

## Corp. to vote on chairman today

By Barry S. Surman

Selection of a successor to retiring Chairman Howard W. Johnson tops the agenda of today's quarterly meeting of the MIT Corporation at the president's house.

Members of the Corporation executive committee would not release the name of the candidate they will recommend to the Corporation this morning, nor would they comment on their committee's meeting yesterday.

The executive committee likely concurred with the recommendation of a three-member search committee that has been working since Johnson's announcement last June of his retirement effective June 30, 1983.

Carl M. Mueller '41, chairman of the search committee and member of the executive committee, refused to release the name of the candidate recommended by the search panel. The other members of the search committee — Emily Wade '45, also a member of the executive committee, and Angus N. MacDonald '46 — also refused comment.

Agendas and minutes of executive committee meetings are not made public, according to committee secretary Constantine B.

Simonides.

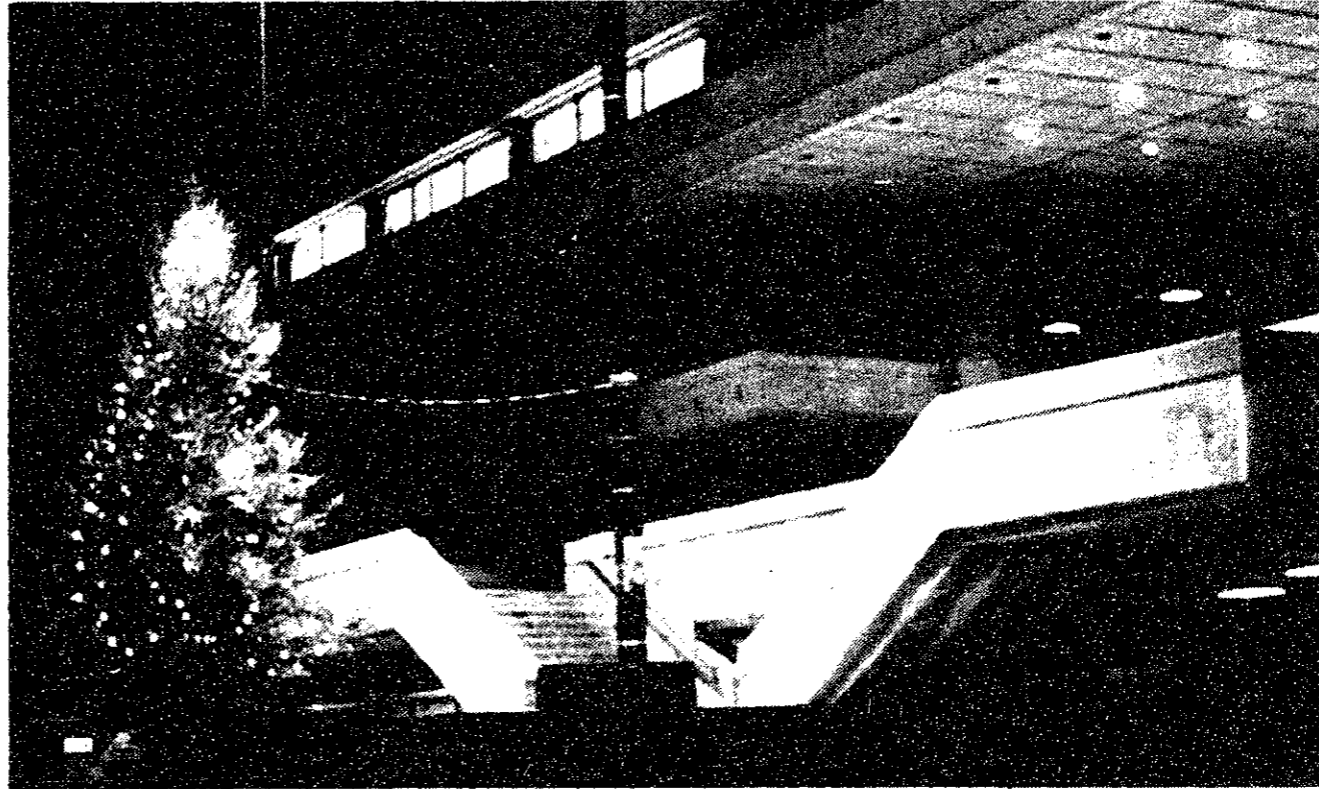
Institute president emeritus Jerome B. Wiesner declined the chairman's post in June. Only once before has a Corporation chairman not been a former president: Vannevar Bush '16 held the post from 1957 to 1959.

Johnson is retiring after 12 years as chairman of the Corporation, preceded by five years as president of MIT and seven years as a dean. He announced his retirement at the June 1, 1982 Corporation meeting.

Executive committee members Johnson, Glenn P. Strehle '58, Edward E. David '47, Harl P. Aldrich, Jr. '47, and committee secretary Simonides refused to release the name of the committee's nominee before the full Corporation makes its final decision.

The other members of the executive committee — MIT President Paul E. Gray '54, Louis Cabot, Jerry McAfee '40, and Edward O. Vetter '42 — were unavailable for comment.

A spokesman for the governor's appointment office said Massachusetts Governor Edward J. King, an *ex officio* Corporation member, will attend today's meeting.



Tech photo by Laurie Goldman

Guess what time of year it is? (No, that's not a 6.111 lab project)

## Vandals flood GAMIT lounge

By Barry S. Surman

Vandals flooded the Gays at MIT (GAMIT) office and lounge in Walker Memorial with a fire hose Monday evening, damaging the room's wooden floor and the building's second story ceiling below.

The unknown vandals removed and stole a painted window from the office door, scratched obscenities into the door's finish in two places, and left a nearby fire extinguisher hose hanging through the empty window frame, thereby covering most of the room's floor with water.

"The violent people who damaged our lounge display an irrationality that reflects the hatred within them," the GAMIT executive board said in a printed statement Tuesday.

The water caused "moderate warping" in the third-story lounge floor, according to GAMIT treasurer Ed Barton G, and left a stain and crack in the plaster ceiling of Walker's second-floor lobby.

An unidentified GAMIT member discovered the vandalism at about 11:30pm Monday, and immediately telephoned GAMIT secretary Michael Sullivan and the MIT Campus Police to report the incident.

Physical plant employees examining the scene told Barton that fire alarms did not sound when the hose valve was opened because the vandals allowed only a slow water flow through the hose.

Much of the water flowed

down three flights of stairs, creating a two inch deep puddle in the basement lobby outside the WMBR radio studios. No water entered the studios.

"I hope that the administration and the MIT community will make it unambiguously clear that such willful, discriminatory, and malicious destruction of Institute property will not be tolerated," Barton said.

"It was a pretty immature thing to do," Sullivan commented. "I would expect MIT students to have a better respect for people's property, for the Institute's property."

No suspects have yet been identified by Campus Police investigating the incident, according to Barton.

## Tuition hike to top inflation

By Tony Zamparutti

As MIT begins planning next year's budget, Director of Finance John A. Currie '57 said, "we are talking about tuition increases in excess of the rate of inflation, but not greatly in excess of the rate of inflation."

If inflation were projected at six percent next year, Currie suggested, tuition might increase by eight or nine percent.

H. Eugene Brammer, director of Housing and Food Services, declined to comment on potential increases in dormitory and dining costs: "We're in the process of ... trying to put all of the pieces together."

The equity level — the minimum amount students receiving financial aid must provide for their school expenses — has to be set "concurrently with tuition and the whole budget," Currie said.

Early in spring term, the Academic Council will recommend

tuition and equity levels to President Paul E. Gray '54, who will, in turn, make a recommendation to the MIT Corporation Executive Committee. Last year Gray recommended a tuition increase of 17.6 percent, from \$7400 to \$8700, and an 18 percent hike in the equity level, from \$3200 to \$4000.

The tuition increases will exceed the rate of inflation, Currie said, because of the need to increase junior faculty salaries and the "flattening" of research funds.

Gray stated in the *Annual Report of the President* that MIT is undertaking "necessary efforts to

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These Snakes are charmers. Page 7.

wrestling, men's hockey, men's gymnastics, and women's basketball; go and watch. Page 12.

Women's fencers slice Hahvahd. Page 10.

This weekend's sports events include indoor track,

Men's basketball almost defeats Tufts. Page 12.



Photo courtesy UA Office

UAVP Ken Meltner plans to resign at the end of this semester due to impending graduation.

## Meltner to leave vice presidency

By Thomas Huang

Kenneth J. Meltner, '83, will sign from his position of Undergraduate Association (UA) vice president at the end of this term because he will graduate. "I am going to get away from IT and hopefully won't be back until next September," Meltner said. "I'm pretty sure my name will be on the February degree."

UA President Kenneth Segel "will find someone he likes to appoint that person vice president," Meltner said. "I do not

believe the person has to be approved by the GA."

"In the event of vacancy in the office of UA [vice president], the UA [president] shall appoint a successor, with the advice and consent of the General Assembly," states section 1.48 of the UA constitution.

"I am going to resign because I think it's right to do so," Meltner explained. "I don't know if there is a clause in the constitution which says a non-student must give up his position. I just know that I won't be able to do a good job if I'm in California."

A person who is not an undergraduate student may not hold a constitutional office, according to section 1.42 of the UA constitution.

Meltner said he has not done much as vice president since taking office on April Fools' Day last term. "I was not a great vice president — I don't think anybody ever was. I tried to do as

little as possible. Actually, I probably would have done more had I not had mono."

During the March UA election campaign, Segel and Meltner promised a student beer cooperative, a course coupon book, a bus trip and party with the Virginia Military Institute, and a Rolling Stones concert for which twenty thousand \$9.00 tickets would have to be sold to break even. They also stated they would fight a "mandatory spelling requirement."

They have, however, only been able to bring "forced commons, high tuition, and overcrowded dorms" to the Institute, according to Meltner.

"Seriously, though, I did get the UA News going," Meltner said. "Also, Ken and I really tried to get some communication between the administration and student government. It was impossible. The Dean's Office was always trying to change the struc-

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### Erratum

The Office of the Dean for Student Affairs hired Staff Associate Sara Mae Berlan five months after the resignation of Emily Weidman, Coordinator of Women's Students Interests, at nine months as stated in *The Tech* November 30. We regret the error.

# Construction begins on new Whitehead Institute center

By Sam Cable

Construction of the Whitehead Institute building in Kendall Square has begun and is proceeding on schedule, according to Turner Construction Corporation field engineer Steve Hennigar.

The Whitehead Institute is an independent biological research center affiliated with MIT. Edwin C. Whitehead, founder of the Whitehead Institute, is funding construction of the building and will endow a \$100 million trust for the center. He also donated \$7.5 million to MIT as part of the affiliation agreement between the two institutes.

All the building's piles have been driven, Hennigar said. The pile caps are now being poured at a rate of about four a day and twenty-five or more have been poured thus far.

Construction was originally scheduled to begin in August, Hennigar said, but was delayed until this month because the piles had to be redesigned. The construction was scheduled as a twenty-month long project but an effort will be made to finish it in seventeen.

John Pratt, Associate Director of the Whitehead Institute, said building costs will be a little over \$20 million.

"The four faculty members (on the Whitehead staff) are now doing research in the name of Whitehead and MIT so, in a sense, the institute has its beginnings now," Pratt said.

Whitehead and MIT will eventually share up to twenty faculty members. Joint faculty members will be paid full salary and benefits by the Whitehead Institute, but they will have full faculty obligations at MIT, including teaching MIT students.

No future research has yet

been scheduled. "The faculty are the real determining point," Pratt said. "The [Whitehead] Institute will pick up specific goals with the faculty."

Equipment needs have not, as yet, been determined. "Our needs will be sorted out as we select faculty," Pratt said.

## Currie: Tuition to top inflation rate next year

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achieve more competitive levels of faculty salaries, particularly at the level of assistant professor and primarily in Schools of Engineering and Management."

"If you have large salary increases," Currie noted, "you have large tuition increases, almost by definition."

When adjusted for inflation, research funding decreased slightly between fiscal years 1981 and 1982, according to the *Report of the Treasurer*. Since a portion of research funds pay for overhead costs including libraries, heat, light, and administration, their decrease has meant "unrestricted endowments have to pick up a bigger part of the overhead," Currie explained.

The "only revenue stream we can really adjust is tuition," Currie said.

The Institute can try several strategies to boost its revenue and decrease costs, Currie noted,

including raising tuition, increasing the number of students, raising gift levels, and increasing investment income.

Increasing the number of students is "not particularly viable," Currie said, especially since it would further crowd the School of Engineering. The Institute is constantly attempting to boost giving, he added, and investment income is "pretty much driven by the market."

Provost Francis Low is presently negotiating with academic departments on their fiscal year 1984 budget requests, Currie noted.

This year's budget for the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs, libraries, the admissions and financial aid offices, physical plant, and other services is five percent less than last year's. The Institute is still planning to cut support service budgets by another five percent next year, Currie noted.

# notes

### Listings

Student activities, administrative offices, academic departments, and other groups — both on and off the MIT campus — can list meetings, activities, and other announcements in *The Tech's* "Notes" section. Send items of interest via Institute mail to "News Notes, *The Tech*, room W20-483," or via US mail to "News Notes, *The Tech*, PO Box 29, MIT Branch, Cambridge, MA 02139." Notes run on a space-available basis only; priority is given to official Institute announcements and MIT student activities. *The Tech* reserves the right to edit all listings, and makes no endorsement of groups or activities listed.

### Announcements

The Thirsty Ear Pub is open Thursdays 8-12pm, Fridays 4pm-1am. Located in the basement of Ashdown, the pub serves a variety of beer on tap and in bottles, as well as wine and munchies. Enter on Memorial Drive.

The Undergraduate Academic Support Office (UASO) asks freshman to turn in complete

freshmen performance evaluation forms to instructors by Friday, December 11. Instructors should return forms to advisors by Monday, January 3. Blank forms are available in the UASO, room 7-103.

February degree candidates who have student loans administered by MIT will be receiving notices to schedule an Exit Interview with the Bursar's Office, Student Loan Department E19-225, phone 3-4088 (3-4087). These interviews are mandated by the US Office of Education and are required by the Institute to maintain your good standing on the degree list.

Spring Term 1983 bills are scheduled to be mailed the week of December 20 with a payment due date of January 10. Any student who has not signed up for the Bursary Payment Plan, but would like to do so now, should come to the Bursar's Office room E19-215, between 9am and 4pm. If you have signed the plan previously it is not necessary to sign it again. Graduate students who receive an RA, TA or instructor G appointment and elect to pay fees through payroll deduction will continue to be exempted from the plan.

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## Nation

**1984 Democratic nomination contest begins** — Senator Edward M. Kennedy Wednesday announced he will not run for President in 1984. The Senator emphasized his decision was based on family considerations and added he was not ruling out a candidacy in 1988. Kennedy said he would refuse any attempt to draft him as well as refusing a vice presidential nomination. The divorce negotiations between the Senator and his wife have been "painful for our children as well as ourselves," noted Kennedy.

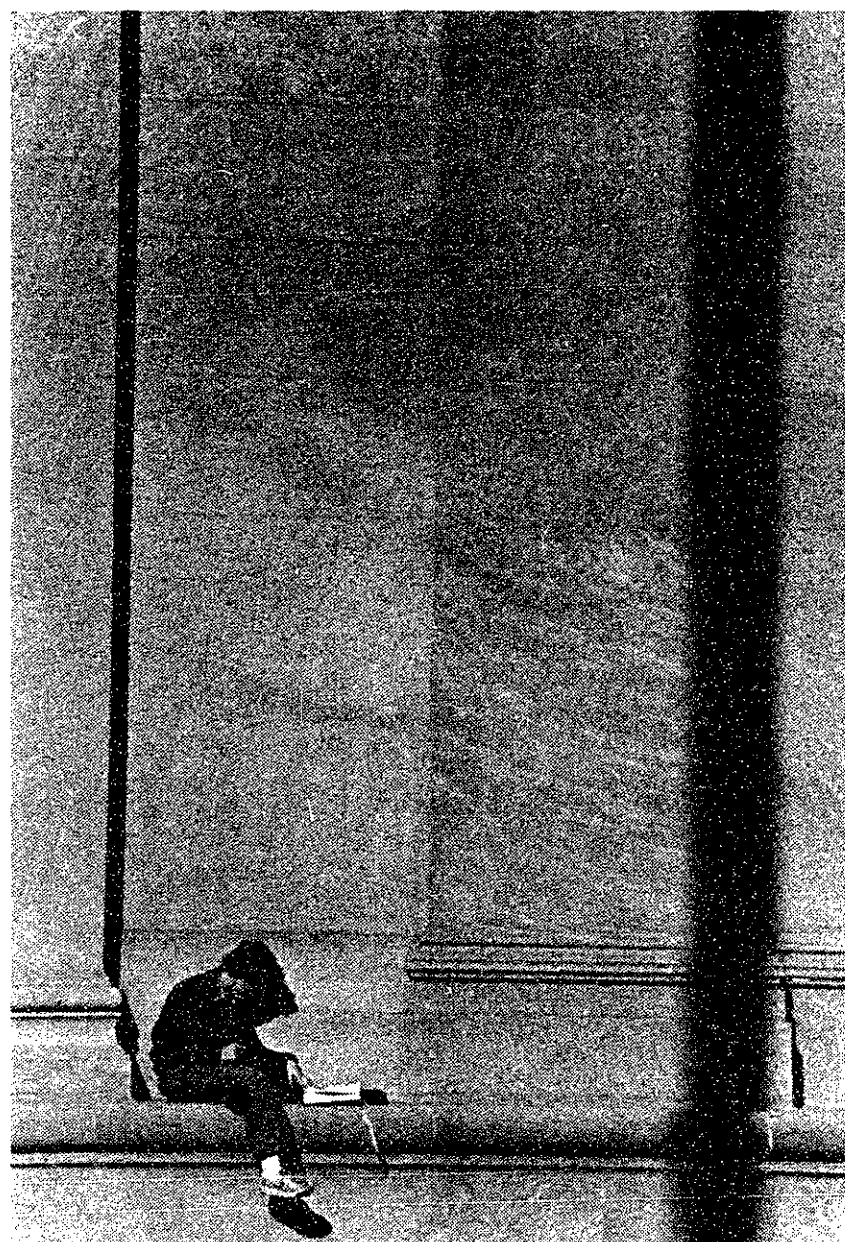
**Transcontinental Airfares drop from the sky** — A number of airlines announced \$99 cross-country fares trips to California and Florida on a number of airlines. The fares will be in effect from now through December 15 and from January 10 through February 6. Meanwhile, most of the major airlines implemented a 5 percent increase in fares on other domestic routes beginning this past Wednesday. This increase represents the third major fare-rise this year.

Stuart Gitlow

## Weather

**Murphy's Law applies** — Just when you were ready to write your term papers, record-breaking warm weather arrives on the scene. This morning's clouds will yield to a bright sky later today, with a high near 60 degrees. Mild and pleasant weather prevails again tonight. Boston's record high temperature for December 4 — 63 degrees in 1950 — will fall tomorrow, as mostly sunny skies and a warm breeze do their best to prevent studying. More of the same is likely Sunday.

Barry S. Surman



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The unseasonably warm weather this week brought people outdoors to bask (sort of) in the sun.

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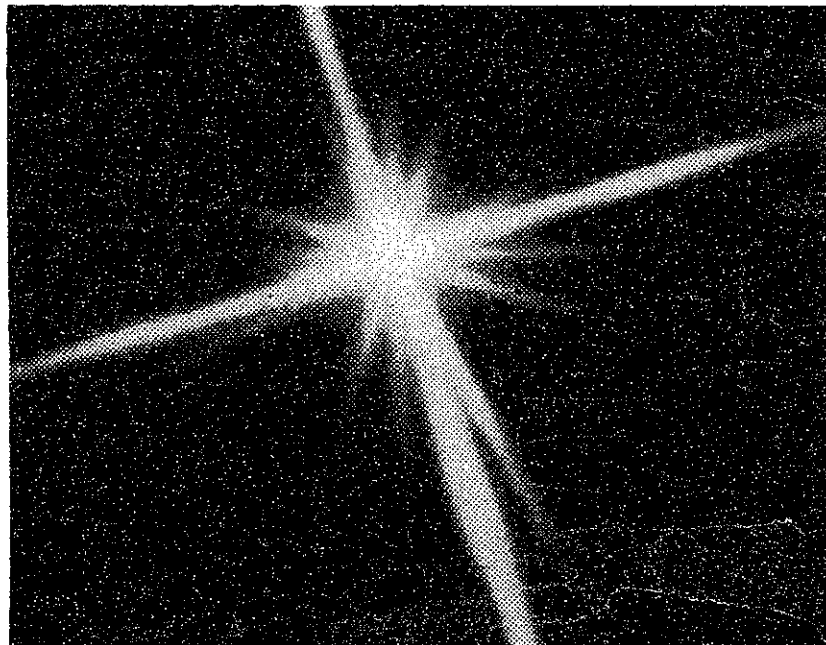
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# Opinion

Jerri-Lynn Scofield

## Intolerance must be banished

The vandalism committed this week against the GAMIT office has left me enraged at my unidentified colleagues who perpetrated the attack. The incident marks the second public assault on gay students on campus in the last two months. Gay persons everywhere suffer private abuse all too often; they should not have to undergo public humiliation as well. I, and many other students currently studying here, hoped that at MIT — an institution that prides itself on its enlightened policies — we could learn to be tolerant of the rights of all fellow members of the community.

MIT has an official policy that prohibits official discrimination against students on account of sexual preferences. Unfortunately, this simple, unambiguous rule does not protect gay students from being attacked, insulted, and slandered by their fellow students. Unfortunately, the harassment endured by gay students is all-too-prevalent at MIT. And they are not alone. Many other members of minority groups on campus — women, foreign students, minority group members, and even worshipers of certain faiths — have also suffered the stings of similar intolerance. Last fall, one black student received a death threat in the mail that included several malicious references to his race. The Institute's policies prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, and ethnic origin, yet this official position is of little consolation to those harassed, since some members of the MIT community have obviously chosen to ignore it.

In recent weeks, I have made many scathing comments about MIT's educational policies and how they are harmful to its students. Yet on the issue of civil rights, MIT the institution holds an admirable public position. It is upsetting that it can not be upheld by all members of the community. The vociferous opinions of some misguided souls on campus — expressed in cowardly, insecure ways, always secretly — are clearly out of place. As students at MIT, it is our responsibility to ensure that ultimately, outrages such as the one committed this past week against GAMIT are eliminated. Until that day arrives, those who choose to show such wanton disregard for the rights of their fellow students should be severely chastised, by the Institute, but more importantly, by their peers. We must make it known that this community will not tolerate discrimination — in any of its noxious forms.

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## Japanese on economic warpath this time

This Tuesday will mark the 41st anniversary of the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Since that day, historians have argued endlessly: Was it necessary? Should we have expected the attack and prepared ourselves for it? How could we be so overconfident?

The Japanese burned us badly that day, and we have not forgotten. But we have not learned our lessons, either. The Japanese are attacking us again, but this time it is on the economic battlefield. Once more, the stakes are high — the future of our economy may be at stake. But as in 1941, our leaders have not fully recognized the problem, and our government's response has been clumsy and haphazard.

Consumers know about Japan's economic invasion. Over one in five cars sold in America today was made in Japan. One fourth of our TV sets, one half of our radios and cameras, nine tenths of our motorcycles, and countless other appliances and electronic equipment were imported from Japan.

And Japan is moving ahead in the high-technology industries of the future. It has captured over 40 percent of the critical semiconductor market in this country. It has 60 percent of the world market in 64K memory chips, and it is gearing up to challenge us in the areas of fiber optics, robotics, bioengineering, and computers.

Unfortunately, it is now common for people to refer to our country as a "colony" of Japan. In this year alone, our trade deficit with Japan will be in the \$20 to \$25 billion range. We sell Japan coal, wood, food, and other raw materials, and it sells us finished goods. Former Vice President Mondale has even worried that today's teenagers may end up spending their lives "sweeping up around Japanese computers and...serving McDonald's hamburgers."

The Reagan Administration, however, does not even know there is a battle going on. The

President is so intent on deterring the Soviet threat that he has failed to notice that we are sinking in economic quicksand imported from Japan. The Administration's willy-nilly defense buildup is diverting badly-needed capital, technology, and skilled manpower away from commercial applications. In addition, the President's cuts in funding for higher education and civilian scientific R&D are hindering our ability to build a technological base for the industries of tomorrow. In fact, except for occasional announcements of "voluntary" Japanese restraints on auto or steel exports, President Reagan has ignored the US-Japan trade issue. He does not seem to realize that Japan's economic strength accounts for part of our economic weakness.

Democratic leaders like Tip O'Neill, Edward Kennedy, and Walter Mondale have recognized the problem, but their solutions are worse than President Reagan's.

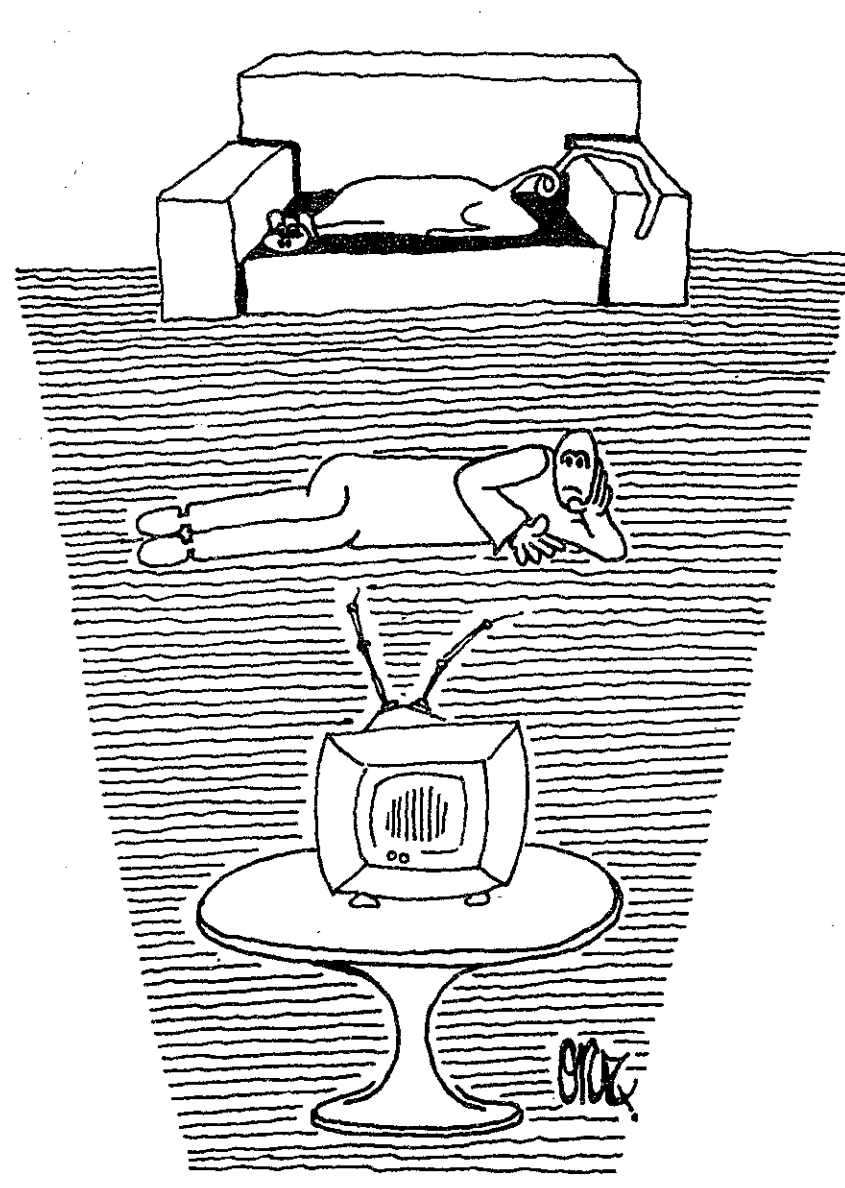
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# Opinion

## Battle is now economic

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lack of solutions. They want "fair trade" and "reciprocity." Those are code words for protectionism. Kennedy supports domestic content legislation for US autos. He has said that "we will take whatever steps we must to see that Americans in the 1980s and 1990s will be driving American cars built by Americans." Mondale is more blunt about it. He

to our economic vitality. We can do this by relying on free market innovation and government initiatives to overcome market imperfections.

First of all, our government should increase its support of higher education and civilian scientific R&D. We should loosen antitrust restrictions on companies competing in international markets. We must increase incen-

tives, we can only channel it to flow in our favor. With this in mind, we must not bail out or protect faltering companies. At the same time, we should expand tax incentives for the capitalization of promising young companies. Also, our government should spur job creation by lowering taxes on small businesses and altering the minimum wage.

These steps are not dramatic, or tough. But they are sensible, and they would work, given time.

Most of us realize that the Japanese really are not better or smarter than us. They have simply adapted to the changing economic environment. We must do the same. Homespun American ingenuity can lead us back to the top of the international marketplace. We just need to stop wasting our time arguing over how to split up the economic pie and start concentrating on how to make a bigger pie for all of us. Just as in World War II, the question is, not "Who's to blame?" but rather, "How can we meet this challenge?" We must hope our leaders realize this, before it is too late.

## If American consumers want to buy Japanese cars, why should we stop them?

wants to give the auto and steel industries "a respite from foreign competition" until they can recover their former vitality. All of these leading Democrats want to save dying industries, through import restrictions or government subsidies if necessary.

These ideas may play well in Detroit, but they will not work well in America. If American consumers want to buy Japanese cars, why should we stop them? If large corporations lose money, why should the government bail them out? If Joe's Pizza Van hit on hard times, I doubt Washington would bail Joe out, or restrict Felafel imports. Chrysler, Lockheed, and US Steel deserve no better.

Protectionism feeds on itself. Restraints on imported steel, for example, force US automakers to pay more for their steel; in turn, the automakers then scream for protection from "unfair" foreign competition. And when our country erects trade barriers, other countries follow suit. We will not solve our economic problems by keeping Japanese goods out of the United States. Instead, we must improve our own products.

Fortunately, there is a way we can meet the Japanese challenge

for savings and investment by eliminating ceilings on savings account interest and by enlarging tax deductions for interest income. And we must encourage Japan to shoulder more of the burden for its military defense.

We should also recognize that our economy is making a transition from heavy manufacturing to high-technology, knowledge-intensive, and service industries. We cannot stem the economic

## feedback

## Tech accepts offer of pop music reviewer

To the Editor:

Stuart Gitlow's review of Men At Work's *Business as Usual* was poor in a number of respects.

Gitlow claims, "This is a magnificent album — the first in a long while on which the entire first side is excellent..." *Business as Usual* is solid, workmanlike pop — nothing more. For recent magnificent albums, hear Elvis Costello's *Imperial Bedroom* or The Who's *It's Hard*.

Gitlow attributes much of Men At Work's success to MTV and the video accompanying "Who Can it Be Now?" Regardless of what Mr. Gitlow may have read in the latest *Newsweek On Campus*, rock videos have small impact on what gets played, and still smaller impact on what becomes popular — I own the album, and I still haven't seen the

video. Is Mr. Gitlow's aesthetic judgement of music affected by his exposure to pretty pictures?

Gitlow also says: "No song on the album sounds similar to any other" — I doubt this is true of any album, but Men At Work certainly has a distinctive sound; "each [song] has a different beat and rhythm" — aren't beat and rhythm the same thing? "The sax pervades only 'Who Can it Be Now?'" — and also "People Just Love to Play With Words".

All in all, Stuart Gitlow made a pretty poor job of that review. I am offering my services as a pop music critic to *The Tech*. Let me hear from you — I think we can help each other.

Mark Pundurs '84

Editor's Note: Mr. Pundurs has been taken up on his offer.

### Guest Column/

Will Doherty

## Attack on GAMIT office reprehensible

The recent flooding of the GAMIT office leaves me vacillating between anger and depression, wondering when, if ever, we the lesbians and gays who are an integral part of the MIT community, will be permitted to lead our lives unencumbered by the ridiculous and malicious homophobia we all experience.

What could motivate this person or group of people to do what they have done? Why must the lesbians and gay men of the MIT community put up with this abuse?

A preliminary tabulation of a recent sexual harassment survey indicates that it is likely that at least six percent of the students at MIT are lesbians or gay men. Let gay men and lesbians experience undue harassment both at MIT and in the community at large. Here at MIT, it is not unusual to hear some people, usually men, yell "You fucking faggots." The restrooms are littered with anti-gay sentiments. The halls of the infinite corridor get plastered with hack posters of gay events.

Are these measures designed perhaps to intimidate us? Or to get us to go away? Maybe to stop us from having sex? Sometimes it seems like people want to kill us.

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# opinion

## feedback

### Tech coverage of shuttle bus unfair

To the Editor:

I don't ride the shuttle bus, and I probably never will. Nevertheless, I feel *The Tech's* coverage of the financial troubles of the project is very unfair, and no doubt makes things worse by scaring off people fearful of buying a term pass.

Yes, it's news to inform the public of Lopez's problems. It's irresponsible journalism, however, to flame on the front page of almost every issue, portraying the shuttle project as a loser from the start.

We haven't heard in a long time about:

- Forced commons... East Campus kitchen renovations
- Explanation for the prices being so high
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- The new construction around the EG&G building & around the wind tunnel.

### Who chooses architecture & MIT does not support IAP reading course

To the Editor:

Despite the use of the phrase "special class for Independent Activities Period," the reading course advertised in the November 30th issue of *The Tech* is not part of the IAP program at MIT, but rather a course offered off-campus by a profit-making company.

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With all this and so much more to write about, why write issue after issue on the same topic?

Steve Strassman '83

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In fact, last July unidentified arsonists firebombed the offices of Gay Community News, Fag Rag, and the Glad Day Bookstore, the center of the lesbian and gay community in Boston. Every week, lesbians and gay men are unfairly harassed, arrested, beaten and are occasionally murdered.

But enough of what I admit is justified self-pity, depression, and anger — we must seek a change, an end to the oppression of people who don't have a "traditional" sexual preference.

We also must realize that the

harassment of lesbians and gays has intimate connections with the maltreatment of women, blacks, and a whole list of other oppressed groups on the MIT campus.

MIT advertises its desire to have a diverse, well-balanced community. In addition, official Institute policy prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Such a goal requires widespread tolerance of people who have a variety of characteristics and come from heterogeneous backgrounds.

I want to sympathize with the lesbians and gay men who are

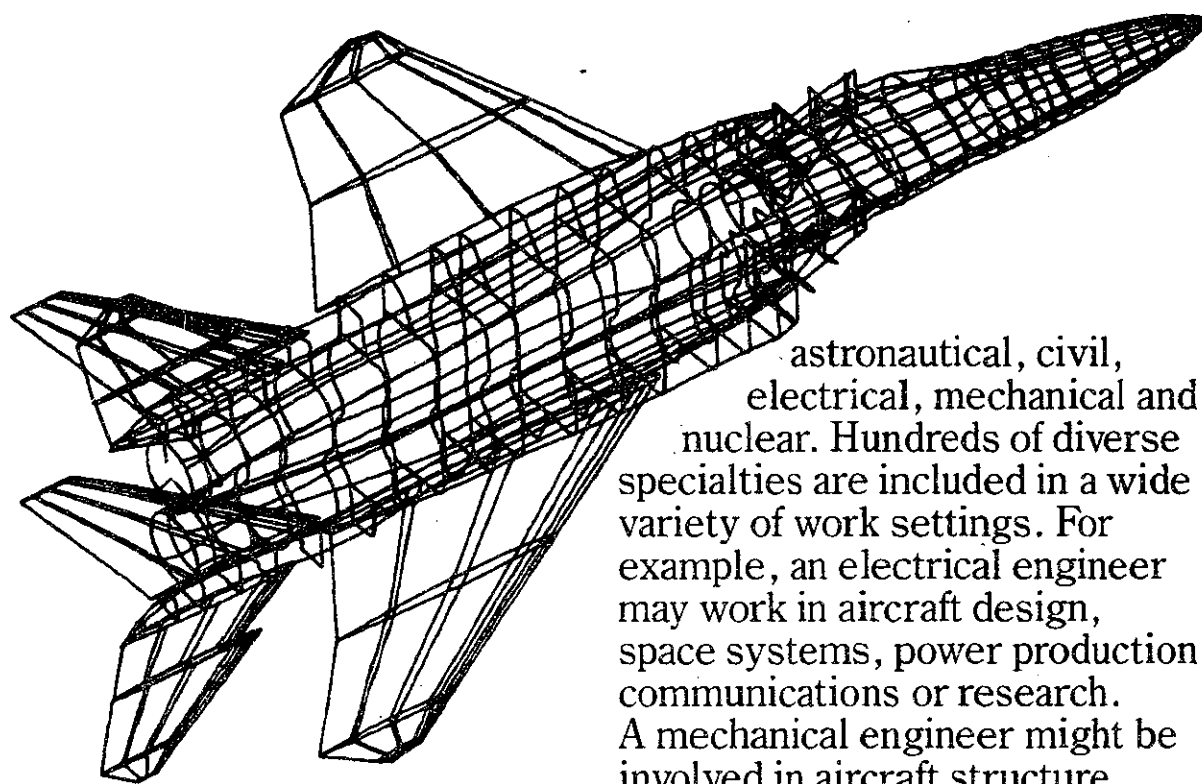
concerned that people may find out about their personal lives and who may feel intimidated by this incident. I hope this is not the case.

I also want to thank all of our friends in the administration, the faculty and the student body. I know you are trying. Unfortunately, the positive actions of many cannot dampen the destructiveness of a few selfish people.

To them I say, leave us be.

We have the same rights you do: If you expect us to respect your rights, you must respect ours in return.

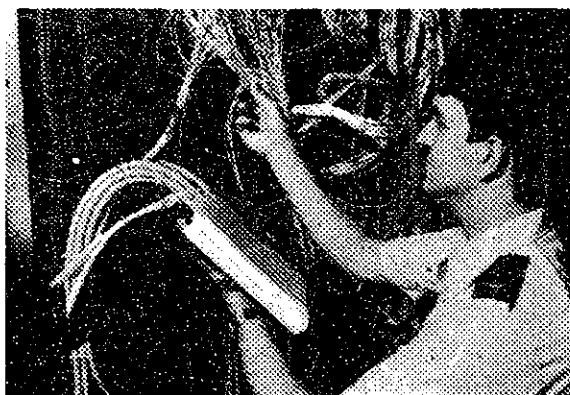
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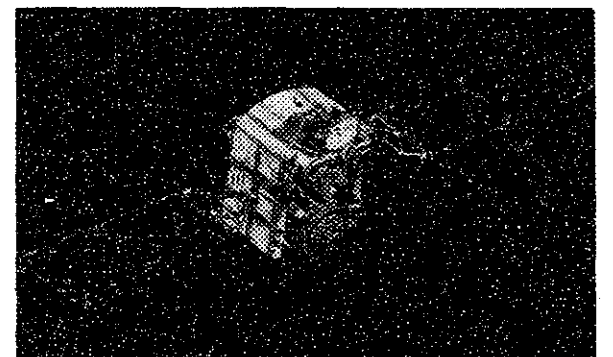
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# ARTS

## Off the Beaten Groove

### Barking snakes don't bite

**Bark Along** With the Young Snakes, *the Young Snakes on Ambiguous Records.*

Shortly after my return to Boston in January of 1981, a friend and local music critic dragged me to 'the Channel to see "what could be the most exciting band in Boston." What I saw was a tall blond woman dressed in second-hand sartorial splendor (i.e., completely mismatched punk's garb) leaping about the stage, accompanied by a guitarist who not so much played his guitar as hacked at it viciously, being calmly watched by a drummer hidden in the safety of his drum set. I later learned that this pleasant assault on my senses was a band called the Young Snakes, and that I had seen one of their first gigs.

Two years later the Snakes are still striking, both musically and visually. Lead singer/bassist Aimee Mann's voice is as varied as her attire, sometimes operatic, sometimes seductive, sometimes harsh and hard-edged. Guitarist Doug Vargas has refined his technique, coaxing all manner of sounds out of his instrument while retaining his rhythmic attack. New drummer Mike Evans maintains the role of his predecessor — an observer who provides punctuation — but his jazz-derived style seems more suited than the talents of former drummer Dave Bass.

Their EP *Bark Along With the Young Snakes* presents the work of a band that has greatly matured since their initial vinyl foray, the cut "Brains and Eggs" on Modern Method Records' compilation *A Wicked Good Time!* The Snakes' talent is for combining other styles into new constructions, which makes it difficult to fit them into any preexisting category. For example, the opening cut, "Give Me Your Face," begins with a Gang of Four-ish march tempo but almost immediately slides into a Latin shuffle. "Suit Me" would almost

be a typical angst-ridden post-punk observation if it weren't disrupted by Mann and Vargas' quirky, folkie-affected harmonies.

"Don't Change Your Mind" is the record's high point, a ballad that centers on Mann's wordless singing and Vargas' gentle harmonic-laden guitar strumming, which includes a short, understated solo reminiscent of Robert Fripp's fluid guitar improvisations. In "The Way the World Goes" Mann pushes her voice to its atonal limits, but her vibrant soprano doesn't always land back in key — it's difficult to decide if this was a desired effect. "Not Enough" closes the set with a frenetic, all-stops-out mustering of forces.

Despite the excellence of the material presented and its satisfactory production, *Bark Along* hasn't captured the ears of many listeners, a state of affairs that can best be attributed to reluctance to listen to truly unique music. The band is usually perceived as being "too weird" for a mainstream or even a punk audience, but the fault lies more with the audience than the band. Because the Young Snakes aren't easily categorized, the listener can't lean on familiar reference points in order to decide whether he likes the band or not.

This general reluctance has taken its toll on the Snakes, and after a few more gigs this month they will disband in order to work on individual projects. Doug Vargas explained: "It seems that Boston wasn't ready to hear our music just now. We're frustrated, and there's no sense in banging our heads against the wall any longer. Perhaps in a few years people will be willing to listen to us, and perhaps we will play together again." The small but devoted group of fans can only hope so. Until then, *Bark Along With the Young Snakes* will be the only proof we have that these snakes can be charming.

David Shaw



**This weekend's LSC movies:**

**From Russia With Love**, Friday, 7 & 10pm, 26-100.

**Spies**, (Classic) Friday, 7:30pm, 10-250.

**The Paper Chase**, Saturday, 7 & 10pm, 26-100.

**Casablanca**, 6:30 & 9pm, 26-100.

The **Chinese Wall** will be presented in German with a summary in English tonight and Saturday night in the Kresge Little Theatre at 8pm. Admission is free. Performed by Die Deutsche Theatre Werkstatt (German Drama Workshop). Written by Max Frisch.

A concert of *musica moderna americana* will be presented tonight at the Longy School of Music. Beginning at 8pm, the concert is at 1 Follen Street in Cambridge. Tickets are \$10. More information is available from NE.9-0768.

This afternoon at 4:30, WGBH presents **Star Wars**, episode three of the original greenplay. Tune to 89.7 FM.

**Student Center Midnight Movie:**

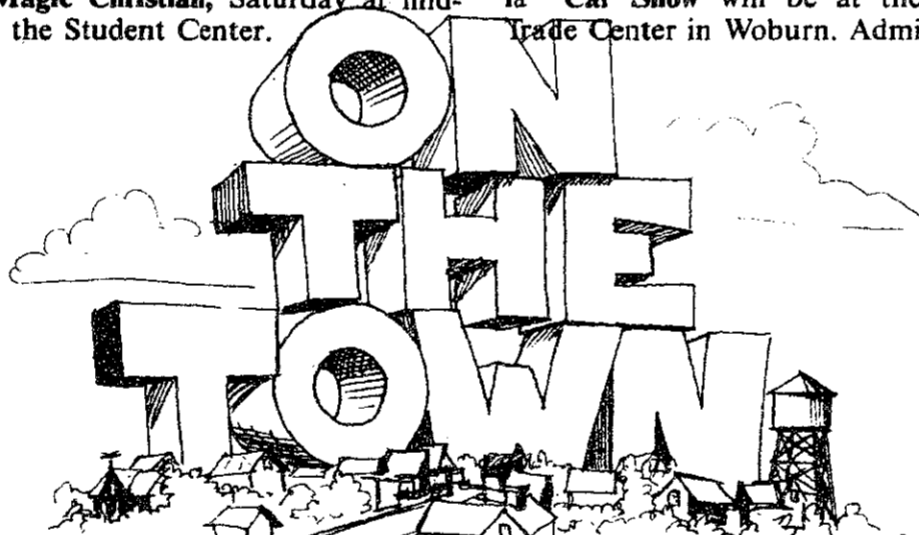
**The Magic Christian**, Saturday at midnight in the Student Center.

Today through Sunday, the "Automania" Car Show will be at the Northeast Trade Center in Woburn. Admission is \$5.

**Bicentennial 1976** or the continuation thereof: Commemoration of French participation in the end of the American Revolution in 1782 will take place on Saturday. A parade, in period costume, will run from Copley Square to Tremont Street beginning at 12:30pm. A reception will be held at the Alliance Francaise Rotunda beginning at 3pm.

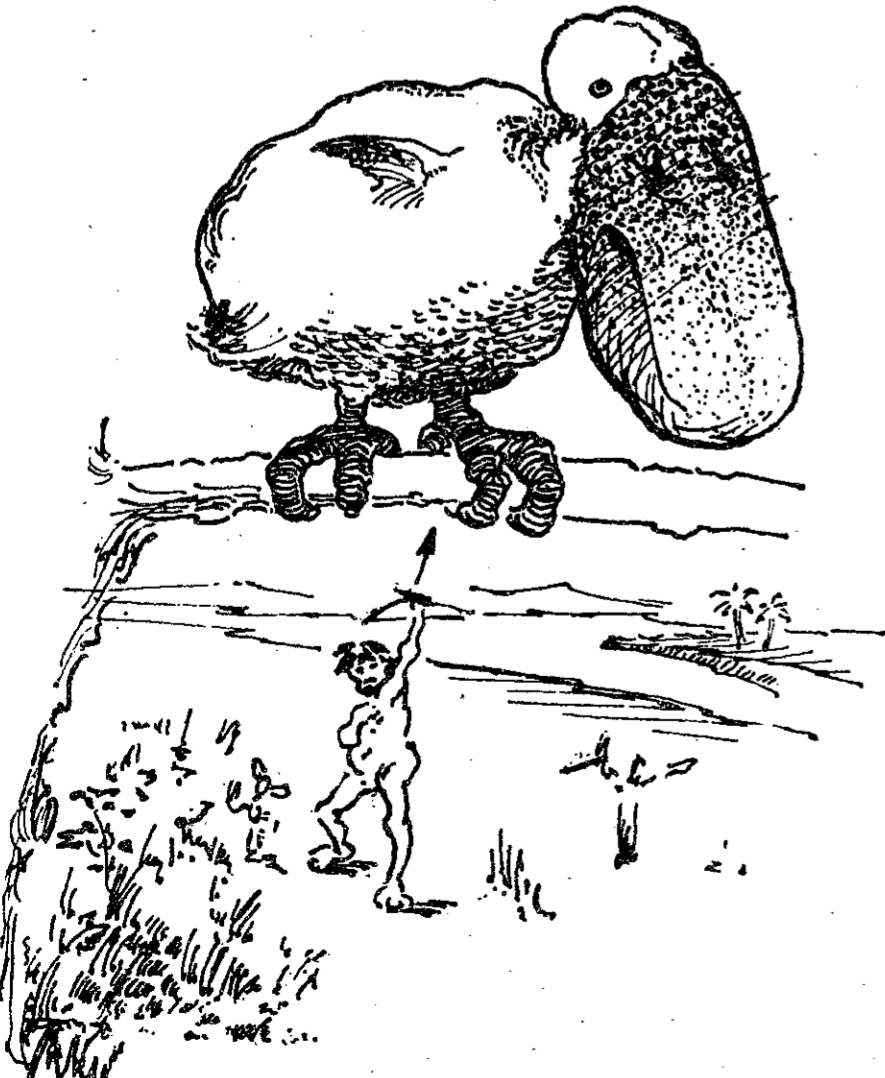
The MIT Symphony with violinist Ron Golan plays at 8:30pm Saturday in Kresge. No admission charge. Works of Ravel, Dvořák, and Frank Martin will be presented.

**Center Screen**, at 24 Quincy Street in Cambridge, presents *The Best of Adult Animation* this weekend. The group of films includes a number of animated shorts which Center Screen has introduced locally over the past few years. Information is available from 494-0200.



**Christmas Lights** will be in the Common this Sunday at 4pm. This will be preceded by a parade from City Hall Plaza to the Common which begins at 1:30. Musical performances will begin at 2pm.

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# Meltsner resigns from UA

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ture of our government and student activities.

"[Dean for Student Affairs] Shirley McBay wanted a nice centralized structure in the UA. We wanted independent groups, so that no one group could ruin the structure if it messed up," Meltsner commented.

The UA was not in a good position, Meltsner continued. "For example, Ken tried to design a better pass-fail system. As always, we ended up fighting against people. We were not given a chance to do anything positive."

"I was glad to be the advance guard for the Gumbys," Meltsner said, referring to his "party," the Conservative Gumbys. The party was named after a little green television character made from a ball of clay.

"Gumbys do what must be done, but they don't take things more seriously than they have to. Maybe we'll end up doing a good job," Meltsner said. A more serious government would not necessarily do better, he declared.

"When Ken and I ran for office, I personally thought we wouldn't be elected," Meltsner said. "I thought that school politics was a silly thing, and I still do."

"The Gumby party did bring purposeful humor to student government," Meltsner added. "It's too bad we don't have too much money or manpower. Was it the University of Michigan or Wisconsin which bought all those pink flamingos for its campus? I can just imagine thousands of pink flamingos standing side by side in Killian Court."

The Bursar's Office has announced that beginning with Spring Term 1983, students with outstanding balances from prior terms will not be able to register for a new term unless arrangement for payment has been made. Under the new procedure, the office will send the Registrar a list of all students with past due balances about two weeks before Registration Day, and also send a warning letter to students. The Registrar will withhold the registration materials of students whose names appear on this list and notify their advisors. When

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The Civil Engineering Department will continue its UROP Traineeship program in the coming spring semester with the offering of ten traineeships of \$600 each. Traineeship applicants will be selected on the basis of a UROP project proposal competition. Each proposal is developed in consultation with a Civil Engineering faculty or research staff member. Five awards will be reserved for freshmen. The deadline for proposals will be January 28.

# notes

Interested students should contact the Civil Engineering Undergraduate Center (1-143, 3-8011) or Prof. Hemond (48-419, 3-1637) for more information.

The Student Telethon is coming February 13-24. Help is needed now to recruit callers from dorms, fraternities or off-campus. If you'd like to help, call Rhonda Peck at 3-8281, or drop a note to room 10-156. (If you live in a dorm, you can call Sue Berg, dormitory coordinator, at 5-7284.)

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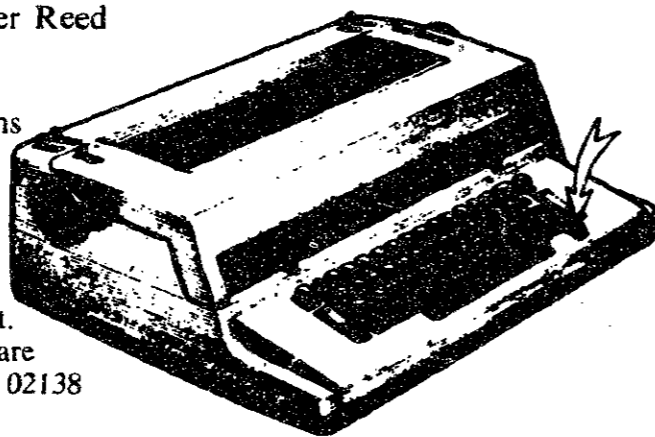
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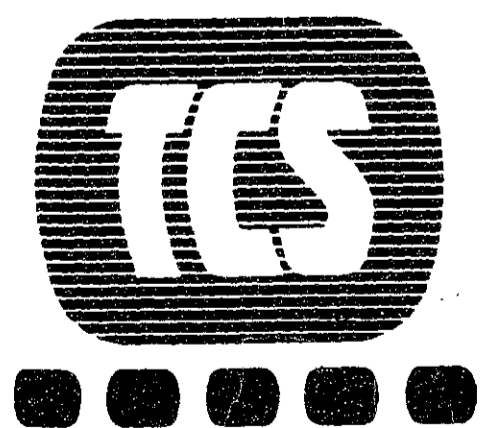
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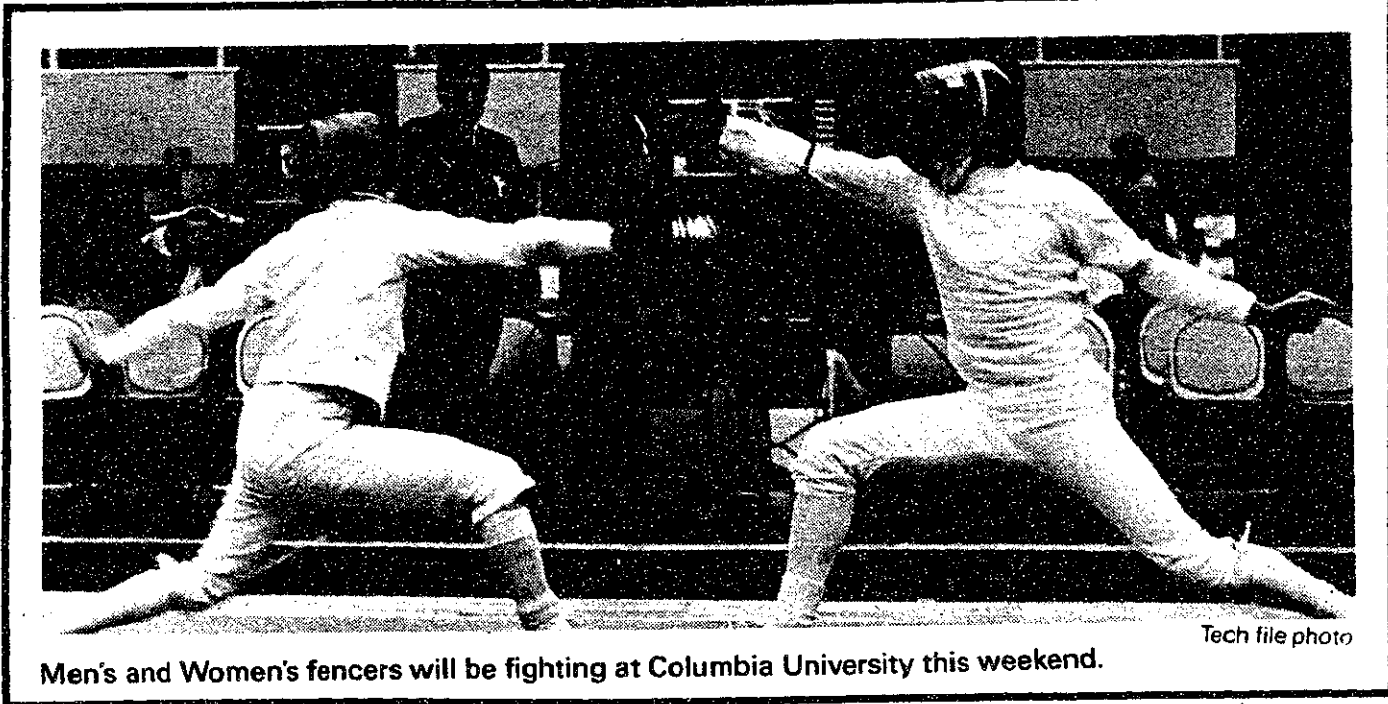
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# sports



Men's and Women's fencers will be fighting at Columbia University this weekend.

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## Fencers split pair against Crimson

By Martin Dickau

After easily defeating Brown last Tuesday, the fencing teams found Harvard to be more of a challenge Wednesday night. Although the MIT women took their match 10-6, upping their record to 2-0, the men lost sabre 11-5 and both epee and foil by identical 9-7 scores to fall to 1-1. MIT head coach Eric Sollee

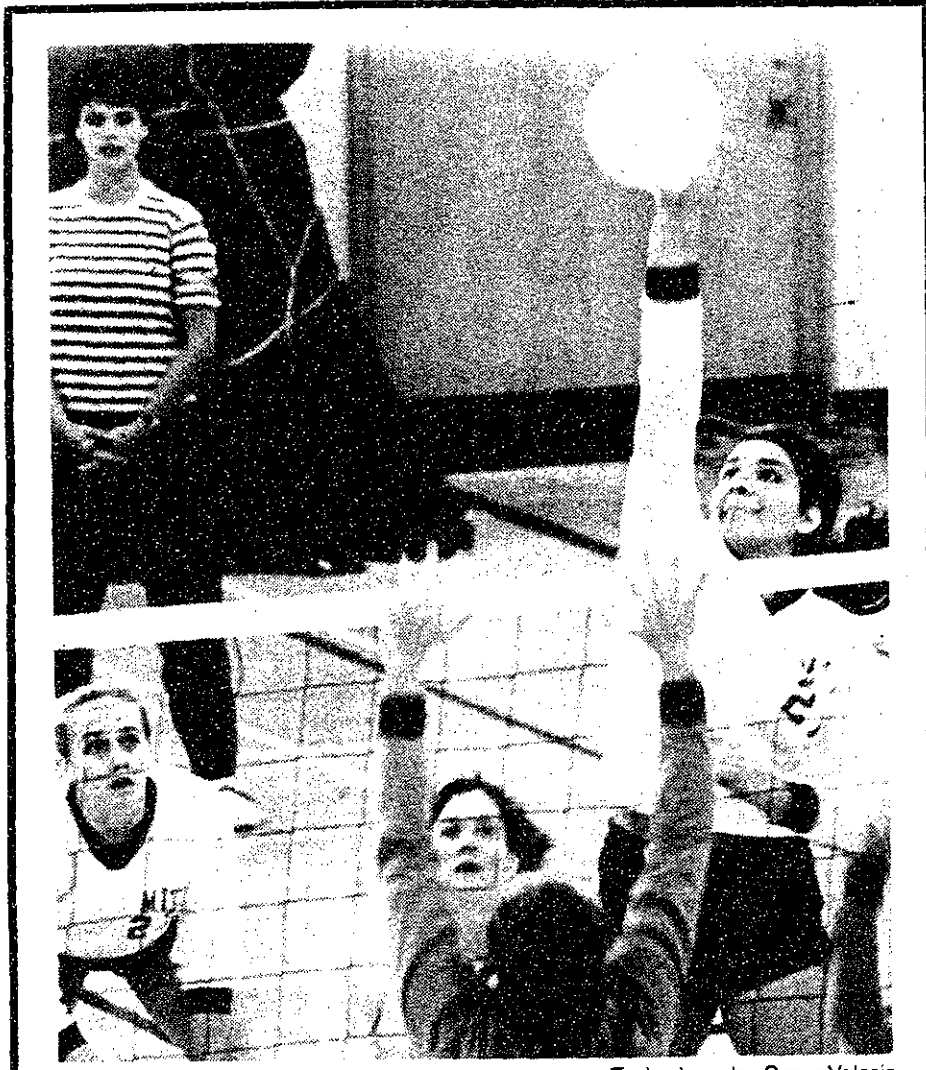
was disappointed, but not discouraged, by the outcome: "The women did as we expected, but I thought we would do better in the [men's] foil. Even so, [the men] have a lot of potential; [they] just need more work."

Both squads will have many opportunities to get more work this weekend, when they go to New York Saturday morning to

take on Columbia, Rutgers, and St. John's.

According to Sollee, all three schools will be tough opponents, and MIT will have to work hard for its victories. "I had hoped the men would go 2-2 this week," he commented, "but now it looks like we'll go 1-3."

After Saturday's meet, the men's team will have the rest of December off. The women, however, will go to Brown on the 12th for the Holiday Invitational Tournament. Both teams will resume competition in January.



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Women's Swimming vs. Wesleyan, 1pm  
Track vs. Brandeis and WPI, 1pm  
Wrestling vs. Bowdoin, Wesleyan, and Western New England, 1pm  
Men's Hockey vs. Tufts, 2pm  
Men's Swimming vs. Wesleyan, 4pm  
Men's Gymnastics vs. Harvard and Northeastern, 7pm

**December 6**  
Women's Basketball vs. Wesleyan, 7:30pm

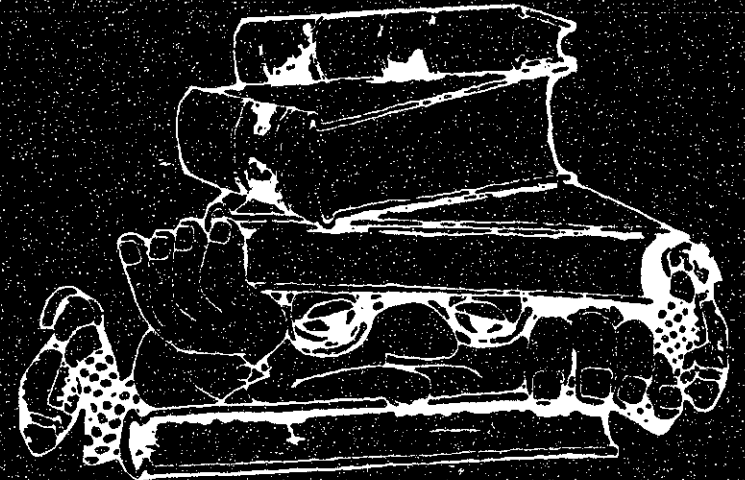
**December 7**  
Men's Hockey vs. WPI, 7pm

**December 9**  
Track vs. Holy Cross, 6pm

**December 10**  
Rifle vs. Tabor Academy, 4:30pm  
Squash vs. Trinity, 7pm


**December 11**  
Pistol vs. WPI, 9am  
Wrestling vs. Bridgewater, Mass. Maritime and Rhode Island, 1pm  
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Men's Fencing vs. New York University, 7pm

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**Swimming** — Both swimming teams will be in the Alumni Pool tomorrow afternoon, facing Wesleyan. The women will lead off at 1pm, followed by the men at 4pm.  
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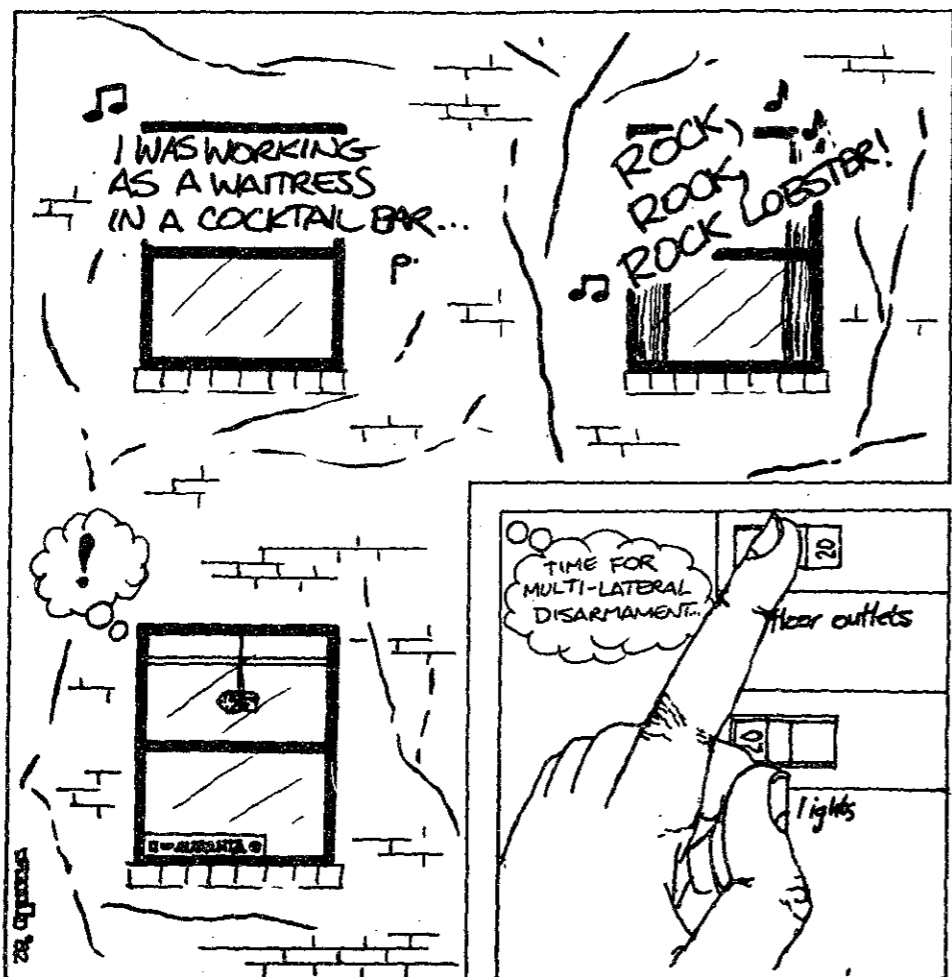
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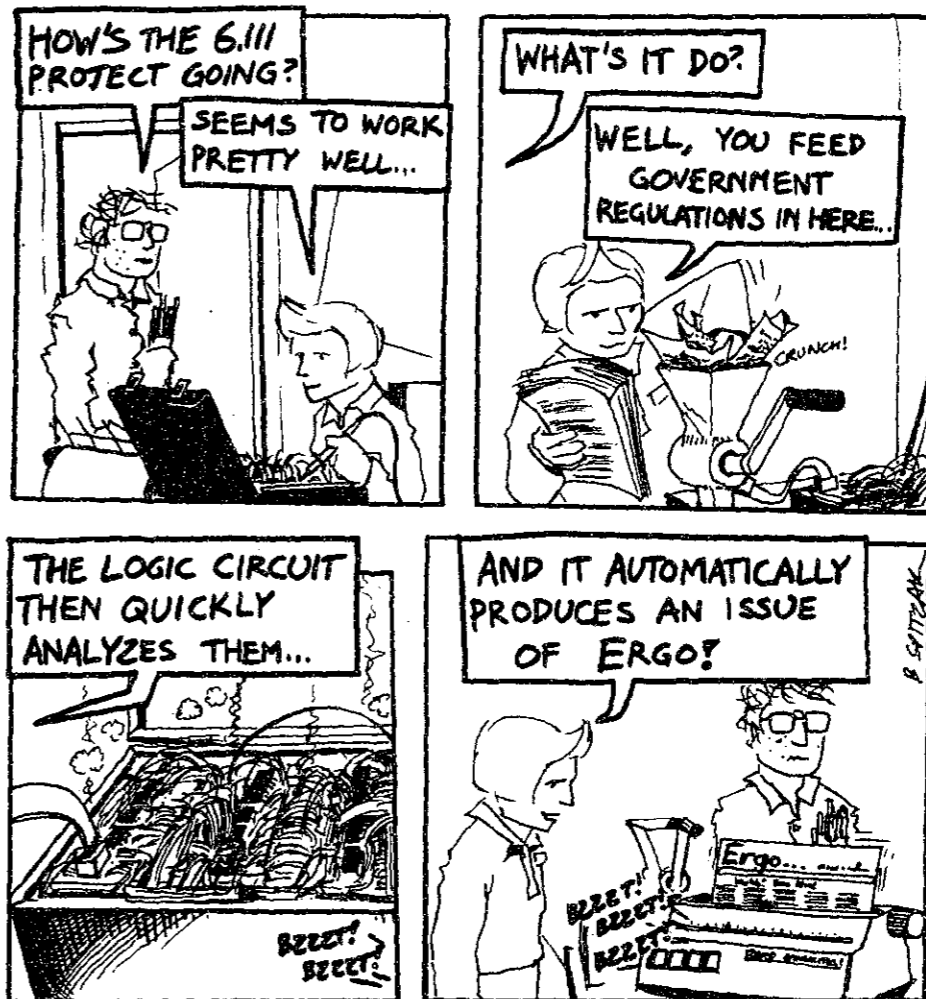
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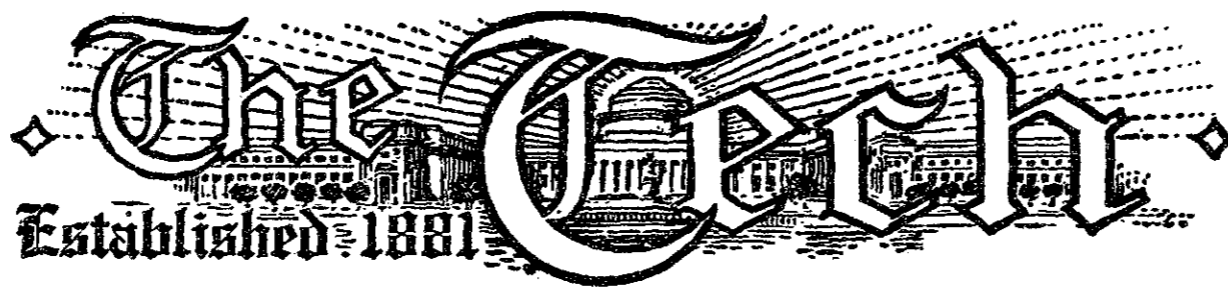
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# sports

## Men's basketball drops heartbreaker

By Martin Dickau

The Engineers gave it their best but came up one point short, as senior Bill Ewing sank a shot with two seconds left to lift the Tufts Jumbos to an 88-87 victory at Tufts Tuesday night.

Although they put in 20 of 28 shots in the first half, the Engineers found themselves trailing 43-40 at halftime. Undaunted, MIT fought back to take a ten-point lead by the middle of the second stanza. The edge, however, evaporated, as the Engineers were unable to contain 6'-7" senior Troy Cooper. Cooper led all scorers with a total of 31 points.

With ten seconds remaining in the contest, MIT co-captain Rob-

ert Joseph '83, who led his team with a career-high 24 points, had a basket to give the visitors an 87-86 lead. MIT's other co-captain, Mark Branch '83 (23 points), almost managed to steal the inbounds pass, but Ewing got the ball and gave the Jumbos the victory.

Besides Joseph, three other Engineers had career highs. Forward Chris Wilson '84 sank five from the floor and added three free throws for 13 points. Forward Bud Taddiken '85 was right behind him with 12, and guard Jeff Bornstein '85 chipped in with a total of seven.

Despite the loss, the Engineers

continued to show a great deal of improvement, especially in taking foul shots, a source of difficulty in the season opener against Babson. MIT sank 17 of 23 from the free throw line for 74 percent, a figure much better than the 45 percent of last Tuesday's game. The 63 percent accuracy for field goal shooting was also very encouraging.

Today and tomorrow the team will be in Chicago for the Illinois Tech tournament. The squad will then take it easy for the rest of the month before returning to action January 8, when MIT will host Bates in a game scheduled for 2pm.



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Men's Basketball will be in Chicago tonight and tomorrow for the Illinois Tech Tournament.

## weekend preview

This will be the last busy sports weekend of the year, so get out and watch some of the teams while the weather is nice. A quick round-up of what will be going on:

**Volleyball** — As you may be aware, the women's volleyball team, by virtue of a sound thrashing delivered to Albany State two weekends ago, will be in Westminster, Maryland tonight for the second round of the NCAA Division III Championships, where MIT will take on Western Maryland. A victory in that match would pit the Engineers against the winner of the match between Ohio Northern and Sonoma State in the third round on Saturday. The semi-finals and finals will be held in San Diego next weekend.

**Track** — Can they do it for a third straight year? The two-time NCAA New England Division III champion MIT track team will begin its season tomorrow when they host Brandeis and WPI in the New Athletic Center at 1pm.

**Wrestling** — The wrestlers will also be at home tomorrow, meeting Bowdoin and Wesleyan at 1pm in duPont.

**Hockey** — The men's hockey club skates against the Tufts Jumbos tomorrow afternoon at 2pm in the second of a three-game homestand.

**Gymnastics** — The men's gymnastics team will be trying for another highly successful season, when it kicks off 1982-83 tomorrow night against Harvard and Northeastern in duPont at 7pm.

**Basketball** — Women's basketball begins its season tomorrow at 1pm when it takes on Regis in Rockwell Cage in the first of a pair of home appearances.

Their male counterparts will be in Chicago today and tomorrow for the Illinois Tech Tournament.

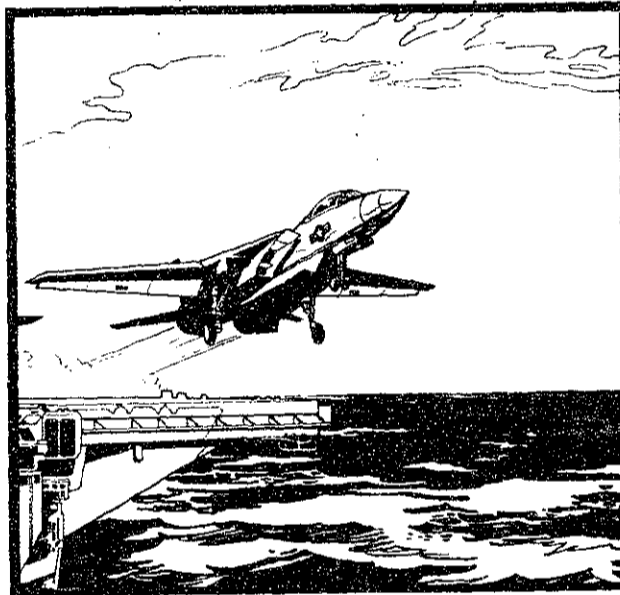
there providing competition.

**Rifle** — The shooters will put their perfect record on the line once again, this time at the Coast Guard Academy early tomorrow

morning.

**Fencing** — Tomorrow both fencing teams will be at Columbia for a three-way meet with their hosts, Rutgers, and St. John's.

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