By Jerri-Lynn Sieffled

The Academic Council decided on Sunday, February 15, that the size of the Class of 1985 should be 1050, a one-year increase from the class size of 1040 that was set before the Academic Council met on February 10 to set the size of the Class of 1985 at 1050 student limit.

Director of Admissions Peter H. Richardson '61 confirmed that the class size had indeed been set at the 1050 level. Asked what the Admissions Office would do to ensure that the limit set by the Academic Council was not exceeded, Richardson said, "On the 27th of March [when admissions are computerized] the Admissions Office will announce the exact number of students that we did last year."

Richardson indicated, "We came within one or two students last year," referring to the upper limit established by the Academic Council. Richardson commented that despite enrollment projections to the contrary, the slight increase in class size was not the primary cause of the severe overcrowding experienced within the dormitory system in the past two years. According to Richardson, that problem was caused "in part by 65 more applicants returning to [the dormitory system] than expected and expected housing losses such as smaller than usual.

With the class size already projected to be 1050, he anticipated the opening of new dormitories in September. More space should be available to accommodate student transfers, readmitted students, and even graduate students. With the current level of residence in the dormitory system, the expected number of transfer students and readmitted students, Sherwood expects that approximately 65 or 70 undergraduates will live in crowded housing next fall.

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Alternate scholarship program falls short

By Stephanie Pallack

The Center for Alternative Scholarship Help (CASH) has failed to meet its goal of securing at least $10,000 in outside scholarships for MIT student projects by the end of January.

CASH was established by the Undergraduate Association (UA) to serve as a resource center for graduate and undergraduate students seeking scholarships from sources other than MIT. Thirty-five applications have been filed on behalf of MIT students since the program officially began February 1.

CASH Chairman Peter Balbus '81 noted that most scholarship acceptance decisions are not made until March or April, and said he considered any money raised from applications filed before January 31 as applying toward the $10,000 goal. The self-imposed target was established as a condition for receipt of $300 from the UA Finance Board for initial costs. The funds came from the UA President's Special Projects/Consumer Services budget.

Director of Student Financial Aid Leonard Gallagher '84 said that the CASH program was operating independently of the Financial Aid Office but with "our knowledge and understanding of the mission to be performed by students in this area." Gallagher cited several reasons for Financial Aid's failure to help students find outside scholarships, but conceded that "these are all excuses for why we're not doing something we should be doing."

Balbus noted that CASH was understaffed and had difficulty recruiting student volunteers. Besides Balbus, three other students have been working on the program. Balbus said that he is "putting in two hours per week tops—I just don't have the time."

Balbus commented that he would like to set up an experimental program under which students who received outside scholarships would not have the total amount of the award deducted from their MIT financial aid. "I've put a balloon up and it's been shot down."

Scholarship Help (CASH) has been highly successful. Gallagher confirmed that the Financial Aid Office currently considers all outside scholarships to be personal, resources and therefore deductible from MIT aid. He noted that at one time MIT used "a formula approach to outside grants such that the students get to retain a part of them as gravy."

"Gallagher cited the reason for the current approach as "financial—we're hitting up the Institute for $3.7 million in unrestricted funds."

Even without a change in Financial Aid's policy regarding deduction of outside awards, "students who are getting nothing from MIT stand to gain substantially" from CASH, according to Gallagher. He noted that the policy on deduction is always "rightly under fire" and is reviewed annually, so that a change might be made if CASH proved highly successful.

The National Association of Independent Schools' Annual National Conference will be held at the Sheraton Boston Hotel.

Conferees will listen to a discussion of the nationally growing problem of suicide, on Wednesday, February 25, at 9pm, 23 Church St., Harvard Square. Speakers will be: Dr. Paul Walters, director, Mental Health Service of Harvard University, and Ruth Farillo and Re Bound Lines Pearson, co-authors of Separate Paths; Why People End Their Lives. This session will be free and open to the public.

The United Nations Association of Greater Boston is sponsoring an "International Careers Forum" on Saturday, February 28, to explore with students the multitude of international careers in both the private and public sectors. Seminars will be held on law, journalism, banking, and nonprofit organizations. Space is limited. Those interested should contact Elizabeth Reed in the Career Planning and Placement Office, 12-170.

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The Black Rose Lecture Series will present Robert Elberg on the subject of "Religious Anarchism: Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker Movement." on Friday, February 27, at 9pm.

Meetings

On Wednesday, February 25, from 2 until 4pm the Director of the Environmental Intern Program will hold a meeting in the Emma Rogers Room, 10-340, to inform undergraduate and graduate students about paid summer work opportunities sponsored by the program. These internships are within government agencies, corporations, and nonprofit organizations. Program descriptions and applications are available in the Career Planning and Placement Office, 12-170.

There will be a meeting for student interested in joining the MIT Association for Recording Science in 20F-009 at 2 pm on Tuesday, February 24. For more information, contact Jon at 55-6663.

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**World**

Polish student sit-in resolved — The Polish Government agreed last Wednesday to an accord with students at the University of Lodzi who had been staging a 26-day protest. The agreement, representing a step towards university autonomy, provides for registration of an independent student association not under Communist Party control and allows curricular decisions to be made by individual institutes or a university council.

Administration will comply with hostage deal — The Reagan Administration has decided to abide by the terms of January’s agreement with Iran concerning the freeing of the 52 hostages, although “the present Administration would not have negotiated (for the release). Future acts of state-sponsored terrorism against the US will meet swift and sure punishment,” a spokesman said.

**Nation**

Reagan proposes budget cuts and individual and business tax reductions — In an extensive outline of his economic policy to Congress Wednesday, President Reagan presented a $595.5 billion budget, $41.5 billion lower than that of Carter’s, in an effort to balance the federal budget by 1984 and reduce the rate of inflation. Reagan recommended a ten percent reduction of personal income tax over the next three years and cuts to 83 major programs including public-service jobs, student loans, and solar energy. Reagan, however, increased defense spending $7.2 billion to bring the military share to 32.4 percent of the budget by 1984. Antiabortionists may head Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs — Marjory Mecklenburg, president of American Citizens Concerned for Life, is “under serious consideration” to head the office responsible for the government’s teen-age birth control and teenage pregnancy counseling services, a spokesman for Secretary of Health and Human Services Richard S. Schweikert said Tuesday. Mecklenburg’s organization, formed to oppose abortion and to advocate “alternatives to abortion,” maintains that adolescents should “postpone sexual involvement,” and that contraception should not be “the first line of defense.”

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James Franklin
Editorial

Honest answers

February has once again been marred by the announcement of an exorbitant tuition increase. Components of the increases emanating from the Financial Aid Office of the 1981-82 equity level and the news issued by Housing and Food Services of future costs. The wave of adversity being thrown college next year is sure to be even more outrageous than the cost for the current year. Vague, impersonal Institute announcements in no way can serve as a barometer of students already saddled with weighty financial demands.

We can almost sympathize with the Administration’s plight. After all, no one can seriously argue that raising prices won’t cost MIT. The fact that the Institute raises costs unreasonably just to allow MIT once again to claim the dubious distinction of providing one of the most expensive educations around is obvious. But the Administration, demonstrating its characteristic aplomb, has once again failed to articulate these valid motives to those directly affected by its receipt decisions — the students.

The latest round of price increases may force many MIT students to make trying decisions over the next year about the future of their careers at MIT. The Institute owes its students an effort to serve as a resource center for students trying to locate outside sources of financial aid. Rather than issuing the fledgling program designed to give everyone reading this issue a chance to do justice to a $1200 increase. By that token we could just as well say that next year’s tuition is a 40 percent (39.62) increase from just 3 years ago, or a 57 percent (57.45) hike from just 3 years ago.

The tuition article in the February 11 issue of Tech Talk further shows the current split between MIT and students.

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Tuition increases must stop

To the Editor:

The combination of rising tuition and decreasing availability of student loans dictates that MIT students increasingly turn to outside funds to meet their needs. Among these are scholarships. Rather than issuing this responsibility, however, the effort needed to locate non-MIT financial aid will remain futile for many students because outside funds merely displace money that would have been received from MIT.

Leonard Gallagher of the Financial Aid Office admits that more efforts should be made to pair students with outside scholarships. Rather than assuming this responsibility, however, MIT has simply chosen to monitor the efforts made by a small number of students to provide such services.

The Center for Alternative Scholarship Help (CASH) was recently established under the auspices of the Undergraduate Association. According to this, the Center will be responsible for students trying to locate outside sources of financial aid. Whereas response from students interested in CASH’s services has so far been promising, a few students are rather dissatisfied. The Finance John Currie advocates the need for student aid funds is another factor of importance.” Basic economics will tell anybody that tuition is the way to care those with financial troubles, in fact it will merely put more people into financial difficulties. And more importantly, the article ends with a quote from Dr. Grey: “Despite financial pressures we are determined to uphold the tradition of MIT that talented students with the capacity to do MIT-level work will not be denied an MIT education because of lack of money.”

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Tuition complaints ignored

To the Editor:

Undergraduate tuition at MIT has increased by 248 percent from the 1970-71 level. The tuition for 1981-82 will increase again by 19 percent to $7400. Many of us complained to the Academic Council, but none of them care about an individual student’s woes. Director of Student Financial Services Jack Frailey ’44, when asked about students who may be forced to withdraw from MIT due solely to high expenses, said “That’s a tragedy, we expect students’ parents to pay those...” We don’t feel that the Academic Council should be aware of what those who set the tuition level.” Why should the Academic Council care if students get annoyed since we never express dissatisfaction with the price. A group of persons, or group of persons, in an attempt at organizing us, pasting up signs that “STOP YOU DAMN MUCH...” Organizing students was simply that—an opinion and advice. We are in no way trying to curb anyone’s view to see Resignation Day movies. The Tech had asked for a statement from our group, following the original controversy. We agreed to add this item to our agenda. I must emphasize that this is not a major concern of the committee. Rather we are currently involved in assessing the housing situation of undergraduates and the services of the Medical Department. It will be appreciated if, in the future, Mr. von Zelowitz would research his facts a little more closely. The comment made by Dr. Dresselhous is followed in the same article by the statement of Dean Heine that “ACWSI is trying to impose its rules on their college, but its view does not have to be followed.” While agreeing with Mr. von Zelowitz that the issue of the original article, I must nevertheless disagree that his implication that ACWSI is both implying to try imposing its rules on their college and doing so on a trivial issue. We are an advisory committee. We do not legislate.

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Glenn Ackerman
Inocence regained: the popular arts

Editor's note: This is the second in a series of two columns.

Throughout most of the 20th century, America was a simpler and more patriotic society. Horatio Alger's America, filled with materialistic dreams of rags to riches. The American people had naive, absolute conceptions of good and evil, and an absolute belief in the destiny for greatness. Recent political and social events (the election of Reagan, the spewing of religion, the surge in patriotism at hostages' release, etc.) seem to indicate that we are returning to our former selves. The most persuasive realizations are the current trends in the popular arts.

In the 50's and early 70's, the traditional American values were turned on their ear. Notions of good and evil were specifically reversed. Popular movies were Flash Gordon, Dillinger, Bonnie and Clyde, The Godfather, and even modern hits like Star Wars, Superman, Flash Gordon, Popeye. These movies are as naive and simplistic as the comic strips they imitate. Certain good/evil distinctions have not been seen with such consistency since the 40's and early 50's with cowboys and Indians, cops and robbers, and similar movies.

The movie The Graduate, as well as the musical Pippin, was a major indictment of society. Each featured a protagonist who had strayed from the benevolent society, yet was not happy. On the other hand, more recently movies have a tendency to uphold in some way traditional values. Kramer vs. Kramer reaffirmed in a modern setting, family closeness is important. Rocky showed that one can still struggle against the odds. Even All That Jazz illustrated that too much wine, women, and song results in disaster. Most recently, we have had a string of cheap horror movies, reminiscent of those produced in the 30's, and a lot of mindless comedies, very much like those of the 50's, and a lot of mindless horror movies. A Day in Hollywood ... A Day in Ukraine is about that legendary American prince of humbug. 42nd Street is a classic tale of anonymity to stardom, or rags to riches. There are many more examples of this in the last two years.

It is interesting to note that American popular culture from the late 70's to the present first looked back to the 60's with American Graffiti and Bozomani, then to the 50's with Happy Days and Grease, and finally to the 40's with many theatrical revivals and the "mindless, comic strip" movies. This recovery may be an attempt to revive a 1920's musical! The next and more difficult question is why are the political, social, and artistic trends pointing backward? We can only hypothesize about the reasons. In the 19th century, Alexis de Tocqueville influenced American life. He felt that our government and economic system were responsible for our national character. Many of his observations are still valid today. What is probably happening now is the recovery from severe shocks that profoundly affected us (the depression, McCarthyism, Viet Nam, Watergate), but no longer do. This recovery may allow our institutions to reestablish their natural influence on society, so that the effect they produced a hundred years ago is still the effect they produce today.

One cannot say whether this trend is good or bad—that is a deep moral and philosophical question whose answer remains to be seen. Nobody can predict the future, but if we do progress backward, it would be a phenomenon of unprecedented magnitude. Society becoming simpler and more naive. It would truly be "innocence regained."
feedback

Shelters dangerous

To the Editor:

It isn't clear to me exactly what the purpose was of the feature article entitled: "In case of emergency . . . " When I started the article, I expected that the author might raise some of the rather long-standing arguments against fallout shelters. I quickly realized that it was nothing but a cheerful description of what we could expect to endure awaiting our destruction in the event of a nuclear attack.

Does The Tech truly believe that these shelters would serve any real survival purpose in the event of a nuclear attack? One of the major criticisms of fallout shelters was presented the last time they were in vogue in the US, and recently in the UK, where the government issued a pamphlet entitled "Protect and Survive." It stated simply, "In the event of a nuclear attack, fallout shelters give the populace a false feeling of invulnerability, making escalation of the arms race and of international tensions more acceptable. Does anyone in their right minds really expect that a shelter in a basement, constructed of some concrete blocks, and stockpiled with limited (for most, what they could grab in the few minutes before attack) rations, could ever adequately safeguard anyone? Especially in the Boston area, where one could expect a truly major attack?

For that matter, would McCormick save us, even if we were all on the guest list? Your article notes that the fallout shelters are no longer stocked with food and water, although it is reassuring to know that the Director of Nuclear Civil Protection expects that the budget for stocking shelters "may be boosted during the Reagan Administration." The commonly available literature devotes little attention to a crucial question that people who are relieved by the existence of fallout shelters on campus should consider, namely, what do we do after? This isn't to say that no thought has been given to the problem.

New Statesman, a British weekly, revealed several official British documents in October of last year. They pointed to, among other things, internment of government critics in the event of nuclear emergency, and total military control of major transportation routes and of food and health services. One might wonder if similar planning has gone on in the US. In fact, we know from documents received under the Freedom of Information act that the US government maintains a list of persons to be detained in case of "national emergency," who might be expected to criticize government action or fund such criticism.

Whether The Tech may be loath to include the above sort of commentary on civil defense policy in its pages, or whether it did not provide its writer with enough suggestions and guidance isn't really what bothers me. The Tech does have a responsibility, as a self-proclaimed "responsible" newspaper, to look behind the surface of issues such as this, and present true options for the MIT community to consider, and it now has a chance, under new leadership, to do so.

Bill Hoffman

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MacGregor to go coed?

By Michael Potter

MacGregor House, the only all-male dormitory on campus, is considering a proposal that would transform part of the house into an all-female living group. Under the proposal, presented by House President Steve Solnick '81 and Dorm Deke Madek '81, the fourth floor of the low-rise will be set aside as an exclusionary residential area. Allow '83, a spokesman for fourth-floor low-rise residents, stated that "If we're not allowed to go coed, we're not opposed to the change." His objections to the plan were that it does not create a coed living arrangement and that the plan displaces "more people than necessary.

"The attitude seems to be that going coed is nice, as long as I'm not the one who gets displaced," Madek explained. Commenting on this, there seems to be no well-defined opinion coming from twelfth-floor, although reaction in the low-rise runs strong. "I don't want to get shuffled around like a joker in a deck of cards," one student complained.

The number of incoming women will determine the size of the section to be set aside. Current House President Dave Madek '81, the fourth floor will be excluded from the pool of the members of the living area, or entry, in which they are placed for housing governmental and social functions. House room assignments will be modified to accommodate the changes and the displaced male students.

This plan was presented to the MacGregor House Committee on February 1. On February 12, an open forum on the coed issue was held in the MacGregor Dining Hall. Approximately sixty students, almost all from the low-rise sections E, C, H, and J, were present to debate the proposal. The students at the forum voted unanimously in opposition to the proposal, since most of those who would be affected were present. Sixty wanted only those entries that would be affected to vote on the issue. There was much concern over room assignments and priorities for those who would be displaced. Relocating entire suites of six people together within the House would be almost impossible. According to Madek, "It is not possible to move the dormitory 300 Memorial Drive is due to open and displaced students cannot guarantee getting appropriate priority there.

The House Committee initially considered the proposal in closed session. Representatives of the nine entries as well as the House council and president were present. According to Madek, "In general, the nine entry supervisors were not willing to make any concessions such as giving room priorities to transfers out of the low-rise," who would be affected by the change. Madek said that his feeling is that the women's feelings would be honored and therefore the ten entries will be affected. He believes that the burden of room reassignments should not fall entirely on the low-rise.

The House Committee can be forced to hold a binding referendum on the issue if the appropriate petition from house residents is presented. Once approved by MacGregor House, any proposal would go to Dean Robert A. Sherwood, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, who would make the final decision. Madek said that the Housing Office wanted more all-female living groups. McCormick Hall, the only dormitory on campus that is exclusively female, was highly subscribed last year. Any coed dorm arrangement amenable to the Dean's office would have to be at least 25 percent female and provide a "mutually supportive atmosphere" for the women, said Madek. The fourth floor of the low-rise could meet these requirements while displacing fewer people than any other plan yet considered.

"I'm not inclined to let MacGregor go coed for the sake of it going coed," Sherwood commented in an interview on Thursday. He said that the current need for coed housing was "saturated" and there is still a shortage of all-female housing. The new dormitory at 300 Memorial Drive is "not conducive to single-sex living," he explained, since it has long hallways rather than individual suites. Apparently, it will not alleviate current housing problems for women. Last year, forty students who wanted to live in McCormick Hall were turned away for lack of space, according to Sherwood. Madek also noted that the Dean's office was being "honest and forthright," that the 25 percent figure was "not realistic in light of the burden of other dormitories" and was not an arbitrary number.

"The idea for the coed proposal came from a straw-poll held on December 4, in which 72 percent of MacGregorites who voted indicated a desire for the House to go coed. However, 69 percent were opposed to the change if they would have to be moved out of their rooms. About 60 percent of the House residents voted. Now that the issue has been vetted, another poll could show a considerable change in opinion.

MIT student granted Marshall Scholarship

By Tom Lordo

Steve Solnick '81 was one of thirty American students awarded their scholarships for their scholastic attainments and contributions to candidates whose foreign language abilities are valuable!

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The group then marched down the infinite corridor and up to President Gray's office, as the sound and smell of firecrackers filled Lobby 10.

At the President's door the group was met by three campus patrolmen, who estimated the crowd at greater than 150. At least nine security men were present, both uniformed and plainclothed. (top right)

After milling about uncertainly for ten minutes, the protesters spontaneously staged a sitdown outside Gray's office. (bottom) A man standing quietly on the edge of the crowd asking if he could answer any questions was greeted with the cry of "Who are you?" A quiet discussion then ensued between demonstrators and the man who identified himself as Dean Robert Albery. Provost Francis E. Low and Vice President Constantine Simonides (above right) also responded to the students.

By 1:10 the smell of gun powder had dissipated and the group was dissolving as the scene outside the President's office returned to normal.
Gyrate on DB Records (Import), Pylon's debut album, Gyrate, is a solid piece of heavy new-wave, tight and energetic though not distinctly original or innovating. Although Pylon displays substantial potential, Gyrate is weakened by the group's self-imposed limitations and apparent self-discrimination to take too many risks. This album will be quite satisfying for those who like the heavier side of the B-52's but will exhaust any of one whose references run more in the direction of the Police or the Jam. Like John Foxx's Ultravox, Pylon works primarily around stark, interesting lyrical images. But instead of surrounding their simply and brutally phrased dissections of modern-world life with the hypnotizing solemnity of Ultravox, Pylon goes for a more pulsed, direct musical accompaniment. Instrumentally they display all the characteristics necessary of an excellent modern-world life. Forced into a subordinate role by the bass vocals of Michael Lachowski and Vanessa Ellison, when the music would be more pulsating, direct musical accompaniment, the band works in similar directions on every phrase, without ever expressing themselves individually. Each cut on the album begins very promisingly, but then slips into a monotonic pulse which prevails through the closing bars. Although some of the Sylos are a bit too exotic, like "Driving School" ("The driving school—a packing place/seatbelt—windshield—dashboard—boommat... right down to the spine into, in general they are insightful and interesting. The lyrics unquestionably demand a hard-nosed treatment, but they would be much better served if they were occasionally offset and contrasted by a more melodic or relaxed musical line. Because the listener is never softened up with a sweeter delivery, the harshness of the album loses its effectiveness after the third or fourth cut. Not surprisingly, my favorite cut on Gyrate is "Weather Radio," the album's only instrumental. Unanimous in its lack of direction and intensity, this track is a refreshing contrast to the ten other songs.

Even though I wasn't particularly satisfied with this album, quite a few people are and even more will be as it gets more exposure in the coming week. I only feel that Pylon is capable of doing better; their next album ought to be much more impressive, if they loosen up and take a few more risks.

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The Dark End of the Street, a film by Jan Egleson, opens Friday Feb. 27 at the Galaxy Cinema near Harvard Square. What is it really like to live in the city? The Dark End of the Street explores this question with a drama staged in and around a housing project of the inner city. Filmed entirely in the Boston area, the drama gives one a glimpse of city life rarely encountered in sheltered environments like MIT. As soon as one gets over the shock of realizing that there is a real world outside of MIT, one can begin to explore it. For the movie, Egleson's film is a good piece to begin that exploration. The Dark End of the Street deals with the conflicts that arise in an imperfect society such as our own. The plot is very simple, almost too simple to be enjoyable (Henry Tomszewski) and his girlfriend Donna (Laura Harrington) are surprised when their friend Ethan (Terence Grey) shows up late at night. Almost are up on the roof of the housing project, the local "hangout." It soon becomes apparent that Ethan is drunk, but before Billy can grab him, he falls and is seriously injured. Billy leaves the scene of the accident afraid to face the police. Subsequently, the police suspect Brian (Allison), a young black man seen earlier at the scene of the accident. The movie goes on to detail the conflict between Billy, who would rather see Brian convicted than face the police and tell the truth, and Donna, who is torn between loyalty to Billy and in-just to Brian. Meanwhile, Ethan dies, raising the dramatic tension of the film. In the end, the movie follows the much-needed path in which justice wins out. Brian is released, and Billy must face the police. Egleson clearly defines the conflicts of each individual in the drama, be it the detective, the accused, the girlfriend or the frightened Billy. In defending individual rights, Egleson goes too far. One can easily predict the actions, and even the lines of the characters.

The Dark End of the Street gives us a portrait of city life complete with racial tensions, fear and dishonesty. It does not adequately analyze, explain or justify this portrait. Egleson provides a believable series of events, but he provides little material for reflection once the lights go up.

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Rodgers and Hammerstein's Oklahoma!

Oklahoma! is Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein II's musical set in one-act Oklahoma Territory between 1898 and 1906. The story, by Howard S. Atwood and Otto Harbach, is set in the fictional region of the Great American Desert and centers on Will Parker, a young man who falls in love with the beautiful Ado Annie. The music and dance were composed by Richard Rodgers, and the book was written by Hammerstein. The show opened on Broadway on March 29, 1943, and ran for 2,376 performances.

Bloody Valentine: bloody 'orrible

My Bloody Valentine, starring Don Francks, Paul Kelman, and Neil Affleck, produced by Stephen Miller, directed by Howard Osten. A Paramount Pictures release, now showing at the Sack 57. My Bloody Valentine, as the English would say, is a bloody bad film. One of a seemingly innumerable genre, its main attraction is shock and horror. Unfortunately, that is its only attraction. The audience sits and waits for the "good" parts. They come with disturbing regularity, at least a dozen times, total.

I don't particularly care for this subject matter; in fact, I wonder about people who do. There have been films, like Psycho, that have used brutality effectively, but there we had a story and characters (what characters?) to interest us. The recent films...

Linda Schaffir

Like My Bloody Valentine or Friday the 13th, to name another, are really different. The sole raison d'être of My Bloody Valentine is to disgust us. We are often asked in these films, through the subjective camera angles, to identify with the killer. For ex-murderers and other anti-social elements, this is a vicarious thrill. For many people, this is a chance to view our own minds (the viewer), to take part in the crime, to feel the horror of it all. The killer is not an inhuman monster, but a man (or in this case, a woman) with a broken heart who has been rejected by society. The victims often appear to count their fates, by acting provocatively or foolishly.

My Bloody Valentine isn't even successful as one of these films, if you do happen to like them. We never really get to see the action, as such, which is promised us. One could probably do better by watching the local news, where every night we see the aftermath of tragedy, with the added fills of reality. Like My Bloody Valentine, the cast is unknown to us, and when we learn who the murderer is, it really doesn't make a difference.

Howard Osten
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Peoples Theatre presents Rosanna Yamagita Alfaro's Behind Enemy Lines, a drama about Japanese Americans con-

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Rodgers and Hammerstein's Oklahoma! is currently playing at the Metropolitan Center for an engagement ending March 9. The performance schedule will be Tuesday — Sunday at 8pm, matinees Saturday at 2:30pm and Sunday at 3pm. For tickets and information call 542-3600.

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Course 6 subjects crowded

By Barry S. Suman

A substantial number of students enrolled or intending to enroll in classes in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science have been forced to drop certain subjects or have been denied the opportunity of adding them this term.

Students in classes ranging from an introductory digital lab to a graduate core requirement found overcrowded enrollments that forced many of them to be dropped by instructors. Popular subjects with limited resources were most affected; required laboratory subjects and courses in very large scale integration were most overcrowded.

According to Professor Richard B. Adler '43, Assistant Head of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, the department's problems are responsible for the current crisis: a lack of facilities, a lack of faculty, and an inability to find qualified Teaching Assistants (TAs).

The lack of TA's is the most pressing of these problems. "We have not had time to build a backlog of graduate students...who know the subjects, have the skills, and want to do it," said Adler. Both he and Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Engineering Arvind, the instructor for an advanced graduate-level computer architecture course, cited the greater desirability of research assistantships and the novelty of subjects offered needing TA's as reasons for the shortage.

Arvind faces a difficult decision; over 100 students attended his first class session of the term, but he can only accommodate a class of 40 students. Arvind has tried unsuccessfully to find another TA to handle the course, but has abandoned the effort. Arvind planned to take no action until he could assess his workload based on an evaluation of the problem sets turned in yesterday.

When asked how he would curtail class size, Arvind responded, "I don't have a plan...it's a departmental problem, not my problem." He had been told by the department to expect 30 students to enroll in the class.

Steve Weiss '81, a Course VI-A Co-op student was one of those dropped from an EECS class. "I'm quite disappointed," he said, "and so are many other people. It's not a good way to run a graduate school, or an undergraduate school."

Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering Donald Trowel '60, promised that those students dropped from his lab course would be guaranteed places in the class in either term next year. His resolution to the overcrowding problem included a lottery to eliminate sophomores and juniors, guaranteed places for graduate students and seniors, and special consideration for those students who presented written proposals for reinstatement.

Trowel said the number of students in his class had to be restricted to 190 because there were simply "not enough lab kits."

Adler blamed the problems in part on the tremendous growth of the department in the last ten years. The undergraduate student to faculty ratio has soared from 5 to 1 in 1970 to almost 10 to 1 last year. Enrollment has increased by 50 percent in the same period, but the "increase in budget has not been proportional." He also noted that in the last few years there has been "more money for TAs than bodies."

Adler suggested controls on transfer admissions and an effort to improve the attractiveness of TA positions as a means to alleviate the problem.

Professor Arthur Smith, Head of the Graduate School, described the overcrowding as "an impossible situation in which we cannot meet all our responsibilities."

Smith blamed "inadequate resources" for the situation. Weiss said that a group of dropped students has been discussing their grievances with faculty and administrators. Smith sympathizes with the students. "I can't blame them," he said, "they should be unhappy. I'm unhappy."

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The Undergraduate Academic Support Office (UASO) is currently revising Chapter 10 of the Freshman Handbook on "Extracurricular Activities." Any group that has not received a memo from the UASO and wishes to be included in this chapter should contact the UASO in 7-105 before Friday, February 20.

A Pro-Life Community is being formed at MIT to foster respect and to defend the right to life for all human beings, both born and unborn, through various educational and social activities. For additional information, contact C. Marino, 39-627, x3-269.

The Democratic Party of Massachusetts will hold Ward Caucuses to select delegates to the state issues convention to be held this April in Springfield. Caucuses will meet Saturday, February 21, at 2 pm. All Democrats registered in Massachusetts are eligible to vote or to campaign for a delegate slot within their ward. Ward II in Cambridge (which includes all of the MIT campus, except Tang and Westgate) will choose four delegates. The caucus for this ward will be held at the Central Square Public Library at Pearl and Green Streets at 2 pm.

**Notes**

more information, contact Rich Heller at d17322.

**Lectures**

Ruth Hubbard, Professor of Biology at Harvard University, will speak Thursday, February 26, in the Cheney Room, 3-310, from 4 until 6pm. She will discuss the social construction of women's biology, focusing on ways the social context conditions descriptions and explanations of women's biology and ways the internalization of such descriptions and explanations helps to shape women's biology.

A Community Energy Planning Forum will be held on Thursday, February 26, from 7:30 until 9pm at the Lincoln Park Community School, 290 Washington St., Somerville. The subject of the forum is "Residential Sector: Single Family and Multi-Uni." Speakers include: Doug McKenzie, General Manager, Energy Works; Hal Macon, Physics Department, University of Massachusetts, and Bruce Astrein, Director, Tenant-Landlord Weatherization Project, Policy Training Center.

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**WELCOME '85**

Help welcome the class of 1985 and other new students. The R/O Committee needs people to plan over the summer, and to work during R/O week. If you are interested, please leave a message at the UA Office, W20-401. New members chosen for the UA Student Office, 7-103, or call Rhonda Peck, R/O Coordinator at 3-6771. It is especially important to let us know if you will be here over the summer.

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**HOUSING & DINING REPORT**

The UA is preparing a report of students' ideas to the management of Housing & Food Services. If you have any specific suggestions, please contact Nick Adams, in W20-401.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

to NomComm's new members, Art Vasen and Charlene Yie, and its new Chairman, Gerry Fitzgerald. Spring hearings for Institute Committees will be held Sunday, April 5 and Saturday, April 11.

**SENIOR WEEK PLANS**

Seniors interested in helping plan end-of-year activities should attend a meeting Tuesday, February 24 at 5 pm in W20-400. All members of the Class of '81 are welcome, and a representative of each living group is encouraged to attend. For more information call Lynn Radlauer at 225-8613 or 494-9141, or Mitchell Brook at 225-6226.

**RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS**

On Saturday, February 21, at 2 pm, the Freshman Council is presenting "Research: The MIT Experience," a guide to undergraduate research at the Institute. You'll have a chance to meet students and professors involved in research, and see video presentations of research projects. "Research: The MIT Experience" will be conducted simultaneously at New House, East Campus, Baker House and Sigma Chi.

**FINANCE BOARD HEARINGS**

Annual Budget hearings are continuing through February 23. Late budget requests are due immediately in the Findboard office, W20-405. New member chosen for the board, subject to GA approval, are Chris Mackenzell and Barry Landau.

**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 hear your suggestions.

**LOBDELL REMODELLING?**

The Student Center Committee and the Student Committee on the Environment are looking for ideas for improving the ambience of Lobdell. Art, plants, new drapes, music, or whatever — let us know what you think.

$7,400 IS TDM... but space in the UA News is free. Important announcements should be sent to Barry Surman at the UA Office, W20-401. Unimportant ones should be...
Cougars too tough for Tech

By Eric R. Fleming

Clark University, ranked sixth nationally in Division III in New England, showed just why it merits that standing as the Cougars defeated MIT, 82-64, before an unusually packed crowd at Rockwell Cage Saturday.

Clark, who raised its record to 16-1, led the game from start to finish. The visitors used a 15-2 run early in the first half to take a 19-6 advantage with 13:10 minutes remaining. The big lead was gained by the employment of a full-court press that the Engineers could not handle. Senior forward Kevin Clark’s aggressiveness on the offensive boards also was a factor in putting the Cougars out in front. However, Clark picked up his third foul with nine minutes left in the half, and MIT chipped the lead to seven at the 5:11 point, before going into the locker room down 37-26. Tech was led by Bob Clarke ’81 and Mark Branch ’83 with ten points each.

The second half was played at a very fast pace, especially at each end of the stant. MIT could never get closer than nine, as bad breaks (a missed layup, a fast break turnover, a disputeable foul Tech out of striking distance. The last two minutes (which saw some of the most furiously paced play of the year) saw MIT get down to as few as ten (from twenty at 6:51), but again the little things shut the door on the home team.

The Cougars shot a sizzling 63.1 percent from the floor, including 20-26 in the second half. Clark led the visitors with 21 points in addition to pulling down eight boards, while Bruce Boler ’81 chipped in with 20. Guard Dan Trant ’83 went five-for-six from downtown to score ten. Branch hit 22 for MIT, four of which were scored on a pair of spinning, twisting drives in the lane. Clarke, playing his last home game in an MIT uniform, added 14 with 13 boards. Clark had 11 assists to MIT’s two, and therein lay the difference. Clark’s ability to move the ball and get the inside shot was the difference in the game. In short, the Cougars were quicker and stronger than MIT.

The Engineers close their season tomorrow at Connecticut College, and though Saturday’s loss was a tough one, MIT has a very good season.

The IM indoor track meet will have its Alumni game on Saturday, March 7 in the Athletic Center. Game time is 4pm, with a party in the Boat House (409 Memorial Drive) scheduled for 5pm. Interested alumni should contact Tom Steiglitz, club hockey manager, at 272-1990 between 9am and 4pm.

The IM indoor track meet will be held Saturday, March 7. Teams as well as individuals can compete. Team entries are due Wednesday, March 4 by 4pm in the Intramural Office (W32-121). Individual entries can be accepted until 11am the day of the meet, with no new entries or even changes taken after 11. All men and women MIT students, subject to IM eligibility rules, can participate. Questions should be referred to Arno Bonmiller at 413-34.

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Home events for the upcoming week include:

- Saturday, Feb. 21: Rifle, League Finals, Air Rifle Sectionals, duPont Center, 8 am
- Men’s Fencing vs. Trinity, duPont Fencing Room, 1 pm
- Women’s Fencing vs. Brandeis, duPont Fencing Room, noon
- Hockey vs. Conn. College, Athletic Center, 2 pm
- Sunday, Feb. 22: Rifle, Smallbore Sectionals, duPont Center, 8 am
- Tuesday, February 24: Women’s Basketball vs. Babson, Rockwell Cage, 7 pm