

CEP approves frosh pass/fail changes

By Tony Zamparutti

The faculty Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) yesterday endorsed changes in freshman pass/fail, including sending all freshmen a report of their "hidden" grades at the end of spring semester.

The full faculty will discuss the CEP plan at its meeting October 20th. The full faculty must vote to enact the proposal before it can take effect.

The CEP yesterday passed an amendment not to institute hidden freshman grades at the end of fall semester, as originally planned, according to James Taylor '84, a student member of the CEP. Undergraduate members of the committee proposed the amendment.

The change will "soften the effect [of grades] in the fall term," said Steven Barber '84, chairman of the Student Committee on Educational Policy (SCEP) and member of the CEP.

The proposal still requires freshmen be sent a transcript of their hidden grades at the end of the spring term. If an instructor gives a hidden grade of D or F at that time, he will be required to fill out an evaluation form for the student, according to Taylor.

The CEP plan calls for the pass/fail changes to be a two-year experiment, to be reviewed in Spring 1985, according to Barber.

The CEP also recommended using two new freshman evaluation forms, one for mid-term and

the other for end-of-term reports. The forms, developed by the Undergraduate Academic Support Office (UASO), include a checkbox system for instructors to rate student performance.

That system will allow instructors to evaluate student work on homework, class participation, examinations, and other categories, by checking off one of a set of boxes marked excellent, good, fair, inadequate, and not evaluated, according to Taylor.

Before yesterday's meeting, the CEP had planned to require hidden freshman grades both semesters.

After debate at SCEP's meeting last Thursday, student members wanted to refrain from the use of hidden grades.

Taylor said he and Barber presented Professor Felix M. H. Villars, Chairman of the Faculty and of the CEP, with a proposal not to require hidden grades either semester, but only to use the new freshman evaluation forms to describe freshman performance.

Taylor said he did not expect Villars to allow discussion of the amendment, since the time for substantive changes in the proposal had ended.

"Professor Villars thought about it last night and liked it," Taylor said yesterday. "He was the one who brought it up at the meeting. It was close, but it passed."

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Dukakis defeats King; Sears wins in GOP race

By Tony Zamparutti

Former governor Michael S. Dukakis won the Democratic gubernatorial primary Tuesday with 54 percent of the vote, defeating incumbent Edward J. King.

In the Republican race, John W. Sears easily defeated two other candidates. He won with just under 50 percent of the vote. John Laktion pulled 27 percent of the vote and Andrew H. Card, Jr. 23 percent.

John Kerry won the five-candidate race for the Democratic Party lieutenant governor nomination, besting second-place Evelyn Murphy by fewer than forty thousand votes.

About 1.3 million people voted in the two primaries, the state's largest turnout ever. Close to 1.2 million cast ballots in the Democratic Primary, and nearly 280,000 voted in the Republican Primary.

The struggle between King and Dukakis has split the Massachusetts Democratic Party. "It was a

hard-fought fight," said state Senate President William M. Bulger (D-South Boston). "I have another layer of scar tissue to prove it."

At midnight King conceded the election and thanked his campaign workers and supporters.

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MIT weighs food vendor plan

By Daniel Crean

MIT is close to approving a plan which will allow four commercial food vendors to operate on campus, according to Howard Miller '63, Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Operations.

Under a plan being considered by Vice President for Operations William R. Dickson '56, the vendors, forced to stop selling food along Massachusetts Avenue in May, will be granted permanent spaces on MIT property and be

subject to some regulation by the Institute.

The only remaining obstacles to implementing the plan, Miller said, are legal details concerning liability and insurance.

Complaints from the MIT community led the administration to develop a plan to allow some of the vendors to continue operating, said Campus Police Chief James Olivieri.

Campus Police received "numerous complaints" about the streetside vendors, Olivieri said. The complaints, he said, ranged from the smell of the vendors' vans and sanitation problems they might cause to blocking the MBTA bus stop and taking public parking spaces.

The vendors were also violating a Cambridge city ordinance which requires that street vendors stay in one place for no longer than ten minutes. Campus Police asked the Cambridge Police to enforce the ordinance and clear the vendors from Massachusetts Avenue, Olivieri said.

bus project will seek ASA recognition — a prerequisite for Finance Board funding — separately, he said.

AOSS has neither a constitution nor bylaws, and Lopez refused to make public an outline he drafted for the group's organization. "The Association of Student Services does not exist," Lopez told the board, though he later said revenue from other AOSS projects could be used to meet the shuttle bus system's debts.

Lopez "had no reason ... to create a separate organization," said UA Vice President Kenneth Meltner '83. Lopez is the UA's special projects coordinator, and several Finance Board members questioned why Lopez did not pursue the shuttle bus plan through the student government.

"I've had no direction from the UA president and vice president," Lopez countered. "... I put in my own money and my own effort." Lopez told the board he has spent \$150 in personal funds on the bus project thus far.

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Board approves report criticizing Dean's Office

By Barry S. Surman

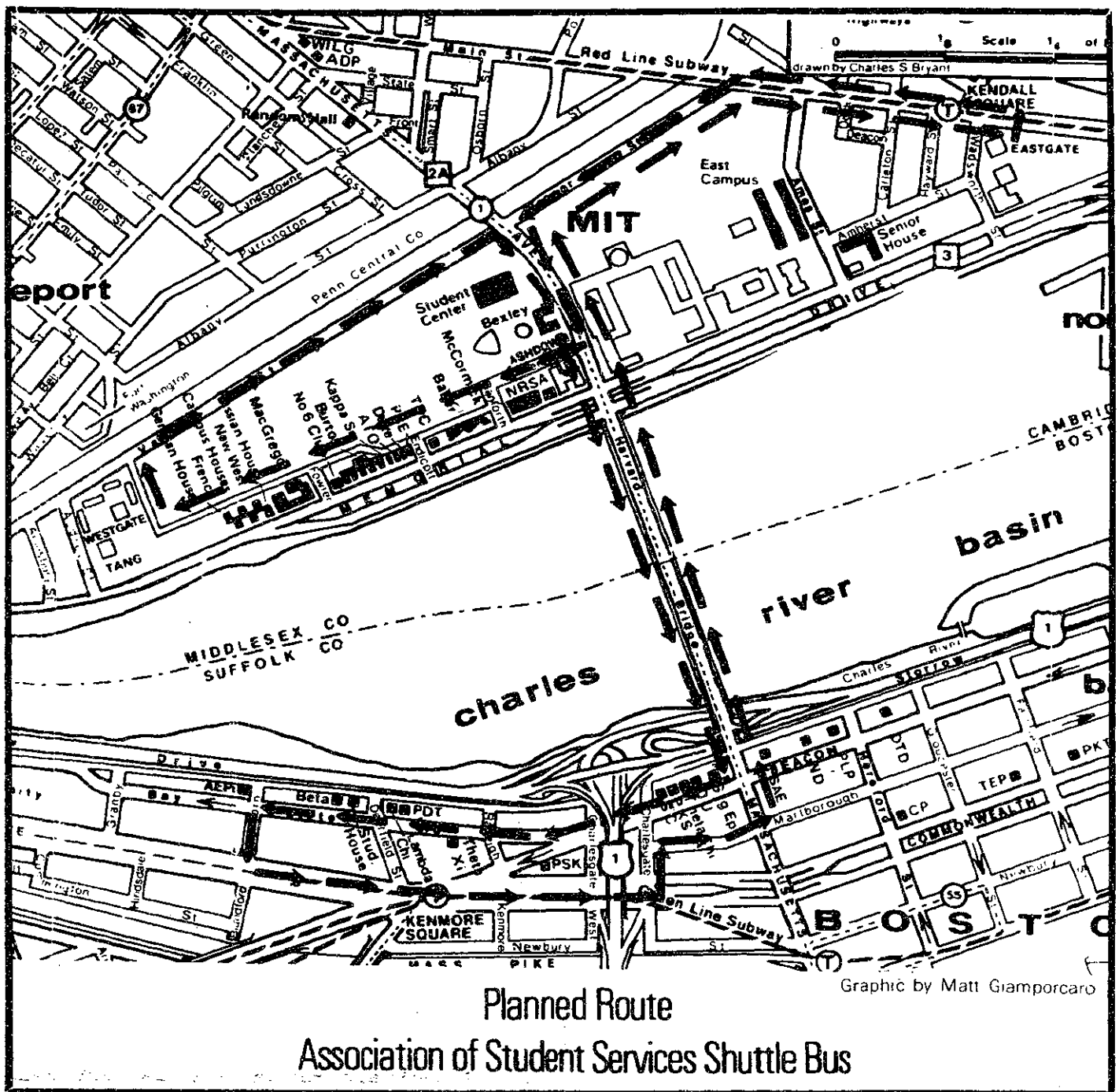
After a unanimous vote to enter a closed session Wednesday night, the Finance Board approved a report drafted by its chairman, Charles P. Brown '84, for the MIT Corporation Visiting Committee on Student Affairs "with minor modifications," Brown said.

The report is sharply critical of Dean for Student Affairs Shirley M. McBay. It charges student activities are insufficiently funded and neglected by the Dean's Office and McBay negotiated with the UA in bad faith.

The Visiting Committee will examine the newly-formed Residence and Campus Activities section of the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs (ODSA) when it meets at MIT November 8-10.

Earlier in the meeting, the board approved an \$185 grant to the MIT Marching Band.

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Finance Board votes to fund campus shuttle bus project

By Barry S. Surman

The Undergraduate Association (UA) Finance Board voted Wednesday to provide \$8620 in loans and a direct grant of \$1000 to support a campus shuttle bus system planned by a group called the Association of Student Services (AOSS).

Michael Lopez '83, organizer of the shuttle bus project, told the Finance Board that AOSS will not seek official recognition from the UA Association of Student Activities (ASA). The shuttle

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Former Governor Mike Dukakis will challenge John Sears in the November gubernatorial election. Tech File Photo

Dukakis, Sears win primaries

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In his acceptance speech, Dukakis asked King voters and workers for their support: "I know we share many of the same goals and values. And I want them to be a part of our coalition so that together we can go forward... to a strong and a vigorous and a successful November election."

Both Dukakis and Sears will actively pursue the votes of King supporters. Because of the small number of Republican voters in the state, Sears must draw Democrats and Independents to win the general election November 2.

In his acceptance speech Sears attacked the Democratic dominance of Massachusetts politics.

"I can remember when the state was clean and decent," he declared. "Something is rotten in Massachusetts. Our government is populated now by a pool of

sharks, opportunists, demagogues, self-infatuated men and women with small minds."

Peter A. Vellucci defeated incumbent state representative Michael Lombardi for the Democratic nomination in the 29th Middlesex District, which includes most of the MIT campus.

Former assistant attorney general Scott Harshbarger easily defeated incumbent John Dronney in a four-way race for Middlesex

County district attorney. Dronney has held the post for 23 years. Harshbarger will face republican Guy Carbone, former Metropolitan District Commissioner, in November.

Suffolk County district attorney Newman A. Flanagan won his re-election bid, defeating former assistant US attorney D. Lloyd MacDonald in the Democratic Primary. Flanagan will not face a Republican challenger.

New late payment plan takes effect

By Burt Kaliski

Over six thousand students have enrolled in the new Bursary Payment Plan, agreeing to pay a monthly percentage for late payments rather than a flat fee as in previous years, according to Bursar Arthur R. Wagman.

MIT now levies a monthly finance charge of 1 1/4 percent on students' unpaid balances, he explained. The old plan required a late fee of \$50 each month, regardless of the overdue amount, Wagman said.

Wagman claimed there was "an inherent unfairness" in the previous plan, since the late fee was independent of the amount owed after the due date. Students are not required to use the new payment plan, he added, and approximately three thousand students still pay under the previous plan.

MIT changed its late payment plan to make the system more equitable and to improve the Institute's cash flow, Director of Student Financial Services Jack Frailey '44 said last year.

Payments for the fall term were due August 12, but Wagman was unable to provide information re-

garding the number of students charged late fees this term.

"I think the payment plan is working well," Wagman commented.

The Bursar's Office and the Office of Student Financial Services designed the new payment plan last year and announced it in November.

Individual departments, such as Housing and Food Services, were informed of the importance of "accurate and prompt billing" in the implementation of the new plan, Wagman said. The Bursar's Office, he added, wants to avoid billing disputes and the time-consuming procedures required by law when resolving such disputes.

The new payment plan differs from the old only in the computation of a finance charge, Wagman stressed.

The "clock starts running" on the day a bill is issued, Wagman explained. The 1 1/4 percent finance charge is assessed on the balance when the payment period ends, 25 days after the billing date. Each additional month an unpaid balance remains, the Bursar's Office will assess another 1 1/4 percent charge, he said.

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World

Israeli troops drive into West Beirut — Israel moved troops and tanks into West Beirut Wednesday to prevent Arab gains in the wake of President-elect Bashir Gemayel's assassination. Israel closed its border with Lebanon to civilians, including reporters, and imposed a total curfew on several towns in southern Lebanon. At least 14 Israeli gunboats bombarded West Beirut. An Israeli Army spokesman claimed "in Lebanon's present anguish, it would be immoral for Israel not to assist in keeping the peace. Present Israel troop movements insure that calm will prevail and anarchy be forestalled."

Philippine President arrives in Washington — President Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines arrived in Washington for his first state visit of the US in 16 years. Yesterday he met with President Reagan after an elaborate welcoming ceremony at the White House. Marcos will also meet with other US officials to discuss the US military presence in the Philippines and that country's human rights situation.

Ghotbzdeh executed in Iran — A firing squad executed former Iranian Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh. He was convicted for plotting to assassinate Ayatollah Khomeini and to overthrow the Iranian regime. During his trial, he said his friends outside of Iran would divulge alleged contracts between Khomeini and Western powers if he were killed.

Nation

Congress blocks military funding — President Ronald Reagan and Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger are reported to be deadlocked with Congress over an \$8 billion dollar increase in defense appropriations they support. The Department of Defense has strongly objected to a Congressional order to trim \$8.7 billion from its requested 1983 budgetary allocation of \$210 billion. Senator Ted Stevens, chairman of the military subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee said the Department of Defense claimed the cuts were "going too far."

Senate defeats anti-abortion legislation — The Senate voted 47-46 against a proposal to severely curtail a woman's right to an abortion. The proposal would have prevented the use of Federal funds for abortions and supported legal efforts to overthrow Supreme Court decisions on abortion. President Reagan supported the legislation. Congress will probably continue to restrict the use of Federal funds available for abortion.

Chrysler and UAW tentatively agree on new contract — The Chrysler Corporation and the United Auto Workers (UAW) reached a tentative contract agreement yesterday, shortly after thousands of US autoworkers left Chrysler plants after Wednesday night's strike deadline. UAW President Douglas Fraser and Vice President Marc Stepp declared, "This tentative agreement achieves our principal goal to start the Chryslers on the long road back to parity with workers at General Motors and Ford."

Campus

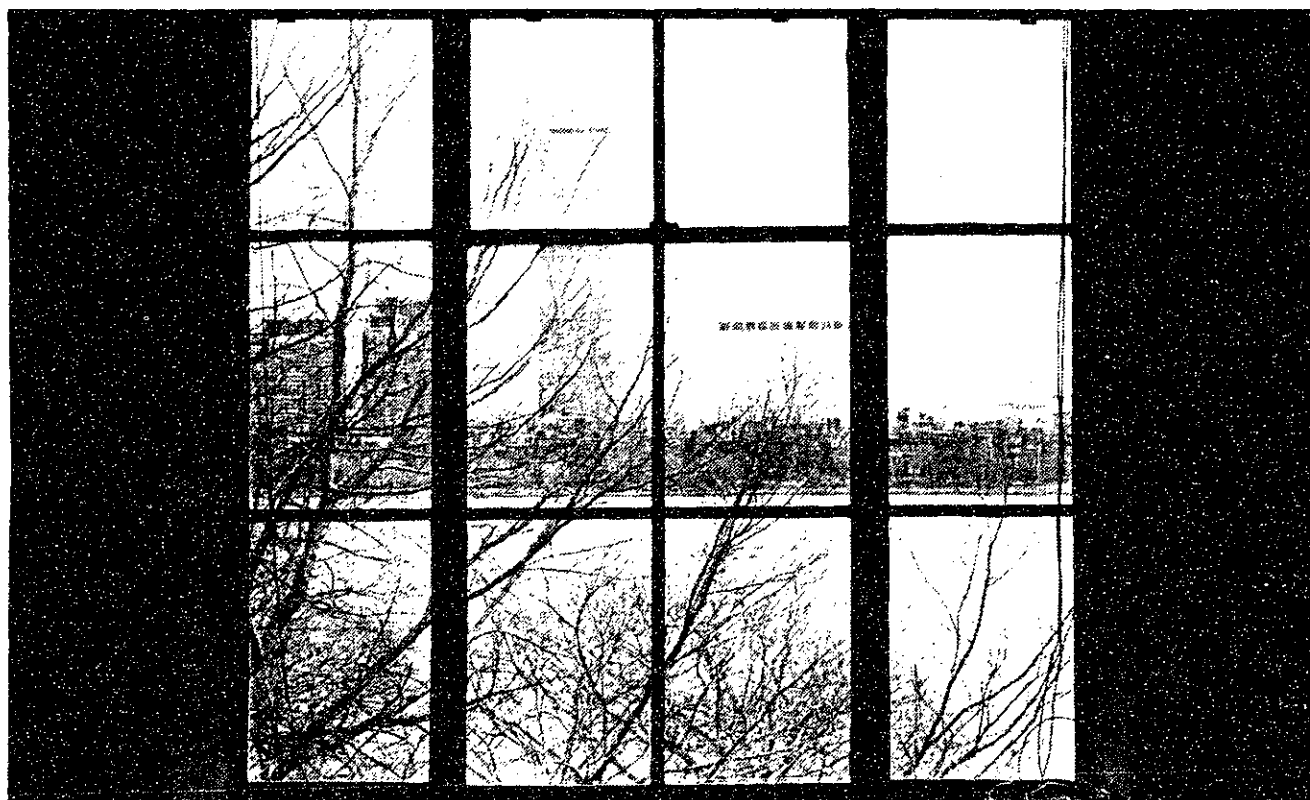
ROTC celebrates Anniversary — Last Wednesday the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps unit at MIT celebrated the 35th anniversary of the United States Air Force as a separate military service. Two hundred and fifty cadets from MIT, Harvard, Tufts, and Wellesley attended the ceremony in 26-100.

Joel Gluck, Richard Mlynarik, and Ed Schmit

Weather

Breezy and cool today with clouds giving way to sunshine in the afternoon; high near 70. Clear & cool tonight with a low near 50. Sunshine with increasing cloudiness tomorrow; high in the low-to-middle 70's. Tomorrow night will be cloudy, with showers beginning.

Barry S. Surman



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Opinion

Jerri-Lynn Scofield

Close Encounters of the wrong kind

I don't know how I manage to do it. I swore up and down that this semester was going to be different. Rather than spending the first two weeks of classes shopping for interesting courses that would broaden my scope and increase my understanding, I wanted to choose courses primarily on the basis of my course catalogue and my advisor's advice. This idyll lasted a short time — four hours after classes began, to be exact. That was when I met a professor I'll call ET, because his first lecture was truly extraordinary.

ET strolled into the first day of class, sans syllabi, and proceeded to tell the assembled multitude how we would spend the semester. Well, sort of. I don't think he had any idea how we were to spend the semester if we took his class. At least he didn't inspire any enthusiasm in me. We wouldn't have a textbook. ET hadn't drafted a reading list. (Can extraterrestrials read? I began to wonder.) He hadn't decided yet what we would study. He couldn't tell us when assignments were due, or how many would be expected. He wouldn't even tell us what they were or what they would cover. He wasn't ignoring grades, which would have been a refreshing approach. Work would be graded. That is, some of the assignments we would receive sometime would somehow be graded according to some criteria as yet to be determined. Then he announced that maybe he would just give us all B's. I don't mean to question his public relations judgement; however, that was not a message any of us wanted to hear the first day of class. Especially the closet nerds. (Welcome to my class. Some of you may work hard, some of you won't, but it won't matter. It's easier to give you all B's. Then I don't have to bother about getting down to the earthly task of assigning real grades.)

This is not the first time I have been confused as to what I would be expected to do to complete a course. At least ET admitted he didn't have any idea where we were going. Last semester, one professor I studied under seemed to know the first day of class what our assignments would be for the entire semester. He announced we would be required to write four papers, and would not be expected to take a final examination. At the end of eleven weeks of classes, long after distributing paper topics and presumably after we had all started our research, he changed his mind. He gleefully announced we wouldn't have to complete that last assignment. Instead, we would have a comprehensive final examination.

Don't get me wrong. I don't question any instructor's right to have any examination at any time. I just expect to be told about tests in advance, so I can plan my schedule accordingly. Obviously, writing papers and taking exams require different allocations of study time, of which I only have so much. I deserve to be told, early in the semester, what is expected of me, especially when I am paying 8,700 dollars for the privilege.

Are you listening, Committee on Educational Policy? Now that you have finished garroting freshman pass/fail, you might focus attention on a proposal that would truly make student life easier, rather than just reducing the faculty's workload. MIT students deserve truth-in-studying regulations.

I suggested last semester that departments might require professors to submit syllabi to headquarters early in the term to make sure these schedules conform to the rules of the faculty and don't contain any illegal final examinations. Is this a feasible solution? I don't know. At least though, if all instructors submitted syllabi early in the semester, professors like ET would be forced to enter our universe. Students would know what was expected of them early enough to plan schedules to devote enough time to subjects; professors might even receive higher quality work. Eliminating such close encounters of the worst kind might make MIT a little more pleasant for all of us.



Column/Mark Templer

Democrats need new ideas

It seems like only yesterday, but almost two years have passed since Ronald Reagan and the Republican Party gained control of the White House and the Senate. Campaigning on a theme of less government, these conservatives capitalized on voter disenchantment with the then Democratic President to score impressive victories at the polls in 1980. Since that time, Republicans in Washington have used their newly-found political strength to reduce government spending dramatically and cut taxes in an effort to solve America's economic problems.

Now, the 1982 elections are just seven weeks away, and the Republican Party's economic policies are a central issue in many Congressional races. Democratic candidates have been quick to point out — correctly — that Reaganomics is biased in favor of the wealthy and that it has not produced the economic boom promised by Republicans. In fact, near-record unemployment and business failure rates have led many Democrats to believe that they can ride into office simply by pointing to bad economic news and blaming the Republicans. To a large extent, the Democratic Party is pinning its hopes for a political recovery on the lack of an economic recovery.

But this campaign strategy of negativism is not likely to be as effective as the Democratic lead-

ership might hope. Voters do not like to see politicians greet news of economic distress with barely-concealed glee. People realize that it is one thing to criticize — and another to come up with a better idea.

The truth of the matter is that the Democratic Party has not offered the American public a viable alternative to Reaganomics. When the Republicans proposed the Kemp-Roth tax cuts in 1981, not only did many Democrats support the bill, but they also led

a bidding war in which tens of billions of dollars in tax benefits were doled out to special interests. When President Reagan asked for deep cuts in programs for the poor, many Democrats supported him. And when the Administration tried to rein in Social Security, the Democrats screamed bloody murder, but they proposed no reasonable way to save this crucial, but nearly bankrupt, program. In the last two years, the Democratic Party

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→ feedback

More support needed

To the Editor:

We want to express our concern about the recent reduction of staff in the International Students Office. International students comprise 20 to 25 percent of MIT's student population, but only two people, Dean Chamberlain included, are presently employed by the International Students Office.

Any student entering MIT faces great challenges: new surroundings, trying to find affordable housing in the Boston area, new classmates, and most of all the highly competitive academic environment. However, the almost 400 international students

entering MIT this year face much more than that: being alone in a foreign country without knowing anybody, trying to get by in an unfamiliar language, having to deal with the often less than cooperative US Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) for permission to stay, travel, and work, unfamiliarity with the American educational system, and for many, encountering extensive discrimination when trying to find a place to live.

For this group, it is an absolute necessity that there are qualified people available at MIT, people familiar with immigration

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Opinion

Democrats need plan for Nov.

has allowed the Republican Party to set the political agenda, and it has been content to react to Republican proposals rather than to offer ideas of its own.

With the elections still two months away, however, it is not too late for the Democrats to begin campaigning positively. They can still offer their own plans to restore economic prosperity. They should admit that government has gone too far in many areas, that Congress cannot create a risk-free society by passing laws, and that inefficient government spending and excessive individual tax rates must be reduced. Republicans have been saying these things for years, and now

the voters have put them in charge of the White House and the Senate. Democrats must recognize these realities — and act accordingly.

Republicans have always called for less government; Democrats should now call not for more or less government but for better government. Better government means cutbacks in unnecessary or inefficient programs — be they for rich or poor people, military or civilian purposes. It also means the preservation and expansion of effective Federal programs. It means tax cuts to encourage economic growth and tax reform to make the rich and powerful pay their fair share. It

means regulatory reform, not to unleash business, but to make regulation work more in tune with market incentives and the private sector. And better government means putting the public interest ahead of business, labor, or other special interests.

There is an alternative for Democrats who whine about the evils of Reaganomics and for Republicans who decry the excesses of liberalism. Our leaders should trumpet the virtues of sensible, responsible government. Hopefully, the Democrats or the Republicans will eventually realize this and start working to improve our government rather than expand it or tear it down.

feedback

Sufficient support lacking

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laws, able to explain what to do, why, and when. The International Students Office under Dean Chamberlain does a wonderful job. However, it is obvious that the office is seriously understaffed, with only two people to advise about 2000 international students.

A student should be able to concentrate upon academic matters when he or she so wishes, not spend the time waiting in a front office of the INS. Therefore, an operational International Students Office is a necessity if MIT wishes to remain attractive to international students.

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A mother's reply

To the Editor:

How would you feel about printing a mother to daughter letter (since you printed a daughter to mother one last week)? This is actually composed of half of two letters that came this week.

Amy dear,

You seemed upset on the phone yesterday so I thought I'd send this off to you right away (the chocolate). You did know what MIT would be like before you decided to transfer, so it's a little late to complain now. (What does "dweebs" mean, dear?) Why don't you come home with David next weekend, if you're still depressed?

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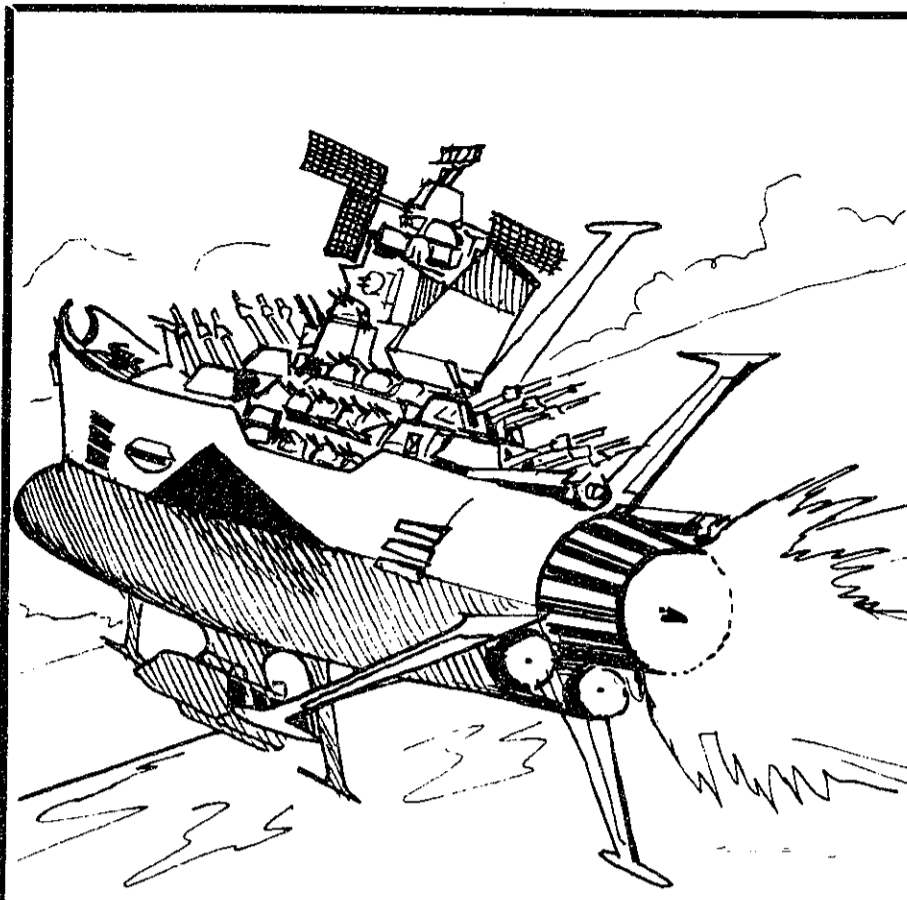
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This is just a note. Not much doing here, except that we went to Jacob's Pillow on Saturday for some great flamenco dancing. Take care.

Love
Mums

P.S. Please check out your boyfriends' reading habits before you go out with them.

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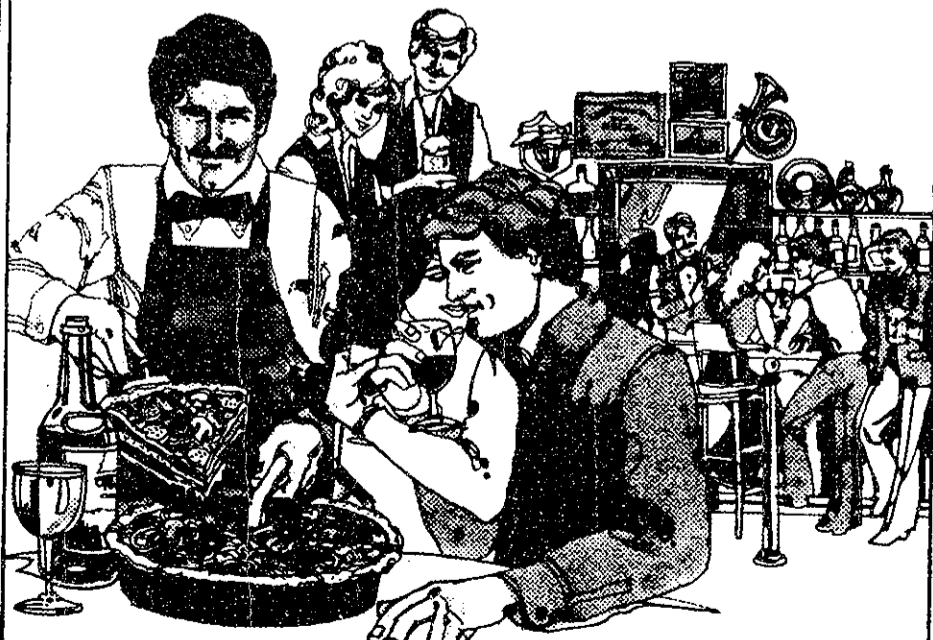
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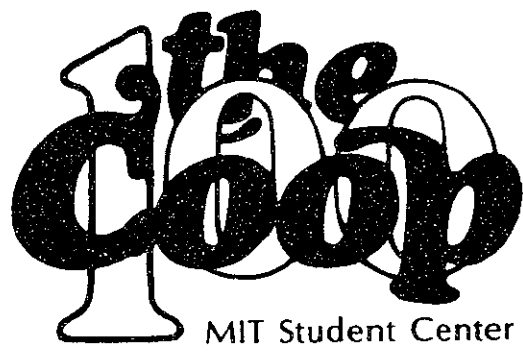
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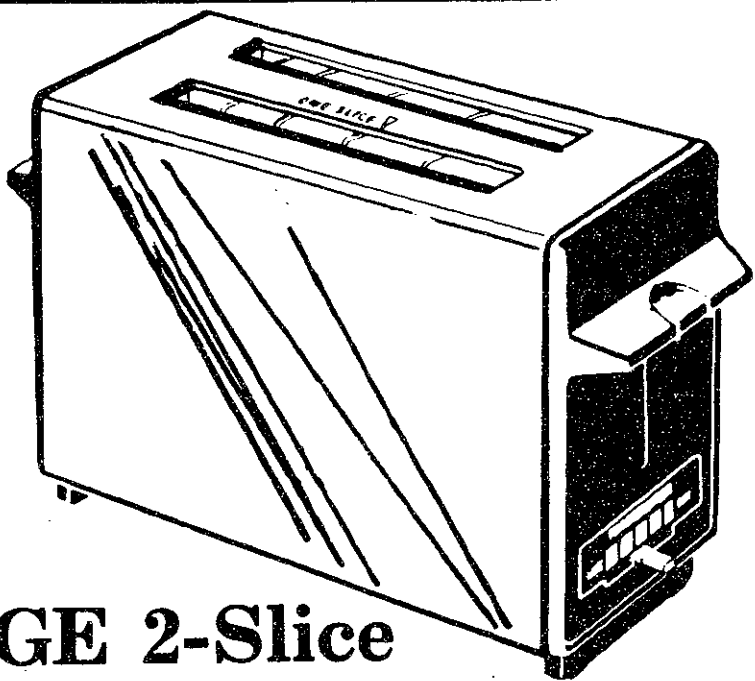
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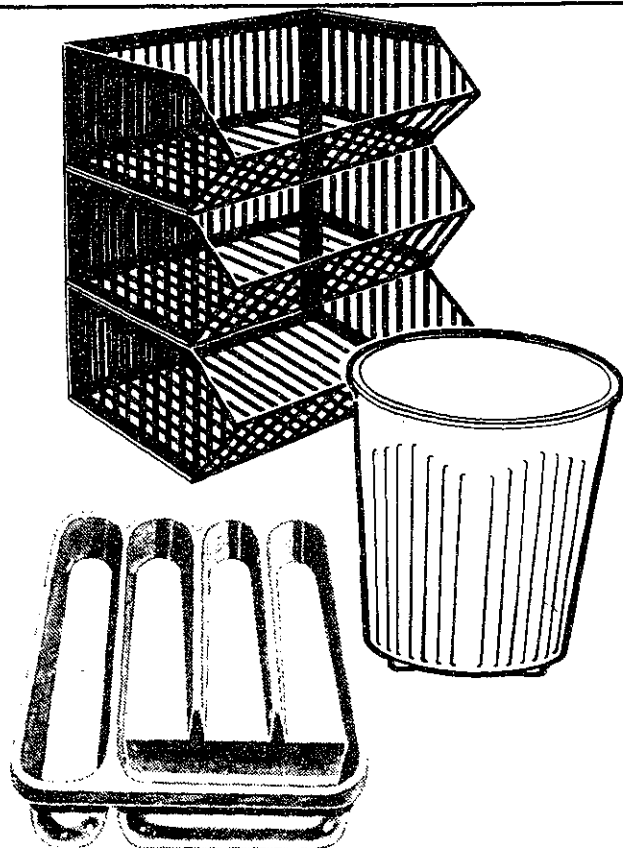
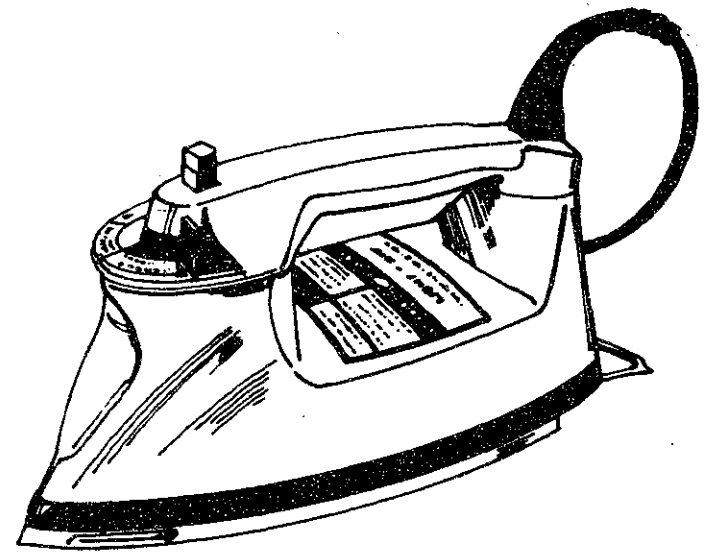
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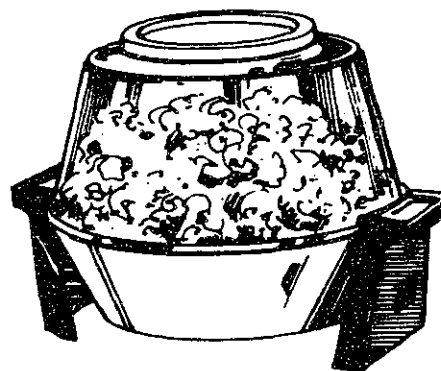
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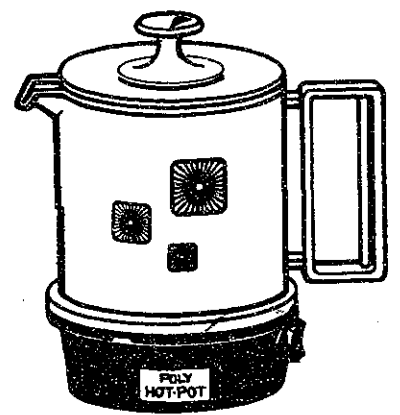


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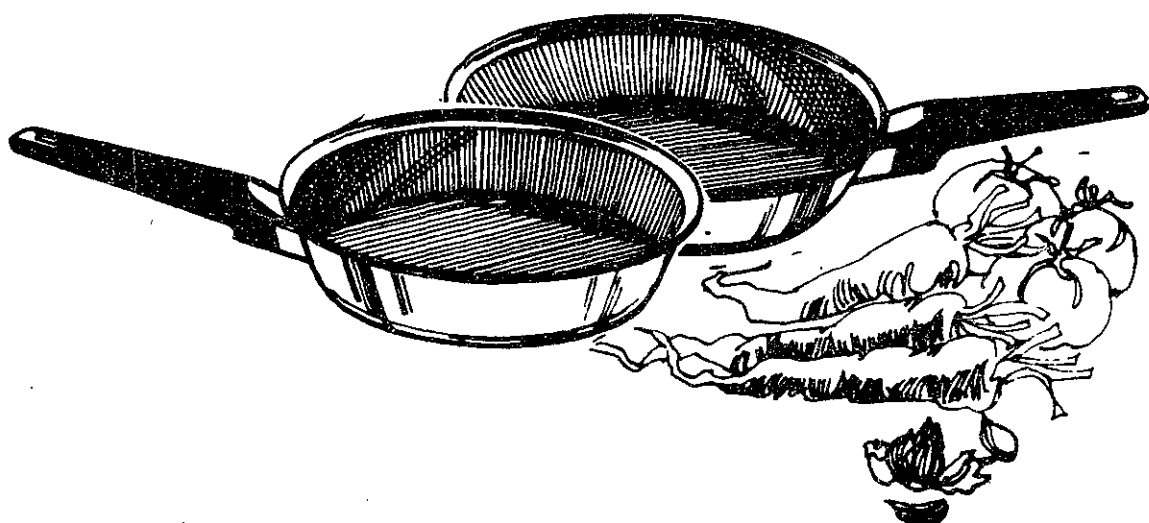
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When in Ghana...

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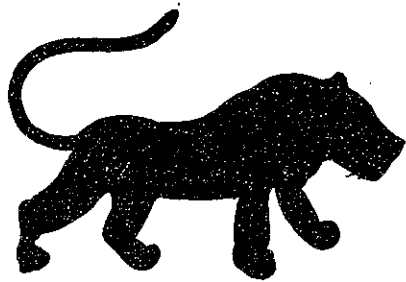
Music and Rhythm, various artists on PVC Records.

The past few years in popular music have been marked by an abundance of professed outside influences. Adam and the Ants and Bow Wow Wow claim to have been influenced by African Burundi drumming, the Talking Heads have explored native polyrhythms, and the duo of David Byrne and Brian Eno has gone as far as incorporating tapes of the real thing into their own compositions (e.g., *My Life in the Bush of Ghosts*). One would think that Africa didn't exist before the 1960's, when ethnomusicologists (at the time a newly formed discipline) began collecting field recordings of native musics.

The release of *Music and Rhythm* is another major step toward promoting a consciousness of things non-Western. The record was issued to support production costs for the World of Music Arts and Dance Festival that was held in the U.K. this summer. The festival was masterminded by Peter Gabriel, yet another art-rock gone native. Gabriel also compiled the double album, interspersing Western art-pop and recordings of some of the ethnic groups that appeared at the WOMAD festival. What could have turned out to be a nightmare of badly sequenced tracks is instead a unified whole, with only a few minor seams showing on the second disc.

Music and Rhythm leads off with the drums of Makebuko, Burundi. While this particular performance is not as interesting as the *Burundi Black* field recording, it serves as the perfect segue into Peter Gabriel's "Across the River," a drone-chant punctuated by Stewart Copeland's own

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Burundi figures. Ekome, a Bristol-based dance company is up next with a stunning call-and-response chant described as a Ghanaian social song, but the performance, stunning as it is, sounds a bit thin when compared to XTC's "It's Nearly Africa," which feel more like the genuine item. This comparison points out one of the flaws in the compilation: since many of the ethnic performances are derived from field recordings they don't receive the benefits of Western recording technology, consequently they don't sound as full as their British counterparts. The talking drum recording that closes side one suffers from the same defect but close listening will reveal the dense polyrhythmic structure of the piece.

Side two is the most unified block of tunes, demonstrating influence of African music on Western pop and the influence of Western pop on African Music. The Beat contribute a remixed version of "Mirror in the Bathroom," a piece derived from the "high life" pop music of West Africa, particularly Prince Nico Mbarga and Rocafil Jazz. Prince Nico has incorporated New World instrumentation, especially guitars, into his shuffling uptempo "Sweet Mother," the compilation's most danceable entry. A calypso number ("Music and Rhythm") by Mighty Sparrow and a reggae-doo-wop song by Rico ("What You Talkin' About") represent the West Indies entries, sounding not at all foreign due to the influx of reggae and ska in pop music. Morris Pert (percussionist for Brand X) contributes "Marrakesh," an intriguing number meant to create a North African feel with its heavily shifted meters, succeeding instead in creating an Afro-Indian amalgam.

Things begin to fall apart on side three which features two execrable tunes by

Western devils, the Peters Townshend and Hammill. Townshend's "Ascension Two" sounds like a Welsh choir run amok, while Hammill's entry sounds like Peter Hammill run amok — a standard state of affairs for him. The side is rescued by the remaining performances: Producer Vic Coppersmith-Heaven rocks out on a Balinese Ketjak chant (the Ramayana Monkey Chant, which is meant to be a faithful rendering of monkey chatter), and follows it with his recording of the actual chant. Jon Hassell provides one of his "fourth world" Indonesian trumpet excursions, and falls to the greatest editing crime on the disc, being reduced from twelve minutes to a mere four — barely enough time to appreciate Hassell's extraordinary performance. A riveting Islamic chant by Nursat Fateh Ali Khan, actually seems out of place here because of the intensity of its delivery. It is also the last interesting performance on the disc — most of side four (barring David Byrne's "His Wife Refused") is little more than postcard impressions by second generation citizens of the third world.

The beauty of the first record makes this disc worth owning despite the flaws of the second half. I do find one aspect of the programming objectionable, however. The countries represented are all former British colonies, which is not a bad thing, but the most conspicuous absence is the American colony. Lest anyone forget, the transplantation of Africans to American soil (also known as slavery) gave rise to the blues — and from there it was only a short step to R&B and Rock and Roll. We all know that the British obtained their rock education from the Americans, but their failure to complete the circuit (at least on this record) tarnishes this otherwise commendable effort.

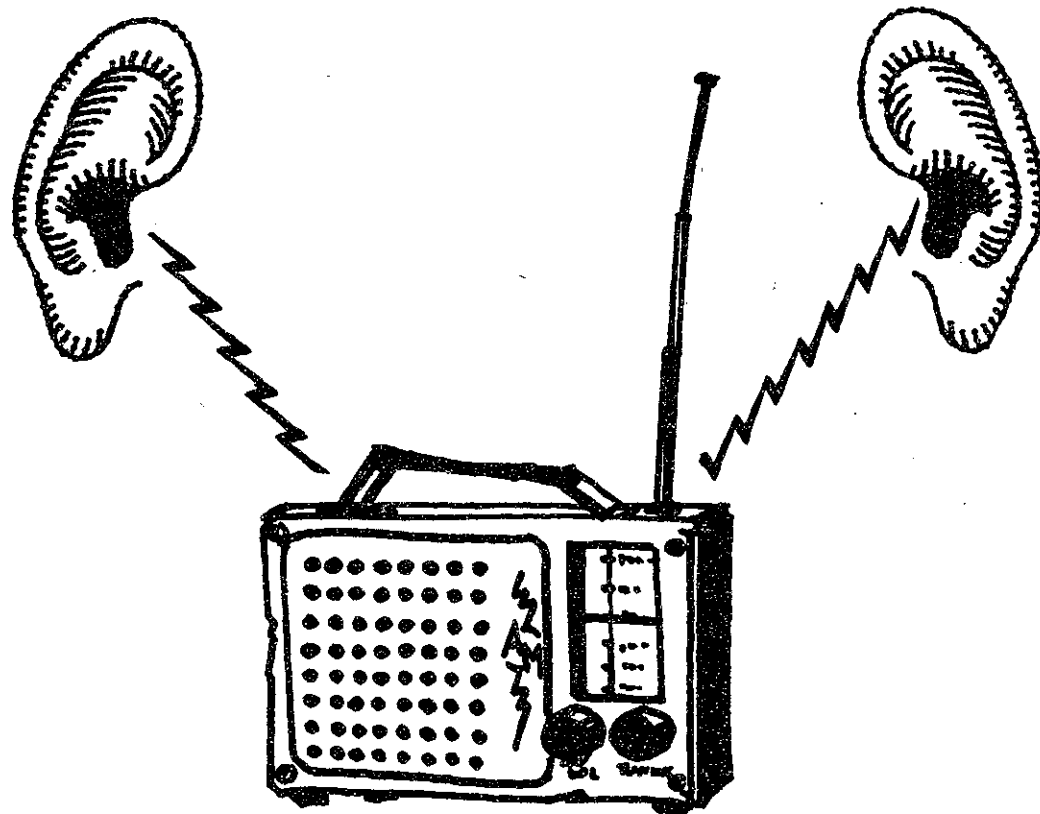
David Shaw

Getting it with both ears

AM stereo has become a reality. After many years of bickering between the consumer electronics manufacturers, radio stations, and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as to which version of AM stereo should go into general use, the FCC made a "no-decision" decision. It recently began approving all the systems for radio broadcasting.

None of the new formats can be received in stereo on presently-available receivers. About 50 percent of the AM stations planning to convert to stereo will utilize the Kahn-Hazeltine system. When broadcasters use the Kahn system, listeners can hear most of the stereo effect by placing two monaural radios side-by-side. KTSA San Antonio was the first to use this format, followed closely by KFRC San Francisco, WNBC New York, WLS Chicago, and WMAL Washington. Most of these stations have been actively promoting their new method of broadcast by way of new jingles in an effort to regain the audience which has been switching to FM in vast numbers over the past decade.

Stations such as WQXI Atlanta, using AM stereo formats other than Kahn, still sound the same and are keeping promotional advertising to a minimum until new receiving equipment is available. Unfortu-



nately, even the Kahn stereo receivers have been delayed in production. Mura Corporation, the manufacturer of the new AM stereo/FM stereo portable radio, is still awaiting receipt of a microprocessor from Kahn. Due to the delay AM stereo receivers (for Kahn systems) may not be available before 1983, and then with a planned retail price of \$50.

The latest Arbitron ratings have shown that the majority of radio listeners now tune to FM stations. While FM station ratings have not been rising rapidly due to the sheer number of stations, AM ratings have been falling precipitously. Format shifts from music on AM reached a peak last year when New York's WABC made the switch to talkradio. Music industry personnel are worried about the possibility of AM stereo going the way of FM quad. When listeners switch over to hear the *all-new AM stereo* and hear no change from monaural AM, they won't buy the new receiver — they'll merely switch back to FM. Mura personnel believe that AM stereo reception will be far superior to that of FM stereo. If true, once high-quality receivers are on the market, AM stereo might just rejuvenate the now-dying airwaves.

Stuart Gitlow

On the town

This weekend's LSC Movies:

On Golden Pond, Friday, 7 & 9:30, Kresge.
Double Indemnity (Classic), 7:30, 10-250.
Ragtime, Saturday, 6:30 & 10, 26-100.
American Graffiti, Sunday, 6:30 & 9, 26-100.

The MIT Lecture Series Committee presents **William Windom as James Thurber**, Tuesday, September 21, at 8pm in Kresge. Tickets are now on sale in Lobby 10, and cost \$3, \$2, and \$1.

The Atlantics at the Channel Friday, September 17.

There will be a screening of **Primate**, a film by Frederic Wiseman shot at the Yerkes Primate Research Center in Atlanta. The screening will be presented by the MIT Film/Video section on Monday, September 20, at 7pm in N51-100.

Nucleo Eclettico, 216 Hanover Street, opens its new season with the Boston premiere of John Murrell's *Waiting for the Parade*, which will run from today through October 23. For information and reservations, call 367-8056.

MIT Dramashop will be holding auditions on Monday, September 20, at 7:30 pm, for their program of one-act plays to be performed October 7-9. For further information call x3-2877.

Reggae superstars **Jimmy Cliff** and **Peter Tosh** will appear together for the first time on Saturday, September 18 at the Metropolitan Center in Boston.

This weekend marks the opening of a **Wim Wenders Film Festival** at the Orson Welles Cinema. For film titles, times, and other information, call 868-3600.

Kid Creole and the Coconuts at the Paradise Friday, September 17 at 8:30pm.

Black Flag at the Channel Sunday, September 19 at 3pm.

FinBoard votes to fund shuttle; group won't ask ASA approval

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Lopez asked the Finance Board for a \$10,000 loan and a \$3000 grant. The board conditionally granted the project two short-term, interest-free loans: \$7120 to meet the first month's operating costs, due December 18, and \$1500 to cover administrative expenses, due May 1. The \$1000 grant is earmarked for start-up costs including publicity and signs to mark bus stops.

This term's total budget for the shuttle, scheduled to operate from October 18 to December 15, is \$17,275. "I want to make

this a user-supported shuttle," Lopez told the board.

AOSS sold 30 four-dollar passes, each good for ten rides, at a table in Dupont Gymnasium on Registration Day, before financial backing was secured for the shuttle bus. "Selling tickets without a project behind it is wrong," Meltsner said.

Meltsner abstained from a vote on the \$7120 loan after saying he was "bothered by [AOSS's] little oversights. This is an organization that will fail because of little oversights."

Finance Board member Steve Barber '84 also abstained from the vote, citing a conflict of interest because he was involved in the early stages of the project last spring. James Taylor '84, floor leader of the UA General Assembly as well as a board member, chose not to disqualify himself from voting, though he sold shuttle bus passes in Dupont.

The larger loan passed by a 9-0 margin, with two abstentions, and the smaller loan and grant passed with no objections.

The loans from the Finance Board's invested reserves — funds left over from previous years — must be approved by the Activities Development Board, a group consisting of students, faculty, and administrators.

Both grants and loans are contingent upon the shuttle bus project gaining official recognition from the Association of Student Activities (ASA) and the Finance Board receiving letters supporting the project from Constantine B. Simonides, MIT vice-president, and Kimball Valentine, insurance and legal administrator for the Institute.

Lopez is confident the shuttle bus system will be successful. "If I have to sell passes to every person I see on the street," he said, the project will get off the ground.

Lopez said he has approached the Student Center Committee, the Graduate Student Council, the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs, the Office of the President, and the Inter-Fraternity Conference, as well as the Finance Board for funds for the shuttle bus.

The bus route may be expanded, Lopez noted, if sufficient numbers of residents of living groups not on the loop buy shuttle passes.

Institute nears decision on food vending trucks

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be licensed and insured, and MIT will reserve the right to revoke any vendor's privilege to sell on campus, according to Miller.

The Institute does not plan to charge the vendors for their spaces, according to Miller. The vendors will be allowed to stay in their spots twenty-four hours a

day, but would be allowed to operate only during certain hours, according to Olivieri, who also said the plan will be implemented only on a trial basis.

The proposed plan will not affect Joe's Pizza truck, which was granted a special exemption for selling food on campus a number of years ago, Olivieri said.

CEP sends pass/fail plan for October faculty vote

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SCEP will hold at least one student/faculty discussion about the CEP proposal, and the Undergraduate Association General Assembly (GA) should also debate the plan, according to Taylor, who is also GA Floor Leader.

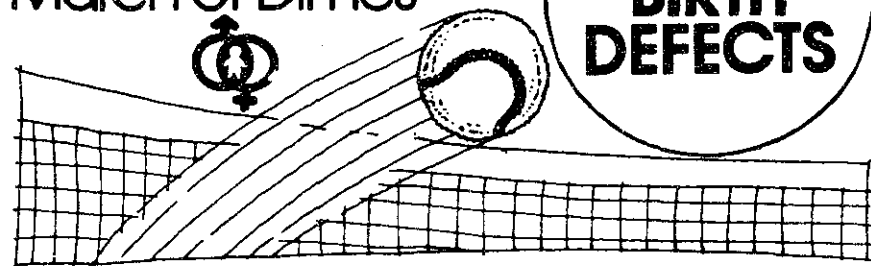
In a memorandum to CEP members, Villars listed several topics for CEP consideration dur-

ing the school year, according to Barber. The topics included: a review of the Institute science and laboratory requirements, debate of a possible biology requirement, some work on the humanities requirement, and discussion of pace and programs.

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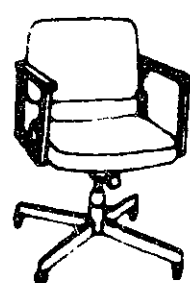
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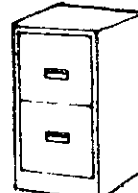
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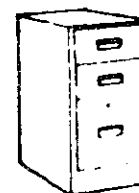
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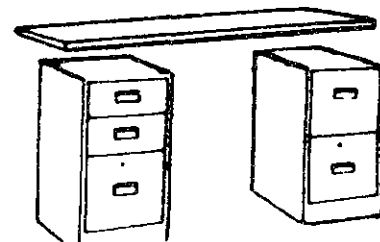
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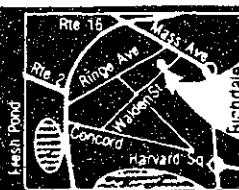


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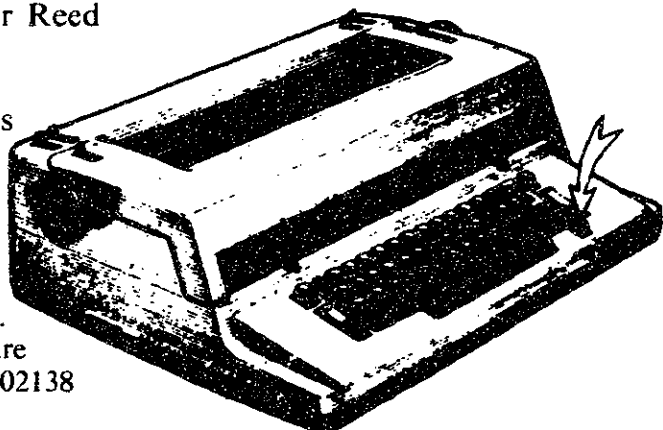
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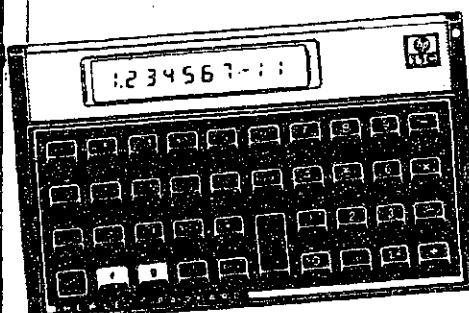
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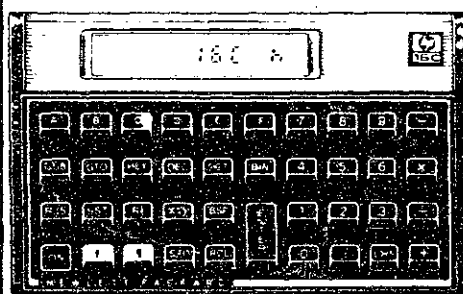
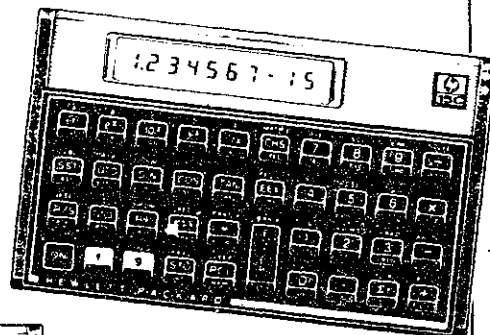


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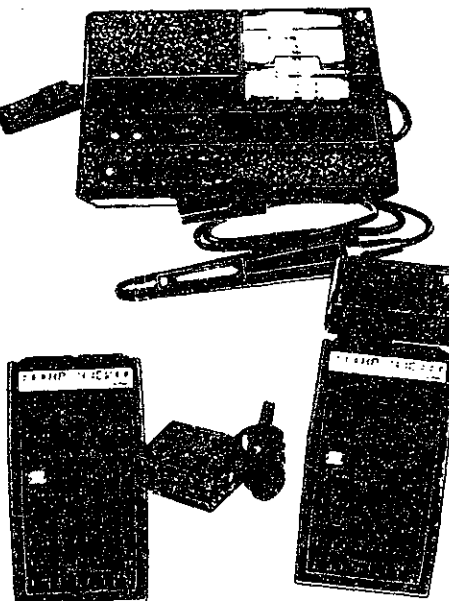
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Sports

Brew and Hype play some ball

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break into the dirt. By changing speeds, he'd keep the batters waving at air. He was a joy to behold.

Walking to the park, Paul caught me up on what was happening with him. "I went out for baseball (at Penn)," he said, "and there was only one other left-hander in camp. I got cut, though. I couldn't get the curve over."

"Are you going to go out in the fall again?"

"I don't know. I haven't been working out at all, except for a little catch with Shuber (a catcher on our old team). I'll see how I feel in the fall."

"How's your arm?"

"Okay, I guess."

"Really?" I questioned him.

"Well, it's the sliders. They're sweet pitches, but they irritate

the tendons in my elbow."

"Have you seen an orthopedist, Hype?"

"Yeah, he said I have some slight tendinitis."

"Hey, you'd better be careful."

Paul looked away and nodded.

We did our stretching in Riverside Park (I could barely touch my toes on the hurdler stretches). Then we started throwing. Paul's first toss sailed over my head.

"Oops," he said, "I'm really tight in the arm."

We played catch for a while, with about every fifth throw going over someone's head. We agreed it had to be the wind. One time I ran down the ball about 250 feet from Paul, turned and fired it to him on one bounce. Something in my shoulder popped.

For the rest of the afternoon we took turns pitching to the

other. My arm was dead, and my control was shot. I guess I had kind of suspected it might be, though.

Surprisingly, Paul wasn't much better. Nothing was breaking, though his velocity was good. His pitches sailed up and away, instead of down and in. I called it a day after about an hour and a half because I was too out of shape to run down the balls that Paul threw past me.

The next day, when I couldn't move my right arm, I called him to ask how he felt. Paul said that his elbow hurt. He never used to mention stuff like that without a lot of prying. I asked him if he were going to throw more over the summer. He said he'd probably continue pitching to Shuber. I asked him if he still thought he might try out for Penn again.

"I'll see," he said. "I'll see."

sporting notices

Anyone interested in joining the men's freshman heavyweight crew team should contact coach John Terwilliger at x3-6245 at 5pm Monday through Friday. Practices are held daily at 5:15pm

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Anyone interested in helping record statistics for the football club should contact Ken Cerino at x3-7946 or leave a message at The Tech's sports desk.

notes

Announcements

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Lectures

Harvard President Derek Bok will lecture on "Does Biogenetic

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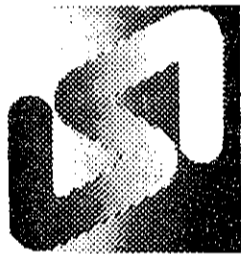
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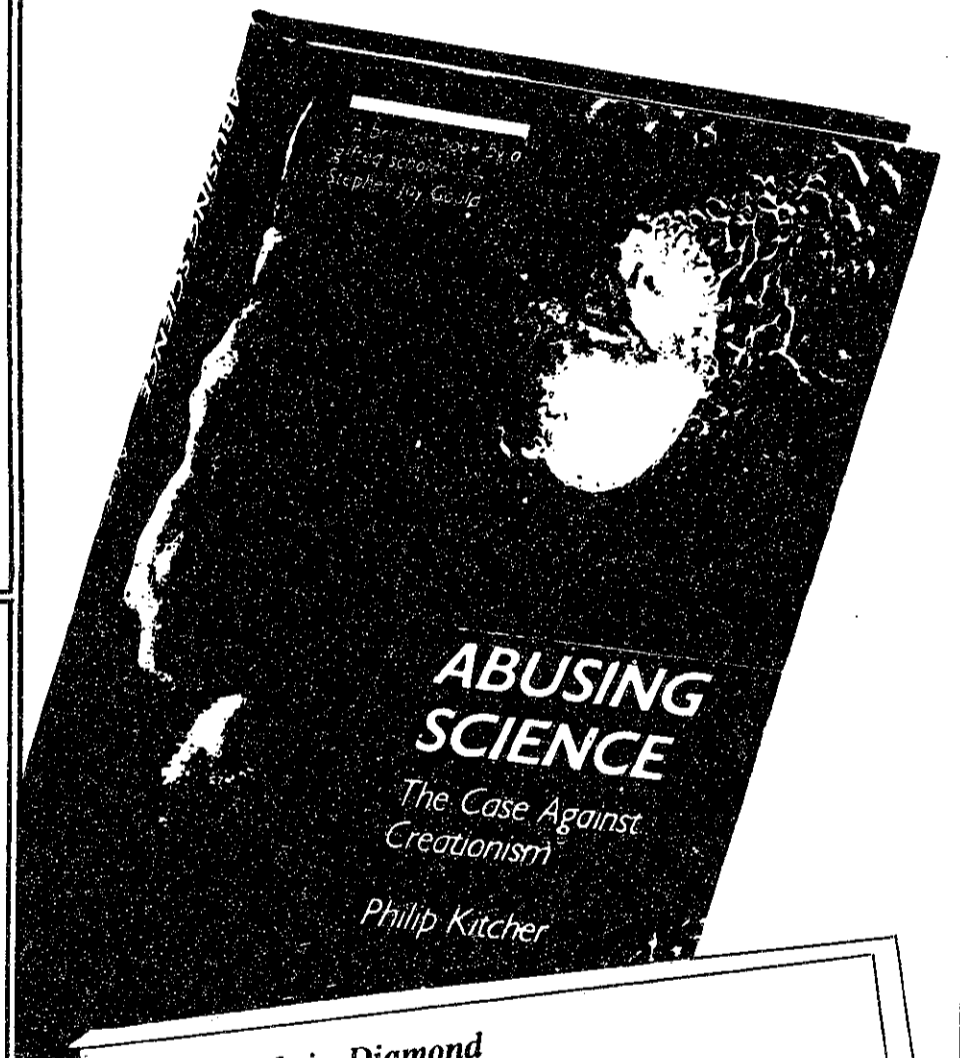
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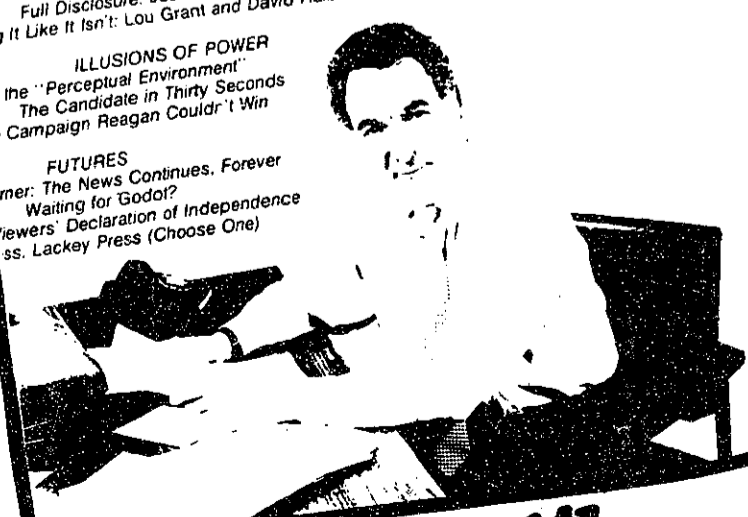


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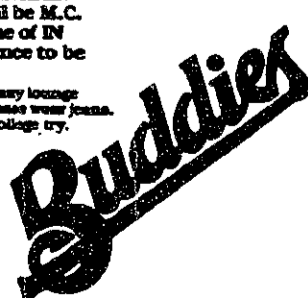


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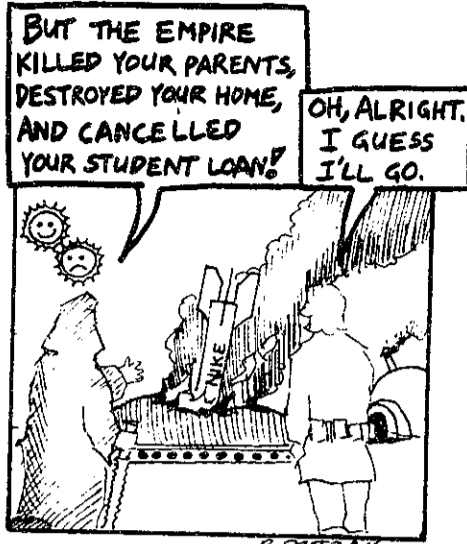


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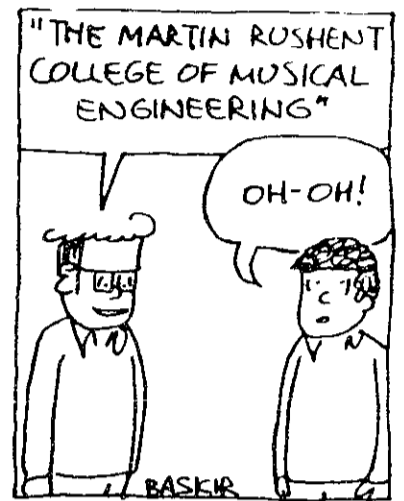
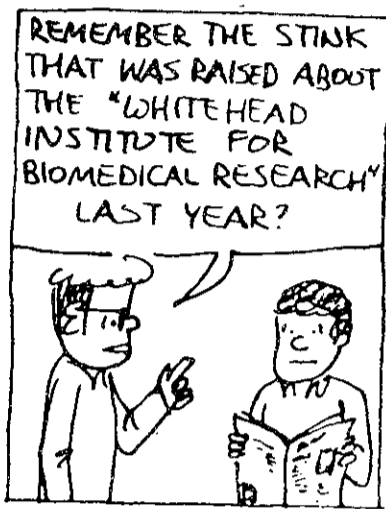
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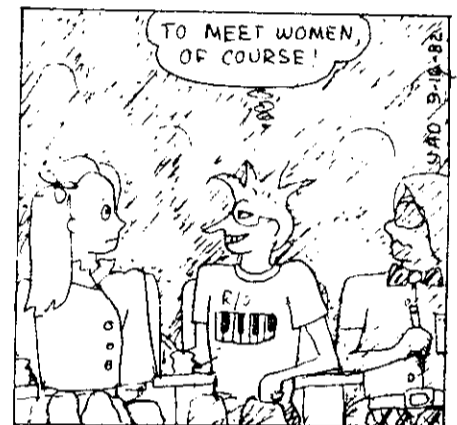
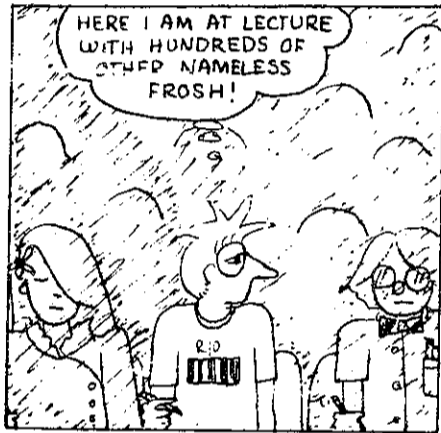
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Brew and Hype play catch on a hot day

The June morning was already warm and sticky at half-past ten, the harbinger of a very hot day in the offing. I was walking along Park Avenue in New York on my way back from my eye doctor. I was pleased that my prescription hadn't changed so I wouldn't have to shell out \$100 for new Coke bottle bottoms. Still I felt there was something missing from the day.

I think there's actually some chemical in the air on muggy summer days which affects aging baseball players in much the same manner as bells affect old firehorses. I was struck by the urge to pick up the leather, tie on the spikes, and chuck the old pill around.

Accordingly, I called my friend Paul. He was in my class in high school and a pitcher on the baseball team. "Rumba-bumba, Hype," I said when he picked up the phone. ("Hype" was his nickname in high school.)

"Opa-opa," he replied. "Hey, how's it going, Brew?" (That's me.)

"Having a grrreat time," I said, concluding our time-honored exchange. "I'm about ten blocks from your house. You want to go out and play some chulla?"

"Sounds dominating. Can you be over in 20 minutes?"

"No problem. See you then."

When Paul pitched for Dalton, he had one of the most devastating curve-slider combinations I had seen in our league. He had

an unfortunate tendency, though, to pitch in games in which the team didn't score runs. For example he pitched a two- or three-hitter against Long Island Friends School which he lost 2-1 when the substitute right fielder misjudged a ball in the bottom of the sixth. (We played seven innings games.)

He would also get very down on himself when either he or the team would make mistakes. One game he had a no-hitter into the fifth against Englewood, lost it, then got upset, gave up three runs, and was taken out. We won the game, though, in extra innings.

Standing on the mound, Paul appeared the complete antithesis of a baseball player. Half-way into his wind-up, however, he took on the look of a real pitcher. The curve would come rolling high up to the plate, then break down through the strike zone. The slider would start lower and

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Mit's athletic teams are gearing up for the season's meets.

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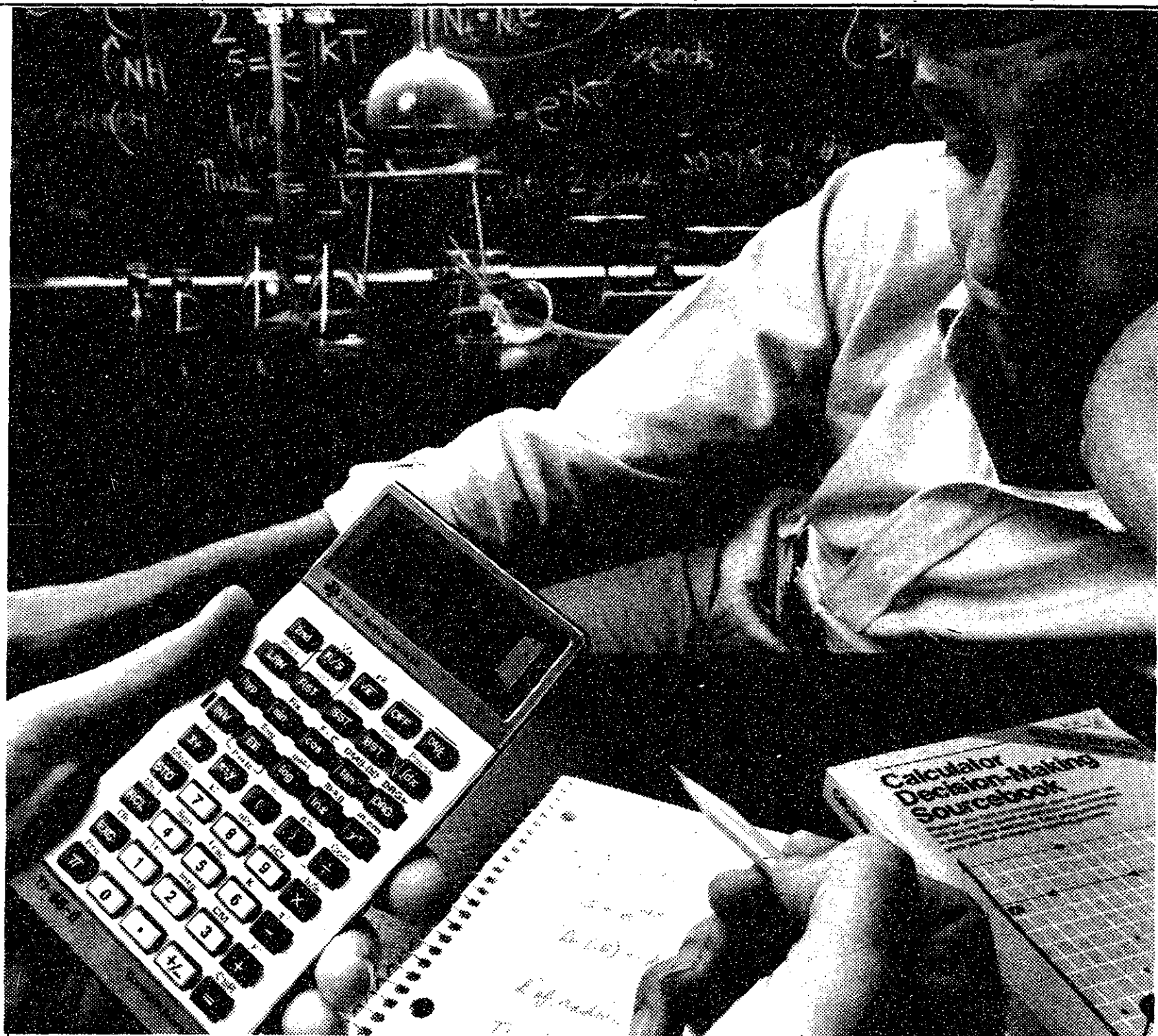
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