floors but indicated Oliveri’s concern. Chiu noted, “The access will be controlled, at least for a time.” Commenting on the possibility that the entire Student Center might be closed, Oliveri said, “They will not close it.”

Instead of closing, noted Oliveri, “I would say ‘restrict’

Harvard to enact conflicts policy

By Tony Zamparini
Harvard University’s Faculty Council has approved new guidelines that will require professors with “unnecessary” conflicts of interest or commitments to report them to a special faculty committee.

Faculty at many universities, including MIT and Harvard, are encouraged to involve themselves in outside consulting or government work to broaden their work. Very often the outside activities very much add to a faculty member’s knowledge of an area,” said Walter Rosenblith, former MIT Provost.

“I don’t think there are more faculty involved in outside activities now than there were a few years ago,” said Dean Paul C. Martin, Harvard Physics Professor, “but we are more aware of the problems.”

MIT policy limits professors’ outside activities to one a week. The Council on Outside Professional Activities at MIT has jurisdiction over all possible cases of conflict of interest.

Under MIT policy, conflict of interest, department heads are expected to report any possible conflicts to the Committee on Outside Professional Activities. Faculty members also bring incidents to the committee. “Department heads sometimes hesitate to push their colleagues on possible conflicts,” Rosenblith

Alumni Fund gifts up to $1 million

By Burton Kafka
MIT received $47.3 million in contributions for the 1981 fiscal year, according to Professor Samuel A. Goldblith ’40, Vice President for Resource Development.

“Major gifts from alumni and friends made a large part of the difference between this year and last year,” Goldblith explained. Contributions to the Alumni Fund rose from $6.3 million to $7.2 million, according to the MIT Alumni Fund Annual Report 1981.

William J. Hecht, Executive Vice President of the Alumni Association, said that the total amount of donations received from alumni is much larger than in the Fund. He reported a total of $20.9 million in 1981, compared with $12.8 million in 1980.

“Recently, many reunion classes, especially those of 1941 and 1942, have given professorships, which are worth up to $1 million,” Hecht said. “Additionally, we continue our efforts to have more participation by alumni, to develop upgrading in their contributions, and to cultivate donors in general terms.”

“While funds are obviously needed, the past 50 years every MIT student has received a hidden scholarship provided by donations from alumni, and we feel that it should be paid back in the form of dialogues, connections, and opportunities,” Hecht added.

Goldblith also said that corporate donations were up $1.4 million to $16.2 million, and contributions from foundations were up $0.1 million to $10.2 million.

EE revises transfer policy

By John J. Ying
Although enrollment continues to rise dramatically in the Electrical Engineering Department, Associate Department Head Richard Adler said that there is no method to limit enroll-
Harvard has new regs on conflict

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"We do get involved in disciplinary cases, [but] we are not the ones who discipline," noted University Huo ‘56, Electrical Engineering professor and chairman of the Committee on Outside Professional Activities.

Walter Gilbert, a Nobel Prize-winning Harvard biochemist, has been granted a leave of absence from teaching so he can become chief executive officer of Biogen, a genetic-engineering firm.

The new Harvard rule will set up a Faculty Committee on Conflicts of Interest to which all faculty with potential conflicts should report. Specific guidelines are also specified in the new rules.

Harvard faculty, for example, will be limited to spending 20 percent of their time in outside activities. The new committee can only consider cases that professors voluntarily bring before it.

Errata

Percentages of MIT students enrolled in Reserve Officers’ Training Corps programs were incorrectly reported on Friday, September 26, since the number of students in MIT’s program are not all MIT students. Other participants include students from Harvard College, Tufts University, Boston University, and Wellesley College.

President Paul E. Gray ’54 did not endorse testimony by a group of college presidents before the House Armed Services Committee calling for more defense spending at universities as stated in an editorial on September 29.

Transfers can not switch into EECs

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Lastly, the department has limited the number of jobs in their on-campus program, which has grown steadily since 1972 to the point that it comprises 18% of all electrical engineering and computer science undergraduates. This should ease the pressure on the department’s masters degree program.

The root of the overcrowding problem stems from a simultaneous increase in the number of students coupled with a decline in the number of faculty members since 1970. Professor Adler commented that if Electrical Engineering continues to grow at its present rate, it will be larger than the entire School of Science in less than five years.

Professor Adler also noted that the most serious problem is not in the classroom since the number of students enrolled has increased only modestly since 1970. He attributes this to the increasing size of individual students to take fewer department offerings each year. He observed that the increasing student to faculty ratio has affected the thesis advisor and academic advisor aspect very strongly. He predicted that this is where electrical engineering overcrowding will be most acutely felt.

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World

 Civilians to take part in West Bank administration — Some government services in the Israeli-occupied West Bank will be placed under civilian administration beginning December 1, according to Cabinet Secretary Aryeh Naor. The Israeli Cabinet voted unanimously on Sunday to accept a plan submitted by Defense Minister Ariel Sharon, under which ultimate authority over the West Bank will remain in the hands of the Israeli military. Said Naor, “The military government cannot be replaced by Israeli civilians.”

Prison reforms in Northern Ireland pledged — James Prior, Northern Ireland Secretary for the British government, promised Sunday to introduce prison reforms for all inmates in Northern Ireland. “There are certain reforms which can be introduced,” he said. “We will now try to see what we can do about them.” Prior did not reveal what specific actions might be taken, but is reported to be discussing the still-undeclared recommendations of the International Red Cross delegation with prison officials in Ulster.

Solidarity demands price freeze, ejects ministers from meeting — Solidarity trade union leader Lech Walesa wanted a Polish government minister yesterday that price increases planned for cigarettes and other goods would provoke violence. The first national congress of the independent trade union voted to remove Polish Finance Minister Marian Krezak and Price Minister Zdzislav Krasinski from the meeting hall until the changes are cancelled. Walesa told the ministers, who attended the congress to defend the price hikes, “It is a simple matter for you to go on television and suspend the price increase. Otherwise there will be brawls, and we will be able to control them while you won’t.”

$30 million in drugs seized in Pakistan — Police in Karachi, Pakistan raided the basement of a house there Sunday, confiscating 3,900 pounds of hashish, 44 pounds of hashish oil, and 4.4 pounds of heroin, valued at about $30 million.

Nation

Oswald grave exhumed — A team of examining pathologists concluded Sunday that the body buried in the grave of Lee Harvey Oswald is that of the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy. “We hope this puts the matter to rest without further questions as to the identity of the body,” said Dr. Linda Norton, head of the team of pathologists. The findings disproved a theory that the body might be that of a Soviet agent sent to the United States to kill Kennedy in 1963.

Reagan holds luncheon for AWACS sale — President Ronald Reagan hosted a luncheon at the White House yesterday for past officials of the State Department, the Defense Department and the National Security Agency to express their agreement with his decision to sell advanced Airborne Warning and Command System (AWACS) planes to Saudi Arabia. Henry Kissinger, Harold Brown, and Zbigniew Brzezinski were among those expressing the Presidential statement that “The rejection of this sale would damage the ability of the United States” to conduct foreign policy effectively.

Defense Secretary, Joint Chiefs Chairman disagree on MX — Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, testifying before a Senate committee yesterday, was unable to answer questions as to whether the nation would be reinforced or how much the Reagan Administration proposal to base 100 MX missiles in existing Minuteman silos in existing Minuteman silos in Nevada will cost. General David C. Jones, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told the same committee he prefers the Carter Administration’s proposal to base the MX in a complex array of sites to protect them from enemy attack.

Local

“Meet me at the corner of Mass. Ave. and what?” — The Cambridge City Council voted last week to change the name of Beacon Street to John F. Kennedy Street, in honor of the late President. The change resulted from a motion introduced by Councillor Alfred E. Veliutze.

Sports

Baseball playoffs to begin today — Major league baseball’s “second season” ended last night, with Kansas City’s 9-0 victory over Cleveland to clinch the AL West second-half title. This afternoon, the Royals host the Oakland A’s at the Houston Astrodome to host the Los Angeles Dodgers tonight. Tomorrow, the New York Yankees travel to Milwaukee to face the Brewers and Philadelphia Phifties meet the Expos in Montreal.

Quarterback catches his own pass — New York Jets quarterback Richard Todd was both the passer and receiver of a pass Sunday in a game against the Dolphins. The pass was knocked back into Todd’s arms by a Miami defender, after which Todd turned the freak play into a one-yard gain. The game ended in a 28-28 tie.

Weather

Increasing cloudiness during the day with showers and thunderstorms beginning late this afternoon or this evening. A cold front will move through early tomorrow morning dropping overnight lows to near 50. Variable cloudiness tomorrow with fresh northwest winds and highs in the upper 50’s, turning colder tomorrow night with lows in the mid 40’s. Thursday will be mostly sunny with light winds and a high near 60.

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**Editorials**

**Retain flexibility of status quo**

**Editor's note:** This is one of the first three editorials discussing the reorganization of the Office of the Campus Program Subcommittees of the Committee on Educational Policy.

The Pace and Programs Subcommittee has just released the first of the subcommittees reports being prepared in conjunction with the Committee on Educational Policy’s curriculum review. The report’s recommendations on allocation of subject units do not, however, address the problems cited by the subcommittee.

The subcommittee cited two primary problems with the current system of assigning academic weights to classes. The proposal currently under consideration by the Committees concurs with the common perception that humanities classes are less important than technical subjects, according to the report. While most MIT students do not place much value on the diversity of courses, an accounting change in allocation of course credit will not adequately address this problem. A boost in the status of humanities classes will require changes in the classes themselves.

The subcommittee correctly noted that preparation hours are difficult to assign accurately, creating a situation in which different combinations of classes have the same total unit value. The difficulty of estimating preparation hours and the current, somewhat arbitrary, allocation does not provide a reason for abandoning any attempt to weigh this factor in designating subject values, however.

The change in the accounting of subject credit must be made on the assumption that the actual amount of work required in the various classes will remain unchanged. The wide range of courses offered here requires highly different amounts of coursework. In order to be suited to MIT, a system for assigning values to subjects must address this diversity by allowing for flexibility in assigning academic weights to semesters, lecture courses, and laboratories.

The nature of MIT’s courses requires that variations in preparation time be considered in the assignment of academic credit; some attempt, no matter how inept, is better than nothing. The proposed system of subjects and half-subjects would divide the flexibility built into the current system without solving any of the problems cited by the Pace and Programs Subcommittee.

A return to a new, inflexible system of assigning academic credit, MIT should thoroughly review the current allocation of preparation hours and attempt to alter it to more accurately reflect reality. While a difficult modification of the status quo may not be as new or exciting a solution as that proposed, it is better suited to solving the problems at hand.

**Homecoming Queen contest too divisive**

The purpose of MIT’s Homecoming Weekend, according to the authors of this feature, is to create a focal point around which the MIT community can talk to express school spirit. The addition of a contest for Homecoming Queen to this year’s festivities, however, conflicts with this goal rather than furthering it.

While a seemingly small change, its implications are far-reaching in the minds of many members of the MIT community. Realizing this, the Social Committee has wisely decided to hold an open forum on the subject tonight. Such forums are often unsuccessful, however, tending to attract only those strongly in opposition to the proposed change.

A significant segment of the Institute community—men and women alike—clearly views a Homecoming Queen contest as a reflection of a set of values, which is inappropriate at MIT and at this time.

While the proposal was well-intentioned, it should be withdrawn in the face of any significant opposition on the part of the community the weekend is intended to unify. Anything else would sacrifice the weekend’s value to MIT just to maintain conformity with other school’s practices.

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**Balancing personal priorities**

A persistent problem at schools with high academic standards such as MIT is the conflict felt by students trying to strive for scholastic excellence while balancing personal priorities. Many employers openly admit that MIT graduates suffer from what is generally called “burn out,” the result of too many all-nighters pulled too often. After a while, it seems that some students lose more of their self-confidence when they matriculated, even to the point of unoneasiness. One of the outside world.

No one at MIT needs to be told, that life at MIT is intense, and, by the same token, no one is going to tell MIT to lower their admissions criteria, that MIT graduates suffer from a time of growth and change; an atmosphere of continuous pressure may be the reason for MIT’s atmosphere is conducive to an at-tackers to most priorities. Many MIT students reconcile the simple reason that MIT’s atmosphere is conducive to an at-

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Specific purpose of Student Center unclear

By Tom Loredo

The Student Center was intended to function "primarily for students," though scheduling and allocation decisions are made through "joint cooperation between the Dean's Office and the SCC," according to Mei Chiu, chairman of the Student Center Committee (SCC).

Members of the SCC, the Dean's Office, and the Facilities Use Committee meet weekly to determine the allocation of the resources of the Student Center, according to Robert Holden, Associate Dean of Student Activities.

The Facilities Use Committee is an advisory committee to the Provost responsible for the determination of the use of MIT facilities by various groups on and off campus, according to committee chairman Dr. Louis Menand 3d. The SCC provides student input into the scheduling for Student Center space.

Censor Moran, Student Center Manager, noted that the use of the Student Center facilities by students, the administration and the community is monitored by computer. Holden said that though there is no rule governing the distribution of Student Center facility allocation, such data is used by the Dean's Office to enable them to be sensitive to whether the Student Center is satisfying the needs of the MIT community.

Menand described the allocation process as students and administration "always trying to accommodate one another." He noted that there is often negotiation between the SCC and the faculty regarding scheduling of Student Center space.

Holden said that "in terms of use," the Student Center is designed as a "series of functional spaces," but that the purpose of the building was intentionally made unclear so that its services could evolve to "enhance the quality of student life." He noted that the building was not thought of as an academic building.

Menand said that the Student Center is a building for students but sometimes is the only place something can be held.

The Julius Adams Stratton Student Center is "a building for students," according to Louis Menand, Jr. (The Tech file photo)

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The measure, drafted by State Representative Tom Bush and State Senator Alan Trask, became a separate bill, but was eventually passed as an amendment to the state budget. It was designed to drive gay rights groups off Florida campuses. Broad language, which includes all unmarried persons—heterosexual as well as homosexual—was incorporated to increase the law's chances of surviving challenges in court. A century-old Florida statute prohibiting fornication has been cited as justification for the funding restriction.

Final Examination schedules are now available in the Information Center, Room 7-121. Examinations not listed or a conflict in examination times must be reported to the Administration Office, Room E19-138, by Friday, October 23, 1981.

The Lecture Series Committee (LSC) will present a lecture by former Congresswoman Bella Abzug on Wednesday, October 14, at 8pm in Room 26-100. Admission is $1; tickets are available in lobby 10 and at LSC movies.

The Lecture Series Committee, Room 7-121. Examination times must be reported to the Administration Office, Room E19-138, by Friday, October 23, 1981.

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Employees organize NY Air boycott

By Charles Theuer

A group of New York Air employees recently organized a campaign to boycott the airline. Steve Lowry, a member of the Airline Pilots' Association, has condemned this in order to make this boycott effective his organization, which consists of more than 40,000 airline employees including flight attendants and members of the Teamsters Union, must appeal to college students who live in the Boston area and therefore might frequent the New York Air.

The basic problem, according to Lowry, is that New York Air is a company established by Frank Lorenzo through Texas International Air (TUI). Consequently, the contract dispute arises because there is a clause in the Texas contract, the scope clause, which prohibits the hiring of non-union members within any port of TUI company.

Lowry noted that the boycott should be more effective now that the situation involving the air traffic controller dispute is over. Previously, the New York Air boycott had been confined with the Air Traffic Controllers' petitioning demonstrations and was not as obvious an issue.

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As a matter of habit, I never listen to disco. So many people told me about the "new disco" being produced by the cool crowd at ZE Records (favorite label of the New York Times), that I finally decided it was time to give the stuff a listen. Previous releases on ZE left me cold — James Chance, the Conventions, and Kid Creole are too esoteric for me. I always felt that I had to be there. Fortunately, the two new releases (a sampler and a new artist) aren't alienating at all.

New York City Police estimates of six thousand disco fans were found to be considerably low when they were confronted by a three-decked, six-inch high, 120-db monster, and two guitar men who looked very much like Kid Creole and his gang. I was almost too excited to feel anything but an exhilaration of sensory overload. I was expecting innovative new disco, but what I received was mediocre, at best. Very, very weird, but unforgettable. In a similar vein, "Carry Me Back to Old Morocco" demands attention due to its sparkling Eastern-sounding synthesizer embellishments, another Was reprise, and the omnipresent psychotic lyrics:

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I will issue a sampler of artists on labels that between your time and eight are in the grey area in sixteen cuts win big, three aren't worth finest on these slabs of vinyl. By my count, and semi-prominent groups strut their Twenty-seven internationally prominent album prices, not the $2 or $3 sampler rate. The Go-Go's "We Got the Beat," and Joan Jett's "Bad Reputation" both improve on the original versions. The lack of studio processing brings out a rough edge in the vocals that is normally lacking in female vocals and girl-groups. "We Got the Beat" is much better than the version on Bones and the Roses--there'sớtt more guitar work. "Bad Reputation" brings to mind that Joan's an ex-Runaway.

This is a song about taking orgasms" heralds the entry from the Au Pairs. "Come Again" is understated, with P.I. style scream-and-scream vocals. And, if you're interested, the answer is yes, very explicitly so.

"Where's Captain Kirk?" by Athletic Spazz '80 (last year's model) is indeed about your favorite (and mine) Star Trek person. It's in the same genre as "Monster Mash" and "General Hospital," although it's not as musically together either. It's just as fun, however, if not more so.

"The Pappet" is not on either of the Echo and the Bunnymen albums. This tune is post-Echo--a real drummer instead of the rhythm machine--and hails from the Psychadelic Furs school. The vocals here are less strained than Richard Butler's efforts.

If there's one song I must recommend for quality listening, it's Pere Ubu's "Birdies." It's artsy, it's strange, it's even got random bird calls. It's indescribably delicious--marginal. There must have its dogs and Ughh is no exception. "Dance" by Toyah Wilcox is danceable, but more pretentious than you can imagine. Kluss Nomi's "Total Eclipse" is operatic new wave--the two don't go together well at all. Also, slip "Down in the Park" by Gary Numan--if you just Bowie-like posturing, listen to Bowie.

These three losses should be relegated to the cut-out bin of your mind and left there. There are eight cuts that are not bad, per- but are flawed enough so that they don't win in their current form.

"Driven to Tears" is fine except for one thing: the chorus. It's like every other Police chorus--"I'll Ill" said. There's so great intro to music, the live versions are worth having. If you're into this type of dance, good fun, however, if not more so. Jools Holland's "Cheryl's Going Home" is just a bad performance. good tune, in particular, sounds fairly derivative--I expect to hear it in the Catskills some-

You can't go wrong here-just a very little of this set is poor. If you're into this type of music, this is the set for you. If you're not, this makes a great intro to "modern music".

Eric A. Sohn

Student Committee on Educational Policy

The next meeting of the Student Committee on Educational Policy will be on Wednesday, October 7, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in room 401. There will be discussions on unit chaplains, human resource training, department requirement limit, update of course evaluation, course guide and other topics. All questions contact: Lesley Saunders, S-2426
New Traditionalists. Devo on Warner Brothers Record.

Warning: You are about to read a new review of a tune that everyone has already reviewed. I approached this album with some skepticism because the packaging looked too slick, Freedom of Choice was commercial, but was a mistake from a stylistic standpoint. Red plastic has not a single copy made. That album was not devo—this one is.

Simply put, this is Devo's best work since Q: Are We Not Men? It is more polished than that effort and more adventurous and original than Freedom of Choice. In fact, there's not a single bad cut here. They all shine.

New Traditionalists examines parts of the devo world; the people, as well as the lifestyle, are subjected to close scrutiny. The first cut, "Through Being Cool," is snotty. My fingers are getting sore from all the snapping. The harmonies are lovely and the lyrics are superb. Our heroes are sick and tired of dealing with the "ninnies and the twits," and as always, Devo has the answer.

Put the tape on erase Hear yourself on the telephone you're the only one you have to please. "We always liked Picasso anyway Jerkin' Back 'n' Forth," the next cut, lusts out at people who try to dictate your life and your values to you. The tone of the tune is nasty:

There is a thought that keeps me thinking Like a stone inside my shoe It is a vision reoccurring A dirty window I can see you through. The song bubbles relentlessly forward, not in a heavy-metal sort of way, but dictated by horse-driven synth lines.

On side two, Devo attacks the problem of mediocrity in the modern world. They want to know how to do "The Super Thing." The vocals are wonderfully pompous and self-important, as they should be. The synthesizer riff punctuates the phrases perfectly and reinforces the pretentiousness of the piece.

"Beautiful World" is the hymn of the "ninnies and the people. It's sing-song, pleasant and the lyrics say how nice it is to live there. The vocalist is the Mongoloid who fits in perfectly because he "had a hut, and he had a job and he brought home the bacon."

There is one line that I can't quite make out that tells us a lot if my guess is right—it sounds like "Little girl with the new clothes on, you can match it to me all night long."

So that's what drives the population...I...I...I...I wasn't sure.

The other six cuts are just as fine, I assure you. The group has recaptured their vision of the future/present in fine form. This album is Devo's equivalent of the Tubo Remote Control, a near-flawless concept album. I pray the next one's as good.

Editor's note: devo (de 'vo) adj. 1. de-evolved, de-evolutionized, pertaining to, or related to, the concepts, ramifications, and results of the de-evolutionary process.

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Dreamtime Tom Verlaine on Warner Brothers Records.

I don't know what they put in the water in 1977, but it sure worked. It was, if nothing else, a landmark year in musical releases—in reviewing Tom Verlaine's new album, Dreamtime, the whole frame of reference is NYC in 1977, the year when the underground first offered up its product. Blondie was shipping out "Rip Her to Shreds," the New York Dolls camped through "Back in the Jungle," and Tom Verlaine was part of Television, sobbing his way through Marquee Moors, Television's first album. With guitarist Richard Lloyd, Television and Verlaine started a good thing, but there's no copyright on musical direction and his imitators—or rather, those who expanded on his notion—did it better.

A strange problem for Verlaine is that his ability as a composer and musician, Television's music was support enough for Verlaine's slashing images and coked-up high-strung delivery. Here, however, on Dreamtime, the instrumentation is often weak; Verlaine compensates by pulling the vocal tracks down, resulting in a hazy mush that's more boring than it is dreary. It seems, too, that Verlaine has lost some of his decisiveness, that he no longer revels in his paranoid, David-Byrne-style encapsulation. His music has a new romanticism that his voice struggles—unsuccessfully—to match; this imbalance is the album's most notable defect and the thing against which Verlaine most struggles. A song like "Penetration" has lyrics of rare quality—"The stars are out, they're writing, on my brow. Your names, your qualities I could drink them/Deep Deep penetration/Deep Deep Penetration!"—and the song itself is far too thin to carry such rich imagery. On the other hand, "The Blue Room" has no lyrics (except for "Hi-Fi" repeated a few times) and the music is freed from Verlaine's lyrical demands. It's a slow, shadowy, almost instrumental that can be appreciated on its own merits.

"Always" and "Mr. Blur" re-work television's tension-formula most successfully—sharp, jagged guitar lines counterpoint indulgent sparkling crescendos. "Mary Marie" has the same up-tempo texture and shrill frustrated vocals that result in a sad, nostalgic feel like the best Television. But, it's not Television and that's the bottom line. It's unfortunate that all of Verlaine's work should have to be compared to his earlier band's efforts, but even he seems comatose on recapitulating that very individual sound.

Verlaine appears this Wednesday at the Paradise for the curious.

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Water polo team third in MIT invitational tournament

By Brian Schultz and David Tropp

Sailing — This past weekend, the women competed in the Single-\nheaded Championships here at MIT. One of MIT's female\nsailors, Ruth Heffernan '85, qualified for the finals, the only\nMIT woman to do so. In the finals held on Sunday, she started\nout strongly, holding 6th place at lunchtime. Unfortunately, she\nexpired in the last race and\nedged out in 12th place out of six\ntechnicalists.

Meanwhile, the men were busy\nsailing in three competitions. On\nSaturday, they finished 4th out of\nfourteen schools in the Tufts In\nnovation. In a two day competition for\nthe Danforth Trophy at Coast\nGuard, the men filled the 10th place\nfinish. Finally, on Sunday, they\novercame Brown's attack and\nfinished 4th out of fourteen schools in the\nHarvard Invitational.

Cross Country — On Saturday,\nthe men's cross country team\nhoused a meet with University of\nLowell. In a close contest, the\nEngineers topped it with a score of\n23-32. The women's team was busy\noutside at a multi-team meet at Franklin\nPark. The new team, consisting in\ntheir first meets, turned in a fine\nshowing and finished in third place\nwith 53 points, behind Tufts with\n53, and Brandeis who won with a score of 21.

- Crew — On Sunday, the MIT\nheavyweight crew placed 1st in\nthe East Coast Invitational at\nLowell to the Tuller River.\nReagan's in the Silver eights, or JV,\nevent.

MIT's boat emerged victorious\nover the three mile course in\nmen's sailing, finishing in 15:59.99\nover Boston University and Holy\nCross. In the Gold, or varsity, event,\nMIT came in second in 15:30.69\nbehind University Boston A at\n15:20.60. The other teams in the\nevent were: third place, BU (B);\nfourth place, University of\nLowell; and fifth, Holy Cross.

Both boats rowed strongly in\nwater that was occasionally quite\nrough. All of MIT's varsity crews\nwere rowing in the Head-of-the-\nCharles on October 18.

Field Hockey — The field\nhockey team can't seem to get\nback on the track as they lost to\nClark I-0 in a game played here\non Saturday at Steinbruner\nStadium. The team now has a\nrecord of 2-4.

Volleyball and Tennis — The\nvolleyball team beat Smith Col-\nlege on Saturday, two games to\none. In the Greater Boston\nChampionships held at Harvard \nthis past weekend, the women's\ntennis team finished in 6th place\noverall.

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Football loses to Worcester despite highest scoring yet

By Martin Dickan

The MIT Engineers produced their highest scoring game of the season Saturday afternoon but turnovers early in the game gave the visiting Worcester State Lancers a 49-28 victory.

On MIT's first play of the game, Worcester's Tom Hendrickson intercepted a Harvey Steinger pass and ran it in for the score. The Lancers got their second touchdown later, this time 13 yards out on an interception of a Kevin Garvey pass.

The second half was the same story, with both teams unable to score. The only score of the half came on a touchdown run made which made the score 30-14.

The fourth period was not exactly an example of strong defensive work on the part of either team, and this time Worcester scored five seconds into the period. MIT then went 58 yards for another touchdown by Martielli. Two minutes later Worcester scored another touchdown, and two minutes later yet another. MIT was to have the last word, however.

MIT had just put together a forty-two yard drive to the Lancers' eighteen, when it appeared as if Martielli were going to be sacked for a huge loss. He miraculously broke tackles, however, and ended up with a thirteen yard gain. Three plays later Harvey Steinger brought the ball in from the one to make the score 49-28 with only thirty seconds to go.

MIT Head Coach Dwight Smith was not pleased with the outcome of the game. "We beat ourselves with the turnovers in the first quarter," he explained. "They weren't that much better than we were." Part of MIT's turnovers can be blamed on the new "Beaver Gun." For the first time this season MIT employed the shotgun. While the play succeeded in confusing the Lancers, it also caused a lot of fumbles and juggled balls. MIT should have good success with it in the future, however.

The Engineers have next weekend off. They then go to Bentley for a 1pm game the following weekend. The Engineers' next home game will be the homecoming game on October 25.