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Burton resident is removed

By Will Doherty

More than 120 residents of Burton-Conner dormitory met with representatives from the MIT administration last night to discuss an alleged incident of harassment. The meeting culminates a debate over the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs's decision to remove the leader of a house athletic team from Burton-Conner.

Associate Deans for Student Affairs Holliday C. Heine and Robert A. Sherwood had decided, after a five hour hearing and two hours of deliberation, that the student would have to leave Burton-Conner dormitory for harassing other residents of the house.

Three women brought the harassment charges to the Dean's Office after considerable discussion within the house failed to mitigate the alleged harassment.

As a traditional part of an annual athletic activity, participants in the event design and wear a team T-shirt. This year, some house residents found the shirts sexually offensive, since they depicted eight nude women surrounding a man.

Students at Burton-Conner also discussed the shirts in a general meeting November 18, even though the issue was not on the meeting's agenda, explained Burton-Conner House President Michael V. McConnell '83. A majority of the forty to fifty residents present at the meeting approved a motion to recommend team members not wear the shirts. Some of the team mem-

bers, however, continued to wear the shirts following that meeting.

In the Dean's Office hearing, Heine and Sherwood decided the student accused of harassment must: leave Burton-Conner, move for one term either into all-male MacGregor House or somewhere off campus, complete an IAP project on sexual harassment and stay on Dean's Office probation for the remainder of his enrollment at MIT.

"I think there's a large group of women in the House that didn't mind them wearing the shirts," said one student. "Guys get a little immature now and then," she continued, "we're used to putting up with it, at least at this House."

But, she emphasized, "We want it changed. The Dean's Office says, 'Work on the dormitory' the House Manager says 'Work on the floor,' and by the time you're done with it, the general decision is 'Drop it.'"

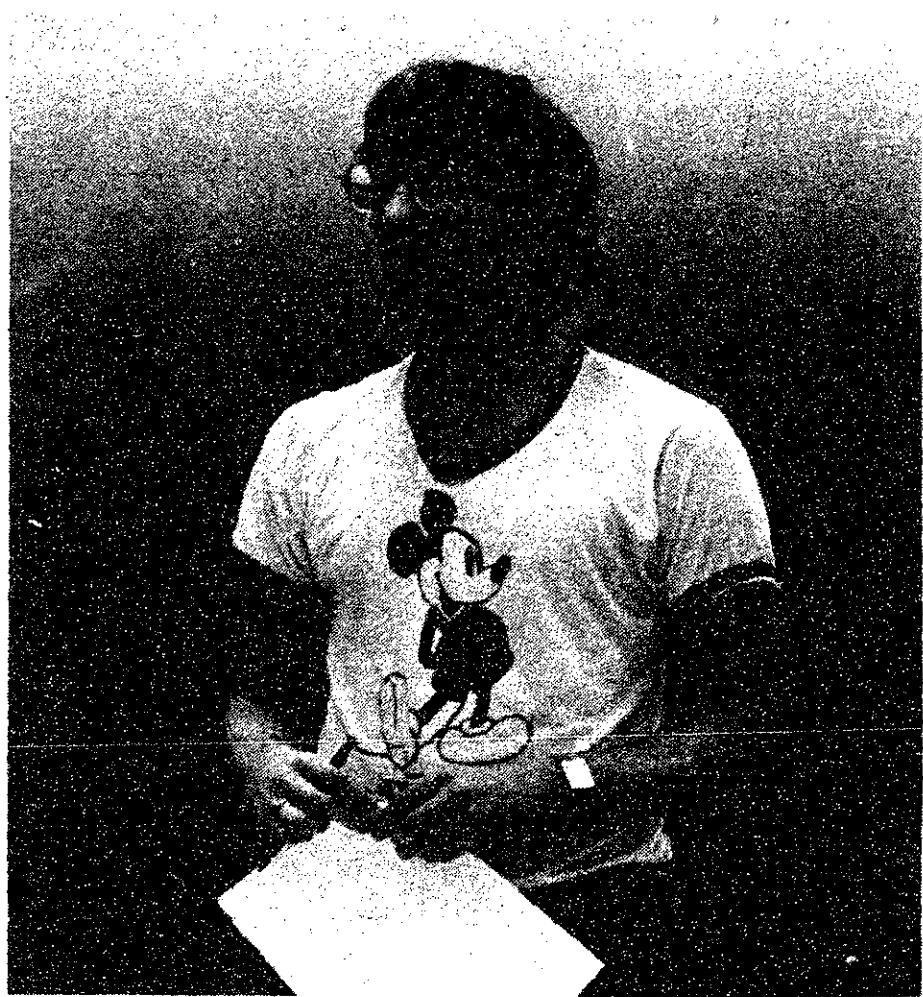
Heine commented that "if it had been just the T-shirt, it would have been handled in the House," but, "in this particular case, the situation got out of hand and it did come to us."

She admitted that the many staff members "understand the feeling that any kind of punishment can be considered too severe in a situation where earlier forms of the same behavior haven't been criticized" and expressed concern that "in all dorms, people feel intimidated about objecting to this kind of behavior."

Last night, Dean Sherwood emphatically rejected "comments that the Dean's Office has been influenced by angry militant feminists."

In response to criticism of the measures taken by the Dean's Office, Mary Rowe, Special Assistant to the President, said that "there was no sanction imposed that was in violation of Institute policy." Rowe has handled many past harassment cases at MIT.

Section 30 of the Basic Regulations of the Institute Houses, written by the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs and revised in May 1982, states: "All residents are expected to have consideration and respect for fellow residents... The Dean for Student Affairs Office strongly discourages behavior which would detract from an atmosphere which is conducive to academic and personal growth. We particularly find objectionable harassment, race and sex discrimination, and such behavior labeled 'hacking' or 'hazing'."



Undergraduate Association President Ken Segal

Tech file photo

Mass. limits nuclear waste

By Ron Norman

A committee of the Massachusetts legislature is considering changing state referendum three, approved by voters last November, which restricts low-level radioactive waste disposal and storage and might restrict research at MIT.

Provost Francis E. Low warned the faculty at its October

meeting the referendum could "cause harm to MIT activities and to [other institution's] activities in the state."

While the law theoretically exempts medical and biological research, the exemptions may not cover waste from the MIT reactor, or byproducts of linear accelerator, neutron physics, chemical scintillation analysis, and some biology experiments currently conducted at the Institute.

The new law requires any radioactive waste disposal site in the region be approved by voters and the state legislature. If a site is not approved, MIT may be forced to terminate projects that generate radioactive waste, Low said.

The Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Massachusetts (AICUM), of

which MIT is a member, once planned to submit a bill to the State legislature to oppose the referendum, according to Jim True of the AICUM.

"We will wait for the proposal of the state legislative committee," True said. AICUM will assist the committee by supplying its findings, he added.

Walter Milne, MIT special assistant to the president, said, "Our posture at the moment is to let the [legislative] process go forward." He said the committee should report to the new legislature soon after the first of the year.

Once the committee reports, Milne explained, MIT's actions would involve a petition to the state legislature to try to "broaden exemption to include all kinds of research."

GA studies student gov't

By Burt Kaliski

At its meeting last Thursday, the Undergraduate Association (UA) General Assembly (GA) formed a task force to study student government, according to UA President Kenneth Segal '83. The GA considered a motion to disband, but amended it to create the task force, and approved the amended motion.

There is obviously something wrong with student government, he said. "We're doing nothing better to do," than to form a study committee, he said.

The committee will discuss at its first meeting in student government... the whole student government scene," Segal said. The committee may recommend

the UA "move everything around," Ira Summer '83 added.

Many people volunteered to serve on the task force, Segal added. He wanted representatives from Student Center Committee, Association of Student Activities, and the Interfraternity Conference to join, Segal indicated.

The UA will prepare a packet of material to send to task force members at the end of the term describing past MIT student governments and governments at other schools, Segal said. The group will meet on January 5 at 7:30 pm in the UA Office "to set up an agenda," and it will report at the first GA meeting next term.

The GA activities fee task force reported at the meeting, Se-

gel said. An activity fee "looks like a good idea," he commented, "but there are certainly a lot of other issues."

One issue, Summer said, is an activities fee "says certain things about student activities... who says what." A full report should be available next term.

Female grad. dorm will open

By Laura Wiener

The new graduate women's dormitory at 350 Memorial Drive is scheduled to open January 30, 1983, just two months after the project received formal approval. The building was originally slated to open in fall 1983.

"We are 47 beds ahead, six months in advance," said Assistant Director for Student Affairs, Peter H. Brown, "it's to a number of people's credit that this will have a six month head start. They did a super job at speeding things up."

"We've told the contractor as clearly as we can that if he's one week late he may as well be three months late," commented Brown. "There's no question that all of the rooms can be filled during the spring semester. It they're late we'll move the students in in shifts."

The old MIT infirmary has been renovated to accommodate graduate women, and offers 29 singles and 18 doubles. Rooms will be assigned on a first come, first served basis due to time constraints, although normally room assignment will be made by lottery.

Room rates are as yet undeter-

mined awaiting final renovation costs, which will be partially absorbed by rents. The Office of the Dean for Student Affairs (ODSA) expects rates to be competitive, approximately \$900 to 1000 per term. Firm costs are expected by Christmas.

The renovated building was initially targeted for general graduate housing, but was replaced by the single sex concept when a study compiled by the Administrative Housing Group (AHG) in 1980 showed women expressed a strong desire for an all-female

graduate living group.

"There will be no trouble filling the rooms between now and June," said Brown, "however, it might not get filled immediately because of prior contracts."

Barbara S. Chuck, administrative assistant in the Student Affairs Office also mentioned that the house could be filled with undergraduate women this semester in case not enough graduate women apply. "I think it will be a positive living experience for single graduate women," Chuck commented.

ASA postpones plan

By Barry S. Surman

The Association of Student Activities (ASA) general body voted Tuesday night to postpone of an office space reshuffling approved earlier by its executive committee.

The plan calls for the Student Association to give its largest room to the Science Fiction Society, receiving, in addition, a smaller room currently used by several small activities. Small activities would then move to a smaller room vacated by the Science Fiction Society.

Science Fiction Society. Student Art Association Director Andrew Eisenmann told 25 activity representatives that the committee recommending the room switch did not discuss its plans with the associ-

The move, Eisenmann said, would deprive the group of about 340 square feet of open studio space.

ASA Chairman and President of the Science Fiction Society Judith Passman '83 said her group needs the additional space because its book collection is in too small a space, violating fire laws.

The ASA executive committee, representatives of the Student Art Association, the Science Fiction Society, and the small activities affected by the planned move will meet to seek a compromise before the January 16 deadline set by the general body for a final executive committee decision.

The general body let stand the remainder of the executive committee's office space reallocation

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Inside section containing teasers for articles: 'Some parting words of wisdom from outgoing UAVP Ken Meltsner. Page 5.', 'Comics. Page 9.', 'David Shaw takes a quick look at some of the best and worst recent record albums. Pages 7 & 8.', and 'Men's basketball drops two in Chicago. Page 12.'

ASA postpones

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 plan, which will take effect at the end of IAP. Under the plan, a number of international students' groups will share space the ASA is seeking from the Institute in building 20, and the MIT Shakespeare Ensemble will assume all space in the office it already shares with the Exotic Fish Society.

The ASA withdrew recognition from 17 groups — including the Exotic Fish Society — which it declared inactive.

Four groups — the Association for Recording Science, Gospel Choir, Tech Model Aircrafters, and Undergraduate Math Club — retained their ASA recognition by filing necessary documents, the executive committee reported.

The Association of Midwestern Commuters, Campus Match Ser-

vice, Christian Students, Classical Guitar Society, Equestrian Association, Exotic Fish Society, French Club, Investment Analysis Society, Kuo-So Martial Arts Club, L-5 Society, Listeners, Magic Society, Republican Club, Students Against Registration and Draft, Students for a Libertarian Society, Unicycle Club, and Way Campus Outreach lost their ASA recognition Wednesday night.

The general body also voted to condemn recent vandalism of the Gays at MIT (GAMIT) office in Walker Memorial, to create a committee to survey available bulletin board space, and to elect Bryan Knight '85 to fill the executive board position left vacant by the resignation of Stuart Atlow '83.

Announcements

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The Undergraduate Academic Support Office (UASO) asks freshman to turn in **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 MIT student loans will be receiving notices to schedule an

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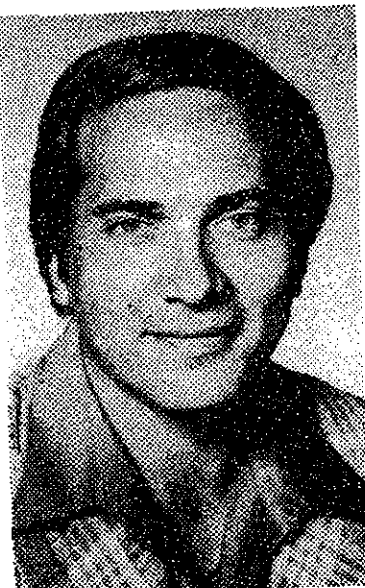
Spring Term 1983 bills are scheduled to be mailed the week of December 20 with a payment due date of January 10. Any student who has not signed up for the Bursary Payment Plan, but would like to do so now, should come to the Bursar's Office room E19-215, between 9am and 4pm.

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Nation

Washington Mall is safe again — After a brief volley of gunfire, police moved in and removed a man's body from a truck loaded with explosives that had been parked at the foot of the Washington Monument for nearly 10 hours late Tuesday night. The nine people trapped inside the monument were released unharmed early Wednesday afternoon. The man had threatened to blow up the monument unless nuclear weapons were banned immediately.

Local

There's lead in them thar hills — Dangerously high concentrations of lead have been found in soil samples from around the Boston area, according to Clark W. Nicklow of the University of Massachusetts. He declared that burning, weathering, and sandblasting lead-based painted buildings have made a significant contribution to the high lead levels in the ground.

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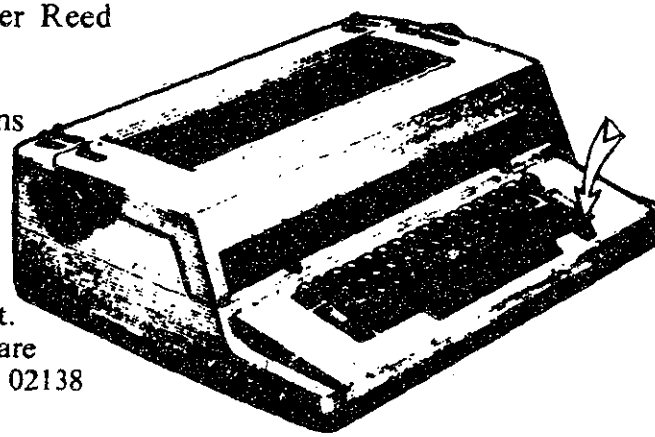
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Opinion

Jerri-Lynn Scofield

What's in a name?

*What's in a name?
That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet?
Romeo and Juliet, William Shakespeare*

It's not easy going through life with a hyphenated name. Ever since childhood, I've had problems with it. When I entered school, no one realized that Jerri-Lynn was a girl's name; I was greatly insulted, not to mention permanently traumatized, by a kindergarten teacher who expected me to be a boy.

A hyphen in the middle of a name causes all sorts of problems. Technically, I have no middle name; hence no middle initial. Somehow, lack of a middle initial is peculiarly un-American. It's something for which one must always apologize. "What, you have no middle name? You poor thing? Did your parents forget?" Or even worse, "No middle name? What are you, some kind of subversive?"

In this age of increasing reliance on computers, other problems often arise. Most computers that read machine-processed forms are not programmed to understand hyphens. They cannot deal with no middle initial very well either. My name often gets run together by such marvels of modern technology, and comes out as Jerril or Jerrily or some other perturbation. It is almost as bad as being addressed as 155-56-5898.

When I was accepted to MIT, all my mail came addressed to Jerrily. (Peter Richardson, are you listening?) The certificate that proudly proclaimed my acceptance to the Institute had a single major flaw—a misspelled name. This should have prepared me for what was yet to come. My first week here all MIT personnel tried to call me Jerrily. Even my identification picture is captioned wrong.

With all the problems associated with my hyphenated name, imagine my surprise last week when I saw a copy of my birth certificate. It had no hyphen between the Jerri and the Lynn. Unfortunately, this suggested two possibilities. The first, which I really can't doubt, is that my name has been continuously misspelled from birth. Some clerk somewhere, upon seeing it for the first time, could not comprehend the hyphen and just decided to delete it. Second is that my parents forgot how to spell it when they taught me to write my name. Maybe they just started a grand tradition that my grandfather, relatives, friends, and acquaintances have been happy to continue.

Neither is very comforting. I have enough trouble trying to figure out what I'm going to do next month, next term, and next year, without facing such an identity crisis in my final year at MIT. I just hope they spell it right on the diploma.



Column/Jack Link

High tech irony at MIT

In the engineering library of the foremost technical institution on the East Coast, the water fountains have not worked for years.

MIT is filled with irony. It surrounds us every day.

There are no electronic banking terminals on the MIT campus. Boston College has a bank terminal in their main building.

The school that prides itself on having the best electrical engineering school in the country has an FM radio station. It does not broadcast in stereo. Harvard's radio station broadcasts in stereo. So does BU's.

Above Ashdown, the big lighted clock shines across Boston, a beacon proclaiming MIT's technical excellence and the wrong time. So it should come as no surprise that in the lab where electrical engineering is taught, the clocks have been telling future engineers the wrong time for years.

MIT is the home of the Center for Transportation Studies. Yet, at the MIT/Kendall stop on the Red Line, there is no map of MIT to help subway users find their way around campus after leaving the subway. In fact, there is no public map within a quarter mile of the stop.

MIT has an experimental traffic signal at its main entrance. It's supposed to tell pedestrians when it's safe to cross, and seems to work fine. The only problem is that pedestrians who are foolish enough to trust the hi-tech signal must dodge drivers ignoring the standard signal. Meanwhile, campus police officers busily hand out parking tickets, ignoring the moving violations.

MIT has a 36 channel cable television system. In the most recently remodeled building on campus, there are no cable drops.

MIT is building a new \$24 million Arts and Media Center.

There are no solid plans to equip the building with cable. "There doesn't seem to be any master plan," says the director of the MIT cable system. "It's probably the most underutilized system in the world."

MIT receives millions of dollars for research into energy. Yet, in its undergraduate dormitories the radiator valves often do not work and students must leave their windows open all year.

Why? Perhaps for the same reason a librarian gave for the low water pressure in Barker Engineering library. "Physical plant just doesn't seem to care." Physical plant's budget is supposed to be cut another 5 percent next year.

Perhaps MIT should solve the engineering and management problems in its own backyard before tackling the rest of the world.

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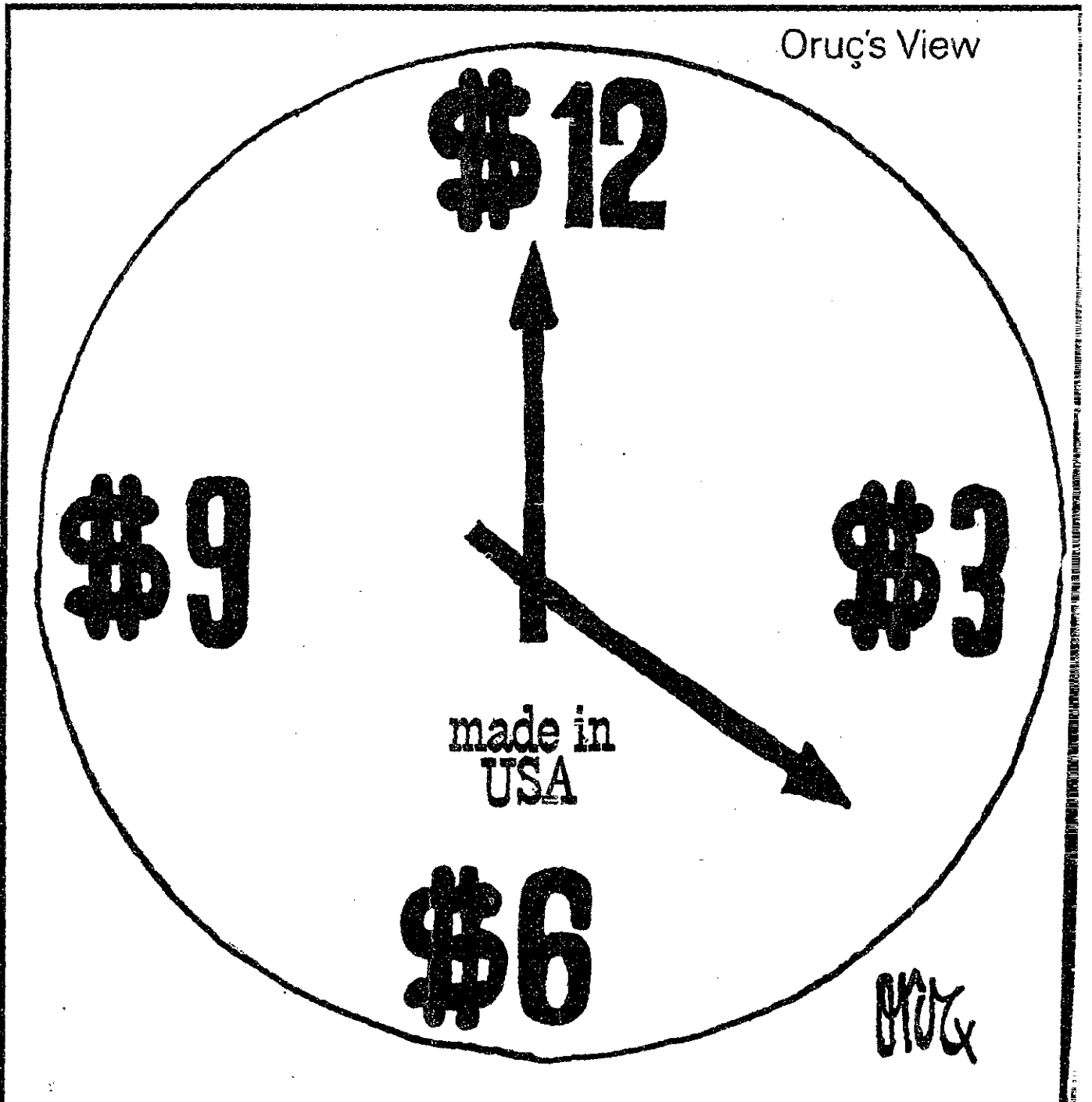
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Opinion

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Guest Column/Kenneth J. Meltsner

How to improve MIT without really trying

No one really cares. Most sane people have better things to do with their time than get involved. They work, study and party, all without Dean's Office luncheon meetings. Most students are too busy coping with the problems of MIT life to waste their time trying to get rid of them. When you've just received a Christmas letter from the CAP, it's hard to remember that the whole mess started when you were trying to save freshman pass/fail. No one stays here long enough to make major changes in the way MIT works, and the powers that be know this. The cost of every improvement in MIT life can be measured by the number of students that took terms off, lost their friends or developed ulcers from meetings with the enemy.

This is the purpose of student government; to seek out new ways of improving MIT, to boldly go where no student has gone before. There are Klingons out there, some of them disguised as other students. To mention any names would leave me open to libel charges. Student grease get a bit of power and, in return, they fight for the rest of the students too busy to defend themselves. This is the view held by most grease. The truth is a bit simpler. One of MIT's strong points is its diversity. Some of this diversity comes out of apathy and overwork; I assume there are better things to do here than holding mass conversions to Baba Rumraisa's true path. In most cases, students don't get involved because there's no real need to be involved. Problems often go away when no one tries to solve them. After all, most students can even tolerate the Social Council's misguided attempt to unify MIT and force their peculiar brand of school spirit on the rest of us. I like to call this phenomenon 'creative apathy. Most of us are too mature to run around screaming about Christmas trees and Grogo pictures; those who aren't should go somewhere far away. I don't like to deal with such idiots; after all, if you walk a mile in the other guy's shoes, you usually get blisters.

This is the main problem with the Dean's Office. They always

seem to make the silliest issue into a major incident. MIT has had the good fortune not to have race riots and queer-bashing in the hallways and a host of other fun things that other normal colleges have. Certainly, we've had our share of stupid and insensitive actions by individuals and groups; the Admissions Office still hasn't developed a fool-proof filter for twits. Our relatively peaceful existence has spoiled us; no one should complain about Christmas trees when Torahs are burned in Milton.

This doesn't mean that students shouldn't get involved. Pick your fights carefully, because there are more important things here than meetings. Practically everything is more important than meetings: good jokes, good friends and good (name drug of your choice), to name a few. Now, I'm not a hedonist and I don't think that you should seek only pleasure; that's why there's student government. The bad experiences serve a purpose; they define the good ones more clearly. MIT has been a carnival for me, with clown shows, melodramas and grease-painted villains. Student government taught me more than I wanted to know about dealing with other people, because I didn't want to be elected. I thought the election was a marvelous hack until the Gumbys won. It would have been funnier if we had won by two votes and called for a recount.

Enjoy your holiday. With luck (a bit of it bad), you should get as much out of MIT as I have. Stay paranoid and stay happy! If you want, feel free to write me (8653 Don Carol Dr., El Cerrito, CA 94530). I don't promise to write back, as I've made too many promises that I haven't kept.

By the way, Ken Segel didn't fire me; I quit.

feedback

Seniors: give to the needy

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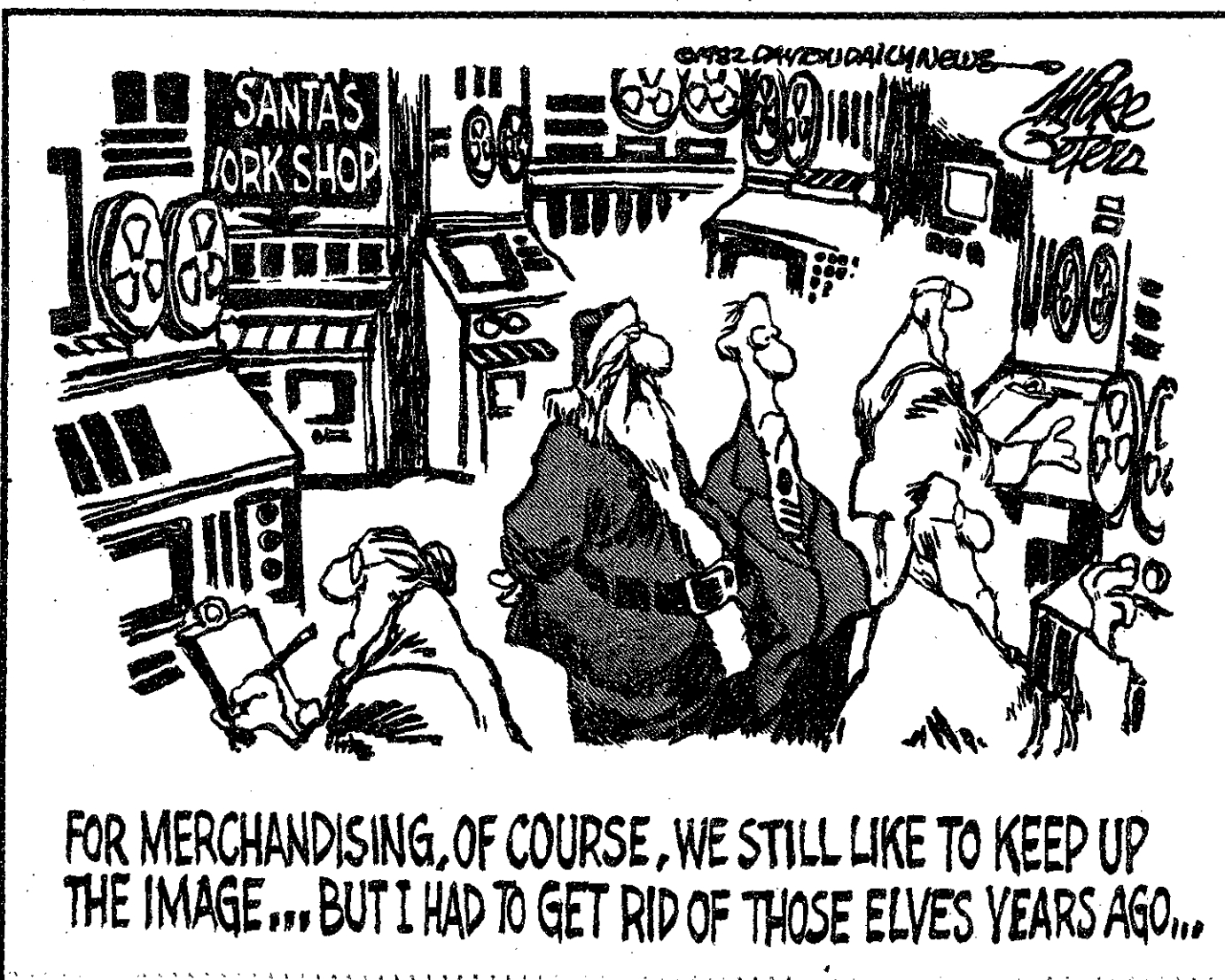
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Opinion

Jerri-Lynn Scofield

What's in a name?

*What's in a name?
That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet?
Romeo and Juliet, William Shakespeare*

It's not easy going through life with a hyphenated name. Ever since childhood, I've had problems with it. When I entered school, no one realized that Jerri-Lynn was a girl's name; I was greatly insulted, not to mention permanently traumatized, by a kindergarten teacher who expected me to be a boy.

A hyphen in the middle of a name causes all sorts of problems. Technically, I have no middle name; hence no middle initial. Somehow, lack of a middle initial is peculiarly unAmerican. It's something for which one must always apologize. "What, you have no middle name? You poor thing? Did your parents forget?" Or even worse, "No middle name? What are you, some kind of subversive?"

In this age of increasing reliance on computers, other problems often arise. Most computers that read machine-processed forms are not programmed to understand hyphens. They cannot deal with no middle initial very well either. My name often gets run together by such marvels of modern technology, and comes out as Jerril or Jerrily or some other perturbation. It is almost as bad as being addressed as 155-56-5898.

When I was accepted to MIT, all my mail came addressed to Jerrily. (Peter Richardson, are you listening?) The certificate that proudly proclaimed my acceptance to the Institute had a single major flaw—a misspelled name. This should have prepared me for what was yet to come. My first week here all MIT personnel tried to call me Jerrily. Even my identification picture is captioned wrong.

With all the problems associated with my hyphenated name, imagine my surprise last week when I saw a copy of my birth certificate. It had no hyphen between the Jerri and the Lynn. Unfortunately, this suggested two possibilities. The first, which I really can't doubt, is that my name has been continuously misspelled from birth. Some clerk somewhere, upon seeing it for the first time, could not comprehend the hyphen and just decided to delete it. Second is that my parents forgot how to spell it when they taught me to write my name. Maybe they just started a grand tradition that my grandfather, relatives, friends, and acquaintances have been happy to continue.

Neither is very comforting. I have enough trouble trying to figure out what I'm going to do next month, next term, and next year, without facing such an identity crisis in my final year at MIT. I just hope they spell it right on the diploma.



Column/Jack Link

High tech irony at MIT

In the engineering library of the foremost technical institution on the East Coast, the water fountains have not worked for years.

MIT is filled with irony. It surrounds us every day.

There are no electronic banking terminals on the MIT campus. Boston College has a bank terminal in their main building.

The school that prides itself on having the best electrical engineering school in the country has an FM radio station. It does not broadcast in stereo. Harvard's radio station broadcasts in stereo. So does BU's.

Above Ashdown, the big lighted clock shines across Boston, a beacon proclaiming MIT's technical excellence and the wrong time. So it should come as no surprise that in the lab where electrical engineering is taught, the clocks have been telling future engineers the wrong time for years.

MIT is the home of the Center for Transportation Studies. Yet, at the MIT/Kendall stop on the Red Line, there is no map of MIT to help subway users find their way around campus after leaving the subway. In fact, there is no public map within a quarter mile of the stop.

MIT has an experimental traffic signal at its main entrance. It's supposed to tell pedestrians when it's safe to cross, and seems to work fine. The only problem is that pedestrians who are foolish enough to trust the hi-tech signal must dodge drivers ignoring the standard signal. Meanwhile, campus police officers busily hand out parking tickets, ignoring the moving violations.

MIT has a 36 channel cable television system. In the most recently remodeled building on campus, there are no cable drops.

MIT is building a new \$24 million Arts and Media Center.

There are no solid plans to equip the building with cable. "There doesn't seem to be any master plan," says the director of the MIT cable system. "It's probably the most underutilized system in the world."

MIT receives millions of dollars for research into energy. Yet, in its undergraduate dormitories, the radiator valves often do not work and students must leave their windows open all year.

Why? Perhaps for the same reason a librarian gave for the low water pressure in Barker Engineering library. "Physical plant just doesn't seem to care." Physical plant's budget is supposed to be cut another 5 percent next year.

Perhaps MIT should solve the engineering and management problems in its own backyard before tackling the rest of the world.

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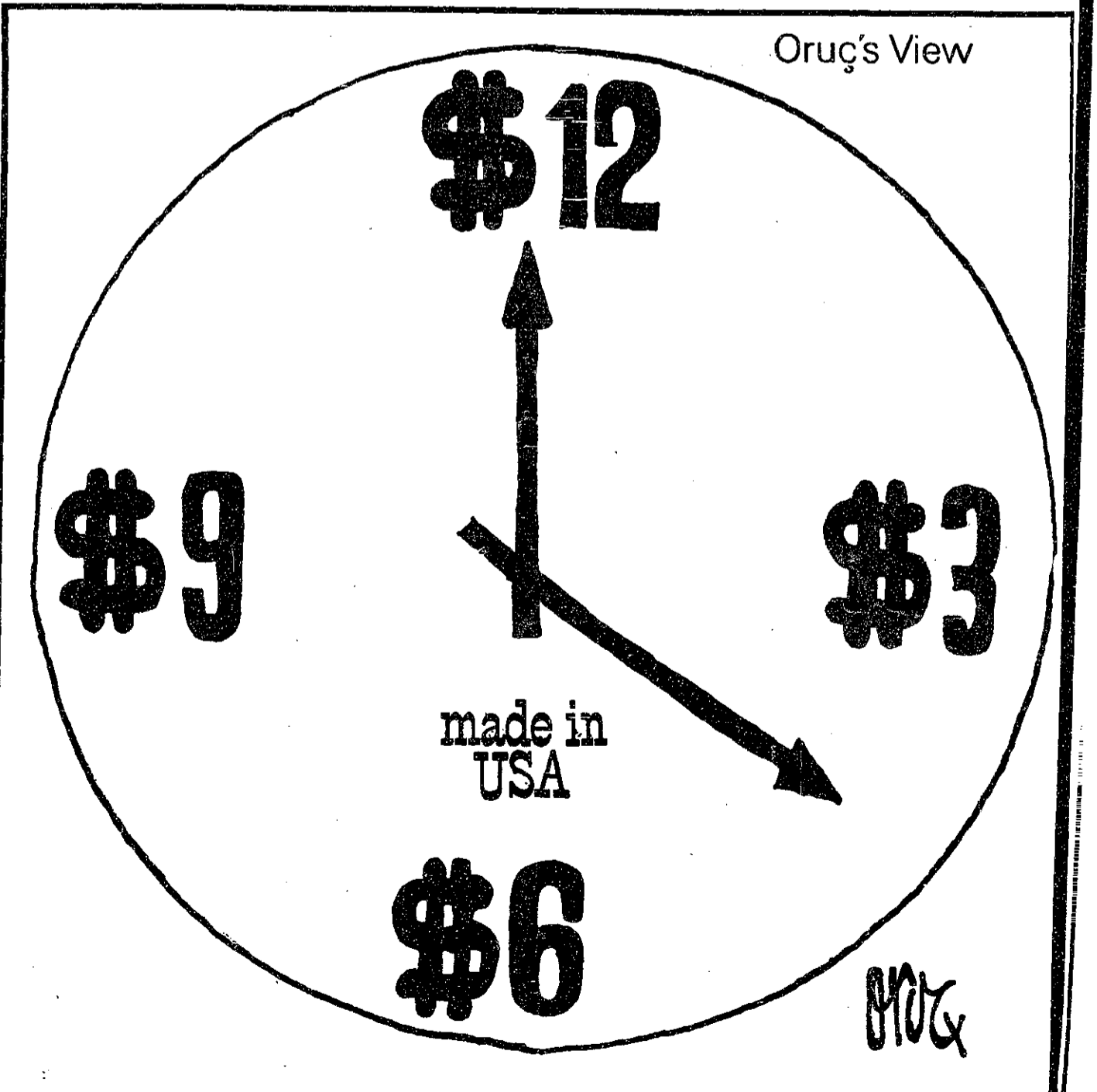
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This is the purpose of student government; to seek out new ways of improving MIT, to boldly go where no student has gone before. There are Klingons out there, some of them disguised as other students. To mention any names would leave me open to libel charges. Student grease get a bit of power and, in return, they fight for the rest of the students too busy to defend themselves. This is the view held by most grease. The truth is a bit simpler. One of MIT's strong points is its diversity. Some of this diversity comes out of apathy and overwork; I assume there are better things to do here than holding mass conversions to Baba Rumraiser's true path. In most cases, students don't get involved because there's no real need to be involved. Problems often go away when no one tries to solve them. After all, most students can even tolerate the Social Council's misguided attempt to unify MIT and force their peculiar brand of school spirit on the rest of us. I like to call this phenomenon 'creative apathy. Most of us are too mature to run around screaming about Christmas trees and Grogo pictures; those who aren't should go somewhere far away. I don't like to deal with such idiots; after all, if you walk a mile in the other guy's shoes, you usually get blisters.

This is the main problem with the Dean's Office. They always

seem to make the silliest issue into a major incident. MIT has had the good fortune not to have race riots and queer-bashing in the hallways and a host of other fun things that other normal colleges have. Certainly, we've had our share of stupid and insensitive actions by individuals and groups; the Admissions Office still hasn't developed a fool-proof filter for twits. Our relatively peaceful existence has spoiled us; no one should complain about Christmas trees when Torahs are burned in Milton.

This doesn't mean that students shouldn't get involved. Pick your fights carefully, because there are more important things here than meetings. Practically everything is more important than meetings: good jokes, good friends and good (name drug of your choice), to name a few. Now, I'm not a hedonist and I don't think that you should seek only pleasure; that's why there's student government. The bad experiences serve a purpose; they define the good ones more clearly. MIT has been a carnival for me, with clown shows, melodramas and grease-painted villains. Student government taught me more than I wanted to know about dealing with other people, because I didn't want to be elected. I thought the election was a marvelous hack until the Gumbys won. It would have been funnier if we had won by two votes and called for a recount.

Enjoy your holiday. With luck (a bit of it bad), you should get as much out of MIT as I have. Stay paranoid and stay happy! If you want, feel free to write me (8653 Don Carol Dr., El Cerrito, CA 94530). I don't promise to write back, as I've made too many promises that I haven't kept.

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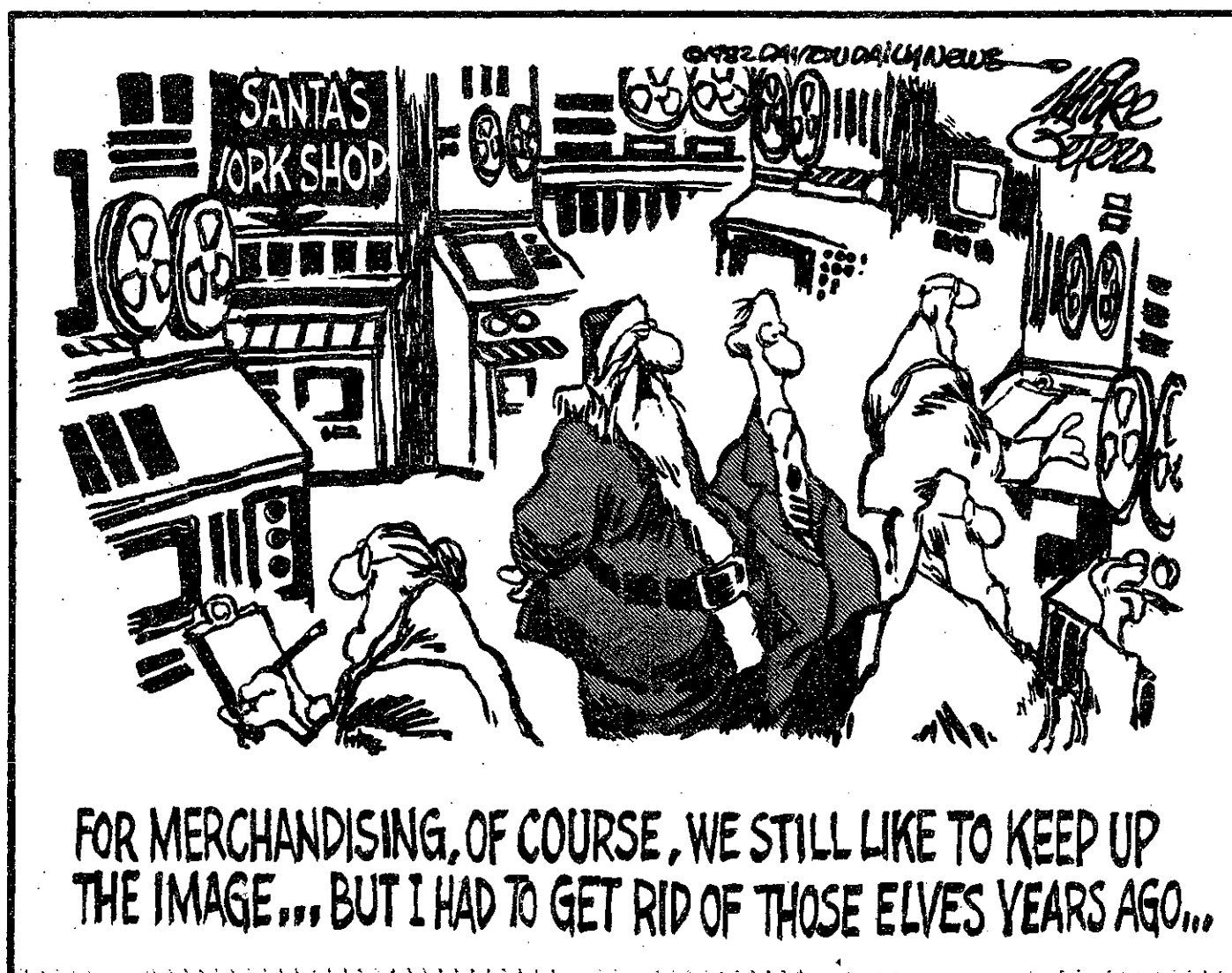
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Of the four worthwhile songs (out of eleven) on the record, three are reminiscent, in both style and lyrics, of the crisp technopop of *Freedom of Choice*, a record made by Devo with a human face. "That's Good" is in praise of... just what, they don't make clear; it's a "good thing," one of those "things that you can't do without." The lyrics of both "What I Must Do" and "I Desire" recall the optimistic idealism of *Freedom of Choice*: for example,

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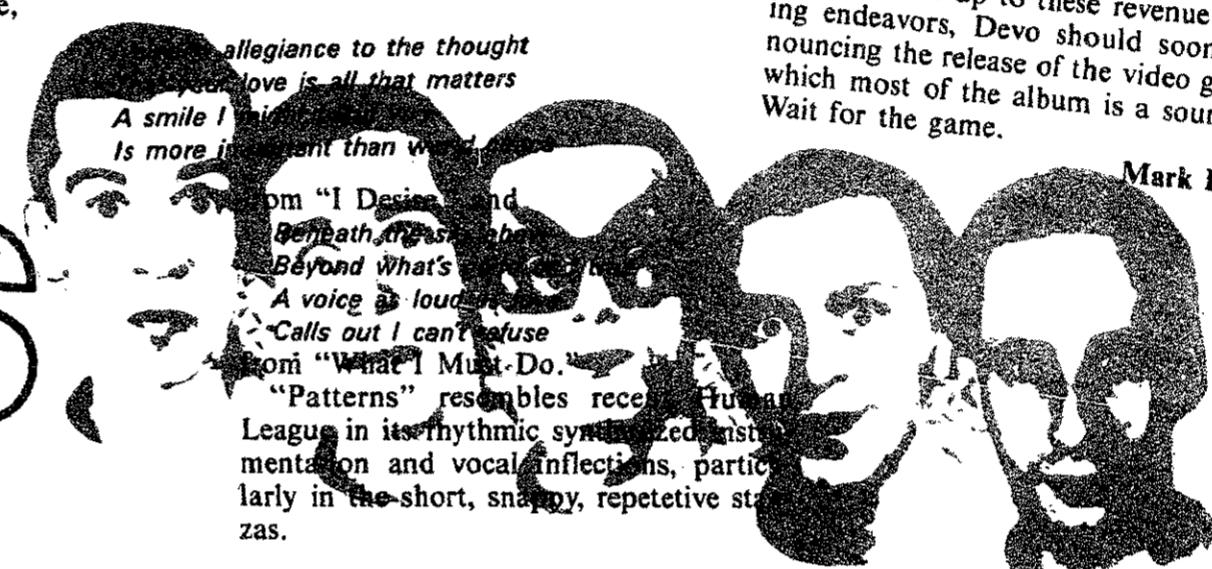
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Since the information is prominently displayed on the album's inner sleeve, I should mention that both the Devo poster shown on the cover of the album and on the "Spudring" collars Devo are wearing in the poster, can be purchased from Club Devo, as can fourteen other Devo items, costing a grand total of \$97.20.

In a follow-up to these revenue enhancing endeavors, Devo should soon be announcing the release of the video game for which most of the album is a soundtrack. Wait for the game.

Mark Pundurs

It's ARTS



The Beat

Special Beat Service, *The English Beat* on I.R.S. Records.

The Beat have temporarily halted their upward climb in favor of lateral movement. Despite the brilliance and instant critical acceptance of their two previous albums, *I Just Can't Stop It* and *Wha'ppen?*, they haven't been able to break into the American market. Part of this inability is due to the rigid (and somewhat racist) programming policies of radio stations — the Beat aren't easily categorized, therefore, they aren't played. Only a small portion of the American public (mostly college aged) support the band, so in response, the Beat have produced the finest pop album of the year.

The earlier albums combined punk rage with ska and African high-life rhythms, which they discovered at their local record store on Tottenham Court Road. Their unique synthesis provided them with multiple hits: "Twist and Crawl," "Tears of a Clown," "Mirror in the Bathroom" and "Too Nice to Talk To," to name a few. *Wha'ppen?* saw a refinement of song structure while retaining the group's political inclinations, and included one of the greatest love songs ever written, "The Day Your Heart." Now, with *Special Beat Service*, the Beat have decided to take the can Radio by storm.



As is the case with any Beat album, each side begins with a surefire winner. This opener, "I Confess," is a tale of love and destruction plaintively narrated by guitarist/vocalist Dave Wakeling. Close attention should be paid to the instrumental backing, in particular the keyboard contributions of new member Dave Blockhead, David Steele's skanking, sinuous bass, and Everett Morton's imaginative drummer. This trio steals the show for most of the album, although the saxophone contributions (courtesy of Saxa and Wesley Magoo-gan) can hardly be overlooked.

Special Beat Service carries the band through a wide range of styles, as if they were trying to convince their audience of their versatility. And versatile they are, from the accordion propelled hardcore ska of "Jeanette" to the heavy dub of "Spar Wid Me" to the high-life stylings of "Ackee 1 2 3." Co-vocalist Ranking Rodger provides a lesson in toasting (the Jamaican predecessor to rapping) in "Pato and Rodger Ago Talk" (lyric sheet required) while the entire band provides a series of out hip twisters in "Sugar" and "Rotating Head" and "Sole

desire to convince Americans that they are a dance band *par excellence*, that they can shortchange themselves in the marketing department, which has always been their strong point. The balads that are offered, however, are real gems: "I Confess" and "End of the Party" are both poignant insights into failed love, ornamented with Blockhead's simple piano figure and current single "Save It for Later," an interesting story (figure it out yourself) with a sixties folk-rock flavored backing and a Beatle-esque string arrangement, an embodiment of pure pop.

Lots of critics are raving about it, the radio stations are starting to pick it up, but you are better off if you just go out and get *Special Beat Service* for yourself. Give it a few listens, let it grow on you, and see if you don't agree with the rest of the converts: the Beat goes on.

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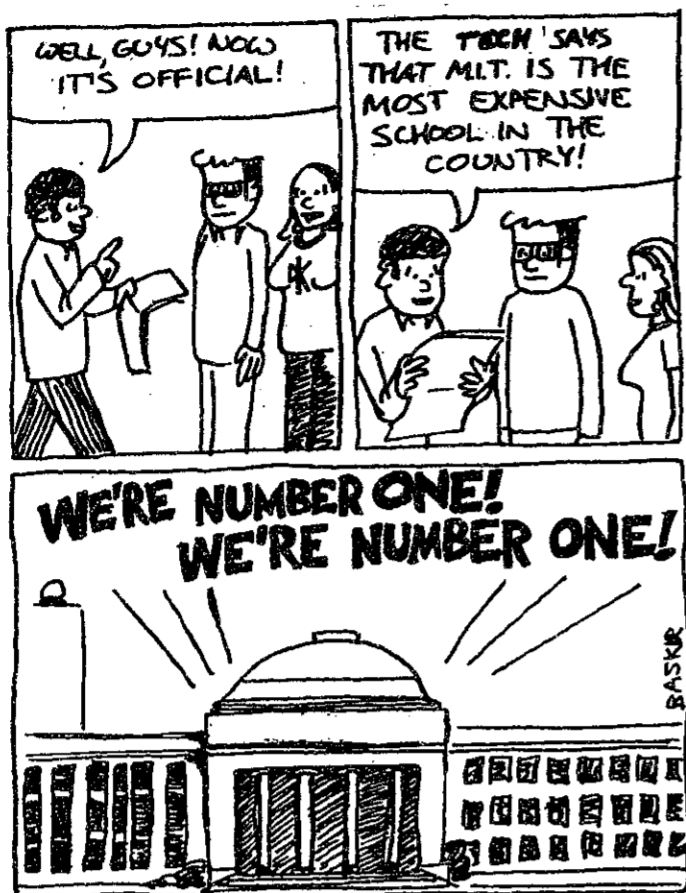
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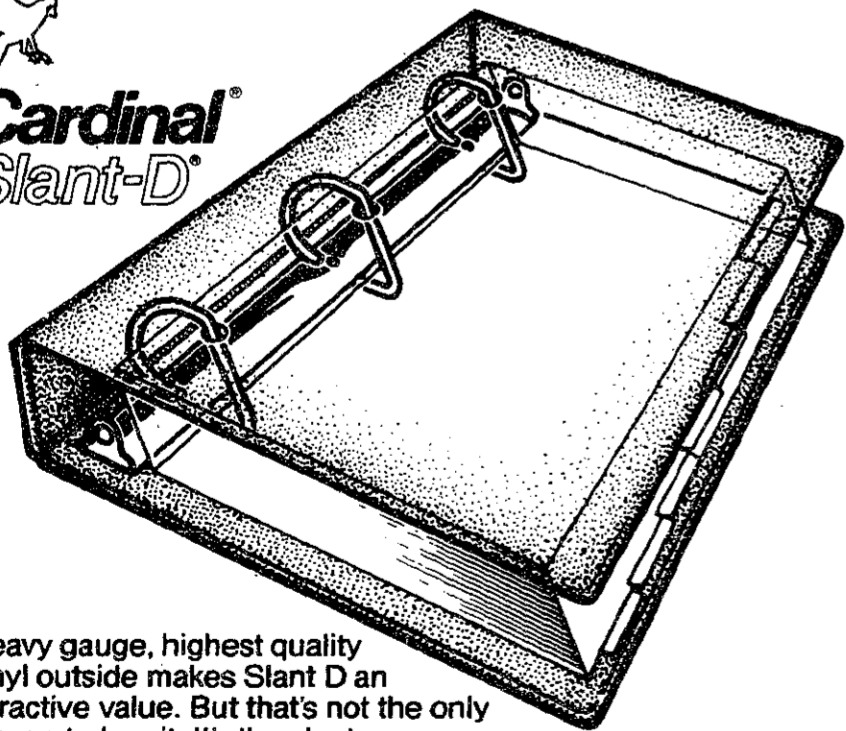
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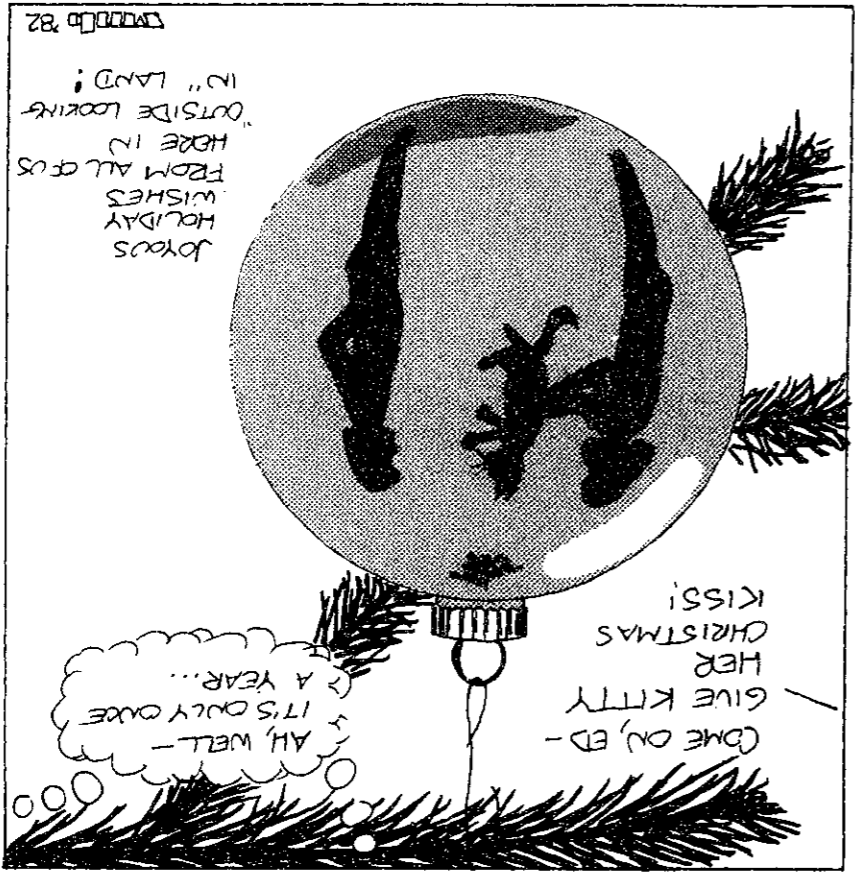
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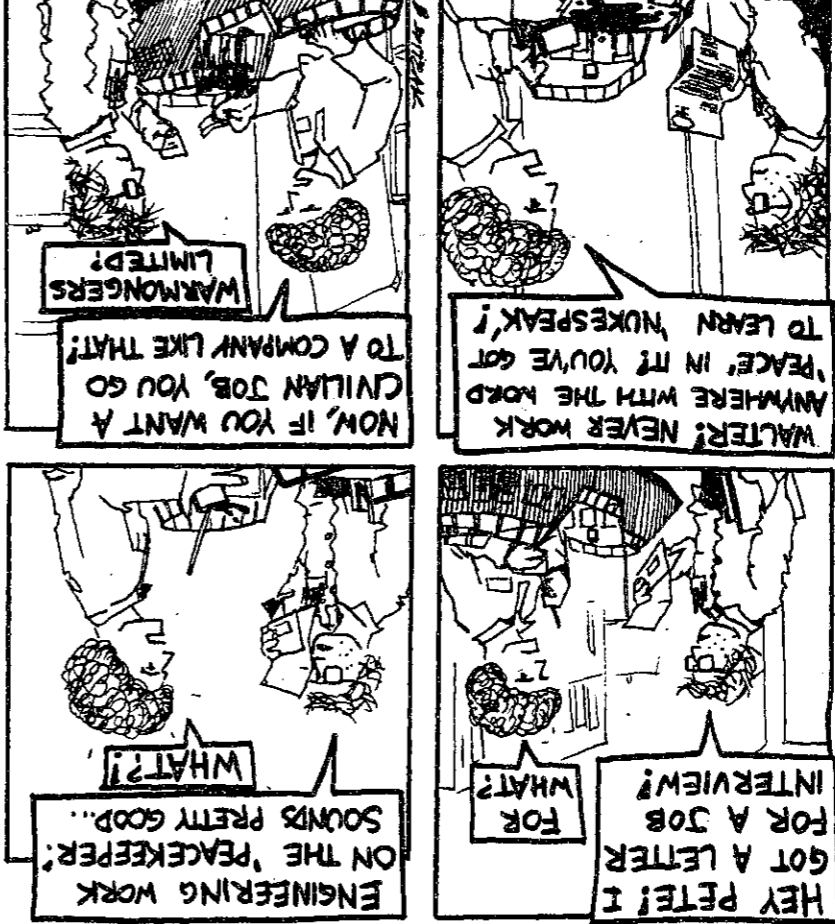
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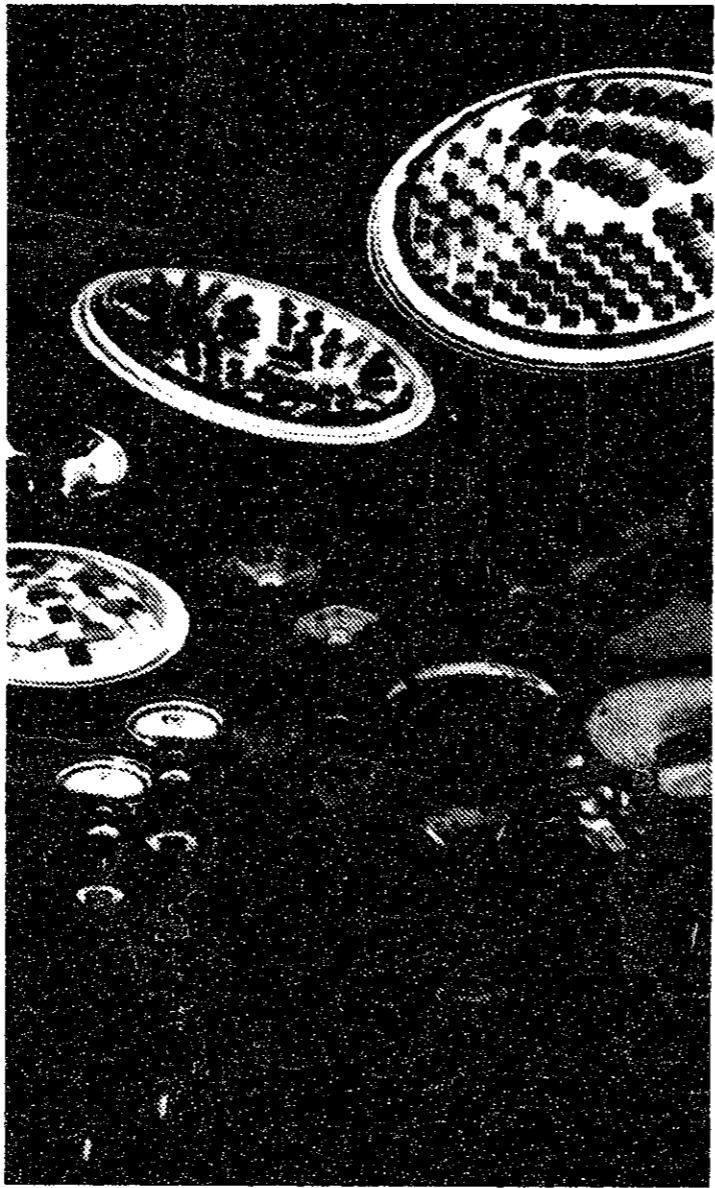
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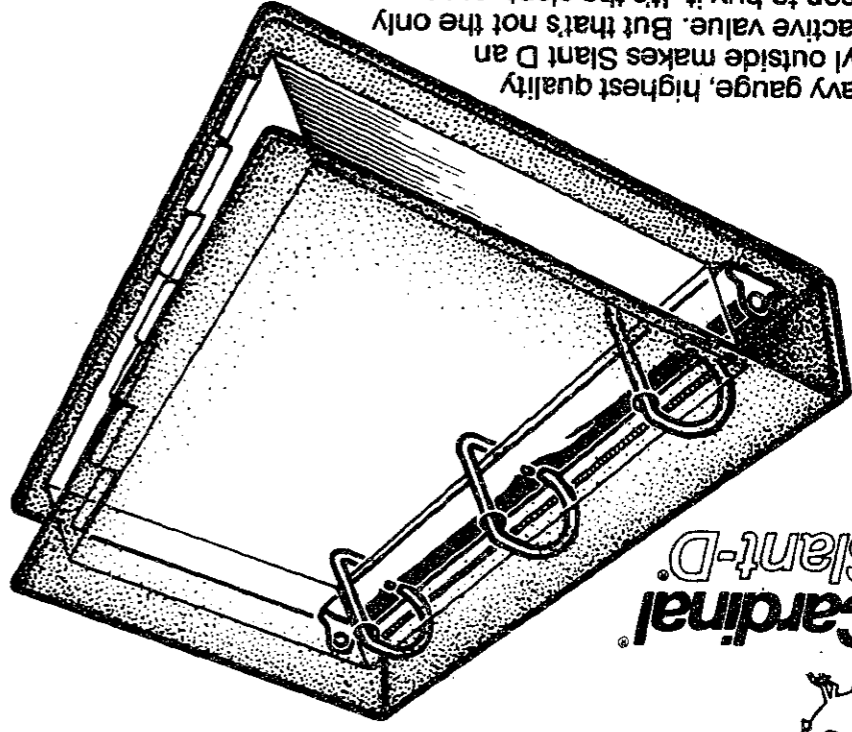
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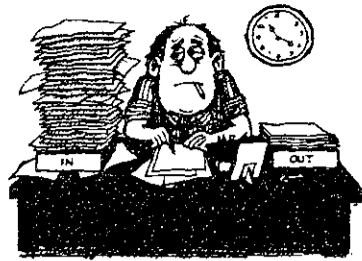
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No game is better than a college's

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pass. A great play, a fitting one to end a great game.

The scene in the locker room was, of course, a sad one. We stayed with a team which was supposed to blow us out for 40 minutes; and came up an inch short. Most of the players feel a loss like that is the toughest type to deal with, and I guess I feel the same way. But Mark Branch, one of the co-captains, said it best: "We know now that we can play with these guys, let's go on and take the next one."

When looking back at this game, I also think of something else Mark has talked about, and that's of respect. He has always reminded us that if even if you lose a game, the most important thing is to have an opponent respect you. Well, I believe that Tufts came out of that game with a lot more respect for us than it did before the game. In addition, anyone who saw that game left with more respect for small college basketball, and realized that regardless of the level, the college game is the best game.

Women's Basketball — Colby-Sawyer College evened the Women's basketball team's record at 2-2, Wednesday, by beating the Engineers 63-40. Co-captain Terry Felts '84 led the losers with 15 points. The season opened well on November 30 with a 66-59 win over Pine Manor. Co-captain Joyce Kelly '83 scored 14, and Felts 12. MIT beat Regis 48-43 on Saturday. Felts again led with 15. Wesleyan handed MIT their first loss 61-43, on Monday. Felts, not surprisingly, had 15 points.

Men's Hockey — The men's hockey club raised its record to 2-1, outskating WPI 5-4 on Tuesday. Paul Dinnage '84 scored two goals. The victory came after Saturday's 5-2 win over Tufts. Tim Foley '85 connected on two goals and an assist, and freshman Ronald Brisco on two goals.

Men's Fencing — Men's fencing did not do very well at Columbia on Saturday, losing to both the hosts by 19-8 and Rutgers by 15-12.

Women's Fencing — Women's fencing did well at the Holiday Invitational Tournament at Brown on Sunday. Vivian Wang '84 took second and captain Ya-Pei Chang '83 was third. Paige Kolze '83 finished fifth.

Men's Gymnastics — First-year coach Fran Molesso's squad beat a Harvard club team 125.45 — 62.35 on Saturday. MIT won four of six events. Dave Roberts '85 won the vaulting with a 9.15. Mike Ehrlich '84 topped the floor exercises with an 8.0. Linus Kelly '83 led on the side horse with a 7.65. Rick Campione '85 was master of the rings with a 7.1.

Wrestling — Tim Walsh's matmen limped into their match against Western New England and lost 34-16. The team's record falls to 0-3. The ranks of the Engineers, though, have been decimated by injury; Steve Fernandez '86 at 118 pounds, Tim Skelton '85 at 126, and Clark Custer '85 at 134 are all out with injuries. One bright note is the return of Frank Montenegro '85, who wrestled and won at 177 pounds, two weight classes above his usual. Walsh has not yet decided if he will keep Montenegro in that class, or return him to 158 pounds.

Men's Swimming — John Benedick's men upended Wesleyan 53-34 on Saturday. Their record is even at 1-1.

Women's Swimming — Benedick's women ran their undefeated season to 2-0 on Saturday, edging Wesleyan 62-60.



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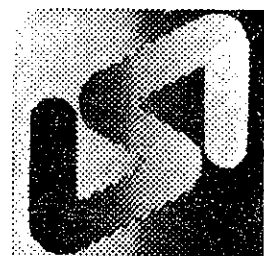
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Men's basketball drops two

By Eric R. Fleming

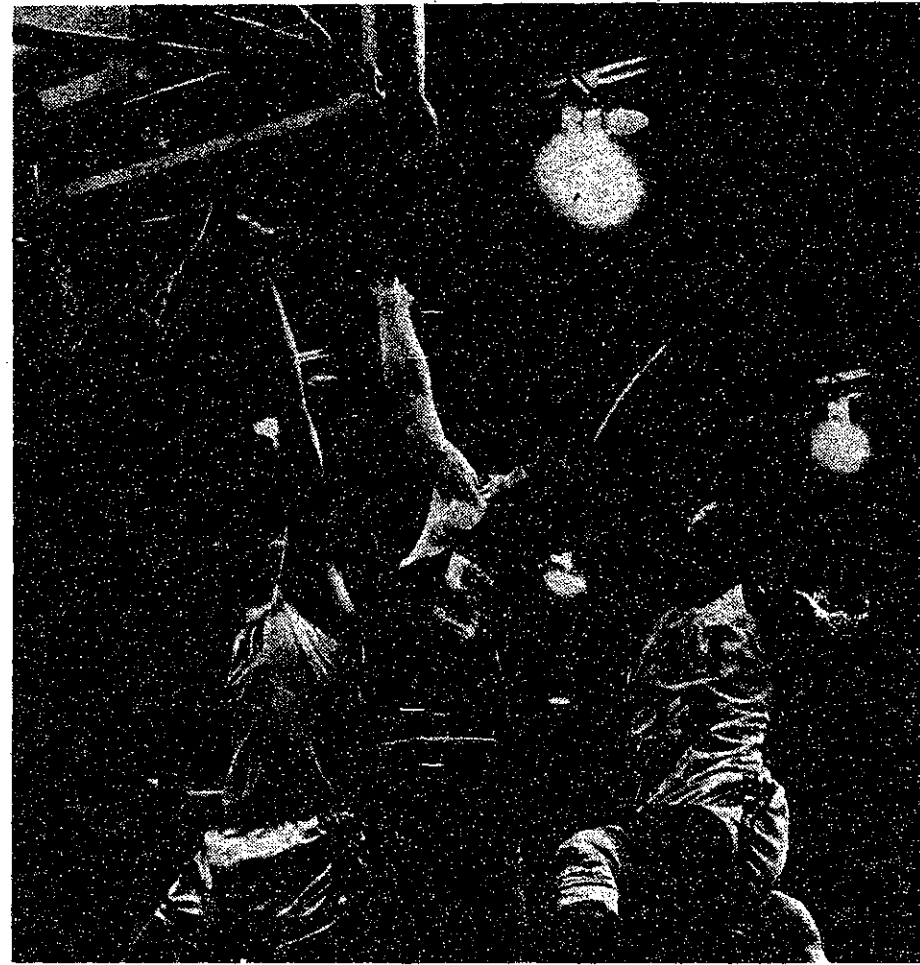
The men's basketball team dropped both of its games in the Illinois Tech tournament held in Chicago last Friday and Saturday.

Following Wednesday's thrilling but tough loss to Tufts, Coach Fran O'Brien's men flew into the Windy City confident and ready for a good showing. The host Scarlet Hawks from Illinois Tech, however, came in with a more talented squad, and were

determined not to let the home fans down. They didn't, winning Friday by a score of 80-58. Though MIT enjoyed a solid 51-34 edge in rebounds (Mark Johnson '84 pulled in 15 to lead both teams), and co-captain Mark Branch led all scorers with 18 points, the Engineers could not handle Illinois Tech's outside shooting or transition game. Numerous times IIT turned missed shots or turnovers into fast-break buckets.

Saturday, MIT squared off against Rochester Tech, which lost to eventual champion Rose-Hulman of Indiana on Friday. RIT and MIT dueled to a 28-28 halftime tie, but as the second half began, it appeared as if three games in four nights began to take its toll on the Engineers. MIT hit on just eight of 37 field goal attempts in the final twenty minutes, while Rochester poured in 51 points, including 21 from the free throw line. The final score read 79-58.

Bright spots for MIT included Branch, who was named to the all-tournament team on the strength of 43 points in two games, Johnson's rebounding (12 in the game against RIT for a two-game total of 27), and the play of freshman Alex Romeo in Saturday's game. The Engineers have the rest of the term off, resuming play on Saturday, January 8 with a home game versus Bates College.



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Men's Basketball went down to defeat twice in the Illinois Tech Tournament held last Friday and Saturday in Chicago.

Column/Eric R. Fleming

College bball best

During my four years here at MIT, I have become a big fan of college basketball. Between managing our men's team, and checking out the other colleges in the area, I must see some thirty to forty games a year. Though the quality and skill level of Division I schools such as Northeastern and Boston College is usually better than the Division III teams we play (a fact which some of my friends don't let me forget), the basketball at our level can be darn good. An example of this was last Wednesday's game against Tufts, which stands out as one of the finest games I have seen at any level: high school, college, or professional.

At first, it looked like a gross mismatch - Tufts, a perennial New England Division III power, a team we haven't beaten in years, against our squad, which hadn't looked like world beaters against Babson and Harvard. Tufts (which ironically is the alma mater of our coach, Fran O'Brien) was bigger, stronger, and more talented than us from top to bottom.

The day before the game, we had what I thought was a good practice. Every now and then, I go to practice to see how the team is progressing, who has improved, and who hasn't. Well, almost everyone looked good, but most importantly, the team looked good. After it ended, I had a positive feeling about the Tufts game.

The next positive signal came during the pre-game "speech" by Coach O'Brien. Usually Coach goes over our strategy for the game, based on his scouting of the team a couple of days before. This time, however, his speech was different. He spoke of the academic excellence we all used to get into and succeed at MIT, and applying some of those principles to the game of basketball, especially at the offensive end of the floor. He said that although Tufts had the better talent, if we concentrated and thought of that excellence, we could go home with a victory. Finally, he told us just to have fun.

Maybe it was the speech, the practice, or the desire to pull a big upset. Maybe it was all three, and then some more. Whatever it was, it worked. We came out on fire, and kept it going all game. What I and the other 300 people saw at that old gym in Medford that night was first-rate basketball by both teams. Offense, defense, hustle, patience, poise, athletic ability - all of those ingredients were present. Every time Tufts made a move, we countered with one of our own. When it looked like we were going to fold, we hung in there, point for point. Our bubble burst with just two seconds left, on a perfect pass to

Tufts' Bill Ewing (no relation to Pat) for an alley-oop over Robert Joseph, who was right there with him. One inch higher, and Ewing does not make the shot; one inch lower, and Robert picks off the

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