WMBR appoints new managers

By Daniel Cron

Richard B. M. Feldman '83, general manager of MIT's radio station WMBR (88.1 MHz), appointed Henry J. Connolly '84, acting general manager, effective later this month, at a meeting Sunday. Feldman said he had been seeking a replacement for Connolly 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.

The station also contributes funds to the station, Polonsky added. "They are giving us $11,000 a year. They raised this year that this year to $12,000."

WMBR's funding covers the station's daily operating budgets, Feldman said.

"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 noted.

The station's studio console, made in 1958, the country's oldest active transistorized console, Polonsky said. "The Smithfield gave us the key to this thing 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. The new managers will facilitate more broadcasting, he continued. "Once I feel secure that the station's in the hands of the people down here to keep things running, we will be expanding," he said.

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UA advisors plan newsletter for "channelling information"

By Burt S. Kalisky

The advisory board to the Undergraduate Association (UA) last week discussed another function of the UA: channelling information to students.

Student government should provide information on social, service, and performing arts events; current student government events; changes in the structure of student groups, issues and goals; help and assistance 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,UA vice president.

"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 of today," but should not be a booklet, said David M. Libby '83, chairman of the UA Nominations Committee.

The UA will publish a biweekly newspaper, said M. Barker '84, vice chairman of the Nominations Committee. The newsletter may include a monthly calendar, she added.

The Technology Community Association, the General Assembly, and the UA itself should prepare the calendar under the coordination of the UA office, Summer said.

The board also suggested operating a "campus information booth, where students could find out schedules and description of the events, with help to the students where replaces the better," Libby commented.

"I would not reject the notion that The Tech could not afford to print a page," said student government spokesman, declared Stephen D. Immerman, assistant dean for student affairs.

"Why The Tech doesn't do it," explained Feldman chairman V. Micheal Rove '83, "is because The Tech is not the UA's newsletter."

The UA should "feature one or two groups with a more in-depth" description of the events going on around. Feldman added.

Activities should schedule regular events for the newsletter, she may be included in the Activities Handbook, Summer suggested.

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Nom. Comm. submits names

By John J. Ying

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

The faculty committee chairman and the administration will select the student members from the list submitted by the Nominations Committee.

The new member 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, 20 this 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 committee to determine the criteria for evaluating the prospective candidates, according to Robin R. Banks '85, chairman of Nominations Committee.

"If we do not feel someone is qualified for the job on the committee," 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. Enstrom '83, John J. Frinkhof '85, and John Martin Lee '86.

The faculty Committee on Academic Performance will select three of five nominees; Charles P. Brown '84, Rolf G. Enstrom '83, Michelin K. Pradd '84, 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. Doverer '85, Andrew D. Levy '84, Hauke L. Kite-Powell '84, and Stephen J. Smith '83.

The Nominations Committee recommended the following four candidates for four open positions on the faculty Committee on Curriculum: Karl E. Bugg '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 '84, Deborah L. Benne '85, and Adrian C. Wang '85.

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

Dormitory floors to be coed

By James J. Hertzt

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, director of 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 coeducation housing does not represent an attempt to compete with the new dormitory, Club Amherst, Sherwood asserted. Although opening a new dormitory would make it "impossible for the dormitory to get off the ground," he explained, the changes for next year will offer "very appreciative," he added.

The new dormitory 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 next year because of kitchen construction, he said. The house government formalizes all dormitory housing

(Winter 1989)
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 Information Service.

"We don't have booklists," said the Coop's book director, Don deLellis. The Coop uses tags on the textbook shelves instead of a complete list of textbooks, he said. "Answering in close coat 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 more or any less than the publisher's list price," Argeros said. Although publishers often give bookstores a 20 percent discount 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.

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New House III, East Campus first west floor become coed

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World

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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 the US 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.

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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 event is not expected to change.

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

Weather

Rainy days ahead — Thunder showers and temperatures between 77 and 81 degrees today. Humid conditions persist tomorrow, with temperatures in the high 60s and cloudy skies.

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The Department of Defense sponsored $170 million in research at MIT in fiscal year 1982, nearly half of all funding offered. Letters from all members of the community opened an avenue for the expression of public opinion. The editors of the Tech believe that MIT must not sacrifice its academic independence through financial government funding, yet it must retain and increase funding to continue its leadership in science and engineering.

The United States government presently restricts foreign students' access to certain information, in effect, a matter of great concern to MIT with its large international community. Unlike many other universities, the Tech opposes such attempts by the government to restrict the essential freedom of academic endeavor, communication, and exchange.

Diversifying 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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Common sense does not often find its way into decisions about nuclear weapons. The nuclear debate has been haphazard at best, and it is easy to criticize any attempt at solving an equation.

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 with open arms. But it is a report about MIRVs. MIRV technology was first developed about 13 years ago by the United States. MIRVed missiles are those 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 cities, heads of state, key politicians, and key military installations.

Last March, in an address on the U.S. missile threat, President Reagan said, "nothing for nothing. The United States is serious about reducing strategic arms worldwide. These 100 MIRVed ICBMs will be destroyed together with 5 warheads each, then the attacker would have 500 warheads, ten times more than the United States now has."

The 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 accidential 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 deceptive, simple nuclear freeze may be dangerous, since it would freeze a dangerous system."

The commission's report recommends eliminating 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 MIRVed ICBMs with 10 warheads each in each existing Minuteman silo. 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 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. Unless we show some resolve in this situation, a unilateral freeze will not be adequate. 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 attempts at assassination of the Pope. We should also remember that last year, the Soviets announced, for propaganda purposes, a unilateral "freeze" on S30 deployments, and proceeded to deploy one S30 per week anyway.

In the area of arms control, unfortunately, the Soviets understand that standing only strength. They would not let the Geneva negotiations about their S30s were the United States not deploying Pershing II in this fall. The Soviets would love a unilateral U.S. freeze on weapons development, but that would not make them slow their own buildup. They will only negotiate seriously if they think 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 so wisely states, "It is likely to believe that we could obtain a satisfactory agreement with the Soviets by limiting ICBM deployments if we unilaterally terminated the only 150 ICBM program that could lead to deployment in this decade."

Such good reasons are easily 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.

To the Editor:

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Ristad's column on Kirkpatrick draws fire
Defends Israeli democracy

By Judith Fleischman

First of all, is Israel a democ-

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himself is guilty of this same prac-

tice. In an article in The Tech on

Ristad cites several examples to

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ticularly strong offense at his in-

clusion of Israel in his tidy list of

"governments engaging in sys-

tematic murder, terrorism, illegal

military occupation of territory, eco-

nomic political murder, torture, internecine strife, and harassment of

civilians."

To the Editor:

Eric Sven Ristad, in his col-

umn on Jeanne Kirkpatrick, states

why did they not form their own

Cuba, North Korea, Cambodia, or

World War age, namely China.

Ristad misses the point, in his discussion

of Israel. Why does Ristad choose, instead, to shout her
down? They were not interested in

freedom of speech. Quite simply,

without constant hostile interrup-

tions, they denied her the free-

dom of speech.

Unfortunately, one of the by-

products of freedom of speech is

the freedom to lie. Mr. Ristad is
demoralizing the public.

Judit Fleischman '85

To the Editor:

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 vic-

tized by legitimate political dis-

sent, the members of Kirkpa-

trick'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 dan-

ger than hers was. Judith.

I believe Kirkpatrick has

missed the point of my col-

umn. 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.

J. Berkenblit and Ruth Rotman claim

Beir Zeit University is a

terrorist organization.

No credible evidence has ever been

presented to back such claims.

In their letters, Naomi Silman and
the University of London,

Berkenblit, and Rotman question my

on how many

israeli terrorists have been killed and
dispute the numbers.

The chief Israeli Army spokesman

said Israel had 9,000 non

terrorists. The Times of London

reported July 9. The

International Committee of the

Red Cross (ICRC) gave 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, they are

denied access to them [Danny

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One wonders why Ristad

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double standard.

Ruth Rotman '83

Ristad replies to letters challenging facts, opinions

Disputes did not stem from fundamental rights

By Judith Fleischman

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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 "enjo[y] 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 of Rizospastis on the front page is, "The official organ of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Greece." (The Moscow-aligned Communist Party).

2. Moreover, this particular newspaper 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 3% 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, it 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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NASA mission specialist Robert Parker puts a special contact lens in his eye to allow researchers to measure his eye movements.

Wubel Ockels takes a break from a strenuous test schedule.

Robeck instructs Merbold prior to a test of his ability to detect motion while blindfolded.
PUBLICATION SCHEDULE
SUMMER 1983

The Tech's last regular issue this semester will be on Tuesday, May 10, 1983. There will be no issues during finals week.

Commencement Issue: Thursday, May 27

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Play Strindberg

by Friedrich Dürrenmatt, presented by MIT Dramashop, produced by Owen Dowe '83, directed by David Wiegand '84, 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 simple room, begins with Edgar (G. Albert Ruesga '81), an army captain never promoted to major, and Alice (Susan Wiegand), his newly married wife who marries 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 the usual dramatic ele-
gance. 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 audi-
ence into their arguments. The delivery of all this inventiveness is too tragic to be com-
ed, 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 states the distance. He completes what be-
comes an increasingly involved love trian-
gle. Edgar appears the block-headed mili-
tary man who gets stuck on an isolated is-
land, 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 lat-	er rounds where we question just how ill Edgar is and just how faithful and sacrific-
ing Alice is. She hides food from Edgar for herself, and, feeling betrayed by her husband, sleeps with Kurt to exact her re-
venge. The play’s action begins one even-
ing and continues through the next even-
ing, 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 mar-
riage begets murderous impulses.” Overall, Susan Wiegand and G. Albert Ruesga del-
ivered convincing, emotionally charged, performances. The only objection concerns the overburdening seriousness of the roles at the play’s opening. Pat Byrne effectively complemented Wiegand and Ruesga on stage without stealing the show.

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Announcements

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 4pm in room 36-100. Any junior at the Institute who may be interested in Course 61 for graduate work is welcome to attend. If there are any questions, please call Horace M. Smith, x 4605.

The Technology Community Association, located on the 4th floor of the Student Center, has discount tickets available for the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra's 4th 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 see 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.E. 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 26-401, or call 354-8267 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 before 3pm May 9.

Lectures

Munir Benjik, Vice-President, External Relations, of The World Bank, speaks on "Prospects for the Poorest Countries" at Cambridge forum, Wednesday, May 4, Room 3, Church St., Harvard Sq. Se. Free.

The Department of Nuclear Engineering is sponsoring a weekly lecture series Thursdays, 3-5pm, in room 24-115. On May 5, Prof. C. Heising 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.


By Bert 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 ten-year goals, 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 10,000 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 national budget is presented at a national conference to representatives from smaller groups, who then take back the budget back to the village or parish meeting for discussion.

"Most organizations" of women, youth, farmers, and children also participate in government activities, 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. Kowalczy, 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 next term, he said. "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 Kris A. Allison '84, UA Student Committee on Educational Policy Co-Chairman Steven E. Barber '84, UA Secretary General Beatrice Garcia '85, UA Vice President Irge Grind '85, Class President Noel M. Mergin '85, and GA Executive Committee member Ishai Nir '86 also attended the meeting.

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WMBR will increase its hours of operation after the summer, Feldman said.

The Technology Broadcasting Corporation Committee canceled 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."

“We're going to be stepping up our efforts for rush in the fall,” Connolly said. The station is "hoping for 50 percent" student staff for next term, Polonsky said.

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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—pulled-my groin-muscle" play is my personal favorite. Any subsequent ineptitude will be blamed on the injury, and writing 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 Spazing 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.

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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 did 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 Matsuamoto in the seventh inning.

MIT's defense, meanwhile, had all kinds of problems. Six errors, including five in Brandeis' five-run seventh, mired 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 outing. They did, jumping on Brandeis for two 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 in second. Thompson scored when the shortstop bobbed Liz Anderson's grounder.

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