

Candidates seek students' votes

By Ron Norman

Candidates for the Undergraduate Association (UA) president and vice president made their last formal addresses before Wednesday's elections last night at the UA's campus forum.

"We are not in favor of sweeping reform," said Charles P. Brown '84, presidential candidate. Such reform gives "the illusion of doing something, but it isn't."

The Undergraduate Association's main problem, Brown said, is that "it's being used wrong. It should focus on issues that relate to the student body."

"Ski IAP trips are fine, but they are not crucial," said Brown at last Thursday's General Assembly forum.

Katherine M. Adams '84, Brown's running mate, claimed more communication is needed among dormitories and fraternities.

The UA's internal affairs "are not the business of the Dean's Office," Brown said. "The administration and students must have channels of communication," he added.

"We would like to see a consolidation of power into a smaller

group of people," said Sara J. Sprung '84, presidential candidate, as part of her plan to "get the UA back together."

Sprung's plan includes reversing the present cycle of government which gives the impression that "government is bad" and therefore repels interested people. She plans to cut the length of GA meetings and serve dinner at the meetings. If people see the government doing something, and involvement doesn't take too much time, interest will grow, she said.

Sprung and running mate Erik Toomre '84 want to publish a newsletter to "highlight UA committee involvement," include UA Finance Board decisions, intramural sports information and party announcements. The newsletter project would wait, Sprung said, while she dealt with the UA for the first six weeks.

Michael P. Witt '84, presidential candidate, feels the number of GA representatives should be decreased, and communication between the UA and the MIT administration should be strengthened.

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Rent will increase 9.9%

By Thomas Huang

MIT housing rents will increase by an average 9.9 percent across the undergraduate dormitory system and the price of food service contracts will increase by 8.7 percent, but rents at Senior House and East Campus will increase more, according to H. Eugene Brammer, director of Housing and Food Services.

"Three percent of [the rent] increase comes from the new kitchens being built at East Campus and Senior House," Brammer explained. The remainder of the increase stems from increases in salaries, services, and materials costs, he added.

The new kitchens at the two dormitories cost approximately \$1 million, said Steven Kossar '85, president of Senior House.

"Rents will increase by the average of \$195 per resident" throughout the undergraduate

dormitory system, Brammer said. "The lowest increase is tentatively put at 7.4 percent, while the greatest is the tentative 17.2 percent increase at Senior House."

East Campus and Senior House residents will respectively face 14 and 17 percent increases in their rents, Brammer estimated. "The other houses pay part of the housing system's debt, but most of the debt is assigned to the house that has generated it," under the dormitory debt service policy, he explained.

"This is a hefty hike for just buying kitchens," said Marla Mathias '84, president of East Campus. "People here are not happy about it, but we certainly could have done worse."

"East Campus has footed part of the bill for building all the new dorms on the west side," Mathias continued. "We feel it's only fair that the cost of our



President Gray, flanked by his wife and UAVP David Scrimshaw '83, speaks to marchers in front of his home after Friday's tuition rally.

Students protest tuition

By Will Doherty

Federal and state governments should cooperate with MIT to "open the doors [of post-secondary educational institutions] to the people on the basis of their ability to contribute to society at large," Congressman Bruce A. Morrison '65 told a crowd of six hundred at the "Spontaneous Tu-

ition Riot" in Kresge Auditorium Friday.

Some one hundred protestors, led by Undergraduate Association Vice President David J. Scrimshaw '83, marched to "The Big Sail" following five speeches at Kresge. The demonstrators chanted: "Too Damn Much!" "Two, four, six, eight, can't afford to graduate!" and "No way, we won't pay!"

The issue of need-blind admissions, Gray told protestors at the president's house at 111 Memorial Drive, is under investigation by a committee chaired by Associate Provost Frank E. Perkins '55. "Over the next month or two [this committee] will present me with a set of recommendations. . . . There is no person at this Institute who is more concerned about need-blind admissions than I am."

Support for higher education has deteriorated in the last few years, Morrison said in his

Kresge speech. "If you want to do research, you're going to have to do it for the Defense Department — I think that's a disgrace."

The entire draft registration law should be repealed because "it serves absolutely no national purpose," he added. Morrison expressed his support for resolutions to rescind funding for Selective Service and to repeal the Solomon Amendment which denies federal aid to student nonregistrants.

"MIT is not a branch of the Defense Department," said Walter Dean Burnham, professor of political science. "We must resist and prevent the full impact of" President Ronald W. Reagan's proposed 1984 budget from becoming law, he said. "In the long term, we must retire the present team in the soonest possible election."

"How much longer will minor-
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Committee weighs Hum-D changes

By Robert E. Maichman

The faculty Committee on Curricula will consider Thursday a report from Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Science Harold J. Hanham recommending changes in Institute Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences requirements, according to Hanham.

If the committee approves the measure, the full faculty will consider it March 16, Hanham said.

The faculty's Committee on Educational Policy approved the report last Thursday.

The report encapsulates the findings and proposals of Professor Sylvain Bromberger's task force to examine the administration of the requirements, Hanham said.

Distribution subjects, under Bromberger's plan, must be "humanistic in orientation, . . . of broad general interest, . . . clearly within or across the disciplines of humanities, arts, or social science, . . . meet in sections small enough to allow discussions in which every student can participate, and — except for some arts subjects — call for a substantial amount or writing."

Each department or section would "be asked to interpret or supplement the above general criteria in terms appropriate to its subject matter" in developing a list of its humanities distribution subjects.

"This is an improvement over the present system," Bromberger said. The new criteria acknowledge differences among departments, he continued. "Literature should not have the same requirements as Music; Music should not be the same as Psychology, and so on."

The proposal also calls for abolition of the faculty Committee on the Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Requirement, currently responsible for designating humanities distribution subjects. The committee's duties would be transferred to the departments or sections, Bromberger's report states, with the Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences deciding "problematic cases apt to arise in some departments (e.g. Psychology, Economics) . . . [and] cases of subjects and fields (e.g. Religious Studies) for which there is no corresponding department" at MIT.

The Committee on the Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Requirement should be abolished, according to Bromberger's report, because it has failed in its purpose. "The committee's membership changes regularly, and the changes are often marked" by changing interpretations of the criteria and "unhelpful differences between the committee and faculty members," the report

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Fin. Board expels member

By Burt S. Kaliski

The Undergraduate Association Finance Board voted at the board's Saturday meeting to expel Shiva Ayyadurai '85 for poor attendance, according to Raymond E. Samuel '84, vice chairman.

Ayyadurai, currently a candidate for Undergraduate Association president, missed four of nine meetings since the beginning of the term — three of those unexcused — and arrived "very late"

at two others, said Finance Board Chairman Charles P. Brown '83, also a candidate for Undergraduate Association president.

Three members of the board voted to expel Ayyadurai, one voted against his expulsion, and four members abstained on the question, Brown said.

Brown "in no way played a part in the decision" to expel Ayyadurai, according to Undergraduate Association Election

Commissioner David M. Libby '85, who also attended Saturday's meeting.

"We have expelled other people . . . that *The Tech* did not want to know about," Samuel said. Ayyadurai "missed a few meetings. You miss two, and you are out" of the Finance Board.

"I think there is a conspiracy against me," said Ayyadurai. Other members missed more meetings than he had, Ayyadurai said, claiming he missed only two budget compilation meetings. He termed the expulsion "very sleazy."

The Finance Board "is just trying to cover" itself, said Kyung H. Koh '85, Ayyadurai's running mate in the Undergraduate Association elections. Ayyadurai wants to eliminate the Finance Board as part of a plan to restructure student government, he noted.

The Finance Board meets frequently at the start of the spring term to plan the Undergraduate Association budget for the following year.

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Corp. okays tuition

By Burt S. Kaliski

The MIT Corporation Friday evening approved the 7.5 percent increase in equity level and 10.3 percent increase in tuition proposed by President Paul E. Gray '54 for the 1983-84 academic year.

The tuition increase — from \$8700 to \$9600 — is not the largest among top colleges in the nation, a survey conducted by *The Tech* found last week.

Wellesley College students face a 15.1 percent increase in tuition, from \$7430 to \$8550, according to the college's admissions office, although room and board expenses will drop from \$3460 to \$3340.

Tuition at the University of Chicago will rise by 13.4 percent, from \$7000 to \$7935. Tufts University will see an increase of 11.6 percent, from \$7650 to \$8534.

Ivy league schools will see increases of 10 to 13 percent. Harvard University's tuition will rise from \$8195 to \$9035, or 10.3 percent. The school's room and board costs will jump by 25.5 percent — the highest among those surveyed — from \$3280 to \$4115, according to the Harvard admissions office.

Princeton University's tuition will jump by 12.8 percent — from \$8380 to \$9450 — and Dartmouth College students will bear an 11 percent hike — from

\$8190 to \$9090 — for three academic quarters.

Tuition at Brown University will increase by 11.5 percent from \$8250 to \$9200.

The University of Pennsylvania has not set figures, but its admissions office predicted a tuition increase of about 10 percent.

Columbia University has also not yet announced a tuition hike, but the admissions office there estimated a large rise in total student budget, from \$11,444 to approximately \$14,000, or over 20 percent.

Tuition at Stanford University will rise by 9.8 percent from \$8220 to \$9027. Its admissions office also estimated a total budget of \$14,000 for the coming academic year.

Northwestern University tuition will increase from \$8085 to \$8895 — a change of 9.9 percent. The university's total costs will jump from \$12,300 to \$13,400, an 8.9 percent increase.

Rice University announced the smallest increase of colleges surveyed, 5.7 percent, from \$3500 to \$3700.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's tuition will increase by 10.1 percent, from \$7540 to \$8330.

The California and Georgia Institutes of Technology have not yet announced tuition for next year.



With a bit of foresight and a bit of luck Kevin M. Killian '84 (left) and Charles R. Marge '84 (right) each won a \$5 gift certificate and a t-shirt from Toscanini's Ice Cream and a \$5 gift certificate from Joe's Pizza Oven. Gus Rancatore (center) of Toscanini's awarded some of the prizes Sunday after Marge's name was drawn from among six students correctly predicting next year's tuition level of \$9600, and Killian's from among three undergraduates forecasting the 1983-84 equity level of \$4300.

Marge was the only entrant in the contest to pick the same two numbers that President Paul E. Gray '54 chose last week. William E. Rubin G, Eileen L. Edwards '84, Douglass S. Kalika '84, Henry H. Lin '83, and David J. Shumway '83 also pegged tuition at \$9600, and Steve M. Slivan '84 called the \$4300 equity level along with Marge and Killian.

There's still a chance to win: The Student Financial Aid Office hasn't yet announced the total 1983-84 student budget. Send your prediction to: *The Tech* Pizza and Ice Cream Contest, Room W20-483.

Limit one entry per person: members of *The Tech* staff, the Academic Council, employees of the Student Financial Aid Office and their immediate families are not eligible. Ties will be broken by random drawing. *The Tech* reserves the right to publish contest entrants' names and predictions.

Committee reports on research, security

By Will Doherty

(Editor's note: This article is the first in a series examining research at MIT.)

An interim report released today by the MIT Committee on the Changing Nature of Information recommends MIT policy in

response to government attempts to control university research in cryptology and very large scale integration (VLSI).

The report also reviews the participation of foreign scholars in such university research activities.

The MIT Laboratory for Computer Science (LCS) now forwards all research papers on cryptography to the National Security Agency (NSA) for review at the same time these papers are distributed for peer review, according to Professor Michael L.

Dertouzos '64, director of LCS. Dertouzos is chairman of the MIT Committee on the Changing Nature of Information.

The NSA notification process, established in meetings between university and NSA officials five years ago, does not inhibit MIT's

"unfettered, unconstrained research," said Dertouzos.

The Department of State has sent 14 letters to MIT since September requesting information on students of mainland Chinese origin who now do research at MIT.

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news roundup

World

West Germany retains Kohl in top spot — Chancellor Helmut Kohl and his conservative Christian Democrats defeated the liberal Social Democrats by the largest margin since 1961 in national elections in West Germany Sunday. The Kohl coalition supports the Reagan administration plan to deploy medium range Pershing II and cruise missiles in Germany if the Soviet Union does not accept Reagan's "zero option" plan to eliminate intermediate range nuclear weapons from Europe. The Christian Democrats received 48.8 percent of the ballots cast, gaining 18 seats for a total of 244 representatives in the 498-member Bundestag, the lower house of the West German parliament. The Social Democrats garnered 38.2 percent of the vote, losing 25 seats for a new total of 193 seats. The Free Democratic Party, the junior party in the Kohl government, took 34 seats with 6.9 percent of the popular vote, ensuring the coalition a solid majority. The four-year-old radical Green Party, which demands West Germany's withdrawal from NATO and expulsion of American military personnel, gained representation in parliament for the first time, receiving 5.6 percent of the vote to get 27 seats in the house.

Labor party wins Australian elections — The Australian Labor party, led by Robert Hawke, overwhelmingly defeated Malcolm Fraser's conservative government in elections Friday. The Labor party gained a 23-vote majority in the 125-member lower house of Parliament. Hawke, a former union leader, is expected to pursue a more independent course in foreign policy than did Fraser, but also to maintain close relations with the United States.

More Moslems massacred in India — Native Hindus killed 500 Bengali Moslems during a raid on a Moslem village on Oppariya Island, India. The Hindus destroyed the village because the government ignored demands to expel four million Bengali immigrants. The massacre raised the total number of Moslems killed since Feb. 1 to more than 4000.

Nation

Johnson and Johnson recalls pain killer — Johnson and Johnson Corporation has withdrawn Zomex, a popular prescription pain killer, from the market until appropriate instructions for its use are written. The product was withdrawn following reports that Zomex was responsible for the deaths of five people.

Local

Carbon monoxide kills four teenagers — One male and three females were found dead of apparent carbon monoxide poisoning Sunday morning in Reading, Mass. The four were talking in their parked car when overcome by fumes. Reading Police Chief Edward Marchand reported no signs of alcohol or drugs involved. A faulty exhaust system and holes in the automobile's trunk allowed fumes to enter the passenger compartment.

Weather

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Steve Pang

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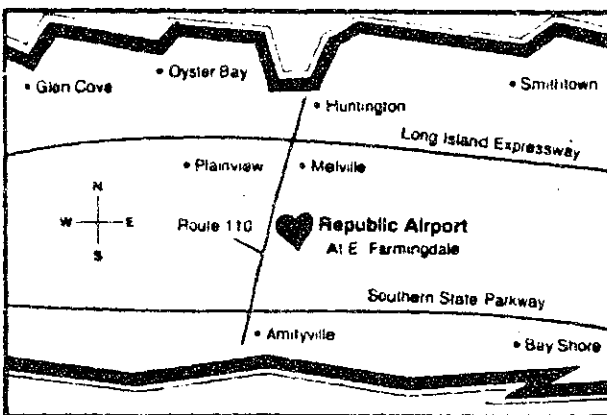
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Opinion

Should MIT give loans to nonregistrants?

Column/Mark Templer

Loans for resisters a terrible mistake

"Many people love to parade their conscience in front of people until it costs them something."

— John Silber, president
Boston University
March 1983

A few days ago, President Paul E. Gray '54 suggested MIT may soon provide special loans to students who are denied federal financial aid because of their refusal to register for the draft. As an MIT student and an American, I must say such a policy would be a terrible mistake.

This issue had its origins three years ago. Draft registration for 18 year old males was instituted by President Carter in January 1980 in response to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. To increase compliance with the law, Congress recently passed a law to curtail federal financial aid to non-registrant college students. While a few schools — including Boston University — have announced they will not replace these federal aid dollars, many others — including Harvard, Yale, and Swarthmore — have declared they will make their own funds available to non-registrants denied federal dollars. MIT may soon follow suit. But that does not change the fact that this policy is, put simply, just a rotten idea.

First of all, this policy would undermine the rationale of non-registration. People who refuse to register for the draft are committing an act of civil disobedience. They are breaking the law because they think the law is wrong. The true civil disobedient is willing to be punished to prove the foolishness of the law he is disobeying. Mohandas Ghandi, Martin Luther King, and others of pure conscience knew this. The common criminal, on the other hand, breaks the law and hopes he will not get caught or punished. He wants society to overlook or excuse his crime. By giving non-registrants special treatment, MIT would blur the distinction between the civil disobedient and the common criminal. MIT would be saying to non-registrants: "We know you are criminals unwilling to accept the consequences of your actions. We are going to help you do this." Someone who is truly morally opposed to draft registration does not need MIT's help in opposing the law. His convictions will not melt in the face of adversity.

Second, the policy being considered by Gray would confuse the difference be-

tween a right and a privilege. A recent Tech editorial said, "Each student accepted to MIT is entitled to his education here, regardless of gender, financial status, or political opinions." I agree. But non-registration is not just a political opinion. It is a crime. And financial aid is a privilege that can be taken away from lawbreakers. If non-registrants want federal financial aid, they should register. They should not be automatically entitled to substitute loans from MIT.

Third, the money for these special loans would have to come from somewhere. Why should the Institute penalize those of us who register for the draft by giving special aid to non-registrants? There would be a number of better uses for these funds: extra loans to needy students or reductions in tuition, for example. Indeed, it would be quite ironic for the Institute to announce tuition hikes of twice the rate of inflation and then start an expensive new aid program for people who duck draft registration.

Fourth, if MIT decides to replace federal dollars denied to non-registrants, it would be releasing them from our most fundamental duty as citizens: the obligation to defend our country. Too many young people today are not willing to make any kind of sacrifice to protect the freedom we enjoy in this country. It would be tragic for MIT to encourage this trend. The world is not a safe place for democracy. Andropov, Castro, Khaddafi, and Khomeini are not pacifists. MIT must recognize that if we are to preserve our liberty, we must be prepared to fight and die for it.

Finally, special aid for non-registrants would be an insult to the men and women in today's armed services — be they ROTC students, boot-camp recruits, or servicemen stationed in Beirut. It would show a callous lack of gratitude to the Americans who have died for our country in the line of duty — the same men we honor on the marble walls of Lobby 10. And it would be a cruel slap in the face to the living legacies of our country's wars: the disabled veterans, the shattered families of MIA's and POW's, the orphans and widows of men who made the supreme sacrifice for our country. All of these people paid a price so we could be free. They did not suffer in vain, for America is a great country, one of which we can be proud. And for the good of our country, I hope we can be proud of MIT after Paul Gray decides about special aid for non-registrants.

Column/Matt Bunn

"Three cheers" for Gray's suggestion

I have rarely had a kind word for the MIT administration; my articles about their policies in the campus media have generally been rather caustic. But I would like to take this opportunity to give three cheers for President Gray, and all of the rest of those who were involved in the suggestion to provide loans to non-registrants to replace those denied to them by the federal government.

In opposing the requirement that students prove they have registered in order to receive financial aid, MIT joins the American Association of University Professors, the American Council on Education, the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, the New York and Massachusetts Financial Aid Administrators Associations, and the United States Student Association, as well as such colleges as Yale, Swarthmore, Earlham, Haverford, Macalester, the University of Minnesota, the University of California, and the University of Michigan. But in dipping into its own pocketbook, MIT would go further than most. This is particularly commendable given the severe financial constraints the Institute, and particularly the financial aid office, have been facing.

The law is profoundly discriminatory: not only does it discriminate on the basis of political and religious beliefs, but since it denies financial assistance to needy students and does not affect wealthier students, it discriminates on the basis of income, and falls more heavily on minorities than on whites; since it affects only men, it also discriminates on the basis of sex. In deciding to provide compensatory aid to make up for that lost from the federal government, MIT has demonstrated a renewed commitment to oppose discrimination in all its forms, whether directed from the federal government, or resulting from the actions of individuals.

In addition, the law seems to conflict with the Constitution on several grounds: in requiring the applicant to *prove* he has registered, it assumes he is guilty until proven innocent; it violates the Fifth Amendment prohibition against forced self-incrimination; in inflicting punishment without trial, it violates the constitutional guarantee of due process of law; and it has been argued that it is a bill of attainder. It was enacted in a particularly reprehensible way, slipped in as an amendment to an overwhelmingly popular bill, and then passed by voice vote with no debate allowed. President Gray's

decision indicates a firm appreciation of these legal and philosophical issues; I hope that MIT will join the University of Minnesota and Macalester in the current effort to overturn the bill in court.

In addition to this good news from MIT, however, there is very bad news from the Selective Service: over the last few months, they have been stepping up their efforts to enforce the registration law. Several hundred thousand non-registrants have been traced by cross-checking Selective Service files with state driver's license lists and other government files; letters have been sent to those found, demanding they register or face prosecution. Several public non-registrants have been tried and convicted, and some have received jail sentences.

Those who have received such letters are now faced with a radically different situation: rather than being one of the *anonymous* thousands of those who failed to register, their names have been found and entered on Selective Service lists. The decision of whether or not to register in this new situation is something many MIT students are currently faced with, and it is something that must *not* be taken lightly.

The situation is not as grave as it might seem, however. The number of non-registrants dwarfs the capabilities of the legal system to deal with them: the number of those who received letters is of the order of ten times the population of the already overcrowded federal prisons, and is more than fifty times the number of cases handled every year in the overloaded federal courts; no additional money has been appropriated to the Department of Justice for any kind of large-scale prosecutions, and most politically ambitious federal prosecutors are reluctant to take on the unpopular task of rounding up non-registrants in peacetime.

The government has little interest in jailing non-registrants; it would much rather have them register now. Its strategy so far has been to conduct a small number of well-publicized prosecutions of *public* resisters, both to quiet them and to scare the hundreds of thousands of other non-registrants into making their trip to the Post Office. In every case, the resister was given ample opportunity to register and avoid further prosecution. During the Vietnam era, when considerably more money, manpower, and effort were devoted to enforcement,

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Column/Jack Link

More incredibly dense things

It was kind of nice to see Steve Slivan flame in his letter [Feedback, March 4] about some of the incredibly dense things supposedly intelligent people do around here.

I have a few more to add to the list.

Traditionally, most couples are wont to walk hand-in-hand or arm-in-arm. This works out well, since most sidewalks and hallways are just barely wide enough for two couples to pass without bumping into each other. However, when groups of three or more are walking together, problems result unless the group walks single- or double-file. Yet around MIT, groups of as many as six have been seen to walk down the Infinite Corridor, six abreast!

Now I know that in a group of three, the person who has to walk single-file behind his or her two friends may feel awkward, particularly if that person is somewhat insecure. I've been in that

situation myself many times. It's one of the facts of life that makes a *ménage à trois* awkward.

But there is no excuse whatsoever for people to walk four or more abreast! What's more important, the pecking order within a clique or common courtesy?

Speaking of sidewalks, the one on the Kresge side of Amherst is barely wide enough for single-file travel, as should be obvious to anyone. Yet someone is dense enough to have installed a *New York Times* stand on the sidewalk, cutting its usable width in half! Not only that, but none of the officials charged with public safety have seen fit to have it removed.

Well, at least one tried. I pointed out to a Campus Police officer that students were forced to choose between bumping into the box or walking in the street. He agreed, noting that he "thought that had already been removed once." He got on his walkie-talk-

ie immediately and requested that someone have it removed. I thanked the officer, thinking the matter had been cleared up.

But apparently the officer was overruled by some higher-up, because the box has remained for months. I won't even go into the snow removal and ice problems it has caused in those months.

Speaking of safety, it should be equally obvious that while crosswalks in this area are barely respected anyway, they are *useless* once the paint has worn away. Yet most of the crosswalks around here are badly faded. Two which have completely disappeared ages ago are the one west of Sloan and the one in front of Baker House.

Now, as to a couple of matters that Slivan brought up, I'm sure some of you posterers are confused as to *why* posters should not be placed over windows in fire doors. Hint: it has nothing to

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Opinion



feedback

Freedman, Kwo list solutions

To the Editor:

We were dismayed when we read on March 4, *The Tech's* article on the General Assembly forum and your editorial on the Undergraduate Association presidential and vice presidential candidates. Again, *The Tech* has misled the students at MIT by misrepresenting not only what we said, but also what was written about other candidates. We hope this letter will further enlighten MIT's undergraduates on our candidacy, as well as offer possible solutions to the Undergraduate Association's problems.

Concerning the restructuring and/or abolishment of the Undergraduate Association General Assembly, we did not "join the chorus for a smaller assembly." Most of the candidates see the need for change; however, we have thought out a way to precipitate this change in a coherent, effective manner involving input from student leaders. Furthermore, each of the candidate teams did not know what the others would be saying. How can one join a chorus, when one doesn't even realize the presence or magnitude of the other voices?

Basically, our plan is to replace the General Assembly with a student senate of 40 to 50 members from living groups (approximately one representative per 120 residents). Independent living groups and non-residents would still elect their own representatives (as now), but their vote would be in proportion to those representing 120 residents. A smaller student assembly is necessary to ensure an active participation of each senator as well as enabling proper communication between the offices of the Undergraduate As-

sociation and the senators and the student population. We will stress the importance of teamwork in developing an Undergraduate Association that will represent student concerns to the administration.

If your forum reporter had been listening, he would have heard our desire to not allow the Undergraduate Association Nominations Committee or Finance Board to elect their own chairmen or members. Eventually, we envision the election of an Undergraduate Association treasurer, who would serve as vice chairman of the Finance Board for one year, before serving as chairman of Finance Board. Thus, only freshmen and sophomores could run for this new position. This new method would ensure general student input in financial decisions, as well as a Finance Board chair with experience on the Finance Board.

Regarding your statement that our goals "are admirable, if unrealistic," one always needs to set high goals, in order to obtain any progress. Special projects, such as the Harvard Medical Shuttle passes, an undergraduate pub, and restarting "Preview," may be considered "trivialities" to your editorial board, but they do provide students with tangible benefits of the Undergraduate Association's existence.

We do understand the role of the Undergraduate Association and do possess the creativity to have a productive year as Undergraduate Association president and vice president. Our button campaign has certainly been creative, as well as the projects we produced together on the Class of 1984 council. In the three years Ken served as a class officer

and Jean as a class executive board member, we have had three surveys, one pub, one cocktail hour, two ski trips, three ice cream orgies, one UROP-education program, one barbecue, a constitution rewrite, one class ring, a peak membership of 50, three years of biweekly meetings, class t-shirt, "Camp Cambridge" sweatshirt, and beaver shirt sales, five newsletters, as well as the traditional junior year operation of the donut stand. Has any other MIT class done this much?

We suggest that students read our flyers for additional details of our candidacy. We feel we have the right combination of experience, practicality, and ideas do a great job. A vote for us, is a vote for the large change that is necessary in student government.

Kenneth I. Freedman '84
Jean Kwo '84

Editor's note: Freedman and Kwo are running together for the offices of Undergraduate Association president and vice president.

Witt and Gedo show skill, interest necessary for student government

To the Editor:

The elections this year bring to mind a few issues that are of importance to us, the members of the undergraduate student body. It is clear that the student government at MIT is lacking in, if not devoid of, an effective base on which to deal with pending problems. General communication and active, competent management are specifics that must be improved before government can be useful. Another important ingredient that is often lacking is a unified student representation to the administration. It is impossible to make a convincing argument without a basic sense of direction in policy and goals.

The only Undergraduate Association presidential and vice presidential candidate team that we see as qualified to deal with these and other more specific problems is that of Mike Witt and Inge Gedo. We feel it our responsibility to point out our interpretation of the merits of this candidate team.

An important consideration in choosing the right candidate is to

evaluate the candidate's experience with the responsibilities in question. Mike and Inge have both demonstrated, through extensive involvement, the skill, interest and competence in dealing with the administration. They have worked with the Provost's office, the deans and several [members] of the faculty on issues concerning educational policy, tuition, financial aid and admissions policy. Mike has had additional experience with the faculty Committee on Curricula. It is not accomplishment in itself to be involved with many committees, but it is a very special attribute to be a knowledgeable and well-respected contributor. We feel that their continuing involvement is an indicator of a strong repertoire [sic] with the administration.

Our Undergraduate Association president and vice president must be a team we can respect and have confidence in. Again, Mike and Inge have had positive involvement in student activities; anyone that has worked with them knows of their commitment

options. Members could be removed from General Assembly for frequently missing meetings, or attendance could be mandatory. Maybe meetings are too frequent or long. Most important, if members feel that things are occurring which affect them or their living group they will be interested. The key is effective leaders who can take control and delegate responsibility.

We feel that there is too little interaction between students; that's why we have a strong interest in improving social life at MIT. In particular, a student pub and more spring-weekend type activities. This is the most direct way to increase interaction, school spirit, and to develop a unified student voice, something we don't have now.

On other issues, we back need-blind admission strongly; as MIT becomes even more expensive it is especially important to give everyone a fair chance to come here. We feel a shuttle bus is a great idea and that the Institute should support it more. We feel that there should not be a separate student activities fee — it should remain part of the tuition, and more importantly, students should have a say in its size. (Which they don't.)

These are our beliefs. We know other candidates have more Undergraduate Association experience, but we have plenty of experience in other areas, especially in our living groups. We believe the key is not how many committees we've been on, but our ability to work successfully with others. We enjoy MIT, and we'd like to make it a better place for everyone.

Please take an interest in tomorrow's elections, and support us, or another team whose ideas you like.

Mark Radlauer '84
Vivian Wang '84

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Anurag Sood '85
Arthur P. Vasen '83
Noelle Merritt '85

Opinion

MIT should help nonregistrants

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roughly one in every 1000 nonregistrants was actually prosecuted.

Indeed, for the moment, any further prosecutions are unlikely, because both the government's prosecution strategy and the registration program itself have been ruled invalid in court. In the case of David Wayte, it was argued the government's enforcement strategy was a violation of First Amendment rights to free speech, since only those who spoke out were targeted for prosecution; further, the defense argued officials outside the Department of Justice Department had set prosecutorial policy for political ends and said this was an improper abuse of the legal system.

Judge Terry Hatter found for the defendant: in a savage 37-page opinion, he found that offi-

cially involved in prosecutorial policy decisions had included not only Justice Department personnel, but top White House assistant Edwin Meese, Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, National Security Adviser William Clark, and the director of Selective Service itself. "The inference is manifest," he wrote, "that the defendant has been singled out for prosecution because he exercised his First Amendment right to free speech."

In addition, he ruled the registration program itself invalid, on an obscure technicality involving the number of days of warning time that must be allowed before a proclamation takes effect. This case is now on appeal, and it is extremely unlikely that the government will bring further registration cases to court until it is settled.

BSU, LUCHA pick Ayyadurai, Witt

To the Editor:

After an open forum held Sunday, March 6, The MIT Black Students' Union and *La Unión Chicana por Aztlan* endorsed the following candidates for Undergraduate Association president and vice president:

1) Shiva Ayyadurai/Kyung Koh

2) Michael Witt/Inge Gedo.

We feel these are the strongest candidates for office. As organizations concerned about the issues of need-blind admissions, rising tuition, and student activity space and funding, we recog-

nize the need for a strong student government. Ayyadurai proposes a much-needed revision in the structure of student government which we support. Witt, our second choice, offers an opportunity for cooperative student government and an effective voice to the administration. We urge all students to vote Wed., March 8.

Sylvia Zachary '85

Williard Stanback '85

Co-chairmen,

MIT Black Students' Union

Lloyd Bela '85

President

La Unión Chicana por Aztlan

Witt faults editorial board

To the Editor:

Last Friday [March 4] you passed judgement on us and five other candidate teams for Undergraduate Association president and vice president. The editorial board of *The Tech* never contacted us (and we assume the other candidates as well) and chose not to attend the General Assembly forum and ask questions, and therefore had little or no knowledge of the candidates' platforms, past experience or capabilities. One must wonder, then, how you felt knowledgeable enough to declare us all unworthy of the office.

We find *The Tech* irresponsible and hypocritical in voicing the need for change, and simultaneously undermining the next Undergraduate Association president/vice president team's effectiveness by declaring them "inadequate" without sufficient consideration. Most of the candidates have plans for UA reform. You have called them superficial — not surprising since you know so little about them. Since you have not made the effort to contact us, we feel unfairly judged, and have written to fill you in on our platform.

The General Assembly is in bad shape, to say the least. Although we are confident the General Assembly can eventually be made to work, we are unwilling to waste our time trying to revive something that does not want to be revived. Before the General Assembly can be made to func-

tion, several problems in student government, and in the attitude of the student body itself, must be addressed.

We focused on these issues in our speech last Thursday. We discussed the failure of the Undergraduate Association in its role as communicator between students and student activities. We emphasized the well-being of student activities as one of the two major concerns of student government. Our own plan of Undergraduate Association reform would create a smaller body with real powers and responsibility. Its members, drawn from the experienced leadership of student activities, would be held accountable for participation and performance.

We will immediately focus our attention on the second concern of student government, that of effectively addressing the faculty and administration on student concerns. We have viable experience in dealing with the Dean's and Provost's offices on matters

of educational policy, tuition, financial aid and admissions policies. This experience will allow us to continue to provide student input to the administration.

Finally, it is unreasonable to expect any candidate to have a foolproof solution to the problem of the General Assembly. We are not so naive as to believe that our plan is the ultimate solution. However, plans for General Assembly reform are not being voted on tomorrow, candidates are. To denounce all candidates on the basis of their respective plans is unsound.

Our foremost goal, to establish credibility for student government in the eyes of the students, is now going to be more difficult to achieve. The opinion of *The Tech* was hardly the vote of confidence we need and feel we deserve.

Mike Witt '84

Inge Gedo '85

Witt and Gedo are running together for the offices of Undergraduate Association president and vice president.



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Ayyadurai's platform absurd

To the Editor:

I was amazed that Undergraduate Association presidential and vice presidential running mates [Shiva] Ayyadurai and [Kyung H.] Koh chose to expose the absurdities of their platform in the last issue of *The Tech* [Feedback, March 1], prior to the election. Their opening statement is typical: they speak of "centralizing the powers available in the hands of the entire student body." Beyond its logical fallaciousness, their stated aim is clearly unworkable; representatives are elected simply because many people do not want to be involved or do not have the time.

However, they do attempt to make their plans more concrete and thereby propose to localize power in a group of about 40 undergraduates who represent living sectors, an idea that noticeably contradicts their first statement. But an excellent idea if one seeks to evoke animosity among MIT living groups. From the numbers given, it seems that two or three fraternities might share one representative who surely would be partial since his membership in one of the fraternities would be an obvious declaration of his loyalty. It is interesting to note that the upper US congressional house, the Senate, does not base representation on population density.

In the same vein, they recommend that these same people promote student activities that they probably are not involved in nor care about. They hope to regulate groups they label as "semi-autonomous." Simply put, they want to take decision-making power from those concerned and give it to the senate that they of course will regulate with their own executive powers; yet they give no

justification. Presently, any undergraduate can become a member of the Student Center Committee, Association of Student Activities, or Student Information Processing Board if he cares to. I have not heard of any recent atrocities attributable to these committees, so why the need for such a drastic change? Because of apathy? Certainly a redistribution of control will not significantly alter the activities people choose to participate in. The only probable outcome would be a reduction in student participation in organizations whose autonomy is removed by a senate unsympathe-

tic to their needs. Thus, I find it difficult to imagine the entire student body benefiting from Ayyadurai and Koh's election.

On election day, students angered by the flippancy of the past administration should be cautious not to vote for the candidates who most vehemently oppose the present undergraduate government, but only those whose proposed reforms will better undergraduate life in a significant manner. Candidates who present only half-baked solutions to important issues do not fall into the latter category.

Robert S. Weiner '86

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Opinion

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Endorses Brown for UA presidency

To the Editor:

In the past few years, the student government at MIT has failed in its performance of many of its rightful duties. These duties include ensuring the equitable and reasonable use and distribution of the collective resources of the student body and acting as an advocate of student views to the administration and the corporation.

There are many reasons for this failure. As one who has been involved in student government on all levels for the past four years, I have seen many of the reasons for this failure. The three reasons that have continued to show up have been:

1) Individuals willing to shoot holes in all the given alternatives, but not willing to come up with a better solution.

2) Individuals criticizing situations without knowing all the facts, and coming up with a solution off the top of their heads that would cause more damage than any of the given solutions, and

3) Groups working against one another for personal gain, as opposed to their mutual goals.

The most recent example of this was last Friday's [March 4] editorial in *The Tech*. Yes, something does have to be done differently, but this change that *The Tech* suggests should not be a

sweeping change to a political system where the whims of any group, or the personal bickering that currently floods the system will be given higher consideration than actually doing something for the students here at MIT.

Only one candidate has put doing something above the structure in which things will be done. One candidate has said that the answer is deeper than the structure itself, and that the only way a structure can be found that will work is through working with the people who are involved and who know the current system, its strengths and its weaknesses. There is only one candidate who has shown a desire to help students through his past experience in the Undergraduate Association. And there is only one candidate who has said that he realizes that the only real solution lies in working hard and being prepared to deal with the administration.

This may not be what *The Tech* wants in an Undergraduate Association president, but I think that it is about time that we gave someone who thinks like this a chance to do the job. This candidate is Charlie Brown. I believe that he will be the right man for the right time. Let's hope that we can get above all of this pettiness and get something done.

Ira M. Summer '83

Declares write-in candidacy on a platform of inaction

To the Editor:

It has recently come to my attention that there is a strip of dirt across the Kresge lawn. It looks as if some vicious lowlives have been maliciously taking a shortcut. But worse yet, the Dr. Pepper at the Lecture Series Committee movie doesn't have much fizz to it. Deplorable.

I was even deprived of being able to see an LSC movie this term. I was looking forward to seeing *Deep Throat* on registration day, but some bible-thumpers thought that it would turn us all into (horrors!) Communists. As a result, a bunch of us had to spend \$4 apiece to see "Caligula" at the Sack Cheri. I can see how this is better, since we supported the capitalist middlemen instead of lectures at MIT, but it wasn't nearly as much fun, since the real point of registration day pornography is watching the horny frat boys make asses of themselves at the late show. I'm sure that the Bonuglians will be unable to sleep at night once they read this, knowing that I'm sitting in my room at my undersubscribed, socially hostile dorm, thumping away on my non-bible. I'd like to thank you though, Dick, for a very entertaining letter in the "Napalm Opinion Page" issue of *The Tech* [Feb. 25]. I disagree, however, that I shouldn't do my own thing if it feels good. I believe in a questioning, learning attitude, which the "moralists" decry. Pornography raises questions — just look at *The Tech* — so they think it's bad. Gee, art raises questions, too. . . .

Speaking of art, I like some of the art around here. The pink rockpile in Killian Court is rather pretty, and is really pleasant to

sit on when you're eating Andy's chili. (I hope the cheese strike breaks soon.) Sure, some art is nice around here, but that's no excuse for the likes of "Transparent Horizons." And "Niagara" is awfully shaky to sit on. I'm not saying that form must follow function, but if it's ugly, it should at least be useful. Take "The Big Sail," for example. You can climb it and make a lot of noise by jumping up and down.

Incidentally, I was at a riot there on Friday. The riot was good. Dave Scrimshaw was an appropriate leader, since he always seems depressed. The rally was also very good, with Important Speakers making Valid Points. The committee that ran the whole show, though, conducted themselves in a highly unprofessional manner. The rally should not have been associated with a riot, and how dare those greaseballs commandeer a tradition like The Riot. (Harvard has The Game, we have The Riot. By the way, where is our balloon?). The Tuition Riot Committee has to be the sleaziest organization at MIT (currently).

Unless we get a parliament.

Let me tell you a brief parable. In 6.036 we said that if you have a monkey, a box, and some bananas hanging from the ceiling, you can never tell for sure if the monkey is going to climb on the box and get the bananas. Even if you replace the monkey with a robot, some unforeseen problem can stop the robot from getting the bananas. So I said, "Hey, if you replace the monkey with a brick, you can be sure that the brick won't get the bananas, so the problem is solved."



STOP COMPLAINING, O'TOOLE... HAVE YOU NOTICED HOW BUSINESS HAS PICKED UP LATELY?..

feedback

Ayyadurai addresses flaws

To the Editor:

MIT's outrageous tuition is worth it because it pays off in the long run. We learn the unique skills of thinking and solving problems. So say MIT's administrators, anyway. This argument may be dead wrong, though, if we judge by the shoddy reasoning of *The Tech's* editorial board.

The Tech, in its editorial of March 4, suggests we can bring about change in student government simply by writing "change" on a piece of paper. I have my doubts. A better way to approach the problem, the only way at our disposal right now, is to elect someone with ideas, energy, and vision. That person is Undergraduate Association presidential candidate Shiva Ayyadurai.

The Tech, to its slim credit, stated one truth: "The governmental system established by the 1969 Undergraduate Association Constitution has clearly failed. It is time for change. . . . The General Assembly, as presently constituted, is unwieldy, and more significantly, powerless." Yet *The Tech* contradicted itself in the same editorial. *The Tech* made the absurd suggestion that Ayyadurai, who briefly held a subordinate position in the General As-

sembly, was a fault for not making that whole festering system work beautifully.

Ayyadurai has recognized the flaws of our student government and has thought about improvements. He has proposed in detail a new student government that specifically addresses the problems of the current system. (I note with amusement that Undergraduate Association presidential candidate Freedman has copied verbatim Ayyadurai's basic proposal.) Ayyadurai also welcomes constructive criticism of his proposal.

The Tech accurately pointed out that all the other presidential candidates have feeble, unoriginal, or unworkable ideas. Ayyadurai is the candidate with imagination, intelligence, and enthusiasm. Our best approach to creating a useful student government is to elect Shiva Ayyadurai.

Patrick J. Bacaj '83

Ayyadurai's plan would restore student respect

To the Editor:

As a "typical MIT undergraduate" I must say I admire Shiva Ayyadurai [sic] and Kyung Koh for willing to undertake the challenge of restructuring MIT's student government. I have long felt that MIT's student government is

a farce — a big joke, and does not truly represent or benefit the undergraduate population. Also, the groups associated with the Undergraduate Association (i.e., Finance Board, Association of Student Activities) do not, in my opinion, carry out their duties in a way which is fair to the undergraduate community and their respective organizations. Other student organizations seem subject to the whims of the groups which are charged with overseeing student activities (i.e., allocating funds, office space).

After almost two years of feeling there is no hope for MIT's government, I now see some hope. Here is a plan for a more representative form of government. The plan laid out by Ayyadurai and Koh [Feedback, March 1] also has the appropriate checks and balances needed to insure that the students' interests, and not those of adventurous committee members, are served. If implemented correctly, the parliamentary form of government proposed by Ayyadurai and Koh would restore respect for and importance of student government.

Felicia A. Durán '85

Ayyadurai and Koh "have the right idea"

To the Editor:

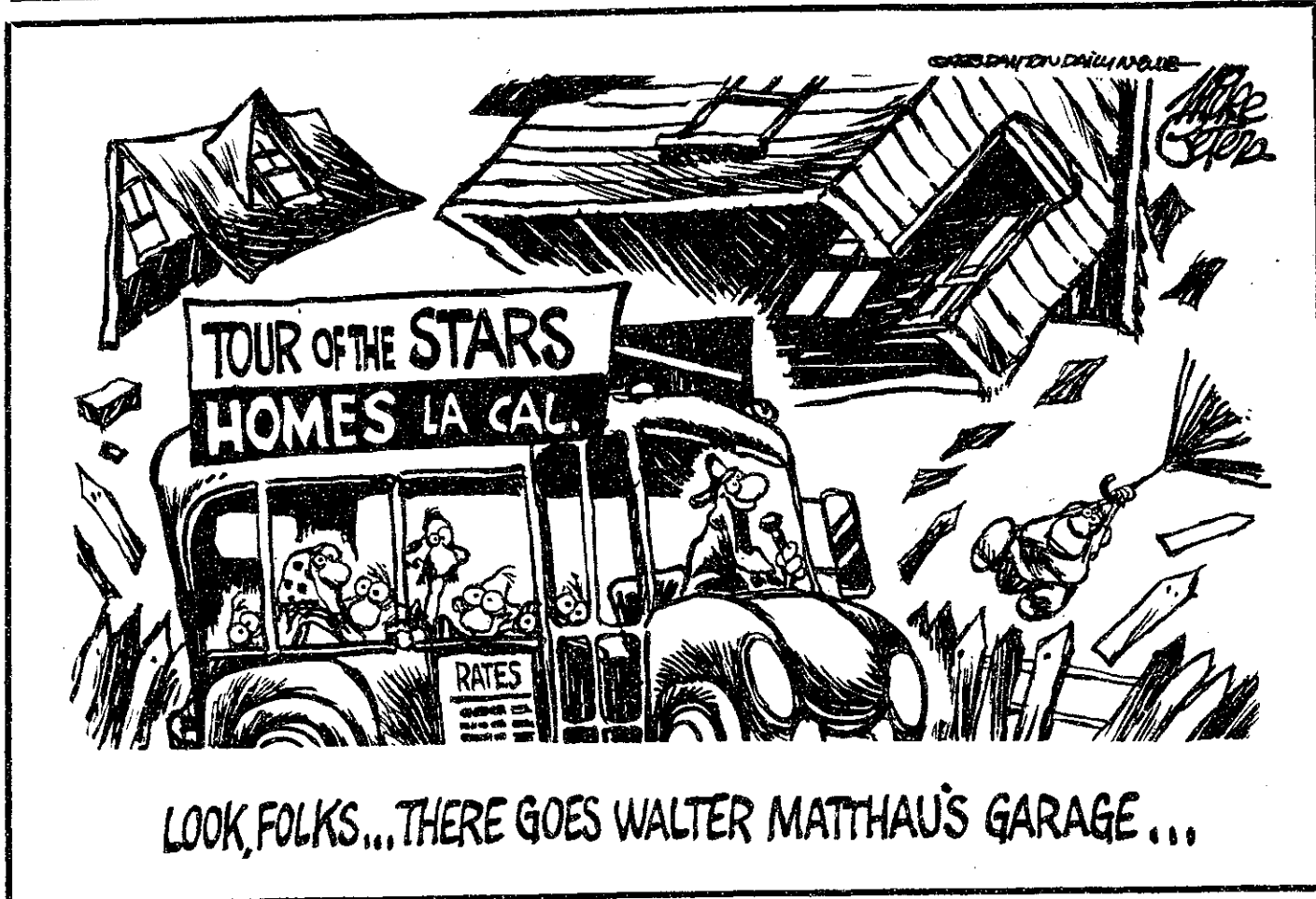
It is obvious that the candidates for Undergraduate Association president and vice-president, Shiva Ayyadurai [sic] and Kyung Koh, have the right idea. The Undergraduate Association has proven to itself and the student body of its incompetence, and the lack of interest that exists within the government. This change which was outlined by Ayyadurai and Koh will prove to at least represent a unified and orderly student body. Therefore, the needs and the concerns of the students will be met at all levels, which is essential if the UA is to be an effective force in dealing

with the administration.

This change is very much in need, in fact, the sudden change of the election procedures, after the campaign started, from a win by plurality to a win by preferential is a good indication that the present Undergraduate Association system is a farce and must go! This is something that we should change; it is urgent that an effective Undergraduate Association be established. Shiva Ayyadurai and Kyung Koh are concerned and are working hard for a stronger and more representative Undergraduate Association.

Lesly Noel '85

opinion



LOOK, FOLKS... THERE GOES WALTER MATTHAU'S GARAGE...

feedback

Cowan raises election issues

To the Editor:

Voters for Undergraduate Association president and vice president this year are presented with a difficult choice, because of the large number of teams, none of which stand out far from the rest. There are no "Ken Dumases," candidates who can walk down the infinite corridor and say hello to everyone they pass by name, and there are no Conservative Gumbies. Since no one stands out, I'd like to offer some advice to you, the voter, about the positive qualities that a candidate must have in order to make a good Undergraduate Association president. The qualities are: a desire for radical change in student government structure, the ability to reconcile differences and reach a consensus, useful and realizable goals, and time to spend accomplishing these goals.

All the presidential candidates agree that the General Assembly or its relationship to other student government organizations must be changed. But I stress the need for radical change. *Trash the General Assembly.* The current system is so bad that it appears to have been designed to be as ineffective as possible. Sara Mae Berman, newly appointed assistant to [Assistant] Dean [for Student Affairs] Stephen D. Immerman, said it most eloquently: "Rearranges the chairs on the Titanic." The problems with the General Assembly lie far deeper than poor attendance; watch out for the candidate who only wishes to "make meetings better."

Nor is the excessive size of the General Assembly the only flaw. I agree that the General Assembly should be renamed and reduced in size to 40 or 50 members, so that it is possible to fill its seats with members who care, and who don't have to sport the embarrassing title of "GA Rep," but such an assembly would still be far from effective. The problem is that the General Assembly has, as its members, living group representatives who act as individuals. That is fine for issues like tuition and educational policy, but doesn't touch the student groups who, because they control most of the money, wield most of the power on this campus. And this power is not used as it should be, in the best interest of the entire student body, since the groups act almost entirely as in-

dependent entities, without concern for the existence of any other group. To solve this problem, the student assembly should be both a communicative body and an arbitration mechanism for major activities, living group representatives, major student committees, student representatives on Institute committees, and the campus media.

Ken Segel and Steve Immerman have already taken steps to bring these groups together to decide what form the reorganization will take; the last Undergraduate Association/General Assembly reorganization meeting on Feb. 27 was attended by members of all large campus groups invited except *The Tech* and the Student Information Processing Board. [Editor's note: *The Tech* was informed of the meeting by telephone but two hours before it began, and was, therefore, unable to send a representative.] I find it extremely hypocritical that *The Tech* has neither attended nor covered the recent meetings which have been designed to bring out the very "change" that Friday's [March 4] editorial suggested. Maybe *The Tech* is afraid that if it comes to the meetings and helps out with its good ideas for student government reform, that it will have nothing to [complain] about in future editorials.

To sum up my comments on the need for a presidential candidate who desires radical change, I'll just say that the candidate who has even a shred of faith in the present student government system will go *last* on my preferential ballot.

Up until now, this letter may have sounded like an endorsement for Shiva Ayyadurai. That is certainly not the case. While Shiva's proposals to "overhaul student government at MIT" may seem similar to mine, I don't feel he is the candidate most capable of leading the effort. The reason is my second point: The new Undergraduate Association president must be someone whose personal opinions don't obstruct the need to reach a decision which is maximally agreed to by all parties affected. At one General Assembly meeting last term, Shiva, acting as floor leader, brought up an item that would have required future ring committee members to pay the class treasury for the rings given

to them for free by the ring company. And I agreed with him on the issue. But he brought it up twenty minutes after the General Assembly had overwhelmingly voted it down, after considerable discussion. I am afraid that Shiva would go ahead and implement his plans without the necessary participation and approval of the groups that would be affected. Involvement of these groups will be essential to give the resulting structure authority and credibility. A good Undergraduate Association president must be extremely willing to yield to the opinions of others, even if that consensus is far from his own position.

My third and final point is that a presidential candidate must have useful and realizable goals that are commensurate with the time he or she has available to accomplish them. On one extreme, a candidate may be very vague about what he wishes to accomplish, using fancy buzzwords in his campaign literature without explaining how to achieve the goals these words suggest. This may indicate that the candidate has few real ideas and just wishes to hold the title of Undergraduate Association president. Even worse than the vague candidate is the person who takes a narrow view of the role of Undergraduate Association president. An ideal president would deal with a broad agenda of issues facing students, student groups, students and the administration, and national events as they affect MIT. Restricting oneself to issues involving the MIT administration or campus social life would needlessly handicap student government. On the other extreme, a candidate may go wild with campaign promises to solve all students' problems. But, as *The Tech* said last Friday, someone who claims he will "reduce tuition, eliminate mandatory commons, start a MIT shuttle bus, eliminate campus fragmentation, increase facilities for 6.001, and control the student groups who possess vast financial resources" should be viewed with skepticism. [Editor's note: *Cowan misquotes The Tech.*] The team to vote for is the one who can intelligently convince you that they are sincere and realistic about the goals they have set forth in their campaign.

Rich Cowan '84

feedback

Don't buy art while cutting art classes

To the Editor:

On the behalf of my critics, let me start by stating that I am not an MIT student, nor an employee. I consider myself a member of the community by virtue of the fact that I have many friends who are Tech students and am, myself, a fellow scientist. In my defense, I was an honors student at the University of Wisconsin, and hold a Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics, Engineering, and Physics.

I am writing in reaction to the Feb. 25 issue of *The Tech*; specifically with regard to [Matt Bunn's] column and two [letters] concerning art at MIT. Perhaps I do not understand the scope of the issue at Tech, but the manner in which money is allocated for art at your school strikes me as tremendously unfair to the students. On the one hand, the Committee on Visual Arts points out that "MIT's permanent collection has a reputation for its importance and overall excellence." On the other, according to the column titled "Photography programs cut" and the opinion expressed by John Fernandez criticizing Jack Link for his inability to distinguish artistic sculpture from "747 droppings," it appears to this outside observer that little emphasis is placed on the appreciation of that artwork. Taken together, it would seem that, as an institution of higher learning, MIT is doing its students a disservice — establishing a museum which only a few can come to value. It is as though mere ownership of an art object is considered its sole redeeming factor.

However, art has no value unless it is understood. Without an appreciation of the ideas and ingenuity possessed by a da Vinci or Michelangelo, or even a Calder or Lipchitz, a *Mona Lisa* becomes \$4 worth of paint on an

\$8 canvas. But, as anyone who knows the value of a \$12 silicon chip is aware, the material worth of something often has little to do with its value. The difference is the extent to which each of us knows its meaning. Indeed, what is the human body, but a few dollars worth of chemicals?

The point I am trying to make is that if anything is to have value, everything must. Creativity takes many forms, only one of them being scientific. To be so closed-minded to imagine that scientific knowledge is everything is to exclude from one's realm much of the beauty which is present in the world. I am not ignorant of the fact that a scientific education places great demands on one's time (I finished my triple major in four years.), but it seems unfortunate that so many students at Tech will not appreciate MIT's acquisitions until they are past graduation.

I encourage you, the students, not to succumb to this closed-mindedness that I know is popular among engineering students. Ignorance, you will find, is not bliss. The Committee on Visual Arts, like all committees, cannot do its job without your input; and you will find, I think, that even a small effort on your part will reap large returns.

To those who hold the purse strings, I encourage you to take more interest in your students. Creating "one of the best contemporary art collections in New England" is wonderful for those of us who do not pay tuition, but to do so at the expense of art courses for your own students seems, at best, odd, and at worst, a severe misallocation of scarce funds.

Art, it is said, is for everyone, and an above average technical education need not, and should not, exclude it.

Douglas E. Pfrang

Former vice president offers advice to voters

To the Editor:

While the problems with the Undergraduate Association mentioned in *The Tech's* March 4 editorial were valid, I find the proposal to elect no president/vice president team would only compound the problems and would in no way contribute to a solution.

It is rather disheartening that the editorial board of *The Tech* would come to such a conclusion while only one reporter was present at the General Assembly forum. If *The Tech* feels obliged to comment on the qualifications and platforms of the candidates, then *The Tech* also has the obligation to do more research on the candidates than simply reading their statements; members of *The Tech* should attend the open forums and interview the candidates — only then can your newspaper claim to have any significant insight into the election.

As a former Undergraduate Association vice president (1981-82) who has remained involved in student government, I find the six teams who are running for president and vice president to be sin-

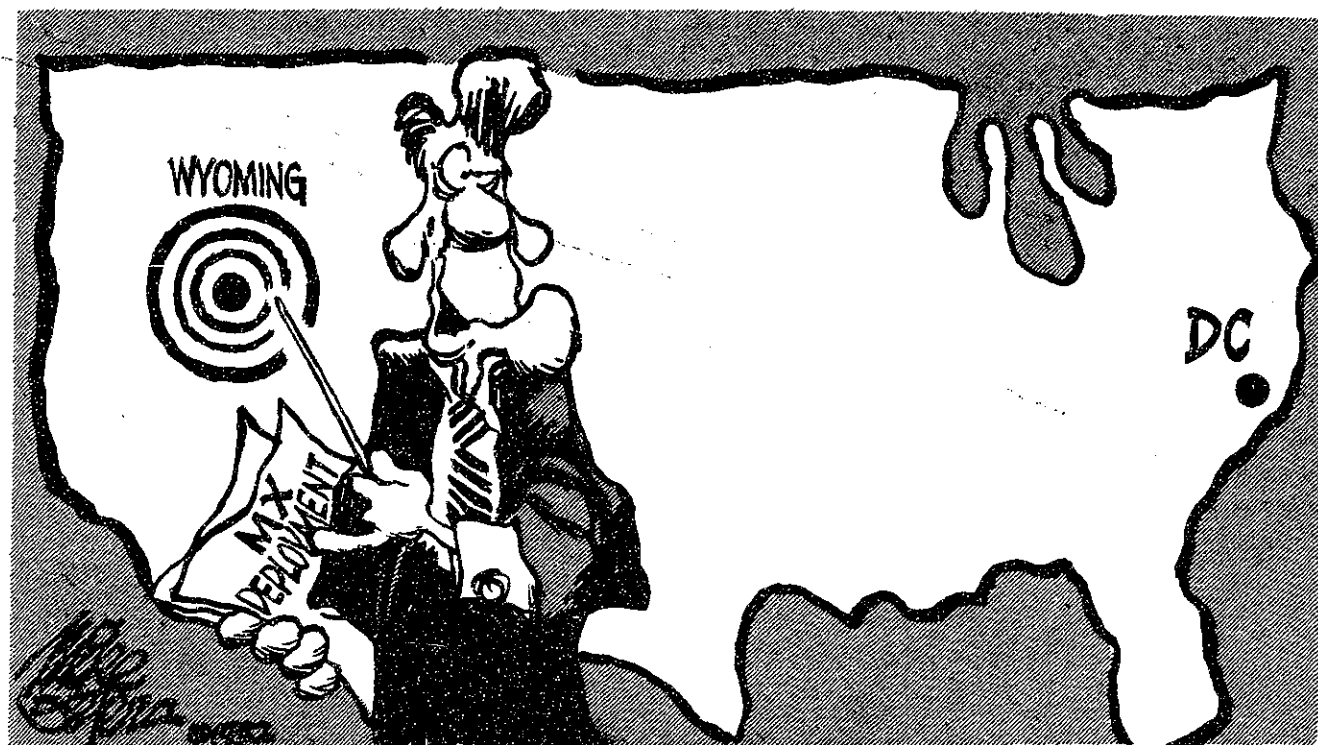
cere and energetic. While some teams may lack knowledge of the current Undergraduate Association and General Assembly problems, all of them should be commended for the time they are devoting to run for election.

After attending the open forum, reading the candidates' statements, and then discussing the issues with them, I find that two teams stand out more than any others: Mike Witt/Inge Gedo and Sara Sprung/Eric Toomre. Both teams have more insight and experience with MIT student government, and both teams possess a strong ability to represent students with the administration. They share an earnest interest in creating a more viable Undergraduate Association — one which could address student concerns more effectively.

While student government cannot solve all of MIT's problems, electing a strong Undergraduate Association president/vice president team guarantees that whatever the Undergraduate Association could accomplish will be accomplished. Please take the time to vote; it does matter.

Kenneth E. Dumas '83

opinion



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feedback

WMBR needs money, staff

To the Editor:

I would like to correct one misimpression conveyed in Andrea Marra's page one story, "WMBR off the air for lack of funds" in your Feb. 18 issue. The station has not run out of operating funds, which, as the article correctly indicates, come from the Institute. Rather, the station suffers from a lack of sufficient funds for necessary replacement of capital equipment. Much of the station's equipment was purchased during the early 1960's, and is now virtually beyond repair. While the Institute funding for day-to-day operation of the station has been made to go a

long way through prudent financial management, the station's outside fund-raising activities have not yielded sufficient funds for the replacement or overhaul of major items of capital equipment. This situation has led to increasing frustration on the part of the station's technical staff, and has made it difficult for the station to attract new technical staff members. The recent resignation of several key staff members left the station without FCC-licensed engineers, and necessitated the management decision to take the station off the air.

As the article noted, the sta-

tion's problems are deep-seated and complex, but they are not insurmountable. Funding, student interest, and community interest are all factors that must be taken into account as the station's staff and management, and the Technology Broadcasting Corporation, the station's owner and license-holder, work together to return WMBR to the air and to make it an organization that is both technically and financially viable. WMBR returned to the air on Feb. 22. There is no reason why the station cannot survive and flourish, given sufficient student and community support. WMBR needs student participation in all areas: technical, programming, and managerial. I would like to urge all who are interested to visit the station, to become involved, and to help get WMBR back on its feet.

Kenneth T. Pogran '70
President
Technology Broadcasting
Corporation

Opposes pornography, censorship

To the Editor:

At risk of provoking another letter from Mr. Bonugli, I feel compelled to reply to his letter of March 4. All quotations are from that letter.

Mr. Bonugli feels that the issue is pornography; that it is wrong and that it should be abolished. I do not feel that the morality of pornography is the issue. My right to watch pornography if I wish — that is the issue!

"Pornography . . . must be abolished if we are to keep our basic American freedoms." One of our basic freedoms is the freedom to write what we will, read what we will, and watch what we will. How is it possible to keep our freedoms by restricting those same freedoms? I was particularly amused by Mr. Bonugli's statement that pornography must be abolished if we are "to avoid the wrath and judgment of God." I have never seen the wrath of God made manifest, nor do I know of any time in the last two thousand years when it has been made manifest. I would have thought that the Inquisition was more deserving of His wrath. As for God's judgment, I had assumed

feedback

After the riot: time for action

To the Editor:

I haven't written a letter to my mother (except to ask for money), my Congressman, or my school newspaper in a long time. Yesterday I wasn't sure just who my Congressman is. I struggle to do the best I can at school and, at the same time try to maintain some perspective about my relation to the world. (I read the newspapers and I socialize.) In many ways, I am not an idealistic person. I switched from majoring in a pure science to engineering somewhere in my sophomore year. There are people who call such a move being "too practical" (or worse). It is true that engineering jobs provide relatively high pay to start and job security, but engineering is also fun. The concepts I've learned apply to sports cars, stereo components and even billiards more than I thought they would have upon seeing my first free-body diagram. I watch pornographic movies and I don't walk on the grass in Kresge Oval in early spring.

I attended the tuition "riot" on Friday. I'm not a particularly politically oriented person, but I had nothing better to do at the time.

The rally was not well attended, as I guess I had expected. About 5 percent of the student body was there, what looked like about 50 percent of the Dean's Office, and about 67 percent of the local news teams.

The reporters (who look like people from cologne commercials), were frowning — possibly because they'd have to work to make this "gathering" look like some sort of news. Undergraduate Association President Ken Segel struck me as somewhat apathetic and contemptible as he introduced the first speakers. Rich Cowan, the chairman and organizer of the rally, appeared nervous and distracted later as he closed the meeting by asking people to buy leftover "rally" but-

tons from which, it appeared, someone would be losing money.

Despite all this there were some important comments made at the rally:

- At MIT tuition alone will be close to \$10,000 next year.
- The minimum level MIT expects students on financial aid and their families to pay will increase substantially.
- The US government is openly decreasing aid for higher education while diverting spending of all kinds to the military.
- There's a greater likelihood that my engineering career will deal more with the military than it will with sports cars and stereos.
- People with short hair as well as people with long hair are not registered for the draft.
- I am registered. It's the law.
- Draft registration has nothing to do with tuition costs until someone tries to make laws which would cut federal aid to universities because some students are not registered.
- Someone may now be trying to pass such a law in Washington.
- The long term effects of tuition increases and current federal policies, if allowed to continue, will decrease the pool of students from which admissions can draw as well as deny "equal opportunity" — if there is such a thing in the first place.
- The date of my graduation may be put off while I take a term to earn some money. This will not kill me, but it's damn inefficient.

At this stage of the game, maintaining your integrity as a student requires that you let somebody know what you think about all of this.

I've just written a letter to my school newspaper and to Paul Gray. I'm about to write letters to my mother and my Congressman to ask them both for money.
John McLoughlin '84

Gumby officers analyze election

To the Editor:

With your refusal to endorse a candidate for Undergraduate Association president or vice president the Conservative Gumby Party has been under enormous pressure to study the candidates carefully and actually endorse one ourselves. Like the nice orderly folk that we are we decided we would be negligent if we didn't. So here are thoughts on the candidates in alphabetical order. (See, we really are orderly.)

Shiva Ayyadurai and Kyung Koh have the distinction of being the only single-sex team in the race. Their other distinction is that they've said that a vote for them is a vote for a mandate, a mandate for a constitution. We'd rather vote for a man than a mandate, so no endorsement.

Charlie Brown and Kate Adams have nice posters. Good graphics on posters display a certain amount of taste and imagination. On one of these tasteful and imaginative posters they offer "a different perspective." Charlie's been Finance Board chairman for almost a year. We can't figure out what his perspective is supposed to be different from. Sorry Charlie, sorry Kate.

Ken Freedman and Jean Kwo have poorly designed posters. We could possibly say more, but there's no point.

Mark Radlauer and Vivian Wang make a nice couple, but Mark's hair is too short.

If Sara Sprung and Erik

Toomre are sincere, they're just too nice to be Undergraduate Association president and vice president.

Mike Witt and Inge Gedo have excellent posters and they get along well with people in the administration and student government. Still, that's not enough to capture the endorsement. What tips the balance in their favor is that they have the shortest names. Out of the above candidates Mike and Inge would receive our endorsement.

Why aren't we endorsing them? We have a better idea. Before the election of a Conservative Gumby administration we prided ourselves on knowing nothing about student government. We think it is only right that next year's Undergraduate Association president and vice president know even less. That's why we're endorsing *The Tech* editorial board as a write-in candidate. I'm sure they'll get what they deserve. It's only too bad that if they win they'll have to resign from *The Tech* over conflict of interest.

Enjoy the election.

David J. Scrimshaw '83

Party Secretary

Kenneth H. Segel '83

Party Has-Been

Editor's note: Segel is currently president and Scrimshaw vice president of the Undergraduate Association.



Bernard Loyd '83 (left) and Bruce Morrison '65 (right) were keynote speakers in Kresge Friday afternoon.

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Students rally, march

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ities and disadvantaged blacks and whites be able to afford the exorbitant costs of MIT and other similar institutions?" asked Bernard Loyd '83, co-chairman of an educational opportunity task force representing the Black Student Union and *La Unión Chicana por Aztlan*.

MIT may soon provide an "education for the rich only," Loyd commented. "Financial aid must be the first priority in the allocation of unrestricted funds" in the MIT budget so MIT can hope to demonstrate an "overriding commitment to equal opportunity in education."

Thomas Ferguson, assistant professor of political science and the last speaker at the rally, offered a political analysis of the federal educational priorities and reiterated the general consensus of disenchantment with governmental policy.

Chairman of the "March 4 Education Rally Committee" Richard A. Cowan '84 concluded the indoor rally by reading aloud a statement from Senator Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., supporting the rally.

Protestors marched to President Gray's mansion following the rally, and some sat down on the front steps and lawn of the building. The protestors demanded an appearance by Gray or Chairman of the Corporation Howard W. Johnson as members of the MIT Corporation arrived in limousines.

Gray appeared at the doorstep with his wife to try to allay the concerns of the demonstrators and persuade them to depart from his front yard. He apologized for his inability to attend the Kresge event and addressed some the demands of the students related to the tuition hike and the financial operations of the Institute.

The fifteen percent of MIT freshmen who do not graduate from MIT leave for a variety of reasons and "it is very hard to try to sort out reasons for these departures," Gray replied to Cowan's demand that the Institute keep records of students who leave for financial reasons.

Massachusetts provides \$22.6 million and federal student financial aid covers \$130 million of the \$1.86 billion annual tuition and fees for colleges in the state, according to John B. Duff, chancellor of Massachusetts higher education.

The federally-guaranteed student loan program meets \$274 million of the budget funds, Duff told his Kresge audience. Seventy-seven percent — \$1.4 billion — of the total tuition and fee

costs for higher education in Massachusetts must be met by students and their families, he added.

NSA monitors MIT

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according to Dr. Louis Menand III, a member of the committee and special assistant to the provost. MIT received one or two letters annually in past years, he said.

The State Department is attempting to control export of technology by monitoring Chinese students in the United States, Menand speculated. He said he is worried the government may recommend certain students be removed from specific areas of research.

The information committee reported that approximately one-third of the graduate students in major US universities are not American citizens. "I think it's very short-sighted to prohibit these people from doing research," commented Dertouzos.

"The government wishes to protect information which it deems vital to the national security of the United States... [so] where that research is clearly classified, that work should not be done on campus," he commented.

Classified research at MIT has been restricted since 1966 to off-campus work at the Lincoln Lab-

oratory and the Instrumentation Laboratory — now the independent Charles Stark Draper Laboratory.

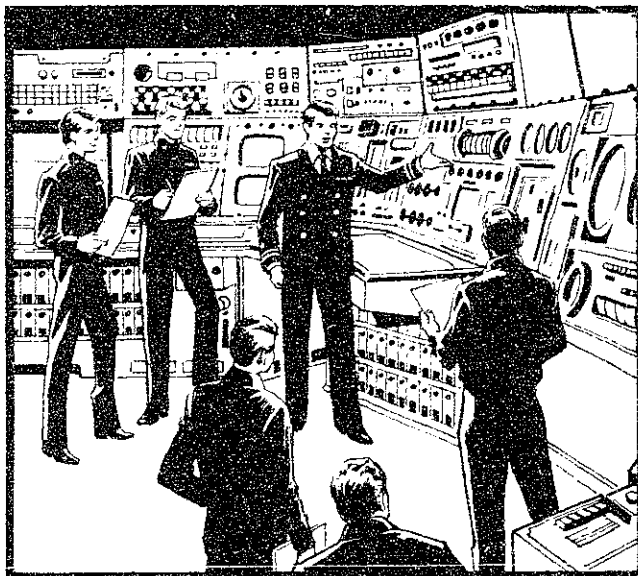
Five university presidents — including MIT President Paul E. Gray '54 — wrote a letter to government leaders Feb. 27, 1981, expressing concern over government regulations which could restrict "the free flow of information among scientists and engineers."

The committee's report reaffirmed the presidents' concern and suggested voluntary submission of sensitive research to the government. There should be continuous communication between MIT and government agencies, the report concluded, to establish the criteria for such controls.

Provost Francis E. Low established the committee in October 1980 to "identify major issues and questions related to the changing nature of information" and to provide recommendations to the MIT community on these issues.

Dertouzos predicts "the information revolution will affect mankind more importantly than the industrial revolution."

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UAP/UAVP



**SHIVA AYYADURAI
KYUNG KOH**

We have decided to run for the offices of UAP and UAVP in order to offer the students voting in the UA Elections an opportunity to replace the current structure of the General Assembly with a centralized parliamentary format. A sweeping overhaul of the current student government structure is necessary, as the UA has become an empty symbol incapable of coordinating student activities and failing to assume leadership on all types of issues affecting the MIT undergraduates. We would let our election serve as an unequivocal mandate warranted by the students of MIT to create a new parliamentary form of government in place of the current structure.

The establishment of the MIT Senate would centralize the powers available — executive, legislative, and judicial, in the parliamentary format. Forty senators elected in living group districts would serve in the Senate to represent the interests of their constituents. The senators would select one member to become Secretary-General who would perform executive functions in addition to dealing with the MIT Administration as the voice of students. A judicial unit would be installed to evaluate appeals from IFC JUDCOM decisions, FINBOARD funding decisions, ASA room allocation decisions, and so on.

By replacing the existing election arrangement with formalized elections for senators, the students gain more responsive representation of their interests. Thereupon, students' respect for and expectations of student representative would increase, accommodating the screening of unqualified, unmotivated candidates.



**CHARLIE BROWN
KATE ADAMS**

Whoever said that nothing can exist in a vacuum was wrong. Student interests and concerns have persisted, despite the perceived ineffectiveness of student government. Undergraduate concerns include financial aid, need-blind admissions, tuition and equity levels, overcrowding in academic departments, cuts in student services, and mandatory commons. Many students are either uninformed of the severity of the issues or feel helpless in dealing with them. An effective student government can change these attitudes by proving itself capable of recognizing and responding to student needs.

There are many concerned students in all parts of student government; unfortunately, past administrations have focused the attention of these individuals on internal fighting and petty bickering. As UAP/UAVP, we will work with these groups to focus on the issues of greatest concern to students. We will actively seek student opinion and promote the viewpoint and ideas of the undergraduates to the administration and faculty.

We have been actively involved in student government, and realize what resources are available to students, in particular to the UAP/UAVP, such as speaking rights at the Faculty and Academic Council meetings. We will use these channels to present the opinions of the undergraduates in a coherent, positive fashion.

We are confident that the UA can work. We want to add our experience and enthusiasm; to work with other student leaders, not against them. By helping to make student government work for the students, we hope to give undergraduates a reason to support student government.

Show your care, vote Charlie Brown/Kate Adams for UAP/UAVP.



**KENNETH I. FREEDMAN
JEAN KWO**

Student government's primary purpose is to serve its members. We believe that this goal can be best accomplished by a student assembly of 40-50 members, replacing the present 120-member General Assembly. With a smaller assembly, we can attract a more diverse, enthusiastic group of student leaders. Once this new "senate" takes form, it will be able to deal with substantial issues and thus gain the respect of both the student body and the MIT Administration.

The UAP, as the students' elected leader, must represent MIT community concerns to the Administration. Informed, thoughtful, and consistent positions will enable us to work well with colleagues both in the new assembly and in the Administration. Two of our major objectives are obtaining speaking privileges at Corporation meetings and voting rights at Academic Council meetings. We deserve this voice.

Programs directly benefiting students are another major priority. We will build on existing programs such as MFA passes, as well as revive past projects. We will encourage new projects such as free passage on the Harvard Sq. — Med School (on Mass Ave.) Shuttle and an Undergraduate Pub in the Student Center.

We think we have the experience, ideas, time, commitment, and enthusiasm to do an excellent job this year. We worked together successfully on the '84 Class Council, and we'll continue to work as a team, if elected UAP and UAVP. In order to make our plans your realities, we need your support.



**SARA SPRUNG
ERIC TOOMRE**

It's great to see this many candidates. Hopefully this is a sign that interest in student government is rising.

A. Problems

I. The GA

- a) Not respected
- b) Many outstanding leaders won't get involved
- c) Not effective
- d) Not powerful
- e) Too much b.s.

B. Solution

ii. Restore respect

- a) Shorter, well-attended dinner meetings (bribed attendance works!)
- b) Strongly encourage dormitory/fraternity presidents to be GA reps
- c) Assess entire sub-committee structure
- d) Finish reorganization by end of this semester

iii. Improve student administration link

- a) Broad-based input to assembly
- b) Reasoned decision by assembly
- c) Administration will respect our serious intentions

IV. Weekly newsletter of student activities/government

- a) Calendar of all student activities and events
- b) Spot-light on one activity per week
- c) IM sports results

V. Why us?

- a) Efficient
- b) Effective
- c) We care enough to try

VI. What can you do?

- a) Vote



**MARK RADLAUER
VIVIAN WANG**

The reason we are running for UAP/UAVP this year is because we feel that student government at MIT should change. We can't claim that we'll lower tuition or eliminate forced commons but we can promise that we'll try our best to make the UA more legitimate, and as a result, give students more say in what goes on at MIT.

Since freshman year we've both been involved in student government — on the freshmen and sophomore councils, and as co-social chairmen of the Sophomore class. As a result, we've had plenty of experience and success working together, running meetings and organizing events. Being friends outside of student government instead of just running partners makes it especially easy for us to work together.

Our first objective would be to get undergraduates more involved in the UA. One way in which this could be achieved is by publicizing meetings and making them quick and effective. We would also like to see more campus unity and activities; here, our experience as social chairmen should be very helpful. In addition, maintaining a strong link between the administration and the student body is another area which we feel is important.

There's a lot of talk lately about how ineffective the UA is. With our ability, experience and psyche, we can change this, and if elected, we will.



**MIKE WITT
INGE GEDO**

These next few years will see many changes at MIT, most of them reflecting the nation's economic hardships; we may soon face student budget cuts and "can-you-pay?" admissions policies, in addition to the usual tuition hikes. Unfortunately, student government has become ineffective and no longer representative of the student body. Therefore, it can not provide the firm voice that is needed to influence the administration's decisions on these important issues.

A smaller, reorganized, more unified student government, consisting of experienced leaders from various student organizations and activities, as well as living group representation, will be better able to represent students, increase communication among them and regain some of the trust and support that has been lost from the students themselves.

Students deserve to be heard on the issues that promise to affect them in the coming years; the faculty and administration, believe it or not, are willing to listen to student opinion. What is lacking is a strong, unified voice for them to listen to.

We have experience in dealing with students and the right faculty and administrators on issues concerning curricula, educational policy, tuition, financial aid and admissions policy. Through our work on the General Assembly, the Student Committee on Educational Policy (SCEP), our representative class councils and our involvement in various student activities, we feel we can represent a good cross-section of the student population.

In return for your vote tomorrow, we promise to devote our full energy to the development of a student government that can provide for your needs more effectively.

1983

PRESIDENT

KEN DUMAS



This past year I served as President of our Class. Through activities such as Senior Nights and Study Breaks (complete with free food, soda, and

beer), I would like to continue supporting the Class of '83 with energy and enthusiasm.

Plans for Commencement, Class Gift, Pledge Program, and Senior Week (beach party, harbor cruise, clambake, and a cocktail party at the Museum of Fine Arts) have begun; I would like the chance to complete these plans, and once graduation is over I would like to begin organizing for our five year reunion.

With your ideas and support, I look forward to continued service as your 1983 Class President.

Thank You!

DAVID SCRIMSHAW



I believe the most important thing I can give you as President of the Class of '83 is a good commencement speech. I'll make it short, snappy

and relevant. I'll be doing other official things too. I've got the experience and ability to do them well and so I will.

ART VASEN



The President of our senior class is not only responsible for the organization of our senior week and our five-year reunion, but more impor-

tantly representing and serving the Class of '83 as alumni of MIT.

As IFC Chairman, Class Vice-President, and Student Coordinator of the Alumni Telethon, I have developed valuable skills in organization and leadership, as shown by my receiving the Stewart Award. My knowledge of the Institute, especially the Alumni Association, and my successful record of leadership and enthusiasm will help me most effectively perform the duties of class president.

The Class of 1983 deserves the best officers possible, and I possess the experience and enthusiasm necessary to best serve as president of our class.

VICE PRESIDENT

HYUN-A PARK



This past year I have been involved in the activities of the senior class. Designing our class T-shirt, being a member of the senior gift committee,

setting up senior week, and running study breaks has been a great time as well as giving me a lot of enthusiasm for the senior class. I am looking forward to carrying out these activities in the months ahead. As vice-president I would like to use my energy and enthusiasm to make our senior week the best ever and our senior gift the most memorable.

Thank you.

SUSANNE M. VON ROSENBERG

Last year, I mentioned three things in my campaign statement: I wanted improved visibility for class officers, increased activities to bring our

class together and a good commencement. I think we have reached those goals to a large extent. We've held good study breaks (that people have come to!), have a great class shirt, and have publicized our class government meetings. We have made an excellent start on commencement (we'll be voting on a class gift Feb. 24, and have the activities set up) and we got a great commencement speaker. The duties of the permanent vice-president are "to assist the president." To me, this means keeping the commencement process running smoothly and having a great 5-year reunion. We're also already involved with the pledge program (finally a chance for you to give to MIT!); class officers are responsible for that, as well as seeing that the chosen gift is correctly presented and so forth. So vote for me! I will bring continuity and continued enthusiasm to the job. I have really enjoyed MIT, and want to stay involved with it.

SECRETARY

JOHN E. DERUBEIS



I truly enjoyed our four years together at MIT. I don't want my affiliation with our class to end at graduation. This is why I am running for our Class

Secretary. I've always been involved with our class, either from an official capacity or from interest. I would like to continue to be involved.

My responsibilities as secretary are to help with commencement, senior week, plan our five year reunion and most of all, write about our classmates and their accomplishments in *Technology Review*. The aspect of writing about our classmates is especially intriguing because it serves as a means of communication for our class. This way, everyone will at least have some idea of what everyone else is up to before our reunion.

MIT has been a great experience, especially in terms of the friendships I've made. I would love to keep in contact with all the great people in our class. . . . Being elected secretary is a step in that direction.

Thank you for a great 4 years and good luck in the future. . . .

DAWNA S. LEVENSON



As secretary of our class this past year, I have worked actively on the Senior Study Breaks and have organized the sales of our class shirts. I

am currently the Coordinator of the Senior Gift Pledge Program and a member of the Senior Week Committee. Over the past year I have realized that a very special spirit exists among our class; a spirit that should be maintained long after we leave MIT. As permanent secretary I will correspond with the entire class and inform you through a paragraph in *Technology Review* of the status of your classmates. I will also organize reunions and see to it that you always feel welcome at MIT.

KENNETH H. SEGEL



If I am elected Class of 1983 Secretary I promise to maintain the same mailing address for the next five years so you can send me things for the class notes in *Technology Review*. My qualifications are that I can speak, read and write English, and on top of that I can type.

CAREN BAKER



The treasurer of an alumni class is responsible for working with the Alumni Association and other classes in order to coordinate the activities

of Reunion, Class Gift, and many other events. I'm very interested in continuing to work on senior week activities and commencement. Having spent several semesters with the present treasurer, I am well acquainted with the duties and associated with the post, and feel I am capable of fulfilling them. I look forward to an opportunity to serve as a class officer again.

Thank you.

MEMBER AT LARGE

JULIE FOSTER



This past year I served as treasurer of our class and helped plan events such as senior nights, study breaks and our new T-shirts. I feel this exper-

ience will help me work closely with the Alumni Association in coordinating Class Reunions, class gift, commencement and senior week activities. I have already become involved with senior week plans and am looking forward to continuing these efforts and serving as class officer again. Thank you.

JERRY RAU



While working with the Social Council, I've organized many large events. My experiences will be valuable in planning SENIOR WEEK '83. Let's

make our senior week one we remember well.

1984

PRESIDENT

RICH COWAN



I'd like to continue planning innovative social events, study breaks, class paraphenalia sales (i.e. T-shirts), and the newsletters and surveys

that will be essential for making representative decisions on Senior Week activities, the class gift, and the graduation speaker. Manpower will be crucial in making Senior Week enjoyable; my experience since Freshman Year on the Class Council should help. Getting scores of former members I've worked with before, plus many fresh faces, involved planning Senior Week will be a #1 priority.

Lastly, I'll form the *Technique* Advisory Committee on Preservation of Hair, to advise cropping of year-book photos.

1985

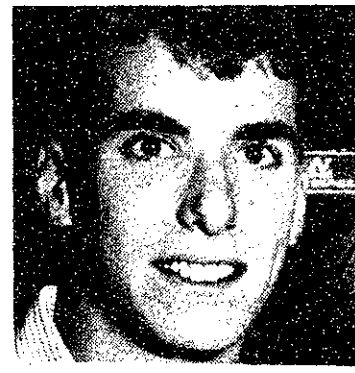
PRESIDENT

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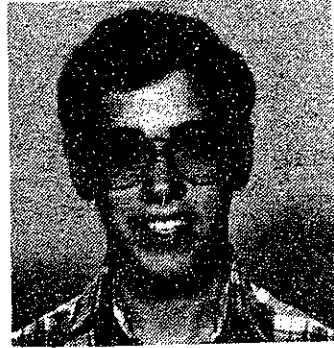
The important issues concerning seniors include selecting a well-known and well-liked commencement speaker, raising money for class funds, establishing an appropriate class gift, and planning for a memorable Senior Week. Because I have had much experience with organizing activities and working with the administration on such events as Homecoming, Spring Weekend, and Residence/Orientation, I am sure that I have the capabilities to represent the Senior class' best interest in implementing these plans. But more importantly, I am very enthusiastic and believe strongly in the dynamic spirit of our class. I am confident that with your help and feedback, our senior year will be most unforgettable.

BARRY D. MCQUAIN



A class officer's main concern is to represent fully the various needs of the class as a whole. These positions should be filled by those students who are concerned, friendly, willing to work, and willing to have fun. With this in mind, please vote for Barry McQuain for Vice-President; vote for Barry.
Thank you.

MICHAEL CANDAN



Since the freshman picnic last year, our class has done nothing as a whole, save designing class T-shirts and our ring. I would like to change this, as I believe working with our peers is an important part of education. I see a need for more social events, more class projects, parties, and a class picnic. I will be open to any suggestions and I hope to earn your support and respect in the coming year.

HEATHER WAYNE

VICE PRESIDENT

DIANE M. PETERSON



As an active member of the Class of 1984, I would like to begin work right away on Senior activities. The end is finally in sight, and we deserve the best Senior Week, speaker, and commencement ceremony ever! Through my work with SCC and the activities we sponsor, and numerous Social Council events including 1983 Spring Weekend Coordinator, I have gained invaluable experience organizing and coordinating student activities. Along with the experience gained, I have had extensive contact with the administration dealing with Student Affairs. Therefore, I feel that I am more than qualified to fill this position.

NOELLE MERRITT



Having served as our class secretary for the past year, I am fully aware of the responsibilities of the class president. In this past year I have noticed that very little attention is paid to the class council, and I would very much like to change this. I am very enthusiastic about the prospect of a more worthwhile class council and believe that — if elected to this position — with the cooperation of my fellow officers and all members of our class, we could achieve this goal. Your vote for NOELLE MERRITT on election day would be greatly appreciated.

The concept of running for class office was effected by the support of my fellow classmates. The need for truly positive input to our class and to MIT requires energy and enthusiasm. Although I have no "official" experience here at MIT, I can draw upon my past experience as the president of the New Jersey State Horse Council. I have only my active interest in life, external and within MIT. Thus I offer myself as a candidate for Vice President '85.

SECRETARY

EVE D. DURRA



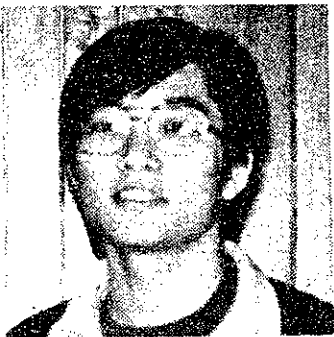
On many occasions this year, I have been asked by friends what our class government is doing, but I could not tell them since I was only involved with our Freshman Council.

The biggest problem with our class' government is communication. Little effort has been made to publicize events or solicit ideas from those outside the elected offices. Minutes of meetings are never posted in lobby seven, or sent to those formerly active with the class government.

Thus, I felt that if anything was to change, I would have to change it myself. As secretary, I intend to fulfill the duties of my office which includes posting notices and minutes in our space (the empty space between 1984 and 1986) in lobby seven informing the class of '85 of what is really happening with their government (if anything).

VICE PRESIDENT

PETER TU



EXPERIENCE! This one word sums up both my platform and my credentials for office. Having been Class President sophomore year and having been involved in class government since Day 1 of freshman year, I can attest to the importance of "knowing the ropes." With my accumulated experience — experience in dealing with the administration and its associated bureaucracy — experience with class finances — experience with the issues behind class government — and, most importantly, experience which has provided me with the contacts (both with the students and the administration) which are most necessary for a class officer to efficiently handle his or her responsibilities.

DANIEL M. CURRAN



As Class of '85 Vice President I would like to have more class activities that people in our class will participate in, such as class cookouts, beach trips, and discounted group nights at Boston cultural events. I do not want to wait until junior year to start raising money for our senior week. We have to start now if we are going to have a great senior week.

RICHARD HAHN



From the experience gained by my involvement in various Institute Activities, I believe that I can positively contribute to our class. Serving on our Ring Committee, and as an officer on our council, I can effectively help our council deal with any situations that may arise. Having lived in both a dormitory and currently in a fraternity, I have a more complete view of MIT life. These are some things that you should consider. Most importantly, involvement and dedication are what I am about — so cast your ballots for Richard Hahn.
Thank you.

DOW K. HARDY



First, a simple question: Class of '85, how much do you really know about your class government?
Considering how uninformed our class has been kept, we obviously need more exposure to the issues and events concerning us. It is important for the class secretary to keep the members of the class informed as well as the other officers. I will work closely with the publicity/newsletter coordinator to fulfill this duty.
I thank you for your support.

TREASURER

ANURAG SOOD



I have been an active member of the UA Finance Board, and feel that I have a strong ability to work with money and its allotment. At my fraternity, I have also done a large amount of work (about 5 hours weekly) with the Comptroller's committee, ranging from general accounting to bill collection. I have new and working ideas when it comes to money management, and I feel that I am the best man for the job. I am very interested in student government at MIT (truly a rare attribute these days!), and would like the opportunity to work for you as your Class Treasurer.

SOCIAL CHAIRMAN

SHAWN SEALE
JUSTIN RYAN



As Co-Social Chairmen, we feel that our combined efforts can bring a new effectiveness and meaning to the social committee. During our

term in office, we will endeavor to keep an open channel for suggestions as to activities for class involvement, such as class-wide parties, class outings, etc.

1986

PRESIDENT

SAM GRUER



If elected President of the Class of '86, my primary objectives would be to obtain the participation and involvement of the majority of the class, and

to keep them informed. I believe that involvement and awareness are essential to any well run organization, for without it, all decisions and actions are influenced and made by only a governing few.

My decision to run for office was not a quick one. After evaluating the responsibilities, the time commitment, and my past leadership experiences, I concluded that I could more than adequately handle the job. I hope you feel the same.

VIVIENNE LEE



Since the beginning of the year I have been actively involved in Freshman Council. As the current class treasurer, I've already taken a leader-

ship position and as president, I could continue to serve our class with even more effective results. The respect and support of the members of Freshman Council is crucial for the president to exert authority and from my past record, I believe I have proven to them I am organized and dependable. I'd like to show you that with the right leadership our class can plan fun activities and actually turn out successes!!

Vote Vivienne Lee for president!!

VICE PRESIDENT

SUZANNE DUNBAR



I would like to see the Class of 1986 achieve its potential. To do this, we need positive leadership promoting class interest. As vice president, I plan

to:

- be open to ideas
- contribute enthusiasm
- be dependable and hard working
- function as part of a team
- utilize the position to benefit the class

With these premises in mind, I hope to mold the office of vice president into a position committed to leading, representing and serving our class.

SHARON ISRAEL



At MIT, we too often get caught up in our heavy workloads and fail to take advantage of the activities available to us. As vice president of the

Class of 1986, I intend to provide and support activities that will make our year here fun and exciting. I have served for the past six months as vice-president of Freshman Council. In high school I served in various student governmental and organizational activities. I have the experience, enthusiasm, and ability to make our sophomore year our most enjoyable year ever. Vote for Sharon Israel on March 9.

SECRETARY

MARY KATE BAYALIS



As a candidate for secretary, I have three goals in mind: to be reliable, accessible, and enthusiastic. This is the kind of secretary that my fellow

class officers can depend upon, and I am willing to put in the time it takes to do the job. In addition, I am eager to discuss events and ideas with fellow classmates. My enthusiasm, apparent to those who know me, will help to generate interest and unite our class. I do not expect the position to be a simple task. However, I hope to find it gratifying.

ALKA JAIN



I'm running for secretary because I care about our class and want to contribute my ideas for making MIT a more fun place to be. I would like

to help the members of the class get to know each other and through my continued participation in Council activities, I feel I can do this. Based upon my high school experiences, I have a fairly good idea of the commitment required to be secretary. As secretary, my job would be to keep the class and the council members informed of the decisions that have been made at Council meetings. I have always given 100% to whatever I do and know I will do an excellent job as secretary.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

GABRIELLE HECHT
LAUREN SINGER



We are two students who have found that supplementing academia with social activities helps to relieve some of the tension and pressure that MIT exerts. We would like the chance to encourage the Class of 1986 to try this. Our primary intent will be to organize study breaks, parties, scavenger hunts and other events intended to unite our class. As a team, we can pool our imagination, efficiency and enthusiasm to produce enjoyable and beneficial results.

JENNIFER SNOPKOWSKI



I have had a great deal of experience in organizing activities in the past; throughout high school I was a member of student council, was business

editor of the yearbook, was publicity chairman of our National Honor Society, and was chairman of various other committees, such as school dances. Since I have been at MIT, I have been a member of the Freshman Council and of the Social Committee of my dorm. If elected, I plan to organize activities for our class next year, such as study breaks and school wide functions such as dances, to provide an opportunity for our class to get to know each other better as well as have some fun.

PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

TOI A. BEVERIDGE



As your publicity chairperson my prime goal will be to get some enthusiasm out of the Class of '86. Compared to my able opponents I have more

experience, dedication and good-old American know how at getting through the "red tape" at MIT. So for a more lively next year vote T.A.B. for Publicity.

PREFERENTIAL BALLOT

Preferential voting is a system whereby the second, third, etc., preferences of the voter can be taken into consideration if his favorite candidate is eliminated from consideration. Voters are instructed to indicate first preference, second preference, etc., in the ballot.

Ballots are sorted by *first choices*. If no candidate has received a simple majority, the ballots of the weakest candidate are resorted according to the second preference indicated. Ballots with no second preference listed are thrown out.

If after this sort, no candidate has a simple majority, the process continues; each time the smallest pile is redistributed according to the next lower indicated choice.

It is important to remember that *your favorite candidate's chances are not affected* when you indicate subsequent choices. The subsequent choices will be examined only if your favoring has been eliminated. *Please rank all the candidates!*

This system is being used in all elections involving more than two candidates.

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The golden age of Dolby

Blinded By Science, Thomas Dolby EP on Venice in Peril/Harvest Records.

In 1979, Crepuscule Records of Belgium released a special cassette compilation entitled *From Brussels With Love*. A song called "Airwaves" by Thomas Dolby stood out from the rest of the collection; its combination of spare instrumentation and evocative lyrics hinted at prodigious talent. Dolby's name surfaced again when Lene Lovich had a hit with "New Toy;" he had written it for her. His cameo appearances became more frequent: He played synthesizers with Lovich's touring band, contributed keyboards to Foreigner's "Urgent" and "Waiting For A Girl Like You," and recorded with the Thompson Twins. Last fall marked the release of his own solo album, *The Golden Age of Wireless*, which only now is beginning to receive any notice. The sudden attention is due to the burgeoning success of Dolby's latest single and the release of a new EP.

Blinded By Science contains extended versions of three songs from *Wireless* plus both sides of the new single, providing an excellent overview of Dolby's songwriting ability. Categorizing Dolby's sound as electropop would be a gross generalization, for although he utilizes state-of-the-art electronics his music and lyrics convey



a sense of nostalgia for an era of simpler technology, hence his references to a "golden age of wireless."

The EP leads off with Dolby's current hit "She Blinded Me With Science," a humor-

ous look at the clichéd absentminded professor and beautiful assistant scenario. Dolby makes excellent use of a halting, funky rhythm, filling in the silences with interjections from "Professor Magnus Pyke" ("There she goes again, she's tidied up and now I can't find anything; all my test tubes and wires are missing!"), and if you can stop laughing long enough it's great for dancing.

A set of "nostalgia pieces" is featured on side two, all taken from the *Wireless* album, all providing a better representation of Dolby's ability to conjure up images through lyrics that never do more than hint at their meaning. "Flying North," with its sprightly, bouncing pulse brings to mind images of early air travel, contrasting them with the cold reality of a person daydreaming in a London laundromat. "Windpower" (yet another reference to simpler technology) has an unshakeable melody, its persistence due in part to a catchy hook stated by a horn section.

Lyrical, however, it is Dolby at his most obscure: it seems to praise humanism. "Switch off the mind and let the heart decide/There is no enemy."

The setpiece for the EP is "Airwaves," a version radically different from its cassette original. Dolby has added washes of string synthesizers and muted trumpet fanfares, he has also suffused the track with faint hints of shortwave broadcasts and radio static, all of which emphasize the main theme:

*Through the airwaves —
People never read the airwaves
Do we only feed the airwaves
Or stamp them out at street level?*

Blinded By Science, an excellent collection in itself, should serve only as an introduction to Thomas Dolby, whose complete songwriting scope is better represented on *The Golden Age of Wireless*. Give them both a listen, you'll soon be hoping for a golden age of Dolby.

David Shaw

Off the Beaten Groove

Seven deadly scenes

The Seven Deadly Sins, an evening of scenes performed by the MIT Shakespeare Ensemble; Friday, March 4.

I'm not sure the Shakespeare Ensemble succeeded in putting "the Truth" on stage as was claimed in the prologue to their production of *The Seven Deadly Sins*, but the seven scenes presented, ranging from the broad hilarity of Chekhov's *The Marriage Proposal* to the brooding darkness of Edward Bond's *Bingo*, were anything but deathly boring. Yet, when the lights came up and the company came out from the wings to initiate the "provocative" discussion, I couldn't help but feel that the evening's performance had been uneven.

The nature of the playing space in Room 10-250 makes the staging of any scene a challenge. The simple act of changing sets becomes a theatrical production in itself, and stage furniture and props have a tendency to look out of place beneath the stark white walls and towering blackboards. A theatre space should not steal focus from the actors.

It is not surprising that the stronger scenes, rather than competing with the space, took advantage of it. In a scene from Harold Pinter's *Betrayal*, director Geoff Pingree's decision to costume his actors in gray and mute the bed with a gray blanket worked marvelously. The somber atmosphere produced heightened the tension generated in the sparse dialogue between Andrew Borthwick-Leslie and Kip Durney. In contrast, when Lomov felt his

way toward the door in a fit of hypochondria in *The Marriage Proposal*, I was immediately aware the actor was groping along the edge of a chalkboard; the scene's illusion was shattered.

The Southern accents in a scene from Lillian Helman's *The Little Foxes* lacked credibility. When actors don't have time to develop unaffected accents — and in this case they didn't: The rehearsal period was less than three weeks — the accents should be dropped. Fortunately no one attempted English accents in the two Pinter scenes.

Jean Reid, however, made effective use of a Western drawl as Ella in Sam Shepard's *The Curse of the Starving Class*. Director Brian Rague cut Shepard's text judiciously to make a scene that stands well on its own. The set — one of the more complicated of the evening, with a refrigerator hauled onto the stage — transformed a lecture hall into an American kitchen. Only a few minor problems kept this scene from being absolutely stunning. I found it delightful all the same. Barbara Moore's portrayal of Emma, a blooming adolescent, was very satisfying, but her rich voice, while working perfectly in Shepard's poetic passages, wasn't loud and girlish enough for the shouting tirades.

I would like to have seen more of Wesley's (Andrew Borthwick-Leslie) face; he was constantly shadowed by the bill of his baseball cap. I also missed what could have been a very funny sound effect when Wesley, his back to the audience, urinated

on Emma's 4-H Club chicken chopping charts.

A scene from Harold Pinter's *The Birthday Party* was slightly disappointing. Although Stephen Ng delivered a convincing performance as the sinister Goldberg, he didn't get much support from the other



characters in the scene. Edward MacGregor's McCann wasn't sadistic enough, his taunts seemed hollow, and he didn't communicate with Goldberg. Maurice Karpman failed to present the physical aspects of Stanley's terror well: Even when he conveyed fear with his voice, I couldn't believe he was frightened. Director Borthwick-Leslie's stage movement seemed contrived in places; he split the focus too often by

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using more of the stage than he needed. Hence, the frightening tension Pinter generates in his drama was rendered ineffective.

Edward Bond's *Bingo*, more than any other of the evening's scenes, matched itself with the space. The simple table, two chairs and whiskey bottles, became an organic part of the room, and emphasized the stark beauty of Bond's text. Both actors, David Sarr as William Shakespeare and Geoff Pingree as Ben Johnson, looked blasted. Almost everything about the scene was understated. Perhaps Pingree carried this a bit far in his long monologue — I lost the endings of a lot of words — but the venom in his lines was evident from his visceral delivery. Sarr proved that good characterization does not depend upon a large number of lines; in fact I liked Shakespeare's silence better than his final, rather stilted lament before the scene's blackout.

Actors Daria Martel and Charlie Frankel, and director David Brackman, deserve special mention for their work on the second act of Noel Coward's *Private Lives*. These veteran Ensemble members show that good characterization depends on concentration, subtlety, and economy of motion; the younger members of the company would do well to learn from them. Martel and Frankel closed the evening with a very satisfying punch.

Bill Bryant

Bley's brash big band bash

The Carla Bley Band at the Paradise, Sunday, March 6.

A Carla Bley performance has become an annual treat in Boston, livening up an otherwise unexciting local jazz scene. Her critically acclaimed big band (which receives honors in *Downbeat* magazine's yearly polls) never ceases to surprise and amaze with its vital renditions of Bley's intricate and witty compositions. Sunday's performance was no exception: Longtime fans left satisfied and curious newcomers became converts.

Bley's set consisted of a few old favorites

(the hard rocking "Blunt Object" and "Song Sung Long" plus the wry "Reactionary Tango in Three Parts"), but leaned more toward new compositions. "Battle-ship" seemed to provide musical commentary on the Falkland Island affair, especially in the closing section in which "God Save the Queen" and "Taps" were played simultaneously. "The Lone Arranger," described by Bley as "a piece about horses and men," alternated between a loping country rhythm and a bluesy walk, with tempo changes suggested by the band ("Hey Carla, I'm tired of the horse, lets

walk"). In what has become a Bley tradition, drummer D. Sharpe stepped forward for his vocal showcase, a one-note tune entitled "Keep It Simple."

Bley has a fondness for low brass and buzzy reeds, and it is a testament to her considerable arranging skills that her horn section never sounds leaden or bottom-heavy. The only complaint with the performance was the majority of solos fell to trombonist Gary Valente, whose brash, blatting technique soon became rather wearing. As if to further emphasize the solo imbalance, Michael Mantler's trum-



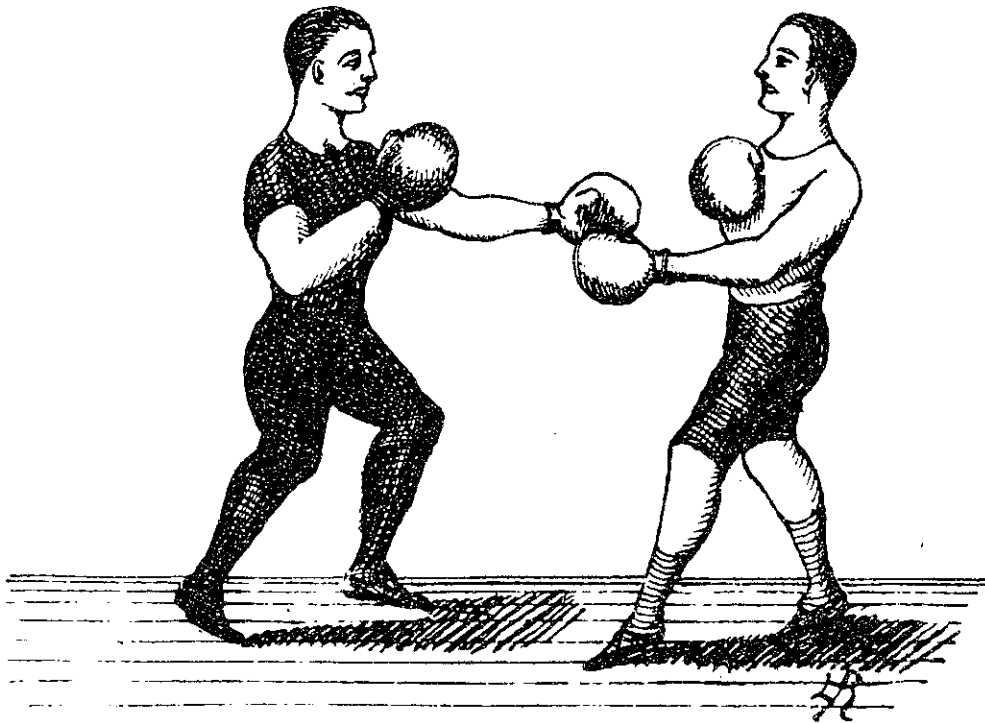
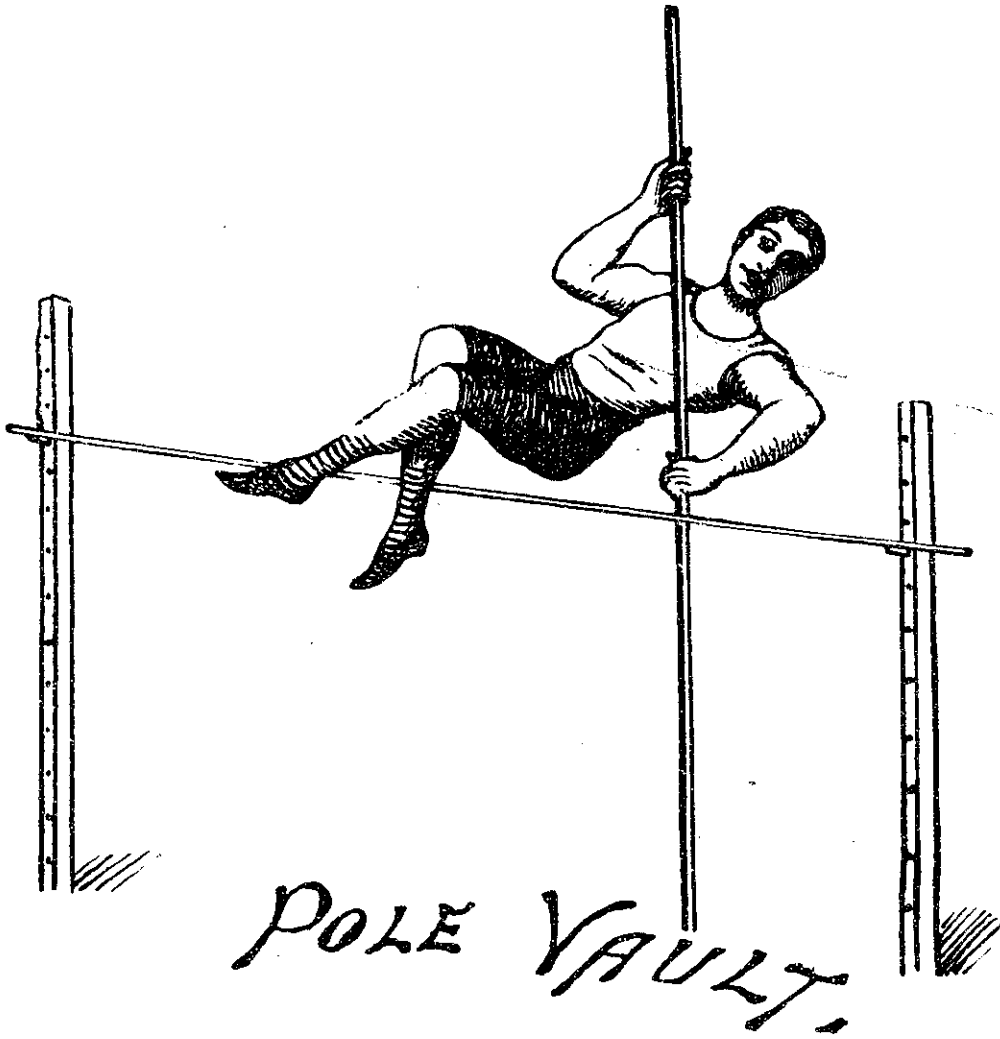
pet and Vincent Chancey's french horn were only featured once each; Bley herself only took one of her trademark single-note organ solos.

Carla Bley's reputation as the best new big band is justified, but word of her talent has yet to become widespread. Her exclusion from this year's Boston Globe Jazz Festival is a glaring error; perhaps her timely performance a mere six days before the commencement of the festival was meant to point that out. We can only hope she won't wait a whole year before she returns.

David Shaw



More than just the news



OUR ARTIST'S VISIT TO THE GYMNASIUM. WHAT HE SAW THERE.

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Opinion

Sidewalks, safety, sod, and straight lines

(Continued from page 4)

do with fire. The answer is that most fire doors open both ways, increasing the chance of getting bonked if two people approach the door at the same time from different directions. That's why the windows were put there. To keep people from getting hurt. If you want to insure that only idiots come to whatever it is you're publicizing, put a poster over a window.

Speaking of posters, there was the flak GAMIT raised about having its posters torn down. So what did they do? They put a poster in every east ground window of Kresge! That's one poster every foot. That's a real good way to get people to stop discriminating against you, guys. Or is it girls, too? I've always been confused about whether girls are in GAMIT too. I called up GAMIT once and asked if lesbians were considered gay. The person who answered (a male) said he wasn't sure either, but he didn't think so.

Finally, about the nerd path. I used to feel the same way Slivan does. That was before I noticed that just about everyone cuts across there at sometime or another, including the grounds-people.

Let's face it, the Oval is a prime example of horrible human engineering. When you're late for an interview, you take the nerd path (unless you're applying to Mega-Test).

Now before the letters start streaming in commenting on my "straight-line, two-dimensional mentality," and about how artistic curves are, think for a minute. Like everything else, art has its place. I agree that it would be nice if people had the time around here to take anything but the shortest distance between two points. The sad fact is that most do not. The result is an ugly nerd path.

Alvar Aalto, the great architect who designed Baker House had the right idea. He designed Baker House's main entrance to open

onto a sidewalk leading straight to the main entrance at 77 Massachusetts Avenue.

Apparently, however, Aalto's design was deemed incompatible with what was to become Kresge

Oval. I wonder why, however, when the grassy area is certainly not oval, anyway. I advocate returning to Aalto's original design.

For those of you who disagree, I offer the following solution.

Can't we afford one or two strips of sod per year to cover up the nerd path? If not, maybe that would make a great senior class gift. The fundraising would be easy: "Won't you donate to help resod the Nerd Path?"

feedback

Rethink federal aid claim

To the Editor:

I feel the need to clarify the purposes of the tuition riot, which are hinted at in the article by John Ying and the letter by Richard Cowan, both of which appeared in *The Tech* on March 1.

As juniors and seniors will recall, past tuition riots consisted of innocent howling and flaming near "The Big Sail." These were complaints about MIT tuition, appropriately directed to MIT. They were done in good spirit; they were pleasant afternoons.

This one looks to be different. The obvious difference is in the organization and publicity. A committee has prepared for an event much different from an "Annual Spontaneous Tuition Riot." Less obvious is the fact that the cause has changed as well. Cowan refers to the "March 4 Rally for increased federal support of education." This brings back memories of 1970-era "political activism," as well as designating this as a *political demonstration*, rather than a tuition riot.

What could such a political demonstration say? Cowan says it is "directed toward the federal government to attract national

attention to the plight of students who must bear the burden of decreased financial aid." This event is supposed to tell the federal government, not MIT, to increase student aid.

Why should the government aid students? Because some of them can't afford tuition, and getting these students through school is necessary "to produce the kind of educated citizens that are required for our sophisticated economy," according to [US Representative Bruce A. Morrison '65, D-Conn., quoted by] Ying.

The federal government gets most of its money from taxes. Tax money comes from (almost) all Americans, whether they like it or not. By making its statement, this political demonstration is, in effect, saying to America "We are students, and our inability to finance the type of education we want is our claim on your wealth, since we believe it is in your best interest to fund us." If students can say this and get away with it, why can't any group demand federal aid from the taxpayers, reasoning "our inability to finance the type of lives we want to lead is our claim on your wealth?" Suppose prison inmates demand color televisions

and magic fingers beds in their cells, and reason it analogously: do you want to be forced to pay tax to fund it? I do not.

What about the taxpaying factory workers in Cambridge? Maybe they don't care if I don't get an MIT education. I don't blame them. Who am I to tell them that I deserve money taken from them *by force* because my education is in their best interest, and they don't know it? Who am I to tell the factory owner the same thing? Worse yet, some will say that because he has more money, he doesn't need it, so we have even more right to take it from him.

Don't take a "claim" on federal money lightly. Many say that asking for a few thousand in a country of millions is nothing to each person, but millions of other people are also asking!

When the hot dogs disappear on Friday afternoon and the signs start appearing, think about what you are saying by demonstrating. Two years ago, it may have been "\$7400 TDM," but this year your demonstration is really telling Americans "I claim your money because I am a better investment than anything you can do with your own money."

John F. Pitrelli '83

feedback

Bigoted cartoon should draw rage

To the Editor:

LSC recently presented a shockingly bigoted cartoon feature. It was a "Popeye" cartoon whose plot was essentially as follows. A black person wanted to accompany Popeye on a sea voyage, but Popeye refused on the grounds that blacks are a "jinx" aboard ship. The person inadvertently stowed away on the ship, and, when discovered by the crew, was immediately set upon and beaten. The crew then mutinied against Popeye for tolerating the "jinx." Popeye subdued the mutiny, and then himself ejected the black person from the ship.

Actually, the above synopsis differs from the cartoon in one detail: in the cartoon, the stow-away was not black, but was a woman, and was beaten and banned on account of her gender, not her race. That should be similarly intolerable, yet LSC and its audience (which surely would

have been appropriately outraged had the cartoon been *exactly* as described above) seemed to find it quaint and amusing. We are trained to accept sexism as being so commonplace that cartoons such as this do not even provoke us to the momentary solemn head-shaking with which we respond to most major injustices.

The community's acceptance of this cartoon stands in ironic contrast with the recent outcry against pornography. The principle should *not* be that all sexually explicit entertainment is objectionable, whether or not it specifically presents a derogatory portrayal of women (Engaging in sex is not necessarily degrading), but rather that entertainment is objectionable when it makes a derogatory portrayal of women, regardless of the presence or absence of explicit [sexual intercourse].

Gary L. Drescher G
and seven others

Unoffended by pornographic films

To the Editor:

For anyone interested, here's one more opinion about the (lack of) showing of "Deep Throat." I wanted to see it. I've seen only one movie with an "X" rating — a registration day movie in 1977. I agreed with what seems to be the general opinion. "Hardcore" movies are generally boring. Not exploitive, offensive, or anything else — just boring. However, "Deep Throat" is a "classic" in its "field," and I'm curious about it.

I've seen only one pornographic movie, but I noted that in that case: (1) the movie consisted of women (and men! Why don't people who find pornographic movie exploitive of women also find them exploitive of men?) who appeared to be enjoying themselves without harming anybody; (2) there were many other women in the audience, who all seemed to feel as unexploited and unoffended as I did.

There are a lot of movies that I do find offensive. For example, "The Exorcist." I'm offended by the violence done to people's bodies in that movie. What did I do about it? I didn't watch it. The previews, advertisements, and comments from people who had seen it convinced me that I didn't want to see it. I know, "The Exorcist" is a classic in its field, but there are fields that I find exploitive and offensive — torturing bodies is one of them. Perhaps you think that pornographic

movies do unnecessary violence to people's bodies. Then don't go!

I realize there are a lot of questions about pornography and "Deep Throat" in particular. Linda Lovelace may have been unreasonably coerced. I'm skeptical enough to feel comfortable seeing "Deep Throat." Pornography viewing may cause some people to be temporarily more violent — the problem lies not with pornography but with the people involved. Might not those same people be provoked by the evening news or football games?

Unlike Betsy Salkind who feels every registration day that MIT is not a place for women [Feb. 11], I feel that it illustrates how well accepted women are at MIT. Where else would a bunch of men invite a woman to go see an X-rated movie with no more implication than if they had asked her to go see, say, "The Verdict" with them (as happened to me in 1977)?

Janice Voss G

Protests article on service projects

To the Editor:

As an active community member I really enjoy reading community service feature articles, such as "ATO makes 'Hell Week' Community 'Help Week'" [Feb. 18]. However, I must protest the format in which it was presented and the precedent set when the article was chosen.

With all due respect to *The Tech*, ATO was misused and misrepresented in the column. You see, the ATO community service chairmen wrote the article for *InFoCUS*, the IFC magazine, but *The Tech* editors requested permission to print the article as a feature. The authors consented with the belief that an editor's note would explain that ATO was requested to submit the material. With great misfortune, the editor's note merely stated that the authors were ATO members, making the article look like an ATO advertisement. This was not the intent of ATO, which directed the article to an entirely different audience.

While I am sorry for the dis-

service to ATO, I am more concerned with the procurement of the article. Must *The Tech* editors resort to pilfering from other papers or random individuals to print an issue? Surely this can only lead to great inconsistencies in format and a weakening of a centralized staff, neither of which *The Tech* can afford.

Historically, in their righteous effort to publish a "real newspaper," *The Tech* editors have shunned feature articles on MIT events in the belief that such drivel would lower *The Tech's* status in journalistic circles. Now in an effort to fill the pages, the editors are requesting or allowing individuals to write features about their own activities, which will easily turn *The Tech* into a public relations paper. Where is the sense on either policy?

May I suggest that *The Tech* follow the example of "real newspapers" and open a features department that would produce human interest stories and short fiction. Who would write features? Anyone. For starters, half of the

editorial staffers are rightfully feature-style writers who should be properly labeled. In addition *The Tech* could utilize new student writers — people who enjoy writing about school news.

People enjoy reading objective feature articles about people and events that affect their immediate environment. Give the people responsible, interesting features. How better to increase community interest and respect, while avoiding the deterioration and misrepresentation of the past.

Sarah Bingman '83

Editor's note: The Tech's policy has always been to consider columns and articles submitted by members of the MIT community. John Friedman and Robert Schoenlein of Alpha Tau Omega presented their work to The Tech, confirming it was intended for publication in the newspaper. Never did either mention the InterFraternity Conference or InFoCUS. The article was published because it was judged to be of interest and value to the community.

Bunn clarifies column

Editor's note: Matt Bunn wishes to clarify a point in his column of Feb. 25.

In my column on the demise of the Creative Photography Laboratory, I gave the misleading impression that the Architecture Machine Group (ArcMac) did nothing but "civilian burning." What I intended to say was simply that ArcMac was as much involved in technology as in art: these technologies are then applied, not only to the Department of Defense work I mentioned, but also to work for Atari and the Joffrey Ballet, among others. I did not mean to say (and do not believe) ArcMac's approach is inferior to that of the Creative Photography Laboratory, only that it is decisively different. In an ideal world, these approaches would be complementary; it is unfortunate that in this situation, they have been placed in competition.

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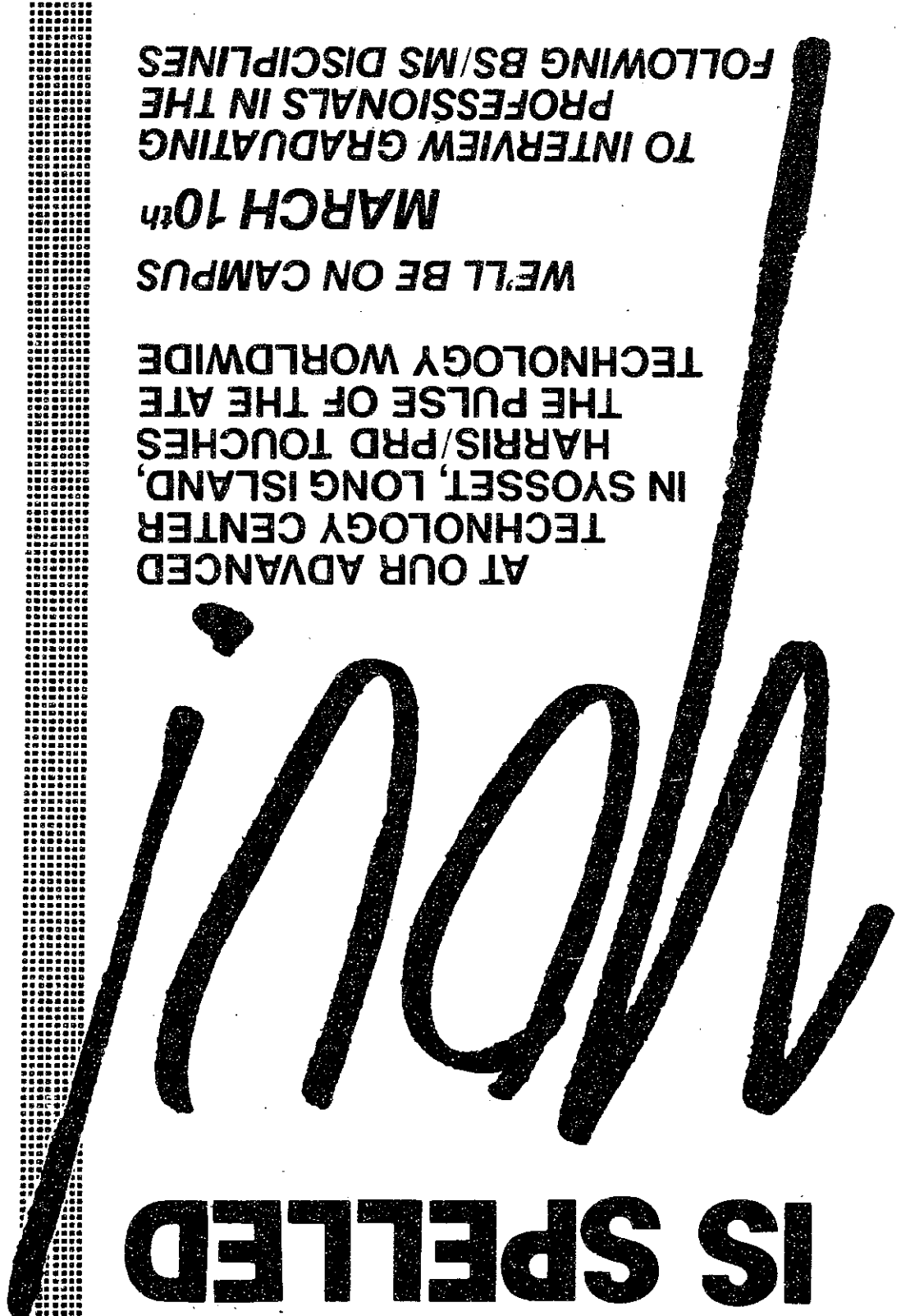
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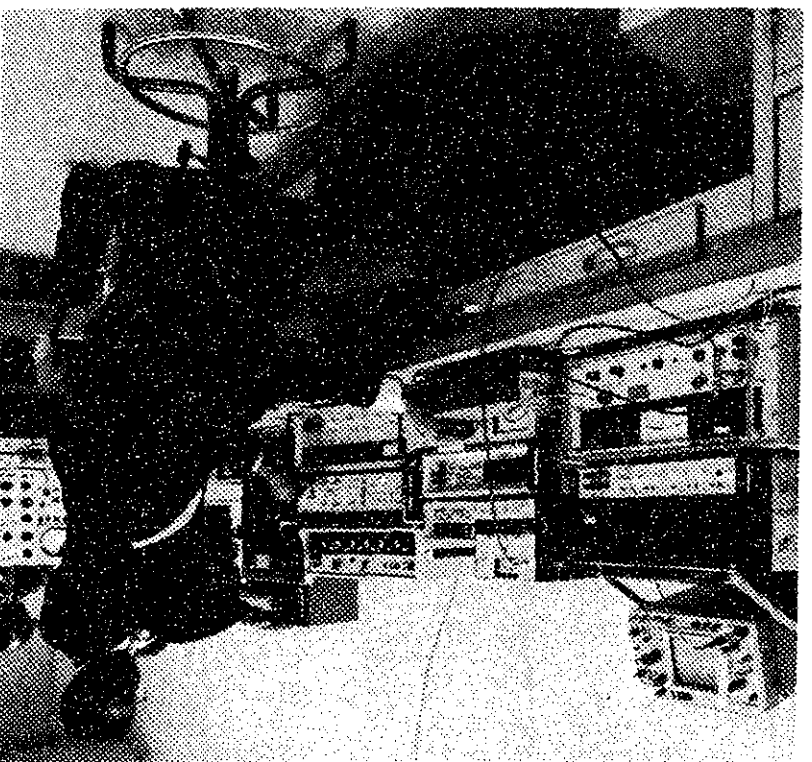
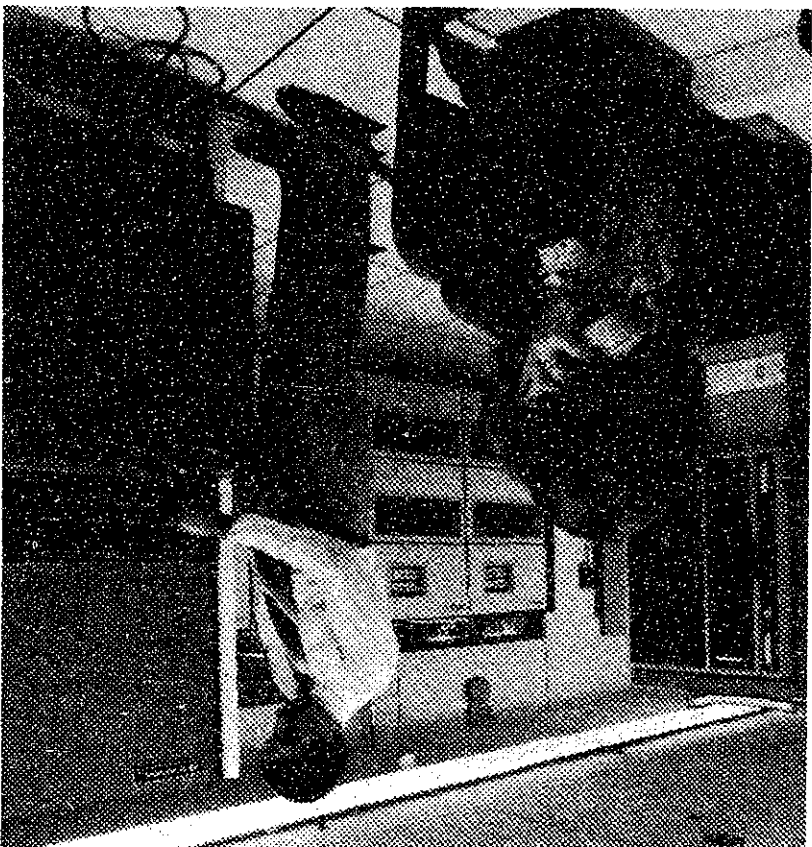
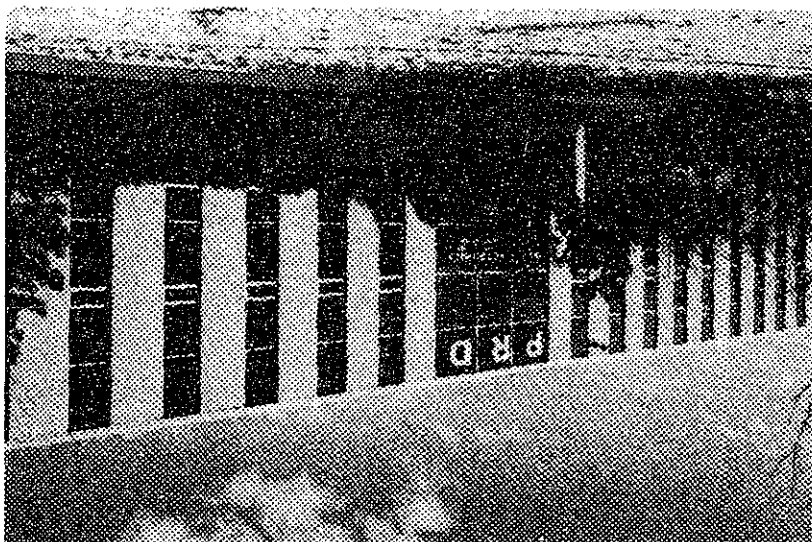
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Candidates speak at forum

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"One hundred twenty representatives from living groups is not the way to go," said Witt. "Most issues don't deal with living groups anyway."

Witt's running mate, Inge Gedo '85, said a smaller GA would be easier to handle, providing a strong voice to the administration.

"People want to know what effects them," said Gedo, and if the UA is effective, people will get involved.

"Student government is for the students," said Witt. Financial matters should be in student control, he added.

"The issues are not the most important thing . . . the people that are elected are the most important," concluded Gedo.

"We believe more that MIT is a living group oriented place," said Mark A. Radlauer '84, presidential candidate. He is not in favor of decreasing the size of the GA, and adds that the government could be more effective if more is accomplished in committees.

Radlauer and running mate Vivian L. Wang '84 "don't think a change in the UA structure will accomplish anything." They would like to "get projects going and get particular people in charge. This would show people that the UA can do something," Radlauer said.

Radlauer and Wang voiced interest in a shuttle bus and would like to open an undergraduate pub to help "bring the campus together socially," Radlauer said.

"It is really important to have close ties with administration people," said Radlauer, but the students should have more control over student government finances.

Kenneth I. Freedman '84, presidential candidate, supports a 40 to 50 member General Assembly which, he said, would allow him to contact every member by

HumD plan considered

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continues.

The Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Science would not replace the Committee on the Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Requirement, Hanham said. In the few cases where problems arose there "would obviously be negotiations" over which the Dean would preside.

"There is enough machinery around to deal with the problems on a one-by-one basis," Bromberger said.

The Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Information Center would publish a guide to humanities distribution subjects to "provide more information . . . than is currently available in the [MIT] Bulletin about readings, type of writing, significance of the material covered, and guiding principles."

Bromberger's plan would also require students to select a humanities concentration program before the end of the sophomore year.

phone. This would also spur more representative interest, he claimed, because each representative would have a definite role.

"If that won't work, I don't think anything will," said Freedman.

"The system is irreparable from within," said Jean Kwo '84, Freedman's running mate, and the UA "must be restructured."

Freedman favors proportional voting in the General Assembly, with each fraternity representative getting one-third of a vote, said Freedman at Thursday's candidates' forum with the GA.

Freedman said the UA should have power in the allocation of money and space for student activities, and organizations such as the Lecture Series Committee and the Student Center Committee "should make [financial] contributions to student activities."

"A lot of students don't know about an activities fee . . . and a lot don't want to know about an activities fee," said Freedman. He would, however, support a constant percentage of the Dean's Office budget for student activities.

Freedman and Kwo would like to begin letter writing campaigns for scholarship donations, open an undergraduate pub and secure seats on the Harvard Medical School shuttle bus for MIT students.

Shiva Ayyadurai '84, presidential candidate, proposes a restructuring of student government to what he calls a "parliamentary" form, with an elected senate of 40 members. Elected officials would then show more interest in the government, he claimed.

"The underlying issue is that not enough people come [to meetings] with their own heartfelt interests," Ayyadurai said.

"There is a serious proposal . . . and it proposes to shake things up," said Kyung H. Koh '84, Ayyadurai's running mate. The comment came following a critical assessment of the platforms of the other teams.

The continued viability of student government is important to Ayyadurai, he said, and there should be an effective system for its continuation.

Ayyadurai and Koh favor increased independence from the MIT administration, the abolishment of the UA Finance Board, and establishment of a student activities fee to be handled by a "general appropriations committee."

Polls will be open for balloting for UA president and vice president and class officers tomorrow from 8:30am to 6:00pm in front of Baker House; in Lobby 10; in front of Theta Chi at 528 Beacon Street, Boston; and at East Cam-

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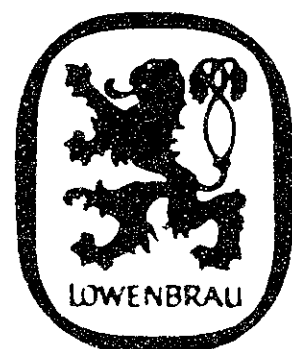


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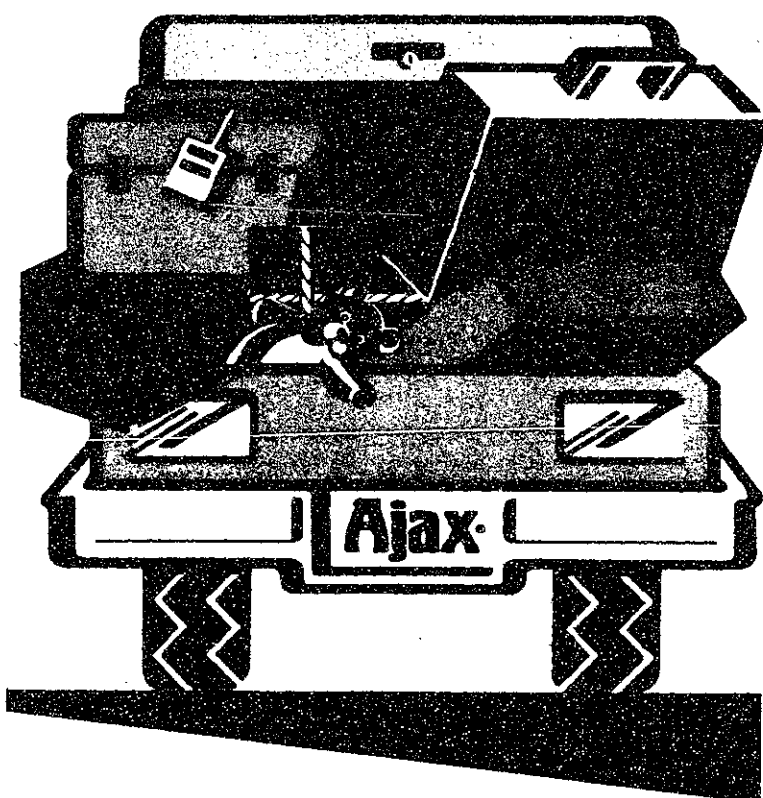
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EC rejoins Dorm. Council

By L. S. Wiener

East Campus rejoined the Dormitory Council this term after leaving the council in November 1981 as a statement against what it felt was unfairness to the dormitory.

"When we pulled out we felt that we weren't being very well represented in [Dormitory Council] activities," said East Campus President Marla Mathias '84, citing the council's unwillingness to hold parties in Walker Memorial as an example.

"We felt ignored," added former East Campus president Kei-Mu Yi '83. "When we originally left we were hoping to form an east side [Dormitory Council]

and this is what caused many people to vote" to leave. The funds for 1981 had already been disbursed by the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs to the council, Yi said, so the plans to form a new council were never able to materialize.

The council received no funding for East Campus during fall 1982. This prompted a series of meetings between former Dormitory Council president John Smith and Yi, with additional pressure from the Dean's Office for East Campus' return.

Many viewed a party held early February in Walker as a test of the council's sincerity in promis-

ing East Campus fairer representation, Yi said.

"[The Dormitory Council] sponsored Walker and that looked like a conciliatory gesture," said Daniel B. Killfoyle '86, newly-elected president of the council and a resident of East Campus. "Their input was really tremendous," added Yi.

The unanimous decision to rejoin was made at a house meeting Feb. 17, effective immediately. "Getting out was a statement; staying out would have been silly," Killfoyle said.

"We thought it would be better to work with the other dorms," Mathias said. "More good could be done with the group."

Kitchens prompt rent hike

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former president of East Campus. "A lot of people at East Campus eat breakfast at Walker, because it's quicker than making their own."

East Campus and Senior House will pay half the cost of installing and maintaining the kitchens through their rents, according to Kossar.

"There will be one kitchen for every two floors of the dorm," said Stuart Brorson '83, former

president of Senior House. "So far, we've finished the two kitchens which we started during [Independent Activities Period]. The kitchens will add to the ambience of the dorm."

The East Campus kitchens will be built next summer, according to Yi. "There will be one kitchen per floor. Each kitchen will take up the equivalent of four rooms."

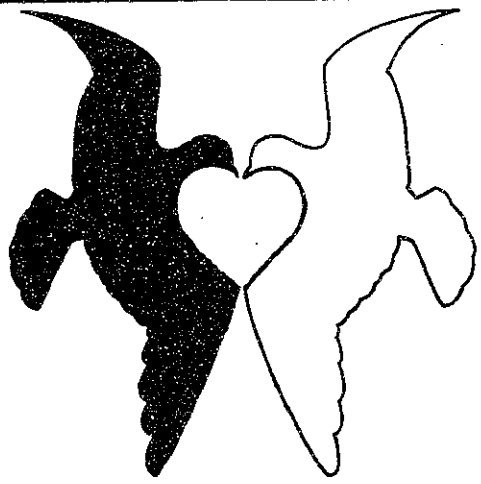
East Campus must have new rooms built under its stairwells to

replace those lost to the kitchen, Yi continued.

"There was no stipulation that East Campus and Senior House would have to pay any specific amount for the kitchens," according to Yi. "But everyone understood that the rent would go up in order to pay for them."

"When the dorm presidents asked for new kitchens, they knew they would have to pick up the cost," Brammer said.

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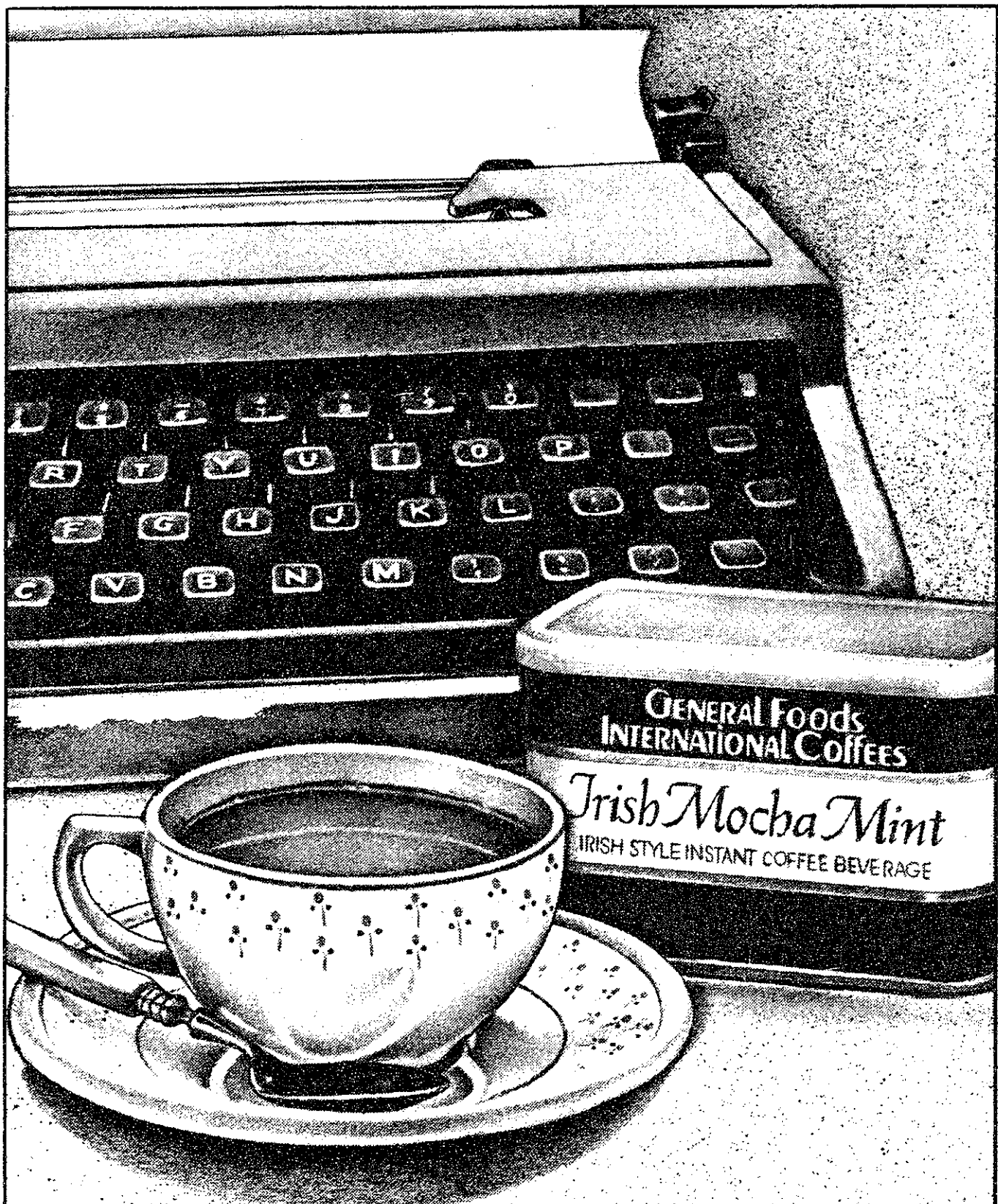
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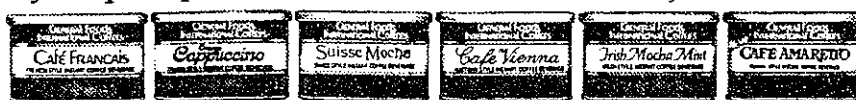


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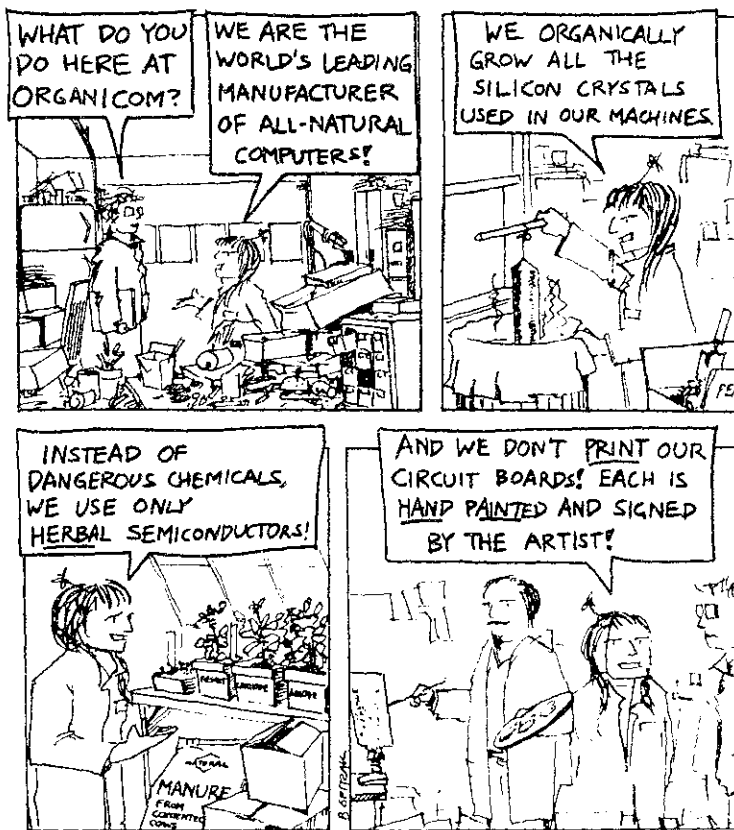
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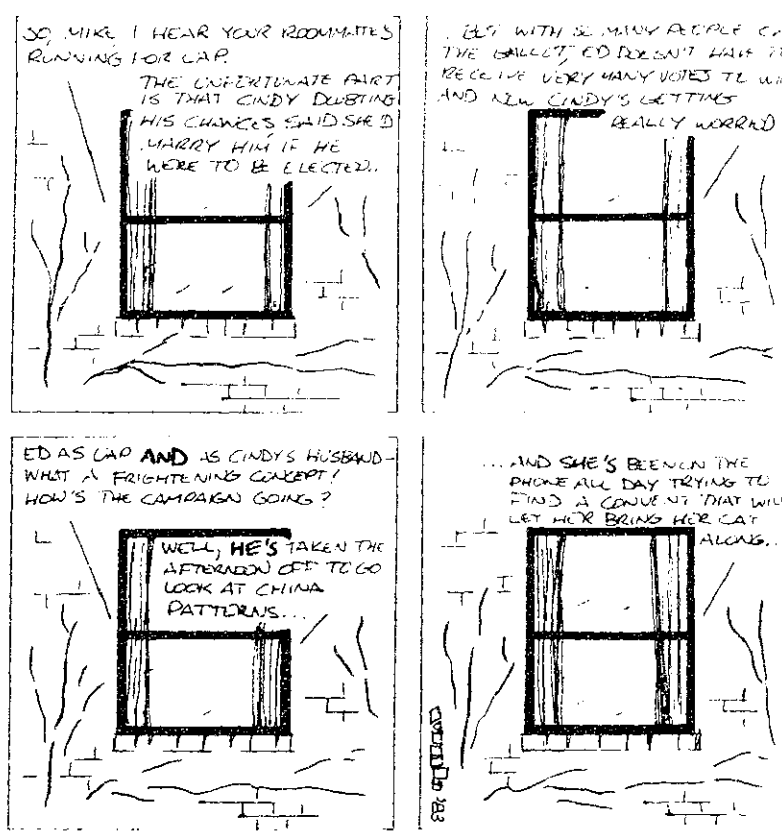
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Trail of the Two Guys

Yup, I had a mystery on my hands. Their picture was everywhere, but no one could tell me who those two guys were. Sure, I could have skipped it, but somehow the question tugged at my mind and wouldn't let it go. I knew three things about them; 1) the one on the left carried a big hammer, 2) the one on the right carried a book, and 3) I'd only learn more if I went out and got some answers.

Maybe it was luck, maybe it wasn't, but I did have a few leads. A note I'd picked out of my mailbox gave me my first break.

"If you're interested in helping with **Institute R/O** this fall please leave a message for **Lillian Chiang** at the **UASO (7-105)** or call **x3-6771**."

I couldn't see the connection, but I had a hunch that I'd find my answer with these R/O people. I put on my double-breasted trench coat with the epaulets.

The phone rang just as I opened the door. I picked it up and said "Hello." The hoarse voice on the other end said,

"This is **Jerry Rau** from the **Social Council**. We have money to cosponsor parties and other social events. If you need more information call me at 5-

8312 or come to the **Social Council Meeting Wednesday, March 9th at 7:30pm in Room 401 of the Student Center.**"

The line went dead. I jiggled the receiver, but I had heard enough. With more social events coming I'd have to learn more about that mysterious duo or there'd be trouble, big trouble.

I left for the **UASO**. Passing the Student Center I noticed the signs for the **MIT-TCA Blood Drive** which would run **till Friday, March 11th**. I had some time so I stopped by and donated a pint. Usually Red Cross Nurses are good for the odd bit of information. Not today. They acted like I was crazy, said they didn't know anything about any two guys. I didn't buy it, but torture's never been my style and they were not taking bribes.

An hour later I stood in front of the Student Center. A blinding flash of inspiration almost knocked me over. **HoToGAMIT XV** is looking for **section and sub-section editors**. I knew I could call **x3-4885**, but I decided to go up to **W20-450** myself. The guy on the right carried that book everywhere and there's only one book it could have been — **HoToGAMIT**. I realized the **TCA** people might not be able to

help me, but in my business you've got to take long shots or you might as well hang up your trench coat.

Outside the **TCA** office I almost ran into a group of musicians. It didn't take me long to realize there was something funny about them — they didn't have any musical instruments. I grabbed one of them and asked him what was up.

"Hey, listen pal," he said. "I don't know nothing about any two guys. I'm just singing with the **Chorallaries** gettin' ready for our **Concert in Bad Taste this Saturday Night at Midnight in 10-250**."

"Oh yeah," I said, "How much you charging?"

"Nothing," he gasped, "it's free." I let him go. I knew I'd learn nothing more from him, but now I had more reason to find out who those two guys were. Who else could have stolen the musical instruments from a group of 15 people?

That's when I remembered the **SCEP meeting**. The Student Committee on Educational Policy had planned a meeting for **Thursday, March 10th at 7:30pm in Room 400 of the Student Center**. They'd be discussing Freshman Advising and computer education at MIT. Any interested people would be welcome.

The pieces began to fit together. Only two things remained to check on.

With only day left to **UAP/**

UAVP and Class Elections I knew I'd have to move. People would be voting from **8:30am to 6:00pm** at four locations: **Baker, Lobby 10, East Campus, and Theta Chi**. I'd never seen any of the **UAP/UAVP** candidates with a hammer so I knew they weren't suspect, but that didn't clear anyone else.

With all this on my mind I headed up the main steps to the entrance to MIT at 77 Massachusetts Avenue. I walked into an empty **Lobby 7**. Empty except for two men. One with a big hammer, the other with a copy of **HoToGAMIT I**. They walked toward me. The one on the left raised his hammer threateningly. I tried to escape but the automatic door wouldn't open and the two guys blocked the other exits.

"Who are you?" I screamed. "Forget about us," said the guy with the book. "Just go home and write the **UA News** and acts as if you never saw us."

I gulped and nodded. They turned and walked towards the infinite corridor.

They turned the corner into Building 3 and I could swear I heard one of them call out: "Don't forget to thank the people who spoke at the Tuition Rally on Friday and all the people who helped."

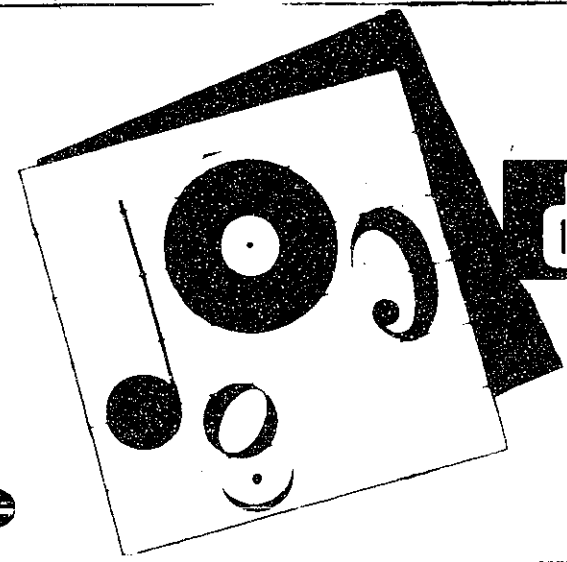
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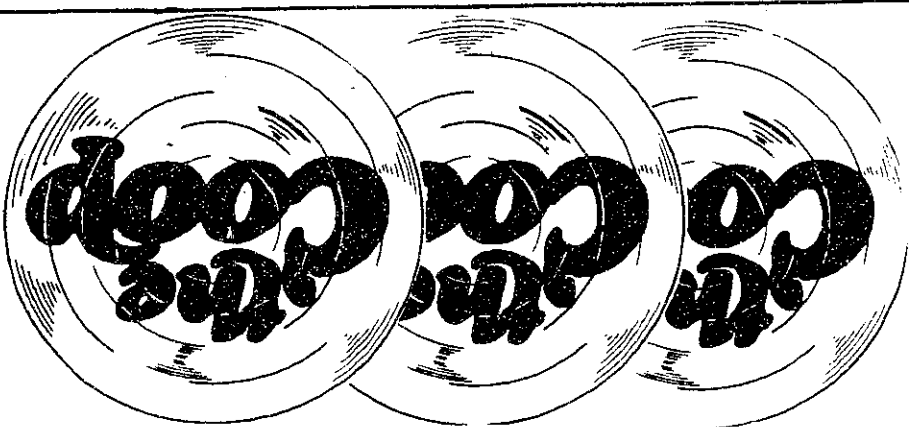
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 Women's Swimming, NCAA Division III Championships in Canton, Ohio

3/13
 Women's Fencing, New England Championships at Holy Cross

3/17
 Rugby at Harvard, 4pm

3/17 - 3/19
 Men's Swimming, NCAA Division III Championships in Canton, Ohio

3/21
 Men's Tennis at Belmont Abbey, 2pm

3/22
 Men's Tennis at Davidson, 2pm

3/23
 Men's Tennis at Catawbe College (N.C.), 2pm

3/24
 Men's Tennis at Pfeiffer College (N.C.), 2:30pm

3/26
 Pistol, National Collegiate Championships at West Point
 Rugby at Old Gold (Newton, Mass.), 1pm
 Men's Tennis at Georgetown University, 10:30am
 Men's Sailing, Boston Dinghy Club Cup at Harvard

3/27
 Men's Sailing, MIT Invitational, 9:30am
 Men's Sailing, Boston Dinghy Club Cup at Harvard

3/30
 Softball vs. Coast Guard, 3:30pm on Brigg's Field
 Men's Tennis vs. UConn, 3pm
 Women's Tennis vs. Simmons, 3:15pm
 Lacrosse at Tufts, 3pm

3/31
 Baseball at Boston College, 3pm

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B08 Zete Devils	7	0
B07 Transportation	6	1
B02 Chaos Nets	5	2
B04 DU	4	3
B05 Sloan Dogs	3	4
B03 Court Jesters	1	6
B01 Baker Blazers	1	6
B06 TEP	1	6

Div. B1

	W	L
B15 Beta Basket Cases	7	0
B12 Reapers	6	1
B14 The Cunning Linguists	4	3
B17 SAE-B	3	4
B18 Sigma Chi-B	3	4
B11 Sloan Easy	3	4
B13 Death Commandos	2	5
B16 ATO-B	0	7

Div. B2

	W	L
B22 Blank	7	0
B28 Sig Ep-B	5	2
B21 The Basketball Team	5	3
B25 Ferdaf	4	3
B27 Post-Glacial	4	3
B23 C-Entry Celtics	3	4
B26 PBE	2	5

B29 WEINBT(Worm Eating Iranian National Basketball Team) 1 6
 B24 D-Entry Demons 1 6

Div. B3

	W	L
B32 Becky's Best	7	0
B36 Phi Sigma Kappa	6	1
B35 DKE-B	5	2
B31 Alpha Deltis	5	3
B38 Theta Chi-B	4	3
B39 TDC-B	2	5
B33 BSU '85	1	6
B34 CSC	1	6
B37 Stompers	1	6

Div. B4

	W	L
B47 Smokers	6	1
B44 Mota Express	6	1
B49 UF Men	5	2
B41 Biorhythms	4	3

B45 Moving Dead 3 4
 B42 Burton Third Bombers 3 4
 B43 Jack Florey 2 5
 B46 On the Beat 2 5
 B48 2 Far East 0 7

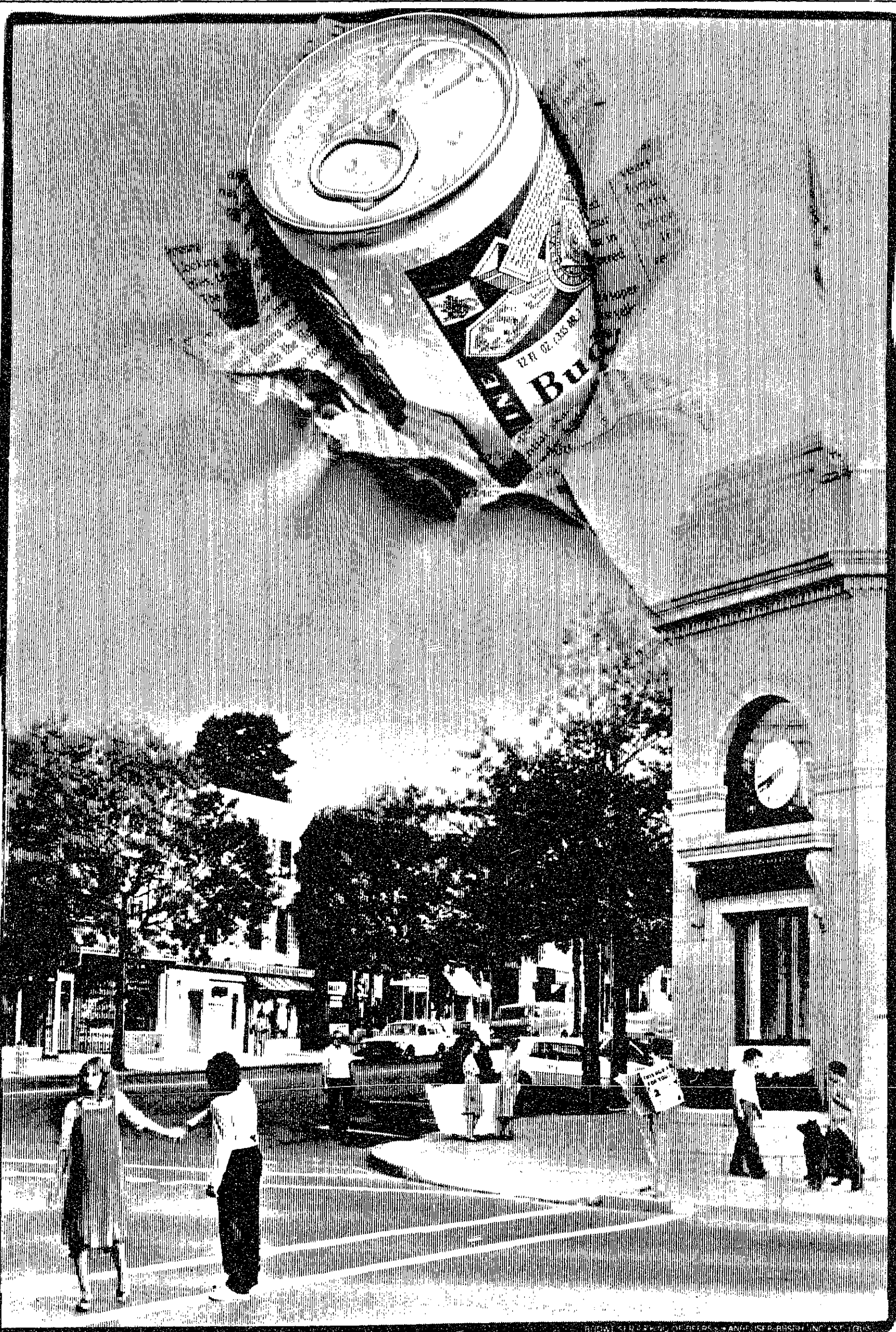
Playoffs

First Round Results

Sig Ep-B defeated Phi Sigma Kappa
 Transportation defeated Reapers
 (Note: The top finisher in each division and Mota Express all received first round byes.)

Second Round Pairings

Zete Devils vs. Sig Ep-B
 Beta Basket Cases vs. Mota Express
 Blank vs. Transportation
 Becky's Best vs. Smokers



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Bladesmen fifth; Holtz takes title

By Martin Dickau

Russell Holtz '84 won the individual foil title to lead the men's fencing squad to a fifth-place finish in last weekend's Intercollegiate Fencing Association Championships at Cornell University.

"It was a very pleasant surprise," said MIT head coach Eric Sollee.

Epeeist Dave Humphreys '83 chalked up eight victories out of a possible ten, Ray Holden '83 added six more. Alan Williams '85 and Jeff Rothman '85 combined unexpectedly in the third spot for five.

The 19 wins tied the MIT epee team with Cornell for second place. The tie was broken on the basis of fewest touches against; the host team came up on the winning end. Sollee was pleased nonetheless: "We had no idea that epee would be so strong."

Holtz swept his ten bouts, and Oscar Estell '83 took eight of his to pace the foil squad. MIT ended up in a three-way tie for sec-

ond with Columbia and Harvard, and was awarded third on the basis of touches against. Harvard placed fourth.

Team captain Brad Nager '83 scored four wins, and Charlie Kwon '84 five, as the sabre squad finished eighth in the eleven-team field.

Holtz continued his mastery of the foil field in the individual competition, defeating last year's champion Paul Schmidt of Princeton and other past title holders including Columbia's Victor Altschul and MIT teammate Estell. Holtz's six victories gave him the foil title; Estell's earned seventh place with four wins.

Holtz and Humphreys qualify for the NCAA Championships March 24-26 at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. Nager, based on his performance throughout the season and on the strength of the MIT schedule, still may qualify for an "at large" berth.

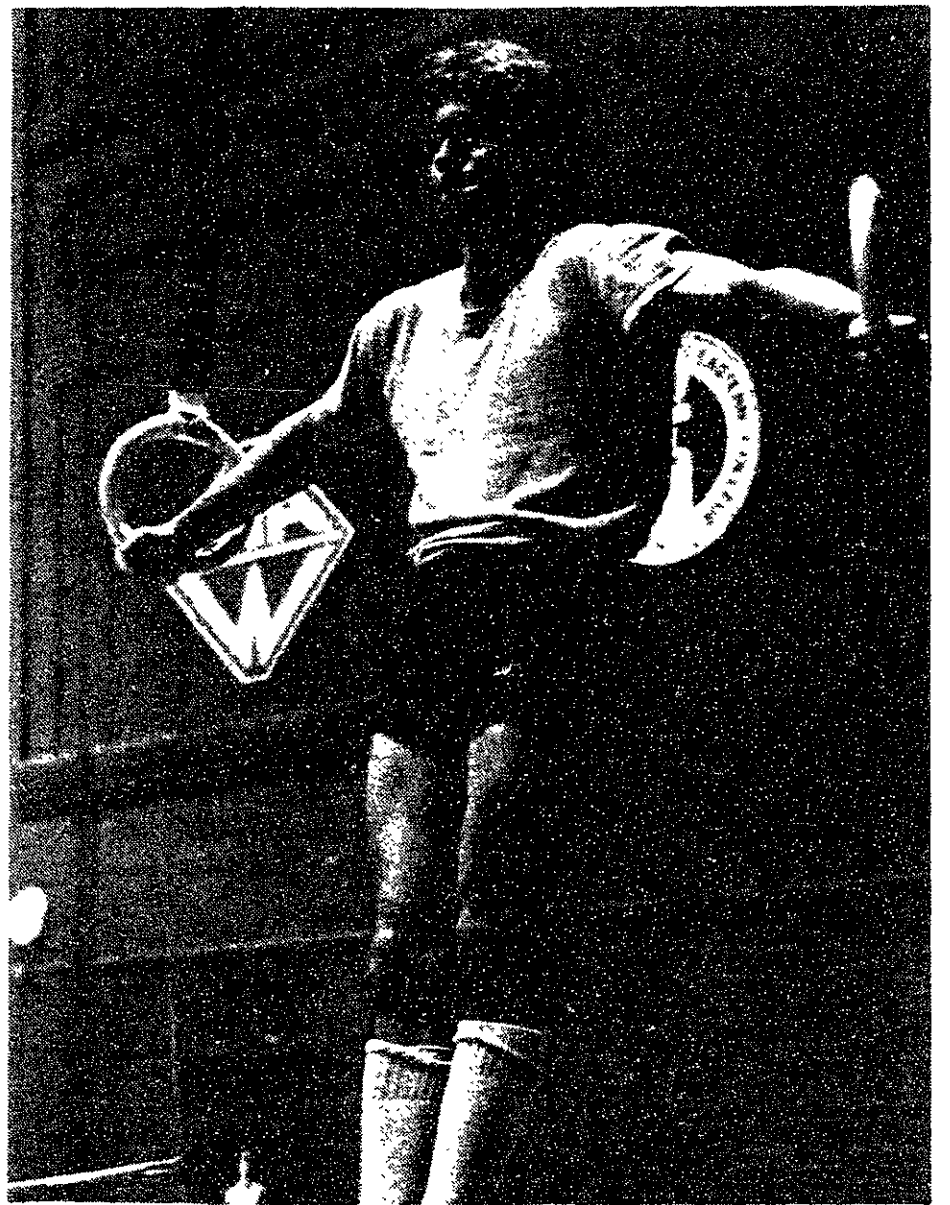
Fencing — The women's fencing team captured fifth place in the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Northeast Regional Championships held at Brandeis University last weekend. The squad will be at Holy Cross this Sunday for the New England Championships.

Gymnastics — The women's gymnastics team finished the 1982-83 season Saturday, taking the number five spot at the New England Championships at Connecticut College.

Squash — Ian Hueton '84 won two matches and David Pope '84 and David Cooke '83 each took one as the squash team placed twenty-first at the National Collegiate Squash Championships hosted by Princeton last weekend.

Swimming — Strong performances on the part of Andy Renshaw '85 and Robert Schoenlein '84 powered the men's swimming team to a fourth-place showing in the New England Swimming Championships at Springfield College last Thursday and Friday. Renshaw captured second in the 200-yard and third in the 100-yard butterfly events. Schoenlein was fourth in the 100-yard and third in the 200-yard breast stroke. Renshaw also swam a leg for the 800-yard free style relay team, which finished fourth in 7:08.36, a new MIT record.

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Richard Campione '85 on the still rings in Friday's contest with Lowell.

Three women swimmers will be at the C.T. Branin Natatorium in Canton, Ohio this weekend for the NCAA Division III Championships. Anne Tulinseff '83 (one-meter diving), Lori Black-

welder '86 (one- and three-meter diving), and Marie Issa '86 (50- and 100-yard butterfly and 100-yard individual medley) will all be competing.

Final IM standings

A-League

Div. AO (Independents)

	W	L
A06 Sloan Dogs	6	0
A04 Random Players	5	1
A03 KLH	4	2
A05 Safety Nets	3	3
A02 Cat Crackers	2	4
A07 The Strong Force	1	5
A01 Aero/Astro	0	6

Div. A1 (Living Group)

	W	L
A13 LCA-A	7	1
A15 SAE-A	6	2
A11 Delts	5	3
A12 Fiji-A	2	6
A14 Ribbed Sheiks	0	8

Div A2 (Living Group)

	W	L
A22 Baker Blazers	6	2
A25 Sig Ep-A	5	3
A23 Chocolate City	4	4
A21 ATO-A	3	5
A24 Fastbreak	2	6

Playoff Results

Independents

Semifinals

Safety Nets defeated Sloan Dogs
Random Players defeated KLH

Finals

Random Players defeated
Safety Nets

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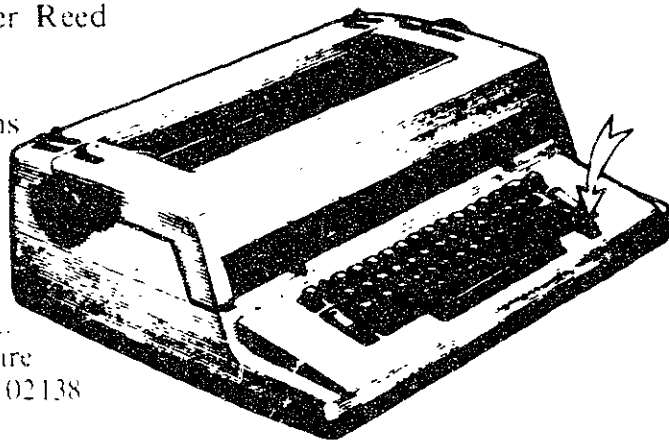
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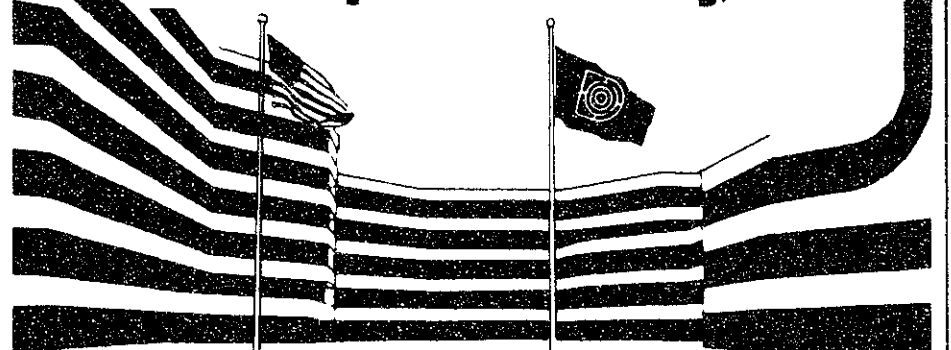
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