



Springtime antics on Kresge Oval

Tech photo by Laurie S. Goldman

WMBR appoints new managers

By Daniel Crean

Richard B. Feldman '84, general manager of MIT's radio station WMBR (88.1 MHz), appointed Henry N. Holtzman '85 acting general manager, effective later this month, at a meeting Sunday. Feldman plans to resign in September.

The station appointed Eli Polonsky program director, replacing Station Manager Robert Connolly, who resigned this month. WMBR will no longer have a station manager, Feldman said; the general manager will be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the station.

The station has raised slightly over \$10,000 for equipment repairs since February, Polonsky said. WMBR has not decided whether to use the money to purchase new equipment or to hire a chief engineer, Feldman said.

The station was forced to cease broadcasting for a week in February, and has been trying since then to raise funds. Listener contributions and benefit concerts have helped the station, Polonsky said.

MIT also contributes funds to the station, Polonsky added. "They were giving us \$11,000 a year. They've raised that this year to \$12,000."

MIT's funding covers the station's daily operating budget, Connolly said. "We need listener

contributions for extra expenses," he added.

"We saturated our listeners with appeals," Feldman commented. The station is "certainly very appreciative," he added.

Listeners have given WMBR "incredibly fantastic support" in recent months, Connolly noted. "It's like a grass roots sort of thing."

The station has ordered replacement parts for equipment repairs, Polonsky said, but the station has not yet received all necessary parts for repair of its transmission lines.

The station's funding will not be sufficient to renovate the broadcasting studios, Feldman said.

The station's studio console, made in 1958, is the country's oldest active transistorized console, Polonsky said. "The Smithsonian wants it when we're done with it." A comparable console would cost about \$40,000, he said.

WMBR now broadcasts 14.5 hours daily on weekdays and slightly longer on weekends, Polonsky said. Equipment repairs will facilitate more broadcasting, he continued. "Once I feel secure that we can get enough technical people down here to keep things running, we will be expanding," he said.

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Nom. Comm. submits names

By John J. Ying

The Undergraduate Association Nominations Committee finalized its recommended nominations for student members to faculty and presidential committees last night.

The faculty committee chairmen and the administration will select the student members from the list submitted by the Nominations Committee. The new members should be notified by the end of the term according to David M. Libby '85, chairman of the Nominations Committee.

The committee received 70 applications, twice last year's number, for 36 open positions, according to Libby. He attributed the increased interest to the publicity efforts of the committee.

The members of the Nominations Committee interviewed the chairmen of the faculty committees to determine the criteria for evaluating the prospective candidates, according to Robin L. Barker '85, vice chairman of Nominations Committee.

"If we do not feel someone is qualified for the job on the com-

mittee," explained Barker, "we don't just nominate him just because the seat is open."

The committee looks for different qualifications for each committee. Someone not nominated for one committee could receive a nomination for another one, Libby noted.

The faculty Committee on Discipline has to choose three of five nominees: Stephen W. Altes '84, Albert C. Bashawaty '84, Rolf G. Embom '83, John J. Frishkopf '85, and John Martin Lee '86.

The faculty Committee on Academic Performance will select three of five nominees: Charles P. Brown '84, Rolf G. Embom '83, Michelin K. Fradd '85, Laurie S. Goldman '84, and Richard F. Williamson '84.

The faculty Committee on Educational Policy will choose three of the following four people: Erik A. Devereux '85, Andrew B. Levy '84, Hauke L. Kite-Powell '84, and Stephen J. Smith '83.

The Nominations Committee recommended the following four candidates for four open seats on

the faculty Committee on Curricula: Karl E. Bupp '84, Vivian T. Kim '84, Paula J. Van Lare '84, and Gary B. Webster '85.

The faculty Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid has the choice of the following four nominees for its three student members: Barry D. McQuain '85, David A. Meyer G. Deborah L. Rennie '85, and Adrian C. Wang '85.

Two students were nominated for four open positions on the faculty Committee on Student Affairs: Charles P. Brown '84 and Hauke L. Kite-Powell '84.

UA advisors plan newsletter for "channelling information"

By Burt S. Kaliski

The advisory board to the Undergraduate Association (UA) last week discussed another function of student government it designated "non-existent" at an earlier meeting: channelling information to students.

Student government should provide information on social, service, and performing arts events; current student government events; explanations of the structure of student groups, issues and problems; help and guidance to MIT; and outside information which affects students, the board suggested.

"This is the information to get to the students," said Ira M. Summer '83, floor leader of the UA General Assembly.

"It wouldn't hurt to have a community calendar," said Charles P. Brown '84, former chairman of the UA Finance Board.

The calendar should be "like an LSC calendar," but should not be a booklet, said David M. Libby '85, chairman of the UA Nominations Committee.

The UA will publish a biweekly newsletter, according to Robin M. Barker '85, vice chairman of the Nominations Committee. The newsletter may include a one-month calendar, she added.

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Association, the General Assembly, and the UA Social Council should prepare the calendar under the coordination of the UA president, Summer said.

The board also suggested operating a student activity information booth, where students could find out schedules and descriptions of all groups. "The more places the better," Libby commented.

"I would not reject the notion that *The Tech* could not afford to print a page" of student group announcements, declared Stephen D. Immerman, assistant dean for student affairs.

"Why *The Tech* doesn't do it," explained *Tech* chairman V. Michael Bove '83, "is because *The Tech* is not the UA's newsletter."

The UA calendar should "feature one or two groups with a more in-depth" description of the group's function, Libby added.

Activities should schedule major events far in advance, so they may be included in the *Activities Handbook*, Summer suggested.

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GA to hold banquet meeting

By Burt S. Kaliski

The Undergraduate Association (UA) General Assembly (GA) will hold a banquet for GA representatives and members of the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs Friday, May 13, according to Ira M. Summer '83, GA floor leader.

The GA was unable at its regular meeting April 28 to give final approval to changes in the UA Constitution it initially approved two weeks earlier. The proposed changes included no longer requiring the UA vice president to

serve on the UA Finance Board.

The General Assembly must approve constitutional amendments at two successive meetings for them to take effect.

If representatives oppose the motion, Summer said, he does not want to "shove it through." The General Assembly will "make the final vote" on the changes at the banquet, he said. At least fifty members will attend, he estimated.

The General Assembly will present Gumby awards, for general contributions to the Under-

graduate Association, and Pokey awards, "more for hard-core greasers," Summer said. The banquet is "a nice way to end the year... [and] get them psyched for next year," he commented.

The General Assembly expects a report from the UA Committee on Housing, Dining, and Campus Environment. The committee will discuss the Kassakian report, which began the mandatory commons meal plan, Summer noted.

Anita Walton will fund the event from the Dean's Office budget, Summer said.

Dormitory floors to be coed

By James J. Reisert

Lawrence House (New House III) and the first floor of East Campus's west parallel will house both male and female students next year, according to Robert A. Sherwood, associate dean for student affairs.

The Office of the Dean for Student Affairs regularly makes changes to offer greater housing opportunity for the increasing number of female MIT students, Sherwood said.

The expansion of coeducational housing does not represent an attempt to compete with the new

sorority, Club Amherst, Sherwood asserted. Although opening a new dormitory would make it "impossible for the sorority to get off the ground," he explained, the changes for next year will only help "to dissipate the number of women in other houses."

The new sorority will not be able to rush freshmen "until the overall student population" is 30 percent female, Sherwood added.

Freshmen enrolling in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) will not be housed in East Campus and Senior House before residence/orientation

week, Sherwood said.

"East Campus and Senior House have traditionally had high numbers of ROTC's housed during rush week," he explained. The dormitories had problems attracting female students because fewer rooms were available for temporary housing, Sherwood said.

There will also be fewer rooms available in East Campus and Senior House next year because of kitchen construction, he said.

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College bookstores sued for booklists; Coop is unaffected

By Diana ben-Aaron

While public college bookstores in California and New Hampshire have been accused of violating anti-monopoly laws for refusing to release the booklists for college courses to local private bookstores, and have been subsequently compelled to release the lists, the Harvard Cooperative Society has so far escaped such charges.

"If there is such an ordinance [in Cambridge], I would be surprised to hear of it," said Birge Albright, legal counsel to the city of Cambridge.

A privately run bookstore such as the Coop decides what information it wants to release, said a staff member of the Citizens' Information Service.

"We don't have booklists," said the Coop's book director, Dan

deLellis. The Coop uses tags on the textbook shelves instead of a complete list of textbooks, he said. "Anyone could come in and make a list" of the books used in MIT and Harvard subjects, deLellis noted.

No other bookstore has ever asked for a Harvard or MIT booklist, according to James M. Argeros, general manager of the Harvard Cooperative Society. Textbook sales are "an unprofitable monopoly and anyone who is interested in [the market] can certainly have them," Argeros said. The Coop, like most college bookstores, loses money on textbook sales, he noted.

"We don't sell the books for any more or any less than the publisher's list price," Argeros said. Although publishers often give bookstores a 20 percent dis-

count on textbooks, the store overhead is about 23 percent of the cost of the books, preventing the store from making a profit and passing the discount on to students.

"You have to operate the whole store on that 20 percent margin," deLellis explained.

Selling textbooks is "a very narrow definition of the Coop's mission," said Argeros. The Coop exists "to address academic needs — principally textbooks."

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changes, Sherwood explained. The dormitory sends the proposal to the Dean's Office for final approval after obtaining the housemaster's approval.

Undergraduates enrolled in a ninth term may not be able to obtain housing, due to anticipated overcrowding in the fall, Sherwood said. MIT guarantees un-

dergraduate housing for eight terms.

Although the number of students graduating in fewer than four years has increased, the number of students spending an extra term at MIT has also increased, Sherwood noted. He expects "30 to 40 requests for ninth-term housing."

Reasons for taking extra time to complete graduation requirements include "light loads, time away, and extra courses," he said.

Ninth-term seniors must return their housing confirmation cards as soon as possible for the Dean's Office to accurately assess the overall housing situation, Sherwood said.

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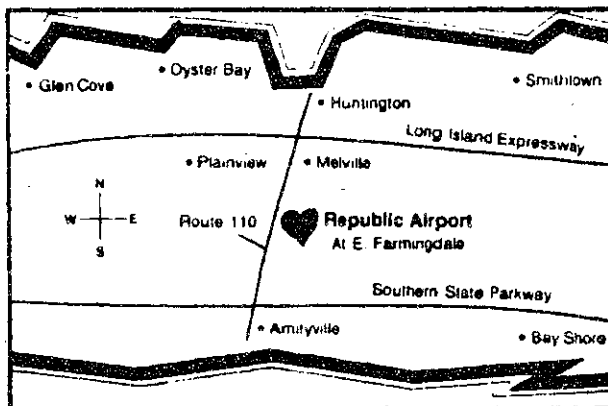
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World

Rockets miss US ambassador's house — Two artillery rockets were fired directly over the roof of the residence of the United States ambassador in Beirut. The rockets exploded about 100 yards away, missing Secretary of State George P. Shultz, special envoys Philip C. Habib and Morris Draper, and Ambassador Robert Dillon, who were asleep at the time. No injuries were reported.

Thousands demonstrate in Poland — Thousands of pro-Solidarity, anti-government demonstrators turned out for unauthorized May Day rallies in 20 Polish cities and towns Sunday. Police met the demonstrators with water cannons and tear gas. Although Lech Walesa, the founder of Solidarity, did not participate in the demonstration, his home was the site of the largest rally.

Pope urges Poland to release political prisoners — Pope John Paul II told Polish leaders Friday the success of his planned visit to the country depends on government amnesty for political prisoners. A government spokesman denied the pope had set "any conditions on his visits." The number of political prisoners in Poland is estimated to be between several hundred and 6000.

Nation

Earthquake rocks California — An earthquake measuring 6.5 on the Richter scale knocked down multi-story buildings and houses in the small town of Calingua, California last night, starting fires downtown. The town's hospital was not damaged, but lost all electric power. The number of injuries was unknown, according to Fresno County officials. No deaths were reported.

Reagan to cut aid for terminally ill — New benefits for the terminally ill would be cut to about half the amount proposed by Congress, under new hospital care rules being drafted by the Reagan administration. The benefits are allocated to sick, elderly people with a life expectancy of six months or less. The administration proposes a maximum payment of \$4332, although Congress envisioned a ceiling "in excess of \$7000 per beneficiary."

Alaskan incomes highest in country — The average 1982 income of Alaskan residents was \$15,200, the highest in the nation, according to Department of Commerce figures released yesterday. The national average was \$11,056, a 5.3 percent increase over 1981. The Consumer Price Index rose 5.3 percent during the year. Connecticut finished second with \$13,687, while Mississippi was again last, with \$7792 per capita.

United States prepares sale of Western grasslands — The Reagan administration, under a "privatization" program, plans to sell more than a million acres of the National Grasslands in 11 states to the highest bidder. The US Forest Service administers the 3.8 million acre system, mostly acquired during the Dust Bowl era. The plan, announced a year ago, would sacrifice valuable resources for a short-term gain, opponents claim.

Local

Walkers raise \$400,000 for hungry — Four thousand participants in Sunday's 20-mile fundraising walk raised over \$400,000 in pledges for the hungry in greater Boston and the world. The walk began at 7am and took about six hours.

Boston mayor's race underway — Polls indicate City Councilor Raymond L. Flynn and School Committee President David I. Finnegan lead Mayor Kevin H. White's eight challengers in the race for Boston's mayoralty. Finnegan asserted at his campaign announcement he is the candidate White would least like to face in November, and White aides privately agreed. "We are now into the formal campaign season," said Flynn's campaign manager.

Sports

World Cup soccer in the United States? — Former Secretaries of State Henry Kissinger and Cyrus Vance have allied in a diplomatic venture to change the location of soccer's World Cup competition from Mexico to the United States. The decision to keep Mexico the site for the 1986 sports event is not expected to change.

Celtics swept, Bruins trail playoff series — The Milwaukee Bucks destroyed the Boston Celtics 107-93 to complete 4-0 sweep in the NBA Eastern Conference semifinals. Milwaukee will face Philadelphia in the Eastern Conference finals. Meanwhile, the Boston Bruins fell behind the New York Islanders two games to one, losing 7-3 Saturday in the NHL semifinals.

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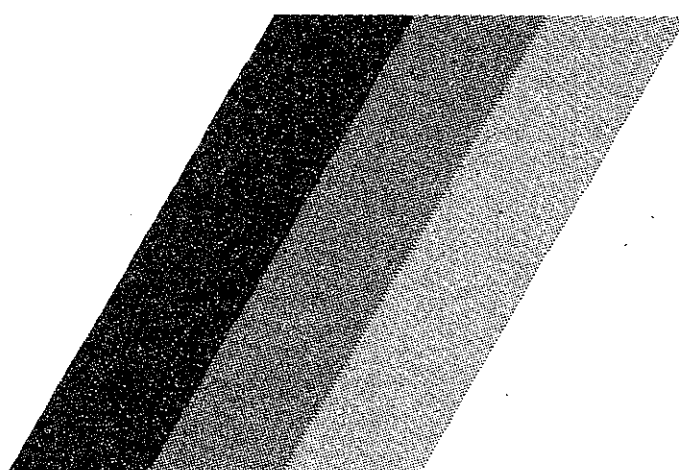
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Opinion

Editorials

Diversify funding for independence

The Department of Defense sponsored \$170 million in research at MIT in fiscal year 1982 — nearly half of all funding for research on campus and at Lincoln Laboratory. Such reliance on a single sponsor puts the Institute in an uncomfortable position; MIT must not sacrifice its academic independence through financial dependence on government funding, yet it must retain and increase funding to continue its leadership in science and engineering.

The United States government presently restricts foreign nationals' access to certain information, for instance, a matter of great concern to MIT with its large international community. Universities must be wary of such attempts by the government to restrict the essential freedom of academic endeavor, communication, and exchange.

Diversity of funding sources is essential to guarantee freedom from egregious regulation. The Institute should be careful to protect its government funding, but should vigorously attempt to find other sources of funding to reduce its reliance on the United States government.

The Institute is certainly well-regarded for its research capabilities; only Johns Hopkins University received more Defense Department funding than did MIT last year. Along with the bounty of government funding comes a great responsibility: to maintain academic freedom and independence in the face of growing financial dependence.

On "Feedback"

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Column/Mark Templer

Common sense creeps into discussion of nuclear arms

Common sense does not often find its way into discussions about nuclear weapons. The nuclear debate has been haphazard and confused for quite some time. On the one hand, we have had the inhuman, arcane theories of "experts"; on the other, the emotional cries of "stop" from frightened citizens. Meanwhile, the arms race has continued, unabated.

But some common sense is now beginning to creep into the political discussion of nuclear weapons. This common sense, ironically, is being ushered in by a commission appointed by the Reagan administration, which has been notorious for its loose statements on nuclear war. The President's Commission on Strategic Forces was appointed last year to study the MX issue. But the Scowcroft Commission's final report has gone beyond the MX to identify the single most dangerous element of the arms race: MIRVed ballistic missiles. More importantly, the commission's report goes on to suggest an arms control strategy to eliminate MIRVed missiles.

The report's conclusion was long overdue, and we should welcome it. But first, a few words about MIRVs. MIRV technology was first developed about 15 years ago by the United States. MIRVs are missiles that carry several independently targeted warheads. A MIRVed ICBM can pack ten times the punch of a regular missile.

It is the MIRV that has given the potential nuclear attacker a tremendous numerical edge, thus destabilizing the nuclear balance. Each of the attacker's MIRVed ballistic missiles can carry several warheads, which can be individually targeted to destroy the other side's multiple-warhead missiles in their silos. If, for example, each side had 1000 missiles with 5 warheads each, then the attacker would have 5000 warheads to hit just 1000 targeted silos. This attacker's advantage makes a pre-emptive strike more likely in times of crisis and promotes a "use it or lose it" mentality that could lead to accidental war. It is this attacker's edge that has opened the so-called window of vulnerability and made United States land forces

vulnerable to a Soviet first strike. This is one reason the deceptively simple nuclear freeze may be dangerous, since it would freeze current instabilities in place.

The commission's report recognizes the complications posed by MIRVs and outlines a sensible arms control policy to deal with them. The report calls for a negotiated elimination of MIRVed ICBMs, replacing them with single-warhead, "Midgetman" missiles. But the report also admits it will not be easy to rid the world of MIRVs, so it suggests the United States deploys 100 MX missiles with 10 warheads each in existing Minuteman silos. These 100 missiles would not be enough to give the United States a first-strike capability, but they would give it needed negotiating leverage. And such leverage is what the United States needs to encourage genuine arms control.

We may learn little from history, but we should know by now that a military dictatorship like the Soviet Union will never give something for nothing. The United States must have no illusions about the USSR. When left alone, the Soviets do not act nicely: We must not forget their violations of the Helsinki agreement, their invasion of Afghanistan, their use of chemical weapons in Southeast Asia and Afghanistan, their oppression in Eastern Europe, and their at-

tempted assassination of the Pope. We should also remember that last year, the Soviets announced, for propaganda purposes, a unilateral "freeze" on SS-20 deployments, and proceeded to deploy one SS-20 per week anyway.

In the area of arms control, unfortunately, the Soviets understand only strength. They would not be in Geneva negotiating about their SS-20s were the United States not deploying Pershing IIs this fall. The Soviets would love a unilateral US freeze on weapons development, but that would not make them slow their own buildup. They will only negotiate seriously if they know the United States is serious about defending itself. And they will not negotiate about MIRVs unless the United States deploys the MX. As the Scowcroft Report observed: "It is illusory to believe that we could obtain a satisfactory agreement with the Soviets limiting ICBM deployments if we unilaterally terminated the only US ICBM program that could lead to deployment in this decade."

Such good counsel is rarely heard in the nuclear debate. But if we are lucky, the Scowcroft Commission's wisdom may bring together the experts' brains and the people's hearts in the pursuit of genuine, achievable arms control.



Maxell advertisement opponent questioned

To the Editor:

Laurie Brandt stated her concern over the portrayal of women as objects in general advertising and, specifically, in Maxell's "Spring Break" advertisement [Feedback, April 22]. I put to her this situation: Let's reverse the sexes in that particular advertisement. In this new advertisement, we have four women climbing over a male body. Now, would this new advertisement also sit uneasily with her?

If so, then it seems to me that she is less worried about dehumanizing women and more gen-

erally concerned with sexual promiscuity and its uses in general advertising.

On the other hand, if she would not have been so inclined to react in a similar manner to this hypothetical reversed-roles advertisement, then I fear she is giving biased treatment toward women.

I would hope that in the future, in her pursuit of social justice, she would not permit the differentiation between male and female guide her concerns in a preferential manner.

David J. Harasty '86

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Ristad's column on Kirkpatrick draws fire

Defends Israeli democracy

To the Editor:

Eric Sven Ristad, in his column in *The Tech* [April 22], accuses United Nations Ambassador Jeanne Kirkpatrick of attempting to "confuse the issue and mislead the public," yet Ristad himself is guilty of this same practice in his column. While Ristad cites several examples to support his position, I take particularly strong offense at his inclusion of Israel in his tidy list of "governments engaging in systemic political murder, torture, incarceration, and harassment of civilians."

Double standard applied; leftist terror is ignored

To the Editor:

Spring is in the air and, once again, all proponents of free speech are clamoring for justice. It never ceases to amaze me when those who would claim to oppose repressive regimes everywhere choose to speak out only against certain ones. A clear-cut example of this can be found in the pages of *The Tech* in "Apologies to Authoritarians" by Eric Sven Ristad [April 22]. Double standards are applied increasingly often the world over. How many times must we sit quietly while terror on the right is attacked whereas terror on the left is ignored?

So many of the great folk heroes of our day practiced such a double standard. Pete Seeger, the great folk singer, defended Stalin in the 1940s and 1950s while singing songs of freedom. He spoke not a word against the murderer of hundreds of brilliant writers, poets, and artists, each of whom died a martyr's death.

And now, the old attackers of Israel are out in full force crying out against so called "Israeli terror." Disinformation is the popular means by which such propagandists distort the truth. Mr. Ristad makes use of disinformation several times in his article. His figure of 10,000 killed civilians is five times higher than the figure reported in *Nahar*, an independent Lebanese paper. They reported that 1709 civilians have been killed. Ristad also claims that Israel tortures 9000 to 10,000 Palestinian and Lebanese prisoners. This claim is absurd since, to begin with, only 4000 prisoners are still incarcerated in Israel. The Red Cross inspects the prisons frequently and has confirmed that Israel is treating its prisoners in accordance with Geneva convention statutes concerning prisoners of war. Ristad's "facts" are completely unsubstantiated.

Ristad, aside from being a spreader of lies, is a heartless hypocrite. He is entirely too selective in his choice of countries to attack for "systematic murder, torture, incarceration, and harassment of civilians." Why does he not mention the two greatest repressive regimes of the post-World War age, namely China and the Soviet Union? Why does he exclude from his precious list the governments of Nicaragua, Cuba, North Korea, Cambodia, and Libya? Leftist regimes are consistently ignored.

In addition, Ristad entirely misses the point, in his discussion of Kirkpatrick's appearance at Berkeley. If the students were so interested in freedom of speech, why did they not form their own

First of all, Israel is a democracy. Accused criminals, even suspected terrorists, are guaranteed a trial and the right to appeal. Claims of torture in Israeli prisons have occasionally been made, yet they have always been found to be baseless by State Department studies. Leo Nevas, chairman of the American Bar Association's UN Committee, declared, after visiting Israeli prisons and interviewing Arab prisoners there, that Israel is more concerned with upholding individual rights "than a number of democratic Western countries I could name."

assembly and demonstrate outside the lecture hall? Why did they not choose to wait until the end of her speech and ask questions? Why did these students choose, instead, to shout her down? They were not interested in freedom of speech. Quite simply, by not allowing her to speak without constant hostile interruptions, they denied her the freedom of speech.

Unfortunately, one of the by-products of freedom of speech is the freedom to lie. Mr. Ristad is a depressing example of such a reality.

Judith Fleischman '85

Mr. Ristad is correct in calling Bir Zeit University, located on the West Bank, a center of Palestinian scholarship. However, Bir Zeit is also known to be a training center for PLO terrorists, and the director of the university school board, Hana Nasir, is a member of the PLO National Council. Thus, Israel saw fit to temporarily close the school during the height of the fighting in Lebanon. Bir Zeit was subsequently reopened, not destroyed as Ristad asserts.

Finally, where does Mr. Ristad get his casualty figures? Perhaps from Yasir Arafat's brother, whose grossly exaggerated casualty claims were originally believed by the press. The Red Cross' casualty figures are on the order of 5000 soldiers and 1000 civilians, significantly lower than Ristad's claim. It is instructive to note that during the month of June 1982, the PLO claimed, in American newspaper advertisements, that 500 people had been killed in Israeli attacks. According to the *Christian Science Monitor*, however, the actual toll for the month was 100 deaths, 90 of which resulted from Syrian shelling, not Israeli actions.

Eric Sven Ristad would do *The Tech's* readers a service by being more careful about his sources before making baseless or exaggerated claims and expecting the public to believe them.

Scott I. Berkenblit '86

Disruptions did deny fundamental rights

To the Editor:

I was somewhat in awe of the convoluted logic in Eric Sven Ristad's guest column of April 22 which maintained that those demonstrators who disrupted Jeanne Kirkpatrick's lecture at Berkeley were not denying her freedom of speech. While, perhaps Ms. Kirkpatrick could have continued her lectures — although trying to shout out an opponent is a less than gratifying experience — the protestors were denying others the even more fundamental right of being allowed to listen to a speaker in a civilized surrounding.

Instead, rather remarkably, Ristad, to support his arguments, launches into a histrionic attack on Israel who Kirkpatrick supports. He cites a number of statistics which must have been relayed to him direct from a PLO propaganda station in trying to prove Israel as repressive. While deploring the Israeli entrance into Lebanon, he neglects to mention the numerous casualties inflicted by the PLO on the civilian population into Lebanon. He calls Bir Zeit University, a hotbed of terrorism, "the center of Palestinian scholarship in the Middle East." Certainly, there are valid arguments for and against the Israeli invasion. It is a complex issue. However, Ristad slings accu-

sations without pausing to consider fact. Perhaps this type of simplistic analysis suffices when a student is writing a paper the night before it is due, but I would have thought that a writer would wish to do sufficient research before exposing his ignorance to the public.

I do not agree with many of Ms. Kirkpatrick's views and am waiting with glee for the chance to help rid the country of Reagan in the next election. Yet, she is, in general, articulate and in command of her facts — unlike many other student writers. She has the right to air her views in an atmosphere of common courtesy. Even when people do not agree with each other's viewpoints, there is no reason why they cannot treat each other with respect and friendship. That has been the most striking lesson MIT has taught me. Moreover, dialogue is a preferable alternative to shooting guns. As such, it must be allowed to flow freely, each member taking his turn in the discussion. While Ristad might have a regrettable disregard for reality in the Middle East, I do not deny him the right to publicize his opinions. I trust those around me to reach rational decisions after investigating all sides of a conflict. One wonders why Ristad cannot extend similar trust.

Ruth Rotman '83

Ristad replies to letters challenging facts, opinions

Eric Sven Ristad replies:

I wrote that the US press has presented Jeanne J. Kirkpatrick as a noble champion of free speech and an ardent opponent of repression whose right to free speech has been violated, and that nothing could be farther from the truth. I said Kirkpatrick supports repressive regimes, her right to free speech was not violated by legitimate political dissent, the members of Kirkpatrick's audience have a right to free speech, and as individuals whose views seldom appear in the press, their freedom of speech was in significantly greater danger than was hers.

Judith Fleischman seems to have missed the point of my column. The topic was Kirkpatrick's support of terror and repression; since Kirkpatrick does not find it in her heart to support the Soviet Union or China, it would hardly be appropriate to mention those countries.

Kirkpatrick was heckled while giving a lecture at the University of California at Berkeley. The disruptions stemmed primarily

from Kirkpatrick's initial refusal to answer questions following her talk.

Scott I. Berkenblit and Ruth Rotman claim Bir Zeit University is a hotbed of terrorism. No credible evidence has ever been presented to back such claims.

In their letters, Naomi Silman [Feedback, April 29], Fleischman, Berkenblit, and Rotman question my figures on how many prisoners the Israeli Army has taken and dispute that the prisoners have been tortured.

The chief Israeli Army spokesman said Israel had 9,000 non-Syrian prisoners, *The Times* of London reported July 9. The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) gives the figure of 15,000 as a "realistic" estimate of the number of prisoners taken by the Israeli Army. More than half these prisoners are reported to be in prisons or camps in Israel, where, the Red Cross states, it is denied access to them [Danny Rubenstein in the Israeli newspaper *Davar*, Sept. 3]. These prisoners are neither considered nor

treated as prisoners of war under the terms of the Geneva Convention of 1949 [*The Times* of London, June 14].

After more than a month of daily requests to the Israeli government, the ICRC was granted permission to begin visiting prisoners at al-Ansar July 18. The ICRC stopped its visits July 22, an unprecedented move in the history of its association with the Israeli-Palestinian problem, and one which signaled strong displeasure with prison conditions [*ICRC Bulletin*, July 29].

That these prisoners were tortured is equally beyond dispute: A *Times* of London inquiry led to the discovery of seven men apparently killed in an Israeli detention camp near Sidon in the early weeks of the invasion, their bodies found with hands tied and signs of severe beatings. [*The Times* of London, July 18, also reported in the Israeli newspaper *Yedioit Ahronot*]

Norwegian and Canadian medical personnel interned in the same prison camp claimed they

saw at least four Palestinians beaten to death by Israeli troops. Many other prisoners were badly beaten by an assortment of crude weapons. Amnesty International accused Israel of torturing prisoners [*The Times* of London, Aug. 19].

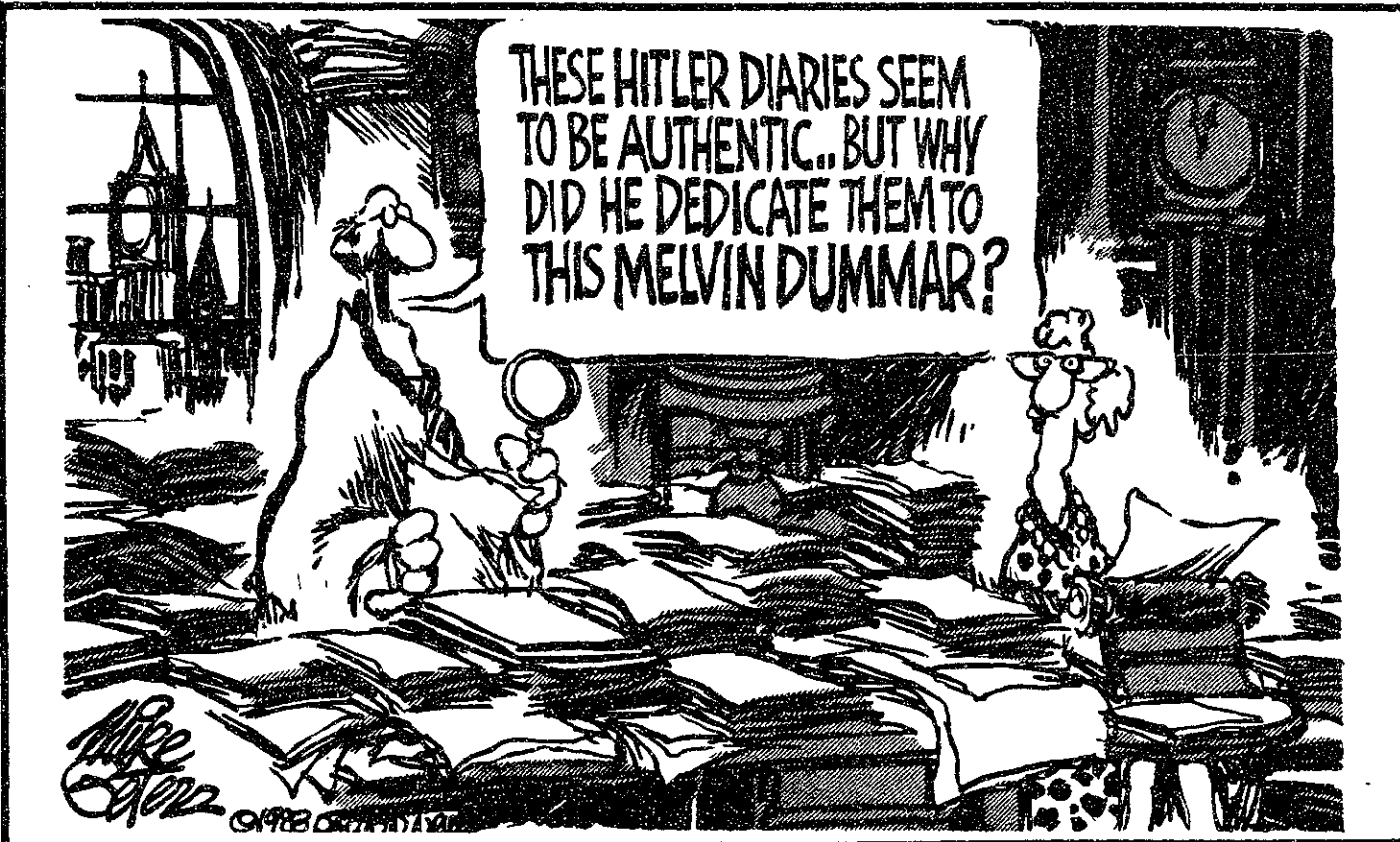
The Norwegians also said they saw at least 10 people beaten to death, including an old man crazed by the lack of water and intense heat as the prisoners were forced to sit for hours in the sun; he was beaten by four or five soldiers who then tied him with his wrists to his ankles and let him lie in the sun until he died [Alexander Cockburn, *The Village Voice*, July 27].

My figures of tens of thousands of people killed are "orders of magnitude too large," according to Silman. Berkenblit and Fleischman question my casualty figures and provide figures of their own. Their figures are given out of context.

Fourteen thousand people had been killed and 20,000 wounded by the Israeli invasion of Lebanon as of late June, according to Red Cross and Lebanese police estimates [*The Times* of London, June 21].

By late December, the Lebanese police, based on body counts in hospitals, clinics, and civil defense centers, estimated that nearly 20,000 people were killed during the Israeli invasion of Lebanon [*The Times* of London, Dec. 1].

Silman writes that my figures on "the number of Israeli soldiers who have refused to serve" in Lebanon are "orders of magnitude too large." Some 105 reserve soldiers and 17 reserve officers in the Israeli Army signed an angry letter to Prime Minister Begin in July, demanding to be excused from any further duties inside Lebanon; 1000 reserve soldiers and officers requested not to serve in Lebanon in September [*The Times* of London, July 14 and Sept. 30].



feedback

Disputes library's choice of Greek newspapers

To the Editor:

MIT, being interested in supporting its foreign students, provides them with the opportunity to be informed about their national affairs, by subscribing to daily newspapers of their country, which can be found in the Student Center Library. This is welcomed by everybody.

Among the privileged students, we Greeks "enjoy" reading two newspapers; namely *Kathimerini* ("The Daily News") and ("The Radicalist"). We would like to question the choice of the latter for the following reasons:

(1) As the title may imply and as written exactly below the name *Rizospastis* on the front page is, "The official organ of the Communist Party of Greece" (The Moscow-aligned Communist Party).

(2) Moreover, this particular Communist Party represents only about 11 percent of the Greek population as indicated by the last general elections of 1981.

(3) The average daily circulation of *Rizospastis*, as furnished by The News Association of Greece (ESIEA), was 46,226

copies in 1982, which is exactly just 5% of the total average daily circulation of 924,392 copies. It is interesting to note that there exist some newspapers with daily circulation well above 110,000 copies.

(4) Finally, the views of *Rizospastis* should not represent the beliefs of any of the Greek students studying in United States universities, since every student, in order to take a visa, is required by the immigration authorities to sign a form which declares that: "The student does not have any connection with the Communist Party or any related parties."

It is therefore rather strange and peculiar that this newspaper is preferred over others, which not only offer a more objective and wider coverage of news, but which are also more indicative of the MIT Greek students' preferences.

This view is shared by many Greek students, who would certainly appreciate a quick change reflecting their expectations from the Institute.

Jason D. Papastavrou '85

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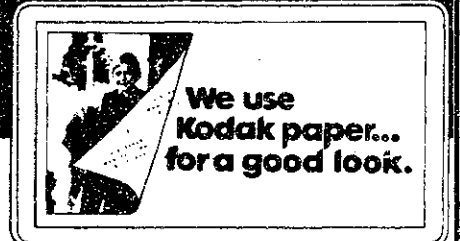
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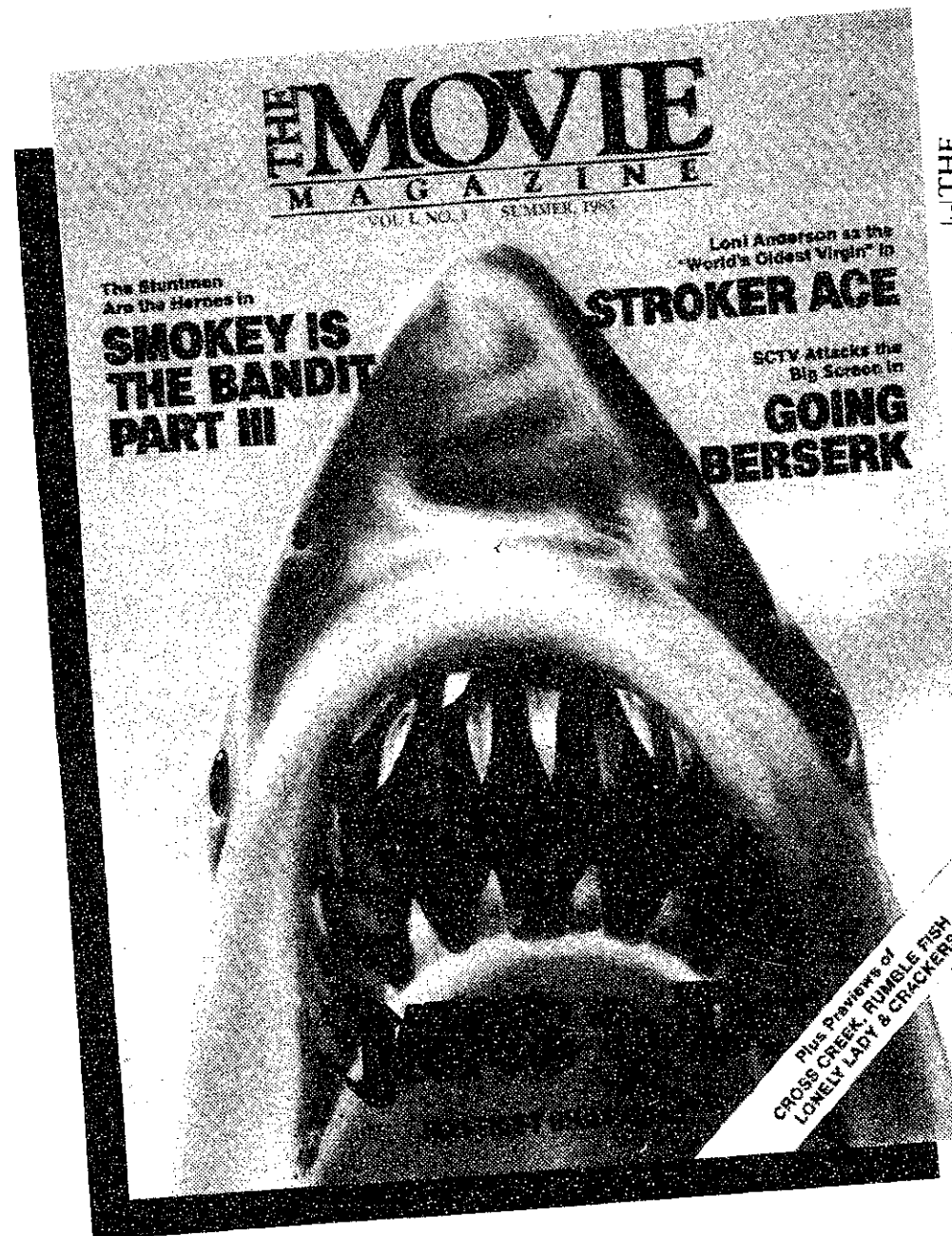
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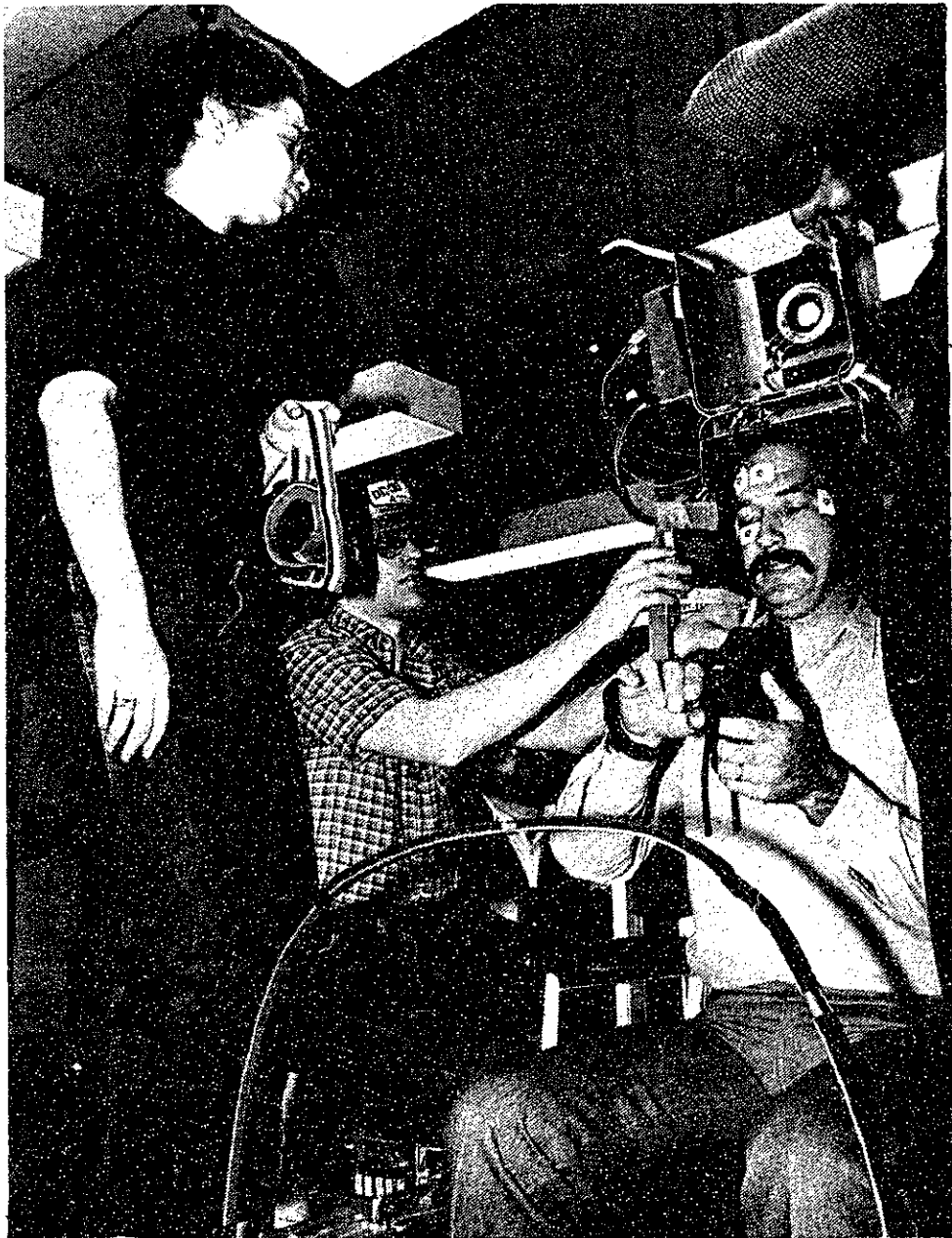
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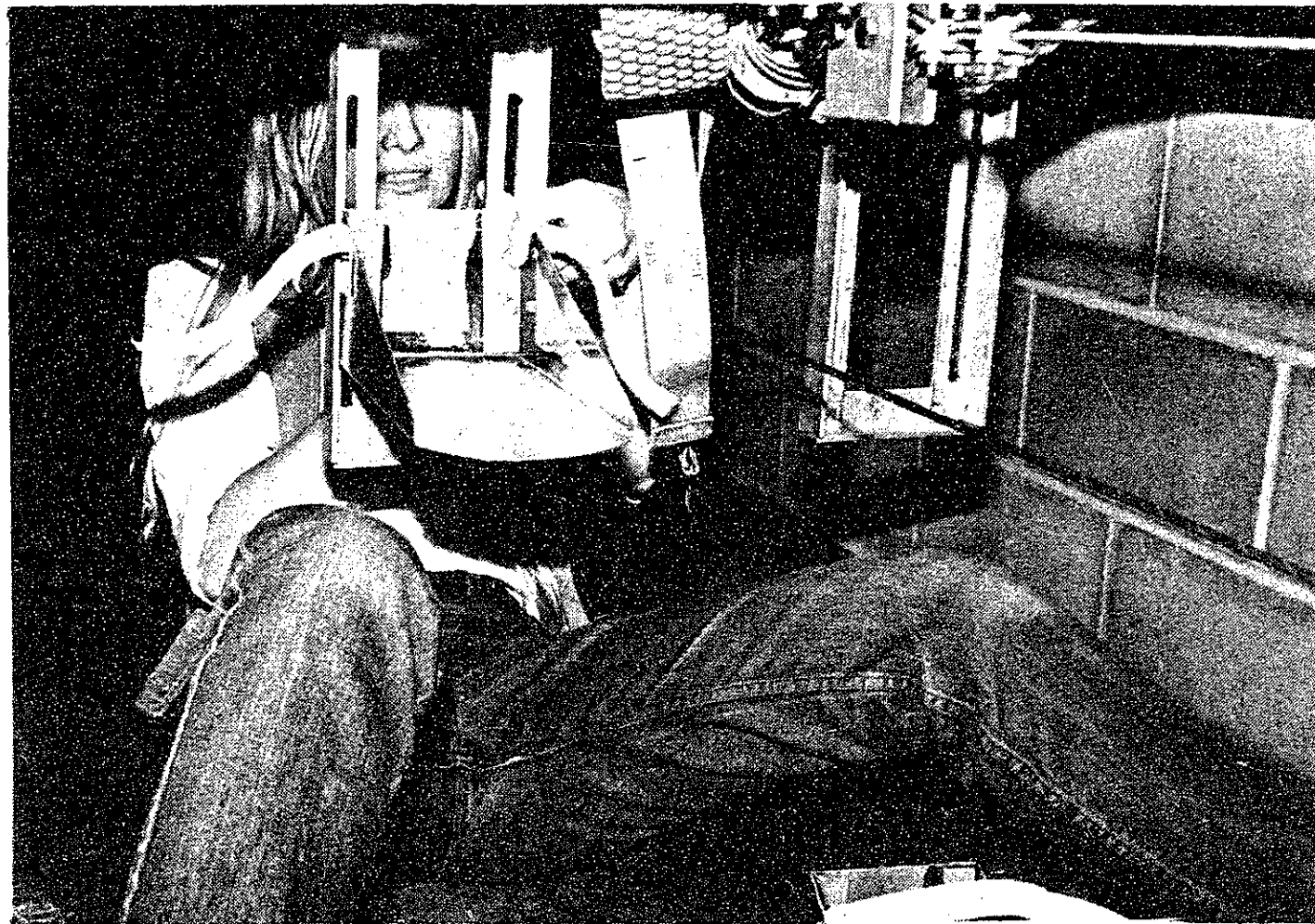
Brenda Kitchen '83 and Bob Grimes '83 prepare Spacelab 1 payload specialist Wubel Ockels for motion sickness test.



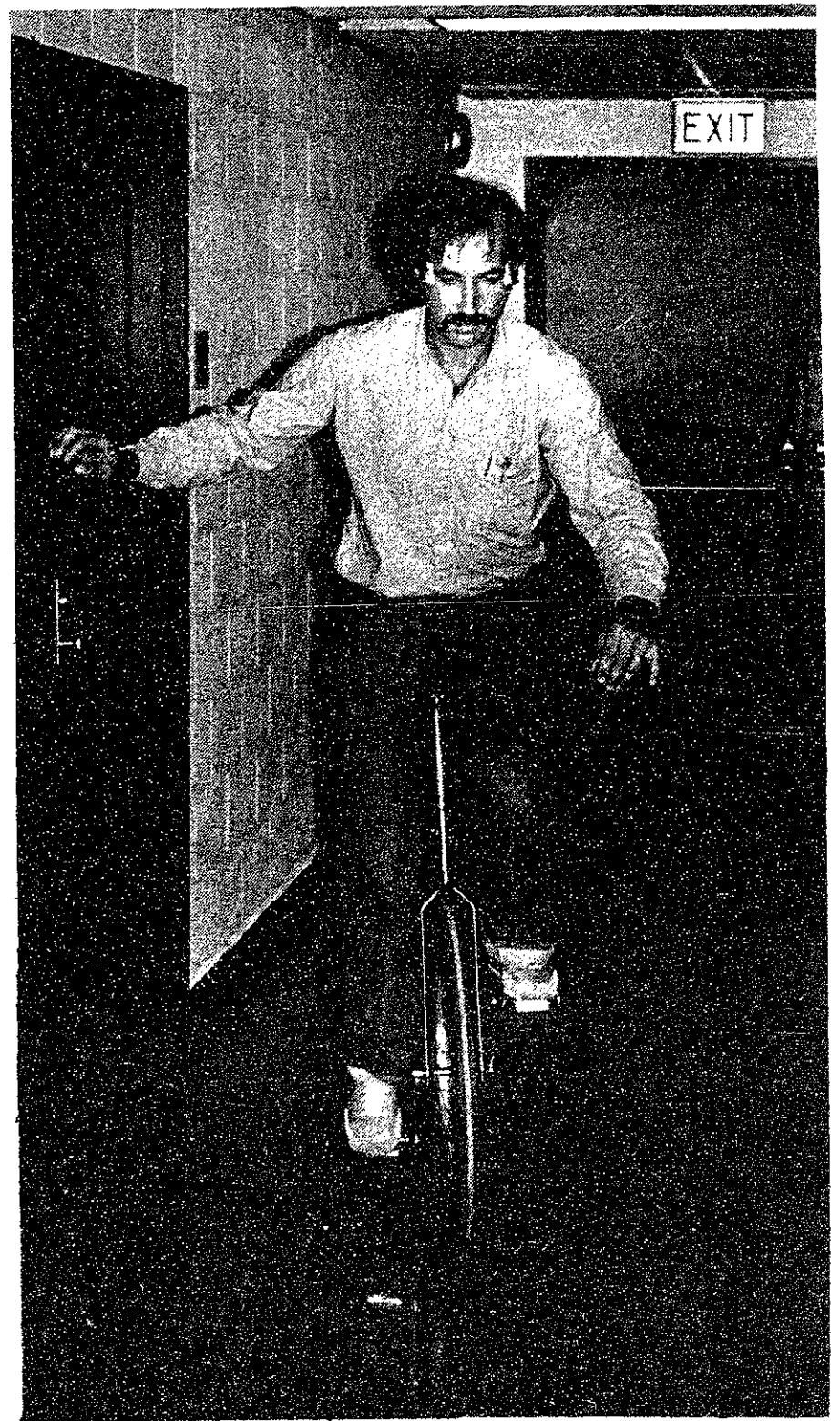
Joyce Lee '86, left, and Bob Abramson '84 operate the mechanical sled used in motion sickness and perception tests.

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Photos by Ken Segel



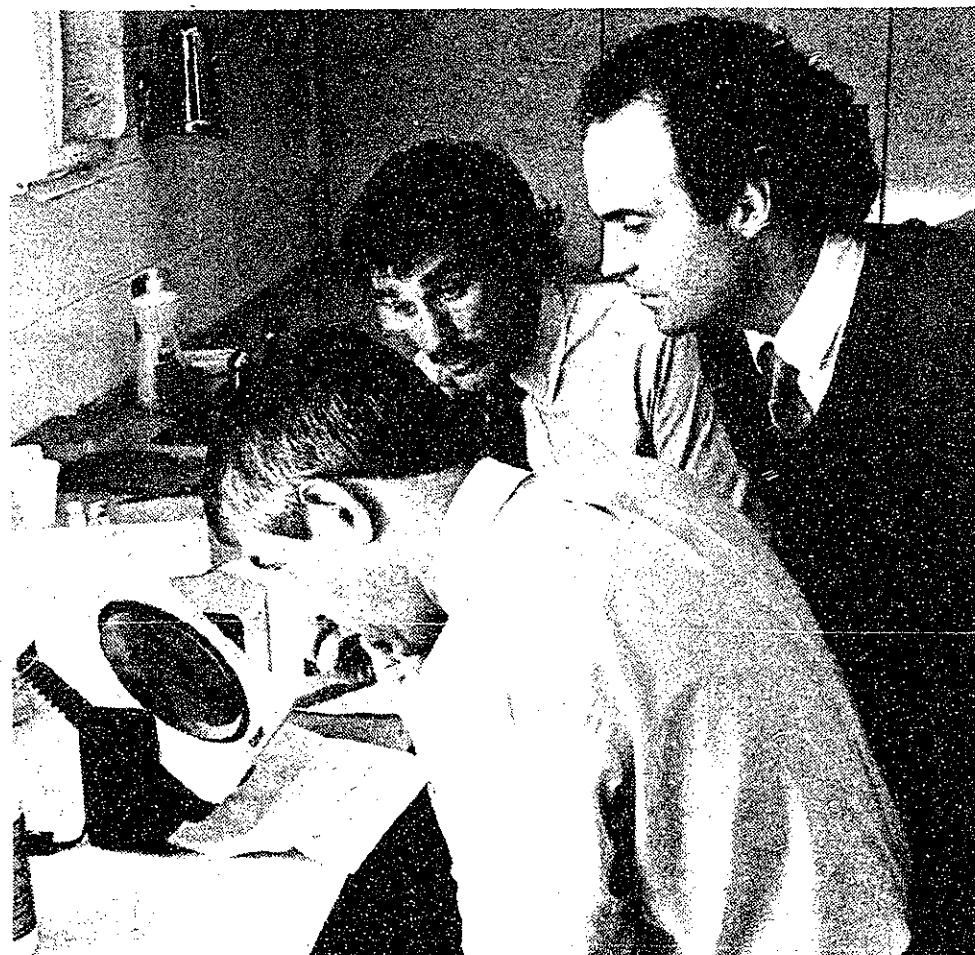
Linda Robeck '86 adjusts the sled.



Wubel Ockels takes a break from a strenuous test schedule.



German mission specialist Ulf Merbold wears left-right reversing goggles in a motion sickness experiment.



NASA mission specialist Robert Parker wears a special contact lens in his eye to allow researchers to measure his eye movements.



Robeck instructs Merbold prior to a test of his ability to detect motion while blindfolded.

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Technique 1983 arts

Technique 1983, the yearbook of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Volume 99, "October 19, 1982 — Technique 1983 makes first deadline." "October 20, 1982 — Technique 1982 becomes available." "Gee, I hope I receive this book before 1 am 30."

First the good news: Graduating seniors need not worry: *Technique 1983* becomes available tomorrow, a whopping 5½ months earlier than its ill-fated predecessor. The senior portraits will be more than a set of mouths and noses that only a parent could love, or even recognize. The long-winded left-wing interviews have been eschewed in favor of the reincluded rosters and activities section, and the self-indulgent photo essays have been replaced with more MIT-related sections. In short, *Technique 1983* is once more a conventional yearbook.

And now the bad news: It's too conventional. The editors of *Technique 1983* have produced a yearbook devoid of personality; a study in lackluster layouts and unimaginative presentation. Two-photos-per-page block layouts are predominant, and only two examples (pages 67 and 159) of creatively cropped photos can be found. Examples of the

haste with which the book was produced surface throughout: There are a multitude of typographical errors, and a few pictures are noticeably out of focus.

The compositional errors are less disturbing than the aura of conservatism the book conveys. If *Technique 1982* was radical in its presentation, then *Technique 1983* is nothing short of a reactionary response. The editor's desire not to offend can be understood, yet this attempt to please everyone results in a yearbook that can excite no one. Absolutely no risks were taken: The book contains no color photos, no section dividers, and precious few photos of the community in which we live. The statements printed throughout the senior portrait section were run anonymously, a practice that contradicts the reason for their inclusion, namely "an effort to personalize *Technique 1983*." Attributing the statements would have attached personalities to what otherwise remains a sea of faces.

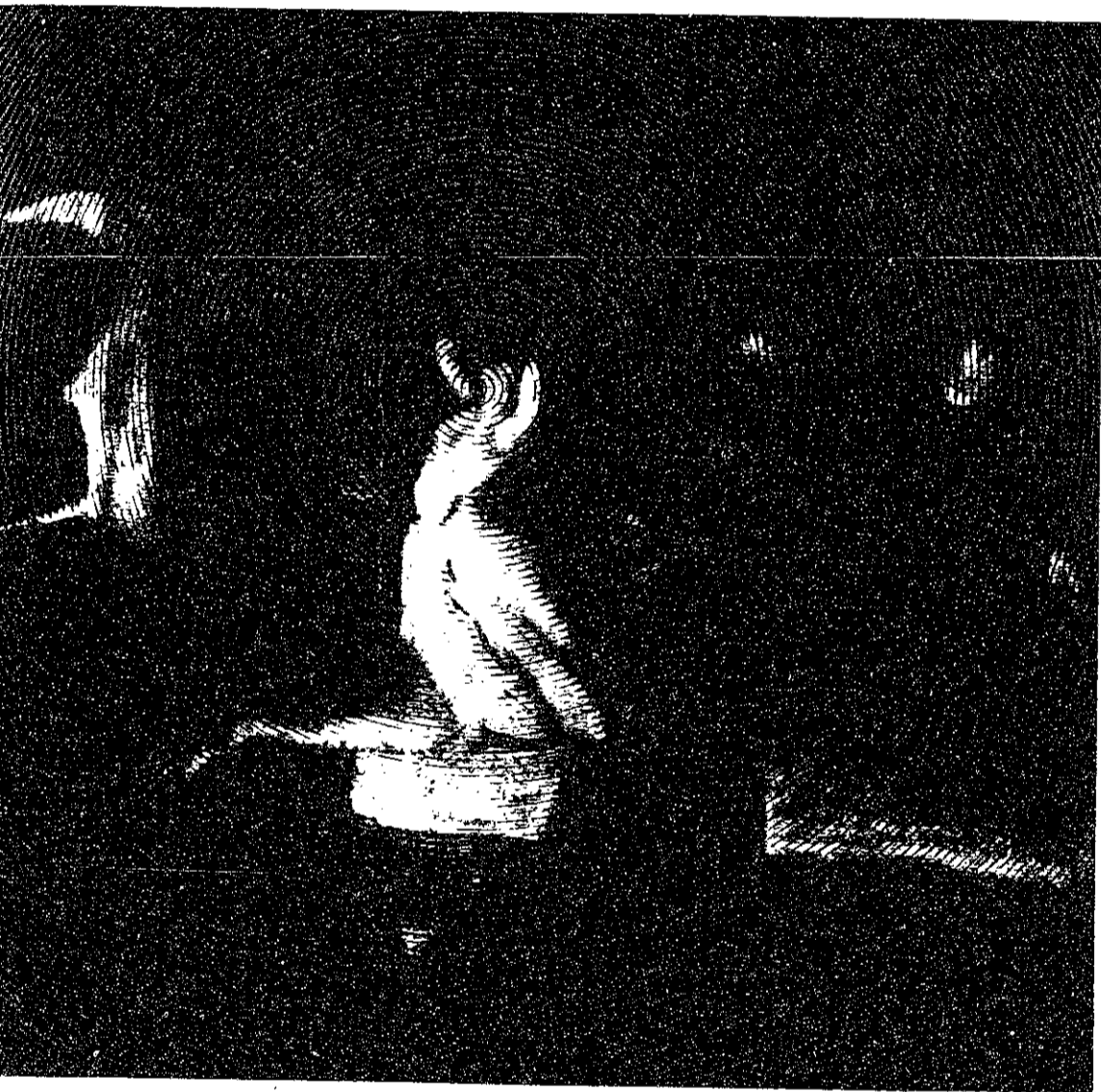
For all its shortcomings, however, *Technique 1983* fulfills its primary role — a chronicle of the year at MIT — most admirably. Its timeliness and desire to please are virtues that should be maintained in future yearbooks. We can hope creativity will also be included.

David Shaw



Photo by Michael Bernard, courtesy MIT Technique

Play Strindberg arts



Play Strindberg, by Friedrich Dürrenmatt, presented by MIT Dramashop, produced by Owen Dowle '83, directed by David Waggett '81, at Kresge Auditorium May 5, 6, 7.

Dürrenmatt's *Play Strindberg* is a comic adaptation of August Strindberg's *The Dance of Death*, a play about a tragic middle-class marriage. Instead of having three to five acts with several scenes in each, Dürrenmatt organizes the play into twelve rounds as in a boxing match, complete with a bell at the beginning and end of each round. The play, which takes place in a single room, begins with Edgar (G. Albert Ruesga '81), an army captain never promoted to major, and Alice (Susan Wiegand), his nasty wife who married him to raise her status in life. Their marriage of convenience, containing little love, no warmth, and no happiness, is doomed to failure. As Edgar explains, "We hate each other because we are husband and wife."

The first three rounds of this nuptial boxing match are rather uncomfortable. Dürrenmatt's adaptation is intended to be a witty commentary on the plethora of plays about tragic marriages, yet Alice and Edgar deliver each other hard verbal blows; punches so hard they cut without restraint, without the usual dramatic elegance. The insults sound too real, reminding one of the all-too-real domestic scenes between Taylor and Burton in Albee's *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* What Alice and Edgar say, and more importantly, how they deliver their lines, pulls the audience into their arguments. The delivery of all this invective is too tragic to be com-

edy, allowing no distance in which to see the humor, albeit black. The two repeat and invert each others' words, contradict each other, and leave increasingly longer pauses between their heated exchanges. As the play progresses, however, it becomes more enjoyable to watch.

In round 2, "Company at Last," Kurt (Pat Byrne '85), Alice's cousin, enters and stays the distance. He completes what becomes an increasingly involved love triangle. Edgar appears the block-headed military man who gets stuck on an isolated island, and Alice the sacrificing wife who has had to endure his failures. The play progresses from this stage in round 3, where we learn Edgar is very ill, to the later rounds where we question just how ill Edgar is and just how faithful and sacrificing Alice is. She hides food from Edgar for herself, and, feeling betrayed by her husband, sleeps with Kurt to exact her revenge. The play's action begins one evening and continues through the next evening, ending very much as it began.

Play Strindberg's effectiveness progresses from round 1 through round 12, while the seriousness of each round decreases. In round 7, when Alice tells Kurt that Edgar tried to kill her, Edgar quips "Every marriage begets murderous impulses." Overall, Susan Wiegand and G. Albert Ruesga delivered convincing, emotionally charged, performances. The only objection concerns the overburdening seriousness of the roles at the play's opening. Pat Byrne effectively complements Wiegand and Ruesga on stage without stealing the show.

Jonathan P. Dippert

arts On the town

U2 at the Orpheum Theatre, Thursday and Friday, May 5 and 6 at 8pm.

Eclectic fare at the **Coolidge Corner Moviehouse**: Werner Herzog's *The Mystery of Kaspar Hauser*, tonight at 5:30 and 9:35pm; and Peter Brook's *Meetings with Remarkable Men*, an adaptation of the book by Gurdjieff, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 7:50pm. For more information call 734-2500.

Watch Salieri kill Mozart because Mozart is a better composer. Peter Shaffer's **Amadeus** is in a limited engagement now through May 21 at Boston's Shubert Theatre. For ticket information, performance schedule, and reservations, call 426-4520.

Hardcore, the Midnight Movie, Saturday, May 7, second floor of the Student Center.

This Thursday's noontime **MIT Chapel Concert** will feature Haydn *Symphony No. 59 An A major ("Fire")*, conducted by Roland Vasquez. Admission free.

This weekend's **LSC** movies: **Airplane!**, Friday, 7 & 9:30, 26-100. **Laura** (Classic), Friday, 7:30, 10-250. **A Clockwork Orange**, Saturday, 7 & 10, 26-100. **Attack of the Killer Tomatoes**, Sunday, 6:30 & 9, 26-100.

MIT Dramashop presents its major spring production, Friedrich Dürrenmatt's *Play Strindberg*, on May 5, 6, and 7, at 8pm in the Kresge Little Theatre. Admission \$3.50, \$3 with student ID. For information and reservations call 253-4720.

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Registration Material for next term will be available in lobby 10 today.

The Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science has scheduled a meeting to discuss admission to **Graduate School**, Graduate Financial Aid, and Employment Prospects today at 4pm in room 26-100. Any junior at the Institute who may be interested in Course VI for graduate work is welcome to attend. If there are any questions, please call Horace M. Smith, x3-4605.

The Technology Community Association, located on the 4th floor of the Student Center, has discount tickets available for the **Boston Philharmonic's Brahms Anniversary Celebration**, to take place Sunday, May 8, at Sanders Theater. See Debbie Morris for more information.

Associate Advisors are still needed for next year. Interested students should stop by the Undergraduate Academic Support Office, room 7-104 and fill out an information sheet. Students who have

already arranged to work with a particular advisor should still fill out a form so that we have your summer address.

The MIT U.H.F. Repeater Association offers radio communications assistance to any MIT event free of charge. If you or your group are interested, contact Richard D. Thomas, room W20-401, or call 354-8262 for details.

Want to call incoming freshmen in your area to give them a personal welcome to the Institute, answer questions, or just chat? If you'd like to volunteer for the Summer Contact Program sign up in the Undergraduate Academic Support Office, room 7-104.

The MIT Medical Department would like to know your opinions about the Department. **Questionnaires** are being mailed to randomly selected MIT students and employees, and Draper Laboratory employees. If you receive a questionnaire, please take the time to respond and return it to the Medical Department.

The Undergraduate Academic Support Office is making available to all departments, offices, living groups, and activities

copies of the complete updated list of freshmen (Class of 1987) for official, non-private use only. The lists are available at a cost of \$4.25 in alphabetic or zip order. Order should be placed in room 7-104 before 5pm May 9.

Lectures

Munir Benjenk, Vice-President, External Relations, of The World Bank, speaks on "**Prospects for the Poorest Countries**" at Cambridge Forum, Wednesday, May 4, 8pm, 3 Church St., Harvard Sq. Free.

The Department of Nuclear Engineering is sponsoring a weekly lecture series Thursdays, 3-5pm, in room 24-115. On May 5, Prof. C. Heissing speaks on "**Reactor Safety**," and Prof. J. Friedberg lectures on "**Plasma Physics**."

Paula Webster will speak for Black Rose on Friday, May 6, at 8pm in room 9-150. Webster's talk is entitled, "**The Dangers of Femininity**". For more information, call 497-4003.

MIT Mathematics and Education Prof. Seymour Papert will give a lecture about **computers in our culture** May 9. The lecture will take place at 7:30-9:30pm in room 26-100.

Rev. Carter Heyward, one of the Episcopal women who sought ordination, speaks in a Lowell Institute-Cambridge Forum co-sponsored event: "**Great Vocations: The Religious Leader**" Monday, May 9, 4pm, at Harvard's Emerson Hall, room 105. Free.

Grenadan official describes country

By Burt S. Kaliski

"People are taking things into their own plans" in Grenada, declared Regina Taylor, secretary-general of Grenada's Agency for Rural Transformation, at a lecture sponsored by MIT Hunger Action Group last night.

The People's Revolutionary Government, which took over the country on March 13, 1979, made a ten-item agenda, including social reforms, development of cooperatives, elimination of unemployment, and solidarity links with other countries, she said. "Every single one of them has been implemented."

Grenada, a nation of 110,000 people in the West Indies, receives aid from the Soviet Union, Cuba, and the European Economic Community, Taylor said. Cuba provided about \$9 million in equipment to Grenada, she said.

The United States refuses to recognize Grenada because of its ties with the Soviet Union, she

claimed.

Grenada's government believes "it is hypocritical to every five years allow five seconds of human rights by putting an X against someone's name on a ballot," Taylor said. The government supports "ongoing" representation through village and parish councils, she said.

"People have a chance to come together and talk about issues which affect them," she continued. The nation's budget is presented at a national conference to representatives from smaller groups, who then bring the budget back to the parish or village meeting for discussion.

"Mass organizations" of women, youth, farmers, and children also participate in government decisions, she said.

Grenada needs "more than functional literacy," although 90 percent of the adult population can read, Taylor commented. The government is starting an adult educational program, she added.

UA advisors plan bulletin, calendar

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The UA could advertise meetings to computer users through the MIT computer systems, said John S. Kowtko '83, chairman of the Student Center Committee.

Michael P. Witt '84, Undergraduate Association president, was unsure if the UA wants to contact students who can only be notified by computer, he joked. The UA will distribute one newsletter before the end of the term, he hopes.

"I don't think there will be any

on-paper changes anytime soon" to the structure of student government, Witt said. "At least not this term."

UA Finance Board Vice Chairman Kirsi C. Allison '84, UA Student Committee on Educational Policy Co-chairman Steven E. Barber '84, UA Secretary General Beatriz Garcia '85, UA Vice President Inge Gedo '85, Class President Noelle M. Merritt '85, and GA Executive Committee member Ishai Nir '86 also attended the meeting.



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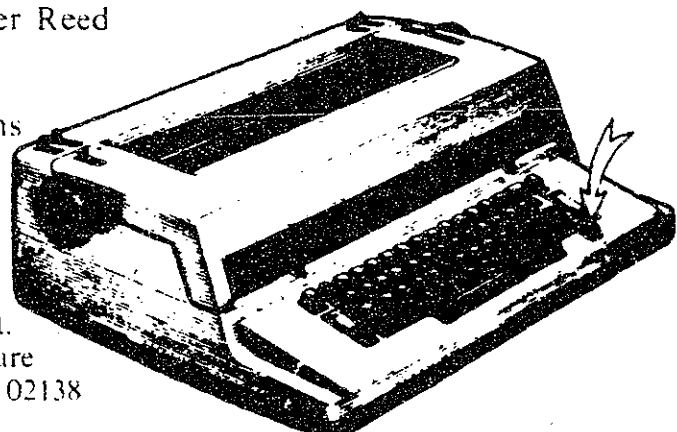
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The Technology Broadcasting Corporation Committee cancelled a meeting with the station management Sunday, Polonsky said. The committee provides communication between the station and the MIT administration.

"One of the things we were hoping to find out was statistics on how many students MIT

wants at the station," Polonsky said. About 10 percent of WMBR staff members are MIT students, Polonsky said. The figure is "definitely the lowest percentage of students at a college station in the Boston area."

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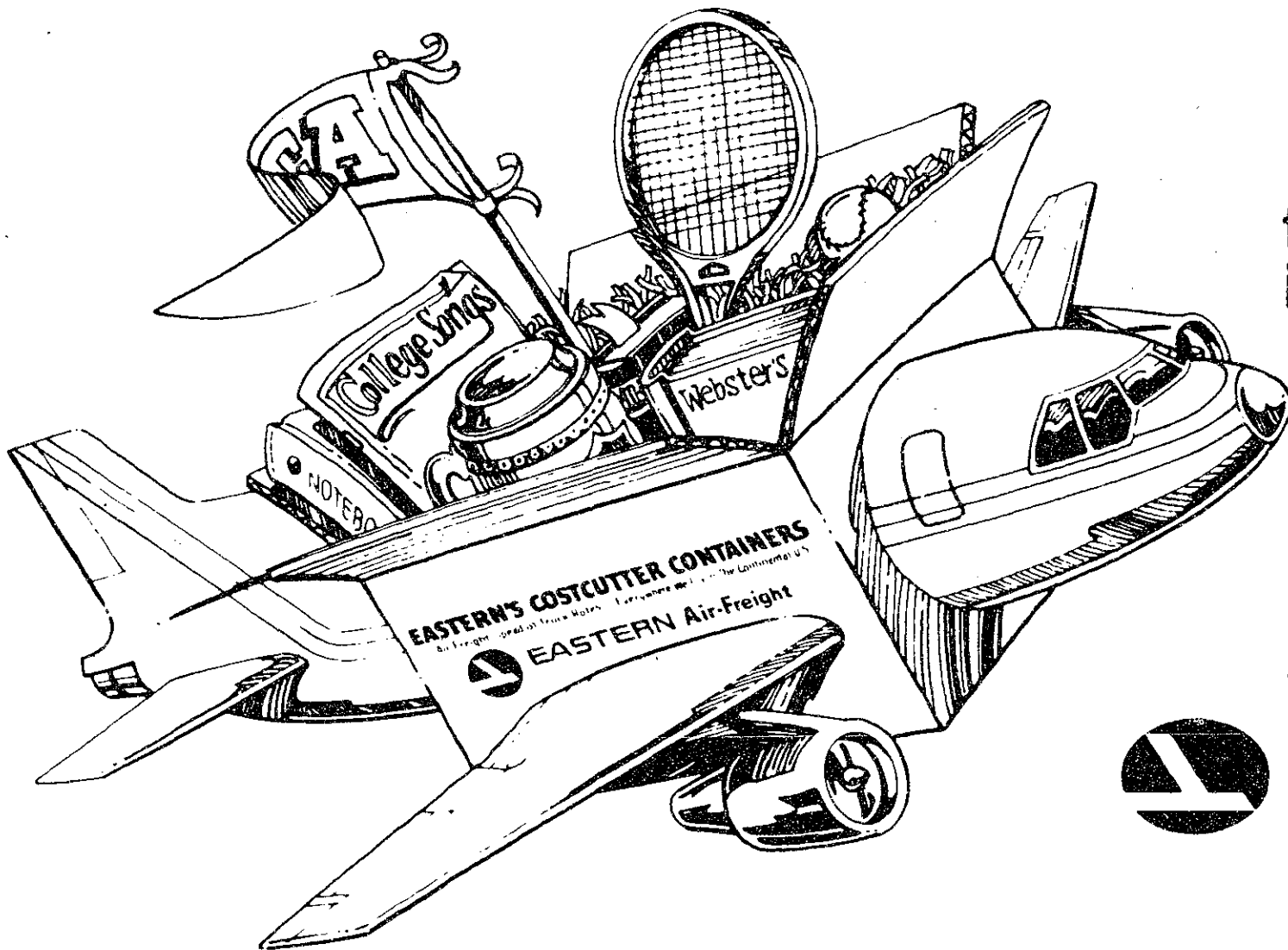
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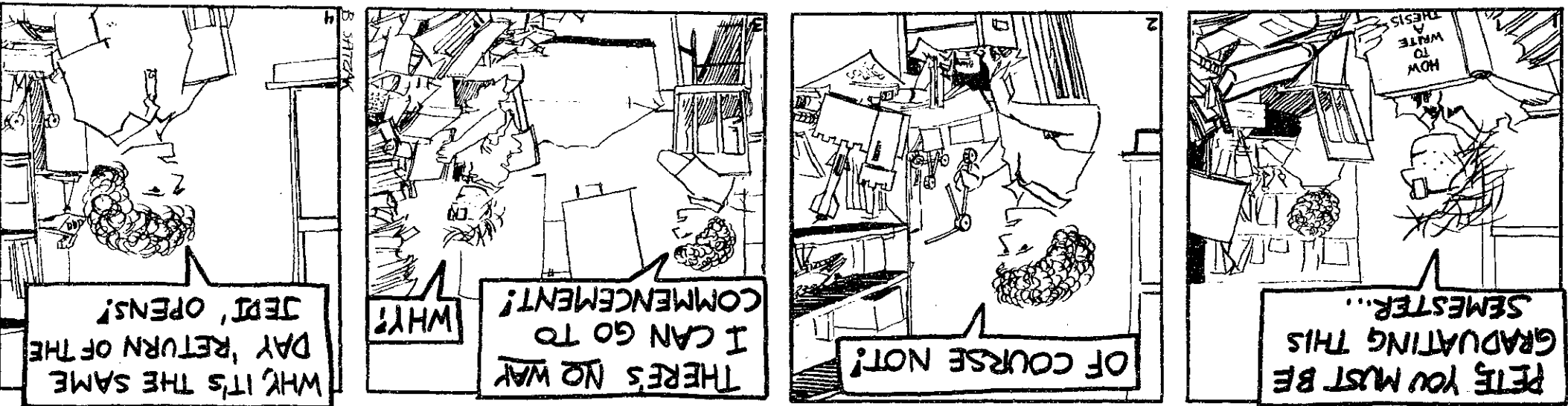
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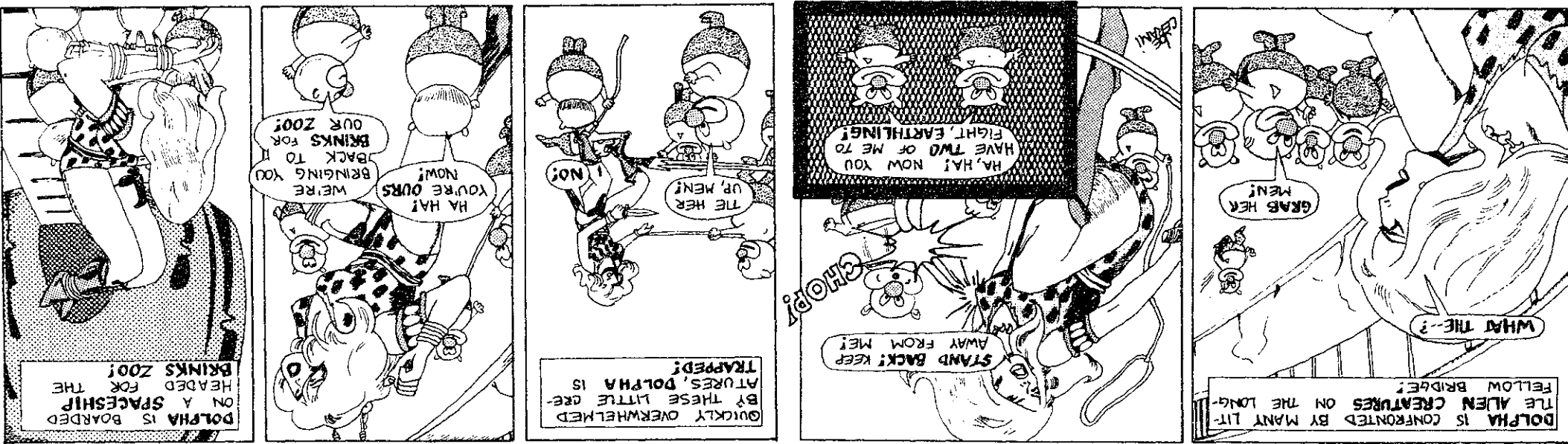


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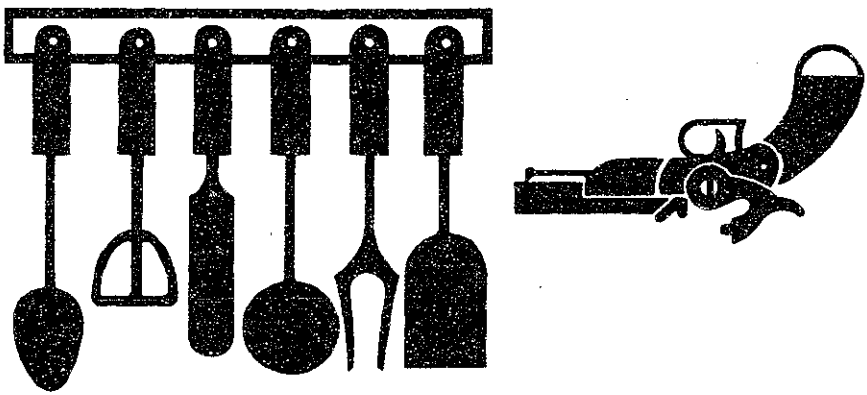
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At last Saturday's 84 BYOSpa-tula Barbecue, several spatulae were taken hostage. If you want to see your spatula alive again, call Rich Cowan at 6485 or leave a message at the East Campus desk.

Hostage

Women's Soccer

Anyone interested in joining the Women's Soccer Club for next year (our second season), should come to the Conference room in DuPont this Thursday at 4:15. This past season we covered the basics, such as kicking the ball while remaining on two feet and occasional goal-scoring. Next season we will move on to competitive play and occasional game-winning. For info: call Leslie Atkins or Inge Gedo at 253-6799.



Student Committee on Educational Parties

There will be a year-end SCEP meeting on Thursday, May 5, at 7:30 in room 400 of the Student Center. Stop by if you're interested in: — end of term pace/pressure surveys — freshman internal grade policy — goals for SCEP next year — YEAR END PARTY

Eaten Lately?

If you've eaten good food somewhere (i.e. off campus) lately, why don't you write up a 3-6 line review of the restaurant for next year's HOTOGAM-IT. Drop them off at the TCA office (4th floor Student Center) or call Bernie Gunther at dl-9674.

The Centennial Yearbook But One

The 99th volume of the MIT Yearbook, *Technique 1983*, will be distributed from May 4-6 and May 9-11 in Lobby 10. Extra copies may be purchased for \$18, and next year's book, the genuine centennial edition, may be ordered for the same low price of \$18. As if that weren't enough, past issues will be sold at reasonable prices.



Tonight! Live!

R/O Week will be the subject of the AWS Above Board meeting (tonight 7 pm in room 447 of the Student Center). All those interested in becoming a Big Sister of in organizing and working the AWS R/O activities are invited to attend. Please contact Betsy Salkind (876-2518) for more information.

A reception for senior women and women graduate students interested in joining the American Association of University Women will be held today in the West Lounge of the Student Center from 4-6 pm. Questions? Call AWS at x3-8898.



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Martin Dickau

IM's, the opposite sex, and bruised egos

My heart rose as I ran over to our B-league softball game; two very good-looking young women were sitting by the first-base line watching the action. Our captain welcomed me with, "Marty, how would you like to play first base?" My heart fell. I am as capable of playing the infield as the Red Sox are of winning a World Series. The potential for abject humiliation was enormous.

Many men seem to believe they must, in order to be *real men*, demonstrate physical prowess in athletic competition. The presence of women either in the audience or on the playing field only exacerbates the problem. It is all right to appear uncoordinated to the guys," but heaven forbid the cute girl from American Urban history should see.

This striving for machismo, or the appearance thereof, can add to both heroics and theatrics. A routine fly ball to an outelder who does not have to move to make the catch is fairly undane, but a shoestring catch a dead run, snatching the ball

from the tips of the blades of grass, is an entirely different story.

Murphy's Law extends to intramural sports, however. Dickau's IM Corollary states: The greater the number of attractive female onlookers, the greater the likelihood of that dreaded event — The Spaz.

The Spaz can happen to any player at any time. To its victim, The Spaz becomes the most memorable event of the game, if not his life, because *she* was watching and *she* will not forget that particular mistake. Ever.

Sure, other people may drop pop-ups, bobble grounders, throw wildly, or strike out, but none of these events produces self-loathing like The Spaz does.

The Spaz-ee will hang his head in embarrassment for a moment, then redouble his efforts to prove his worth. Such efforts invariably backfire, producing exponentially more Spazzes. By game's end, the player is so broken he tries to leave quickly before his teammates can render any additional

ridicule within earshot of the spectators.

Some men will swallow their pride to avoid the stigma of The Spaz. The best way to escape looking like a klutz is to sustain an injury just prior to failing to make the crucial play. The "Oh-I-pulled-my-groin-muscle" ploy is my personal favorite. Any subsequent ineptitude will be blamed on the injury, and writhing on the field in agony will often draw substantial sympathy.

Other men will swallow their pride to remove the hated stigma. They return to the field time after time, nervously scanning the sidelines for that particular pair of eyes, and Spazzing in the clutch.

Some will finally realize that the memories of the day's events will be extremely short-lived. The heroes and the goats will both be forgotten. No one's love life, actual or potential, will have been ruined, and the sound of uncontrolled giggling will not continue unabated.

Others will finally realize the

greater Truth: The female fan on the sidelines is there watching her team and rooting for her friends

just as male fans do. There is actually no need for anyone to Spaz.



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The women's Lacrosse club in action against Pine Manor College on Thursday afternoon.

sports update

Baseball — The Engineers record now 7-7 after three wins and three losses over the weekend. The squad took a 15-2 pounding in the hands of UMass-Boston on Thursday, lost 8-7 to visiting Clark on Friday, and dropped the opening game of Saturday's double-header at WPI 9-1. MIT came back to win the nightcap 5-2 and swept the University of New England 3-0 and 13-0 in the double bill Sunday. The team will be in action again tomorrow at Harvard. The game can be heard live on WHRB-FM (95.3 MHz) beginning at 4pm.

Rowing — The men's lightweights stalked up another win, defeating Rutgers Saturday by eight seconds. The team is now ranked third in the East behind Yale and Princeton. The heavyweights, meanwhile, continued to struggle Sunday, losing to Syracuse by nearly 30 seconds. The women's varsity finished

second in the Smith Cup, defeating Northeastern, but losing to Boston University, which won the event for the third straight year. The second varsity and the novice boats were all third.

Lacrosse — The team put together a two-game winning streak with a 6-4 win over Nichols on Thursday and a 9-7 victory over Bates on Saturday. Goalie Bill Larkins '84 made 22 saves in Saturday's contest and is ranked fifth among Division III netminders with a saves percentage of .701.

Sailing — The women were fourth of six at Sunday's Wheaton Invitational. The top teams for MIT were skipper Karin Duston '86 with crew Nancy Voke '85 and skipper Marian Evatt with crew Jan Kruger '85.

Tennis — The men finished their season by finishing second of 27 teams at the new England Championships last weekend. Brandeis, which defeated MIT 8-1 during the last match of the regular season, was the winner. Unseeded Ramy Rizk '86 downed the number one and number four seeds on his way to taking the "B" division singles title. Captain George Hoehn '83 captured the "C" division crown.

Track — MIT placed fifth of seven at the Greater Boston Track Championships Sunday. Joe Presing '84 was fourth in the 110-meter hurdles, and John Taylor '84 placed third in the 400-meter hurdles. The 400-meter relay team captured fourth place, and the mile relay squad finished fifth.

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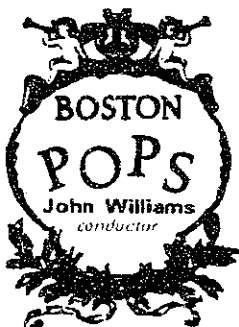
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Softball splits twin bill 1-10, 4-1

By Eric R. Fleming

Two entirely different games were played at the softball field last Saturday, as MIT and Brandeis squared off for a twin bill. In the first game, the Judges could do no wrong, and the Engineers could do no right, as Brandeis pounded Tech 10-1. Thirty minutes later, the roles were reversed, with MIT posting a 4-0 shutout.

The first game was a nightmare for the women from Cambridge. Even the warm winds blowing across Briggs Field could do nothing to thaw the ice-cold bats the team carried. Stacy Thompson's run in the sixth inning broke a string of 13 consecutive scoreless frames for MIT, which managed just four hits in the game. As with all slumps, a number of sparkling defensive plays aggravated the misery — the best being a diving catch by Brandeis centerfielder Joan Matsumoto in the seventh inning.

MIT's defense, meanwhile, had all kinds of problems. Six errors, including five in Brandeis' five-run seventh, misjudged fly balls, throwing to the wrong base — it all happened in the first game.

The Engineers were given a chance to redeem themselves for that forgettable showing. They did, jumping on Brandeis for three runs in the first inning of the second game. The tallies were scored without benefit of a hit, as the poor defense passed to the visitors.

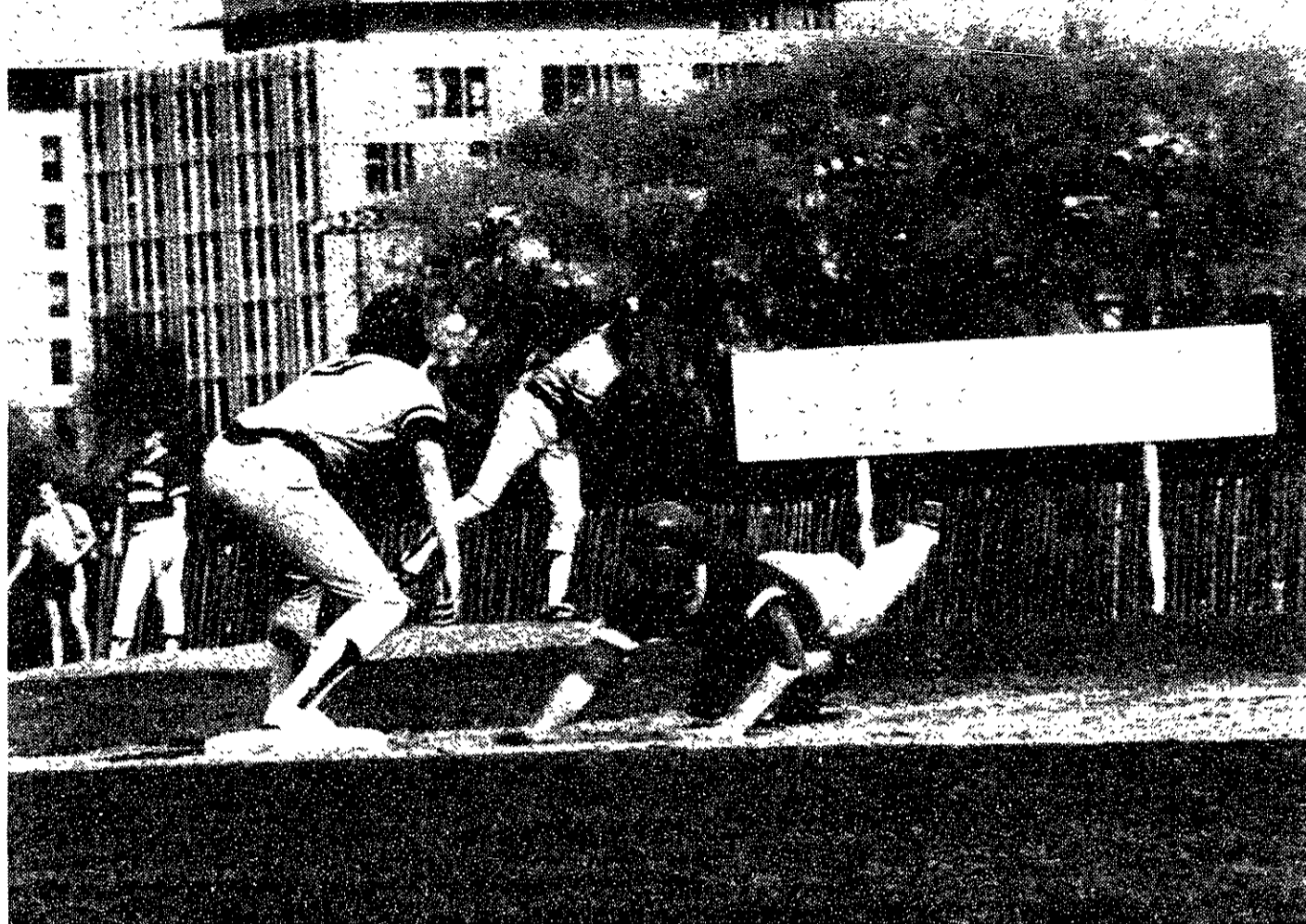
Thompson, back in the leadoff spot after batting second in the first game, drew a walk. Julie Chen '86 bunted for a sacrifice, but was safe as the Brandeis pitcher threw the ball away. The error put Thompson at third and Chen at second. Thompson scored when the shortstop bobbled Liz Anderson's grounder. Lou Jandura '84 walked, loading the bases. After Terry Felts '84 flied to short center and Chen was forced at the plate, Joyce Kelly '83 hit a soft grounder to second. Incredibly, the ten-foot throw was over the head of the first baseman, allowing Anderson and Jandura to cross the plate.

Felts scored MIT's other run in

the fifth, as she was safe on an error, stole second, and scored on an error. Both miscues were made by the Brandeis pitcher, who continually had trouble making throws to first on bunts or comebackers to the mound.

MIT found its defense in the second game, performing flawlessly in the field. Cindy Robinson '84, who had trouble with the Brandeis hitters in the first game, bore down and checked the visitors on four hits. She also managed to pitch her way out of several jams. Robinson was much more effective due to her change-up, which coach Jean Heiney instructed her to throw in game two. A number of Brandeis hitters were way out in front of the pitches, and could only pop up or hit weak grounders.

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The baseball team loses to UMass 15-2

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