

## EC, Senior House kitchens started

By Buzz Moschetti

Construction of kitchens at East Campus and Senior House dormitories began as scheduled this month, according to Senior Vice President William R. Dickson '56.

The kitchens should be completed by the end of the summer, at a cost of approximately \$900,000, Dickson said. The project began as a student proposal to improve dining options for east campus residents.

The project calls for the installation of 16 kitchens in the two dormitories. Each floor of both the west and east parallels of East Campus will gain a kitchen, and Senior House will get six new kitchens distributed about its basement and upper floors.

Most of the kitchens will include three stoves, three sinks, two refrigerators, and one freezer. In some cases, space limitations will reduce the number of appliances installed. A small dining area will also be included in each kitchen.

"We were hoping to complete the two units in the basement of Senior House by the start of the second term, but now it appears that they will not be finished until this summer along with the rest," Dickson said.

The project was begun during IAP so that it would be completed earlier in the summer, Dickson said. Construction will be suspended at the start of the second term, however, so that noise and other distractions will not in-

terfere with residents' studies, he added.

Mandatory commons resulted from the Kassakian dining study conducted in October 1979. Following the institution of mandatory commons for the class entering in September 1980, Housing and Food Services began to examine several plans to develop a dining system that would be agreeable to both east campus residents and MIT.

The first plan submitted suggested Morss Hall facilities in Walker Memorial be expanded to accommodate a kitchen area, Dickson said, but the plan was eventually rejected due to cost considerations as well as student requests that dining facilities be located in their dormitories.

A group of students at East Campus then produced a plan which entailed installing kitchens in existing stairwells. The Institute was also considering the stairwells as possible kitchen sites, and the plan was revised

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Tech photo by Laurie Goldman

Several stairwells in East Campus are being removed in order to allow new kitchen construction.

## Schools nix draft-aid tie

By Will Doherty

Financial aid directors at Yale University, Earlham College and Goshen College recently announced that, in the words of Goshen College Student Financial Aid Director Walter Schmucker, "we are planning to support draft nonregistrants with

the same assistance as those who have registered."

These declarations came in response to a decision by the US Congress last summer to withdraw all Title IV federal aid funds from university students who are draft nonregistrants.

This spring, MIT President

Paul E. Gray '54 is expected to consult with the faculty and the Academic Council concerning the registration requirement for federal financial aid.

The legislation, known as the Solomon Amendment — after Representative Gerald B. H. Solomon (R-New York) — is "not necessarily endorsed by the Department of Education," said Leonard V. Gallagher '54, MIT director of student financial aid.

He expects Gray to consider a proposal, similar to those adopted by other universities, under which needy nonregistrants will receive aid despite federal cut-backs. In most cases, needy nonregistrants who attend these schools will not face any reduction in aid.

Gallagher predicted the Department of Education will release a notice of proposed rule-making within a month. US Secretary of Education Terrell Bell and Selective Service Director Thomas K. Turnage appointed personnel to formulate the rules which will require a 45-day public comment period before they are finalized. The legislation will go into effect July 1, as specified by Congress.

Gallagher anticipates "a bureaucratic problem of some magnitude" with the implementation

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## E18 alarm forces evacuation

By Barry S. Surman

A fire alarm triggered by a faulty smoke detector prompted evacuation of about 300 people from building E18 Monday afternoon.

No alarms were sounded in adjacent buildings, however, and the two Campus Police officers at the scene were unaware of at

least ten people who entered the evacuated building while Cambridge firefighters and MIT physical plant emergency workers worked in the basement below.

"That's worth looking into a bit more closely," MIT Campus Police Chief James Olivieri commented.

"It is a big complex," Olivieri

explained. Building E18 is connected to the Seelye G. Mudd Building (E17), the Horace Sayford Ford Building (E19), and the Whitaker College (E25).

Campus Police received two telephone calls reporting the smell of smoke in building E18 at 1:13pm, according to the police report of the incident. Physical plant workers discovered the faulty smoke detector in room E18-035 at 1:34pm, and reopened the building.

The smoke alarm triggered a fire extinguishing system which filled a storage room with carbon dioxide gas, according to Cambridge Deputy Fire Chief William T. Rose. Fire Department trucks from two stations — one at Main Street, behind building E19, and the other at the intersection of Main Street and Massachusetts Avenue — responded to the alarm.

## ASA undecided on space reallocation

By John J. Ying

Judith Passman '83, Association of Student Activities (ASA) chairman and president of the MIT Science Fiction Society (MITSFS), yesterday had "no idea" when the ASA will reach a decision about the reallocation of space in the Student Center.

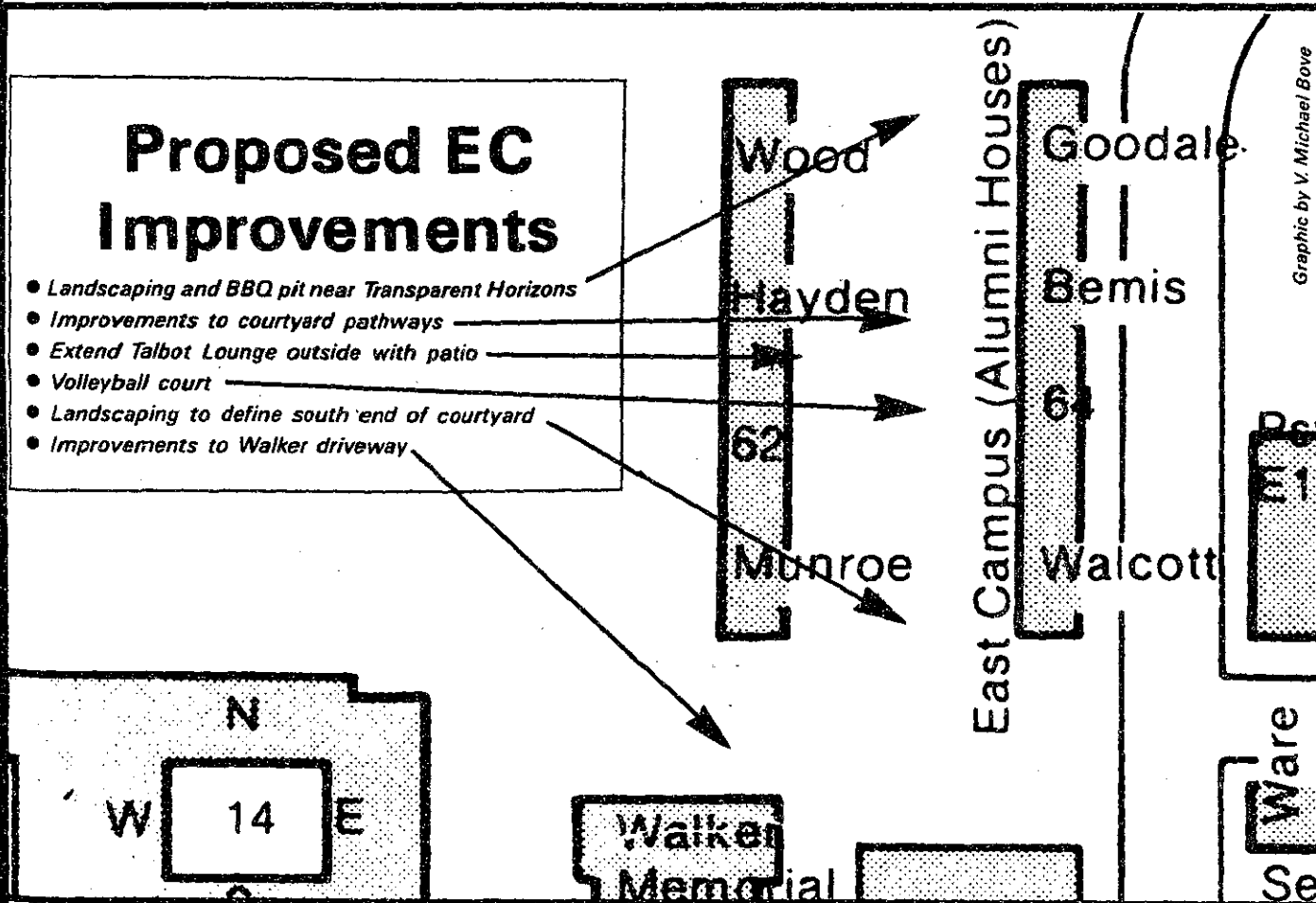
A contested part of a proposal before the ASA in December called for the Student Art Association (SAA) to give its largest room to MITSFS in return for a smaller one presently occupied by several small activities. The small activities would in turn get the even smaller room MITSFS now uses.

The ASA set January 16 as the deadline for a compromise, but, according to Passman, a solution probably will not be found by then. "The situation isn't that simple. We are trying to work out

a compromise where everyone is happy." She would not comment further on the details under discussion.

Andrew M. Eisenmann, Student Art Association director, said he is "certain that [the room the SAA may lose] is central to the type of program we have. During this IAP we have 100 people using the studio a week." The SAA, he noted, stores 40-45 percent of their materials in the room.

Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Stephen D. Immerman confirmed the space allocation issue between the ASA, SAA, and small activities has not yet been settled, but said a decision should be made before February. Several new options for resolving the conflict are being considered, he said, but declined to elaborate any further.



## East Campus designs courtyard plan

By Laura Farhie

A group of East Campus dormitory residents has drafted a tentative three-phase proposal to renovate the dormitory's courtyard and landscaping.

Phase one of the proposal could help remedy the immediate problem of ground deterioration due to flooding, neglect, and pedestrian use, according to the proposal.

Phase two is intended to "define the territory of East Campus," said Alex Harui '83, co-coordinator of the proposal. The

second phase will develop aesthetic building perimeters and create spaces for student activities, the plan states.

Phase three proposes that a sand pit be placed near the mid-

dle of the courtyard, serving as a volleyball court.

To "get rid of the muddy spots," said Harui, phase one includes the installation of paths

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### inside

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# Courtyard renovation considered

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ways around three corners of the buildings. The plan also proposes improvement of the driveway leading to Walker Memorial.

Phase one also calls for the removal of the tree stumps in the middle of the courtyard. Harui described the grass in the courtyard as "patchy" and said it should be improved.

Phase two proposes to landscape the area around the Louise Nevelson sculpture, "Transparent Horizons", located at the north end of the East Campus courtyard. The landscaping would include installation of benches and barbecue pits.

A patio adjacent to East Campus' Talbot Lounge is also included under phase two. The patio would be a "gathering space" and "parties can spill outdoors," according to Harui.

Phase two includes defining the south end of the courtyard with plants and grass. It also proposes the improvement of the grounds on the sides of the parallels not facing the courtyard.

Co-coordinator of the project, Peter Rosamilia '83, said he and Harui distributed questionnaires on the proposal to all East Campus residents in October. Rosamilia said results have still not been fully compiled because residents have taken a long time to return the survey.

Harui has compiled the questionnaires from the west parallel and his general impression is that residents find phase one very acceptable. Residents have mixed feelings, however, concerning phase two and find phase three generally unacceptable.

East Campus may bid for a portion of the money MIT allocates for dormitory renovations in order to fund the landscaping project, according to Harui. He estimated the project would cost roughly \$20,000.

"I think the implementation would take a summer or less," said Harui.



Photo courtesy Discover Magazine/Mark Godfrey  
MIT biology professor Robert Allan Weinberg '64 was named Scientist of the Year by Discover magazine for his central role in identifying cancer-causing genes (oncogenes) in humans. The science newsmagazine cited advancements in oncogene research, revealing the central mechanism of cancer, as clearly the most significant scientific development of 1982.

# Kitchen construction begins

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and accepted by both parties. The proposal by Senior House students to place the kitchens in the basement of the Holman and Atkinson entries and on upper floors spanning entries was also approved by the Corporation Executive Committee.

"Over 75% of the students were in favor of the kitchen plan," said Margaret Keyser, housemistress of Senior House. "It is a pleasant surprise that the [basement] construction is going well."

"It was a very amicable solution," declared H. Eugene Brammer, director of Housing and Food Services. "An added advantage is that with the current

plans, the net loss of housing space is zero," which was "a prime consideration in building the kitchens," he noted.

Residents in both dormitories will be given the option of choosing commons meals, should they not desire to cook, Brammer said.

Although existing rooms will be removed at East Campus to accommodate the kitchen equipment, new rooms will be built in the stairwells and some singles converted to doubles, Brammer noted.

"Because the kitchens will draw east campus residents away from Morss Hall, another dining study will have to be conducted,"

# Construction of new buildings goes well

By Joel Gluck

Work continues smoothly on the two major construction sites on campus: the Arts and Media Technology Center (building E15) and the EG&G Educational Center (building 34). "We've had a fantastic winter," said Campus Architect Harry P. Portnoy.

Completion of the Arts and Media Center is set for April 1984, according to Director of Finance John A. Currie '57. Pledges totaling close to \$20 million of the estimated building and maintenance costs of \$22 million have already been received for the building.

Costs have risen for the Arts and Media Center since its inception, Currie noted, but "... not substantially. They redesigned the curtain wall and got some new bids."

Full completion of the Arts and Media Center, including the furnishings, is set for fall 1984, contingent upon the raising of additional funds, said Nelson C. Lees '53, Director of Resource Development.

The EG&G Educational Center is named for the company founded by Professor Harold E. Edgerton '27, Kenneth Germehausen '31, and Herbert E. Grier '33. The three alumni donated

nearly five million dollars for the building.

The EG&G Educational Center is due to be completed in March 1983. "EG&G is finishing a little late because of a rainy June ... I don't anticipate any difficulties," Portnoy commented. EG&G's completion and occupancy in late spring of 1983 will enable the building to house classes during the fall 1983 semester.

Construction of the buildings has generally been on schedule although "financially we are not hurt if they slip, as we would be in the case of dormitories," according to Currie.

I. M. Pei '40, architect for the Arts and Media Technology Center, also designed the Camille Edouard Dreyfus Building (building 18), the Cecil and Ida Green Building (building 54), and the Ralph Landau Building, (building 66).

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## Nation

**Reagan bothered by leaks to media** — President Reagan ordered members of his staff to abstain from speaking to the news media without permission Monday. "I've had it up to my keister with these leaks," Reagan told the White House staff, according to White House Director of Communications David R. Gergen. Under the President's new guidelines, Gergen's office must clear White House aides before they speak to the press.

**New York prison takeover ends** — Inmates yesterday freed the last of 17 guards held hostage for three days at the maximum-security prison at Ossining, New York. The inmates released their captives after local television stations broadcast their demands for better conditions in the prison formerly called Sing-Sing. Officials said no amnesty was promised for the hostage-takers.

## Local

**Dukakis inauguration followed by controversy** — Massachusetts Governor Michael S. Dukakis and Lieutenant Governor John F. Kerry were sworn into office last Thursday at the State House in Boston. Moments after the ceremony, members of Dukakis' staff discovered members of former governor Edward J. King's staff shredding documents in the governor's office. The matter is under investigation. Dukakis rescinded two of King's "midnight appointments" to the Massachusetts Port Authority board Friday, invoking an obscure 1964 law.

**Meanwhile, a little farther north** — New Hampshire also inaugurated a new governor Thursday: John H. Sununu '61. Sununu, president of JHS Engineering Co. of Salem, New Hampshire, received his bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees from MIT.

## Weather

**Winter weather returns** — Temperatures will drop as a cloudy Wednesday progresses, with snow flurries likely this afternoon. Clearing skies and colder temperatures tonight: The low may fall below 20 degrees. Tomorrow will be mostly sunny, with a high near 32 degrees.

Barry S. Surman

# Schools will replace federal aid denied non-registrants

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of a financial aid/ registration enforcement program. He pointed out that those who have registered, but may have mislaid a registration receipt provided by Selective Service, may suffer considerable delays in financial aid administration.

Yale University students who replace federal Guaranteed Student Loans (GSL) with loans sponsored by the university will have to pay interest subsidies during attendance, said Yale Director of Undergraduate Financial Aid Jacqueline Foster. The government normally would cover these interest expenditures.

This legislation affects only needy students, Foster added, especially now that GSL's require a need determination.

At MIT, Gallagher believes "the decision [whether or not to cover nonregistrant need] is likely to be made on principle" because preliminary estimates, using a 94% registration compliance figure, indicate that MIT would not have to cover a significant amount of funding. This 94% compliance figure, obtained from Selective Service, may be a "big assumption" in the MIT community, said Gallagher.

The Minnesota Public Interest

Research Group filed a lawsuit in Federal District Court on November 23, 1982, charging that legislation linking registration with Federal financial aid violates Privacy Act protections, constitutes a Bill of Attainder, interferes with the student's right against self-incrimination and denies a student equal protection under the law.

A preliminary account of the Department of Education regulations published in the December 15, 1982, *National Association of Financial Aid Administrators Newsletter* states that students will be required to fill out and sign a "Statement of Educational Purpose/Registration Compliance" and later provide a copy of their Selective Service registration

receipt. The "Statement" asks students to certify that they have registered or that they are not legally required to do so.

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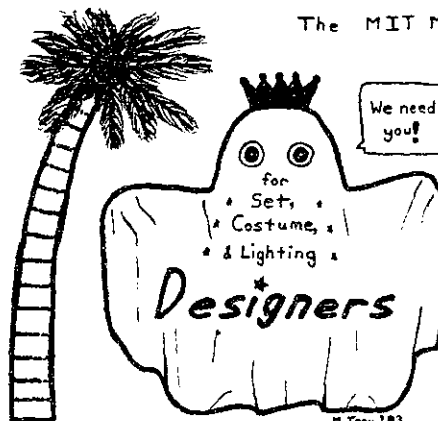
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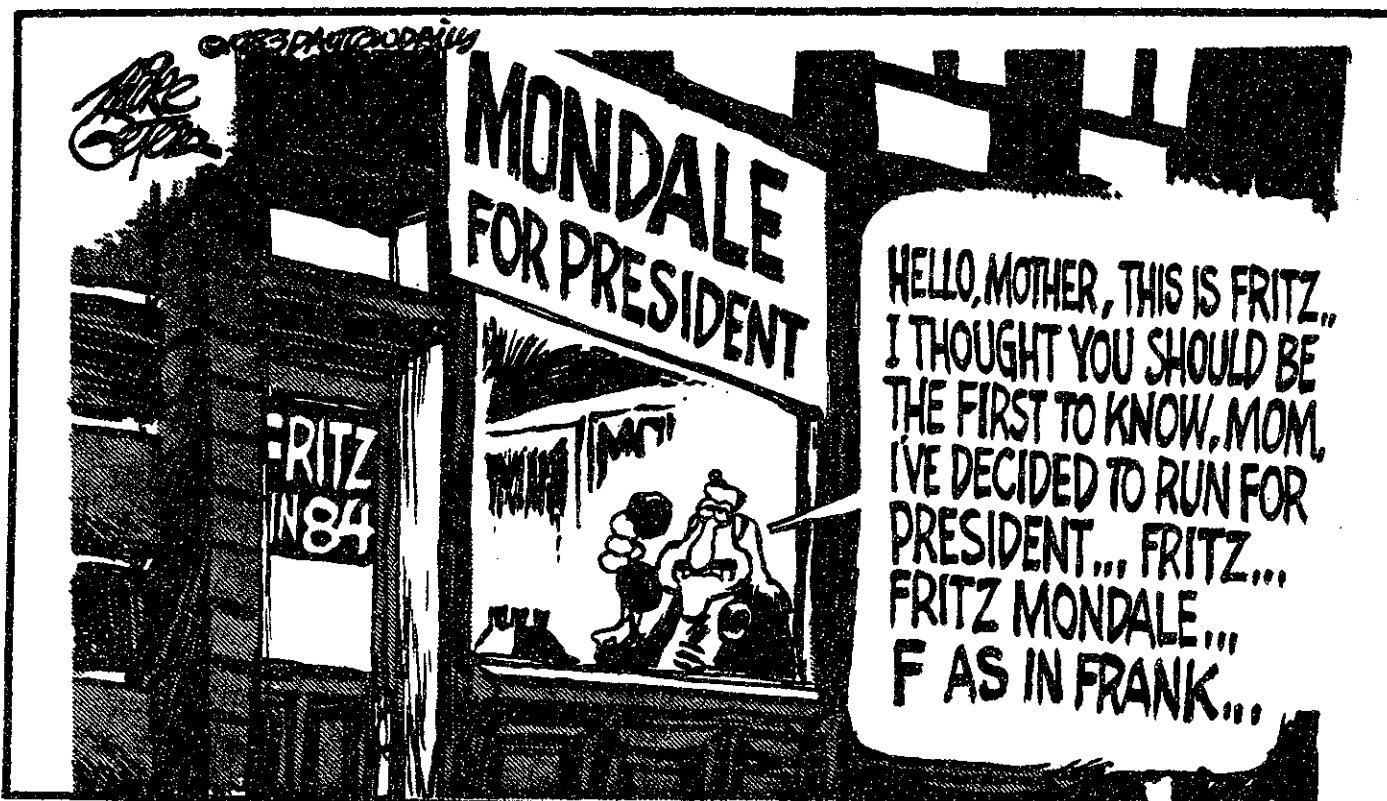
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# opinion



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## Beer and *jamais vu* at MIT

From time to time, I receive telephone calls from Standish L. Plebney IV (not his real name), longtime friend and sometime pop sociologist from an upriver football rival. This past Thursday afternoon, he rang me up and indicated a need to "have a few" far from the negative influence of Ivy Leaguers writing fifty-page papers and cramming for final exams.

All of which results in our sitting at the Muddy Charles Pub, at a table which commands a good view of both the room and the rush-hour traffic along the river. Both of us are drinking Beck's Dark. Jim Morrison sings "When the Music's Over" just loudly enough to be noticed. The crowd is the usual late-afternoon mix of grad students having one before going home for the night and Senior House residents having one for breakfast.

"Something's not quite right, Mike."

"With what?" I ask.

"This place. I don't understand — it's like a weird mix of Neo-Classical, French Provincial, and 1967. I get this feeling of — what's the word?"

"*Jamais vu*."

"What?"

"*Jamais vu* — the less-publicized cousin of *déjà vu*. It's the phenomenon of feeling uneasy in

a situation because you're certain you've never experienced anything even remotely like it before."

"You just now made that up."

(Overheard from the next table, where an obviously very agitated fellow wearing one of those kelly-and-navy knit ties sold two-for-five-bucks at Coop sidewalk sales explains to a female companion: "... finally he says to me, 'Alright, so every lousy kitchen chair you see makes you think of the Bauhaus. Well, every bit of load-bearing structure I see makes me think of Nastassia Kinski's thighs, but I don't try to get it published.' Can you believe the *nerve* of that guy?")

"My God — they have grey suede wallpaper! This place traffics in heavy mellow, doesn't it?"

"As much as they can get away with."

"Too mellow a place in which to get properly blitzed. Perhaps we should relocate," Plebney declares.

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"Entering an imposing Victorian structure through the cellar door. This is more like it," he comments, as we descend into the Thirsty Ear. "This looks like a place in which Lenny Bruce could have been busted," he notes, immediately recognizing

the pun on the legendary San Francisco nightspot The Hungry "i".

The room is nice and dark, as befits its subterranean location. A sizeable crowd is gathered at one end, where an apparently very serious darts match is taking place. Plebney and I grab a pair of Guinness Extra Stouts and make for the sole remaining empty table.

Experience has shown that when Plebney drinks he becomes paranoid, and for the past half-hour or so I have been waiting for him to say or do something to indicate his having come under the influence. My patience is soon rewarded.

"There's a french-fry light about two feet from my face," he complains, pointing to a spotlight which looks remarkably similar to the ones they use to keep fries warm at McDonald's.

"So unscrew the bulb."

"I'll burn my fingers."

"So stage a commando raid on the generating station."

"Good idea." He toddles off, and it is a moment before I realize he has gone to get us another brace of brews. In the center of the room five guys and roughly that many girls all seem to be trying to dance with one another.

Plebney returns. A girl shouts, seemingly to no one in particular, "I'll be up in my room if you want me."

Plebney looks startled. "I just remembered we're in the basement of a dorm. I'd never be able to live here — I'd feel so guilty sitting in my room when I knew this place was just downstairs. But then you folks also have that dorm in Central Square — what's it called?"

"Random Hall."

"Yes — Random Hall, with Father's Fore as additional lounge space. Now, at Harvard

"*HAAVAHD!*" At the next table a hockey-jersey clad approximation to the Prudential Building, sitting with two larger-than-life models of the Incredible Hulk, spins around. "You hear that? This here fellah's from *Hahvahd!*"

He redirects his gaze downward, where my friend's efforts at burrowing into the concrete floor are proving ineffective. "Christ, Plebney — don't you recognize me? I was in your econ section last year — I just came down to MIT to visit some buddies and get away from reading period."

Later, as I'm loading the remains of a rather shaken Plebney onto the Harvard-Dudley bus, he mumbles, "Too much strangeness tonight — *jamais vu*."

"*Jamais vu* to all. And to all a good night."

Column/Mark Templer

## Back on the farm

1982 was quite a year on the ranch. It was not a good year for most of the animals, but it certainly was an eventful one.

Back in January, it was very very icy. Many of the animals were cold. Some big birds even fell out of the sky and crashed into the frozen river. Most of the birds drowned, but a few were saved by Lenny the otter, who courageously dove into the icy waters to pull them to safety. Everyone on the farm was proud of Lenny — even Ron, the head rooster.

But things did not go too well after Lenny's great act of heroism. As the winter turned to spring, the insects became very active. The boll weevils and gypsy moths fought over territory and defoliated much of the forest. The killer bees kept stinging everybody. Worst of all, the farm was not producing much food, and many of the animals became ill.

But Ron the head rooster kept promising things would get better, real soon. He said that his policy of giving the hogs more slop would soon cause the hens to lay more eggs and the cows to give more milk. But it didn't.

Ron kept asking the animals to produce more, but then he took away some of their cornfeed to pay for his bear traps. He has always been scared that the grizzly bears would come to hurt animals on his ranch. And he was justified in being afraid.

The bears were getting old, but they were still tough. Their wolves, Q-ba and V-et, brought them fresh meat every day. Leonid, the head bear, was quite ill, but he was as tough as ever. All of the other bears knew not to get him mad, because he had beaten the Afghan dog and the pole cat into submission in the last two winters. Ron the rooster was especially upset about what the bears did to the cat, so he crowed and crowed and set more traps. Even Papa John the swan was upset by Leonid's treatment of the pole cat. But life went on.

In the summer and fall, things did not get better. The cows and bulls went crazy, and they ran all over the market place. At the same time, all of the ducks began preening themselves for the big fall beauty contest. They took turns slopping the hogs, who are always a big help around contest time. (The biggest hogs are always able to splash mud on the ducks they dislike, and that hurts those ducks' chances in the beauty contest.) Throughout these months, Ron tried to influence the other animals to vote for the ducks he liked in the beauty contest. But so many of the animals were sick that Ron's persuasive efforts hurt his duck friends. In the end, it was the least muddled ducks who were picked by their fellow animals in the beauty contest.

Just after the beauty contest, Leonid the head bear finally died. His buddy Yuri then became head bear. Pretty soon, the barnyard was buzzing with talk that Yuri had been the one responsible for mauling Papa John the swan the year before. The animals said that Yuri did not want John to sing about the bears' treatment of the poor pole cat.

Meanwhile, back on the ranch, Ron did not want Yuri to think he was a chicken, so he unveiled his new plan to stop the bears: "dense trap". Dense trap involved placing a lot of new bear traps close together (Ron called them "peacekeepers") to confuse the bears. But the ducks, many of whom were lame from the rigors of the beauty contest, did not like this idea. Instead, they told Ron that they wanted pork barrels to give to the pigs to keep them warm in the winter. Ron was skeptical, but he said, "maybe."

The rest of the animals did not care too much about bears or pigs. They just knew that they were quite hungry and very cold. They all hoped that 1983 would be a better year for the farm. So do I.

## feedback

## Gays less visible minority

To the Editor:

In his December 3 column in *The Tech*, Will Doherty related the harassment of gays to the maltreatment of "women, blacks, and a whole list of other oppressed groups on the MIT campus." I believe that there are differences in the situation of homosexuals, and the situation of women and minorities with respect to discrimination. This difference results from a choice.

I am not saying that homosexuals should not make their sexual preferences known, or that all homosexuals should make their preferences known — this is a choice that the individual has to make. And I might add, this choice should be respected. But, it is a choice. Women and other minorities cannot decide whether or not to be recognized as such. Also, women and other minorities have had long histories of oppression. For many years they have been economically and educationally deprived.

I certainly agree that discrimination against gays is unfair, but the differences in the situations of

homosexuals, and of women and minorities should be recognized. Robert L. Satcher '86

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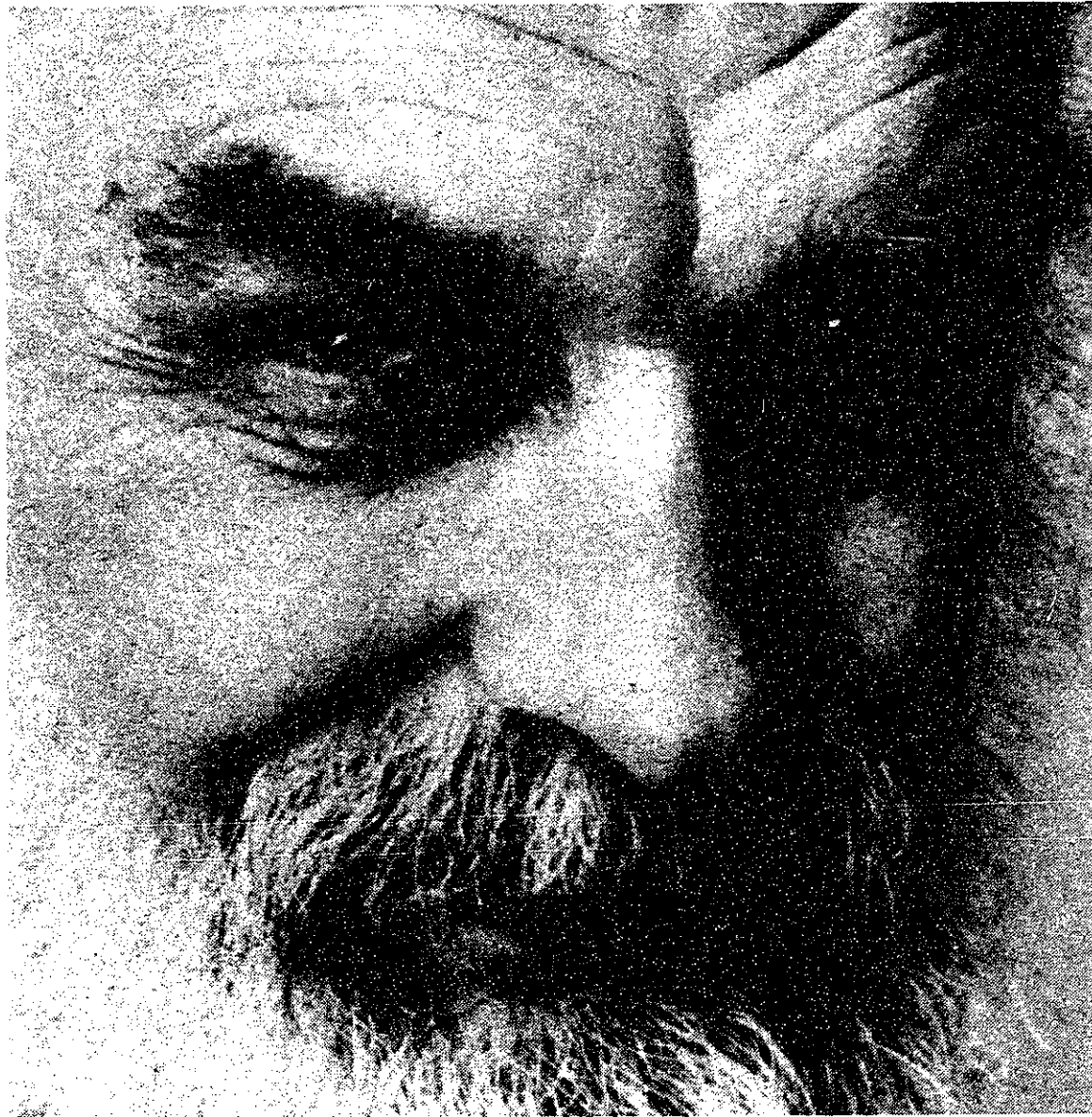
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# Charlatan, liar, cheat, thief

The Amazing Randi at Kresge Auditorium, January 10. Presented by the MIT Lecture Series Committee.

The Amazing Randi was truly amazing, nay, amazingly amazing, in his performance at Kresge Auditorium Monday night. James Randi astounded the audience with beautifully executed feats of

prestidigitation, while lucidly accounting his adventures and investigations into the paranormal. Topics ranged from Uri Geller to cattle mutilation, and all through the three-and-a-half-hour performance Randi managed to maintain a very high level of wit, humor, showmanship, and intelligence.



Randi, author of three books on magic and the paranormal — *The Magic of Uri Geller, Houdini: His Life & Art*, and *Flim-Flam! The Truth About Unicorns, Parapsychology, & Other Delusions*, said although the paranormal may well exist, he has not been shown any evidence to support it: "There is not one repeatable experiment in parapsychology. There has not been one good experiment in parapsychology in all of its 120 years. . . . It's not a science."

Beginning his talk with the memorable words, "I'm a charlatan, a liar, a cheat and thief," Randi proceeded to make disparaging remarks concerning the factual content of *The National Enquirer*, the prowess of so-called earthquake predictors, the existence of Santa Claus ("I've been waiting by the chimney for 35 years"), and Tamara Rand, who predicted the attempt on President Reagan's life an entire day after it occurred.

Randi, 52, has strong opinions about many things. About his break with *Omni* magazine he stated: "*Omni* has gone to the paranormal; that's where the money is." After recounting the story of a man who, upon seeing Randi perform a mystifying card trick announced that it must have been a true paranormal event and not a trick, Randi proclaimed that that is ". . . the arrogance of the scientist; if I don't understand it, no one understands it."

The tricks Randi performed during his talk included the key bending, spoon bending, and wristwatch resetting feats made famous by Uri Geller, who claims to have special powers. Randi, who claims *not* to have special powers, performed them brilliantly, and even told the secret to the wristwatch trick. The Amazing Randi also performed, with great finesse, some fairly standard mentalist tricks, and told

of the trickery and mechanics behind some famous paranormal hoaxes. Happy to admit that all magic he has seen or performed is a sham, Randi said "No Virginia, there is no real magic."

Randi mentioned he has no quarrel with any religion, unless it claims to prove something scientifically. About UFO's he said, "People jump in and get on the bandwagon; everyone likes to get in on a good thing."

Both the CIA and the US Air Force have spent millions on paranormal research, Randi said, including the bizarre Project Vampire, in which the military had psychics attempt, using their "powers", to blow up warheads "not in the present, over Washington, but in the past, over the North Pole." Concerning US and Soviet research into the paranormal Randi remarked: "Though there may be a psi gap between [the US and USSR], there is no dunderhead gap."

Randi called the Bermuda Triangle mysteries "a pack of lies," and equated the near-death experiences of people on the operating table to the strange symbols that appear on his CRT when his personal computer goes on the fritz. He also said that the beneficial effects of acupuncture, if any, "seem to be psychological" and that most of the major operations filmed in China when Nixon visited used anaesthetics as well as acupuncture.

"We are a sensational species," Randi said, ". . . our species went to the moon. . . . We don't need the claptrap artists to show us how marvelous we are."

Randi is the host of a soon-to-be-aired television program on NBC which investigates the paranormal, has written for *Omni* and *Discover* magazines, and has a new book entitled *Testing Yourself for ESP*.

Joel Gluck

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## UA NEWS

### Meltsner Overthrown Martial Law Declared

In a surprise move, senior Dave Scrimshaw staged a coup and appointed himself UAVP. When asked why he did it Dave replied, "I needed something that looked good on my resume." Deposed UAVP Ken Meltsner, who was vacationing in California at the time of the coup is said to be planning an alliance with the Hahvahd Revolutionary Front to regain his post.

### The Ministry of Truth Wants You!



Can you draw this picture? If you can, you can make big bucks working for *Tool and Die Monthly*, the new MIT humor magazine. Former T&D staffers have gone on to positions with famous humor magazines like "Intercollegiate Chess League of America Bulletin", "The National Enquirer", and *The Tech*. Writers, artists, photographers and production people should attend the organizational meeting Thursday at 7:00 in Room 400 of the Stud Center. Items planned for next issue include "The Girls of the Silicon Valley" and "A Consumer's Guide to MIT Professors".

### Second Coup Occurs; UA News Taken Over

In an even more surprising move, the MIT Chapter of the Yale Precision Marching Band took over the UA News while Scrimshaw was out of town drumming up support for his planned assassination of the UAP. It promptly announced the 1st Great Find the Drum Major a Girlfriend Before Valentine's Day Contest. Applications for the position should be turned into the UA Office. Personal Data about the Drum Major is posted in the UA window.

### UA NEWS to Continue to be Published

The UA News will continue to appear in subsequent issues of *The Tech*, even though the Drum Major was accidentally thrown down two flights of stairs after I saw this issue. Submit your news items to the UA News Room W20-401 before noon on Mondays or something terrible gonna happen. Right!?

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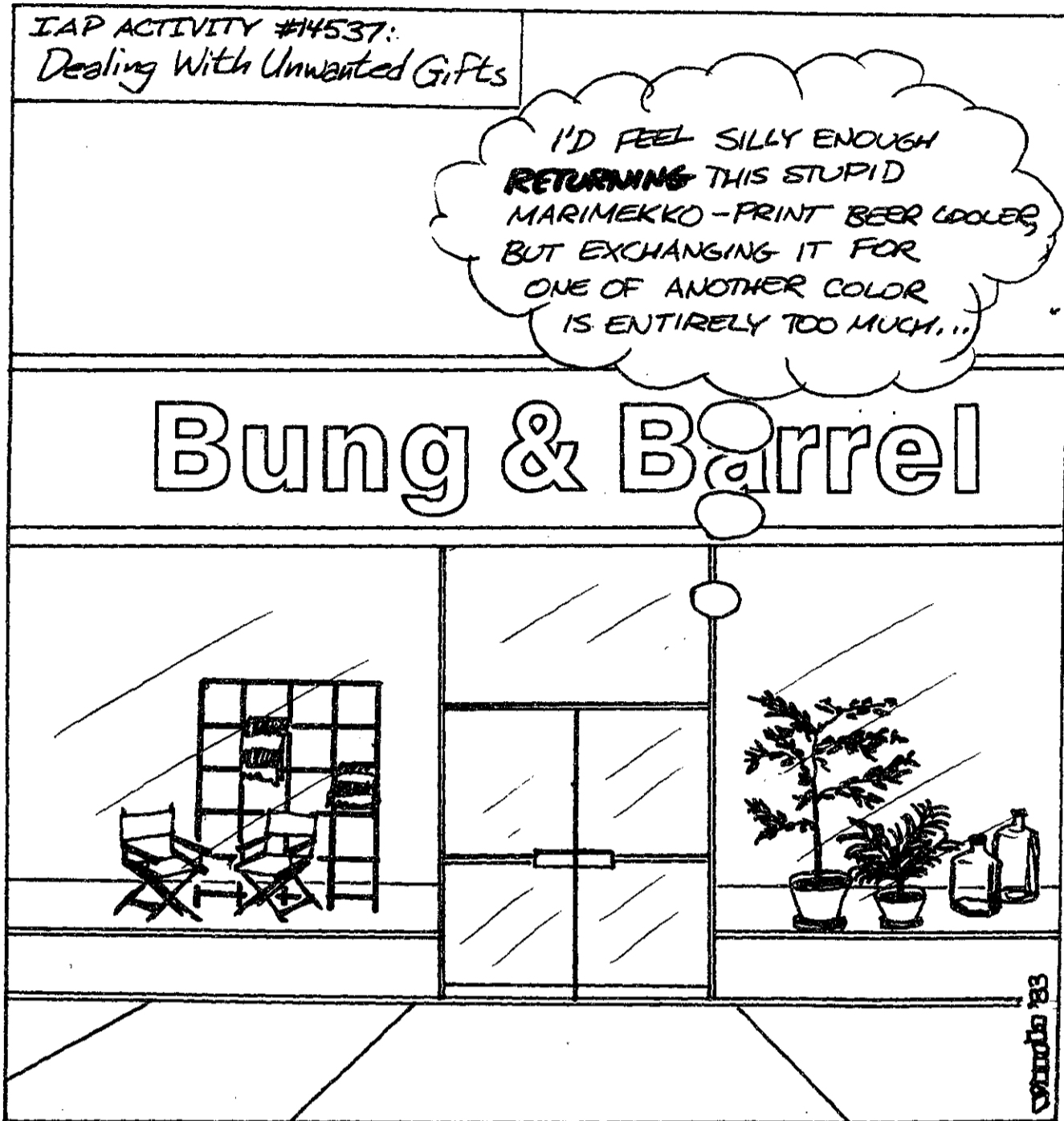
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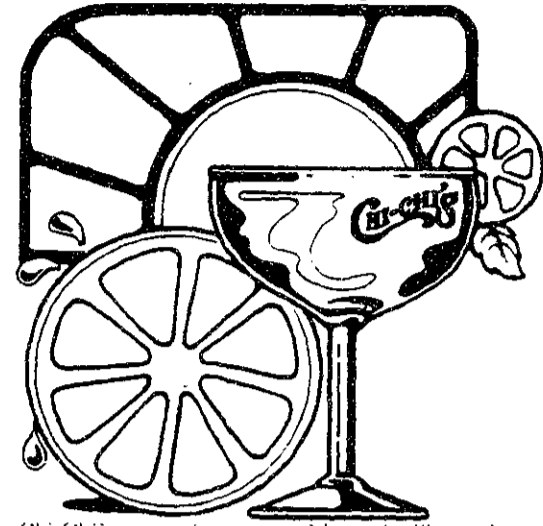
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# sports

## Men and women fencers lose to Notre Dame

By Martin Dickau

Notre Dame, a school that fencing coach Eric Sollee calls "a powerhouse" which will "probably win the nationals," took MIT by storm, defeating the men 38-10 and the women 10-6 Monday night in duPont.

In men's sabre, Charles Kwon '84 and Brad Nager '83 were the only Engineers to win any bouts, as the squad lost 14-2.

The situation was much the same in men's epee with Dave Humphreys '83 taking two of his four bouts and Dan Lord '85 and captain Ray Holden '83 each chipping in with one to make the final score 12-4.

Oscar Estell '83, a member of last year's Iron Man Trophy team, paced the foil squad with three victories. Rich Shapiro '83 was the only other team member with a victory, as MIT fell 12-4.

Captain Ya-Pei Chang '83 collected three wins in her four bouts. Janet Yanowitz '83 had two, and Vivian Wang '84 had one in the women's losing effort.

Notre Dame went on to face Harvard and split, the Fighting Irish's men losing to the Crimson 29-19, but their women winning 11-5.

The fencers' next home match will be a week from Saturday when another traditionally tough opponent, Southeastern Massachusetts, pays a visit.



Photo courtesy MIT Sports Information  
Greater Boston League all-star soccer players MIT co-captains John Busa '83 (#7) and John English '83 (#18) with coach Walter Alessi.

## Track falls to Williams for second loss in a row

By Martin Dickau

Displaying some glaring weaknesses, especially in the running events, the track team dropped a 73-63 decision to Williams College Saturday in the Athletic Center. The Engineers' record stands at an even 2-2 on the young season.

Sophomores Pat Parris and Greg Procopio gave MIT an early lead in the meet, taking first and second place, respectively, in the 35-pound weight throw. Freshman Ed Freeman captured first in the long jump, and Eric

Weaver '83 placed third to add to the Engineer margin.

Parris produced another first-place finish — this time in the shot put. Weaver took top slot in the triple jump, and Joe Presing '84 turned in his best performance of the season, easily winning the 55-meter hurdles, as MIT stubbornly clung to a ten-point lead.

The Engineers threatened to break the meet open in the 500 meters when Dave Richards '86 and John Taylor '84 combined to grab the top two spots, further padding MIT's edge.

The Engineers' prowess, unfortunately, did not extend to the remainder of the running events, as Williams handily won both the 1000- and 3000-meter runs, as well as the 55-meter dash. Ken Kovach '83 made a valiant effort in the 800 meters, but came up short by half a second, as the visitors continued to gain ground on their opponents.

Williams dominated the high jump to even the score at 63, and sealed its victory with wins in both the 1600- and 3200-meter relays, finishing well ahead of MIT's runners.

The team will have a chance to end its two-game losing streak Saturday when the two-time defending New England Division III indoor champions host Bates at 1pm.

## sports update

**Men's Basketball** — The men's basketball team began the 1983 portion of its season with a 74-68 loss to visiting Bates Saturday.

Mark Branch '83 led the team with 24 points, boosting his average to 21.3 ppg. Making his first start, Craig Poole '86 chipped in with 13. The Engineers, now 0-6, will be looking for their first victory tonight when they host Thomas at 7pm.

**Women's Basketball** — The women did not fare any better than their male counterparts against Bates, dropping a 64-54 decision Saturday. Forward Lisa Howard

'86 led the Engineers with 11 points and 12 rebounds.

**Men's Soccer** — Despite MIT's 3-10 record, co-captains John Busa '83 and John English '83 were named to the 1982 Greater Boston League all-star soccer team. Busa becomes the first MIT player to be named to the team for four consecutive years. He was also given honorable mention in the New England Division III all-star team. Says Coach Walter Alessi of Busa, "We're going to miss his leadership and abilities on the field. He's going to be hard to replace."

**Wrestling** — The wrestling team went to New Jersey last Saturday and participated in the annual Viking Invitational tournament at Upsala College, finishing fourth among the eight teams at the competition. Ken Shull '84 (142 lbs.), Pat Peters '85 (167), and Steve Leibiger '83 (177) placed second in their weight classes, while Tim Skelton '85 (126) and Jim Miller '83 (heavyweight) were both fourth. The squad will be in action again tonight when it hosts Coast Guard.

## on deck

### IAP's Home Sports Schedule

(Editor's note: Sites of the various events have been included for the benefit of those visitors residing at MIT over the month of January.)

#### Today

Men's Basketball vs. Thomas, 7:30pm in Rockwell Cage.

Men's Hockey vs. Gordon, 7pm in the Athletic Center.

Wrestling vs. Coast Guard, 7pm in duPont.

#### January 15

Men's Basketball vs. New England College, 2pm in Rockwell Cage.

Men's Gymnastics vs. Dartmouth, 2pm in duPont.

Men's Hockey vs. Quinnipiac, 2pm in the Athletic Center.

Track vs. Bates, 1pm in the New Athletic Center.

Wrestling vs. Maine-Preque Isle and Lowell, 1pm in duPont.

#### January 16

Men's Hockey vs. Wagner, 2pm in the Athletic Center.

#### January 19

Women's Basketball vs. Amherst, 7pm in Rockwell Cage.

Men's Swimming vs. Tufts, 4pm in the Alumni Pool.

Women's Swimming vs. Tufts, 7pm in the Alumni Pool.

#### January 20

Men's Basketball vs. Wesleyan, 7:30pm in Rockwell Cage.

#### January 21

Squash vs. Colby, 4pm in duPont.

#### January 22

Women's Basketball vs. Babson,

1pm in Rockwell Cage.

Men's and Women's Fencing vs. Southeastern Mass., 1pm in duPont.

Men's Hockey vs. Curry, 2pm in the Athletic Center.

Squash vs. Williams, 2pm, and Rochester, 4pm, in duPont.

#### January 24

Women's Gymnastics vs. Springfield, 7:30pm in duPont.

#### January 25

Women's Basketball vs. Suffolk, 7:30pm in Rockwell Cage.

Women's Fencing vs. Rhode Island College, 7pm in duPont.

Men's Hockey vs. Tufts, 7pm in the Athletic Center.

Squash vs. Tufts, 4pm in duPont.

#### January 26

Wrestling vs. Northeastern and Trinity, 7pm in duPont.

#### January 27

Men's Basketball vs. Curry, 7:30pm in Rockwell Cage.

Women's Basketball vs. Conn. College, 5:30pm in Rockwell Cage.

#### January 28

Squash vs. Stony Brook State, 7pm in duPont.

Track vs. Tufts, 6pm in the New Athletic Center.

#### January 29

Women's Basketball vs. Wellesley, 1pm in Rockwell Cage.

Men's and Women's Gymnastics vs. Coast Guard, 2pm in duPont.

Men's Hockey vs. Stonehill, 2pm in the Athletic Center.

Squash vs. Amherst, 2pm in duPont.

Men's Swimming vs. Springfield,

4pm in the Alumni Pool.

Wrestling vs. Williams and UMass-Boston, 1pm in duPont.

#### January 30

Men's Hockey vs. Rochester, 2pm in the Athletic Center.

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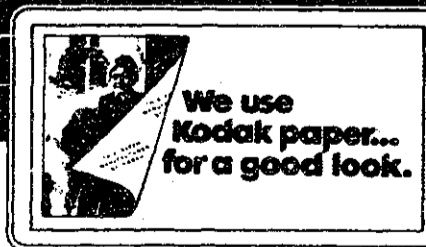
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"THE DEFENSE INDUSTRY"  
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