

MIT seizes labor survey

By Ronald W. Norman

The Institute stopped delivery of over 1000 questionnaires dealing with working conditions and MIT labor policy which were being sent to members of the support staff through interdepartmental mail.

The questionnaire asked recipients if "MIT support staff would benefit from affiliating with a union such as exists at" Boston University, and if the respondents "would be receptive to learning more about how unions affect white collar workers."

The questionnaire was distributed by a group calling itself the Employees' Morale Improvement Team. MIT does not recognize the group, according to James J. Culliton, director of personnel.

Joan Anderson Chisholm, a senior secretary in the Department of Chemical Engineering, who is a representative of EMIT, said the group's effort "is not an intent to organize a union drive."

Tech Talk on Dec. 14 included a statement by Culliton, explaining that the Institute did not sponsor the questionnaire which dealt with "... a variety of work related topics, including interest in receiving union material," and Institute officials "had no prior knowledge of it."

Tech Talk refused to print Chisholm's reply to Culliton's statement, because *Tech Talk* is a publication of the MIT administration and is not to be used for outside discussion, said Robert M. Byers, director of the MIT news office.

Tech Talk also refused to print results of the survey, Byers added.

The Institute's interdepartmental mail service, part of the Building Services division of MIT Physical Plant, did not deliver the questionnaires because the service is for "official [MIT] documentation," Culliton said.

The surveys were impounded

by Austin H. Petzke, operations supervisor of building services, according to Chisholm.

Chisholm later requested permission from Culliton to use the mail system for the EMIT survey. Culliton denied the group's request and denied permission to use MIT equipment or facilities for EMIT uses.

Chisholm later delivered many of the surveys personally. She said she had written, printed, mailed and distributed the questionnaires in her personal time.

"An institution must be careful about the granting of privileges" to selective groups because other groups would then be justified in requesting equal treatment, Culliton said.

The questionnaire asked the subject to complete the following statements as either "satisfactory," "moderately satisfactory," "unsatisfactory" or to indicate no opinion:

- "The annual support staff review process is;

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Woman assaulted

By Thomas T. Huang

The MIT Campus Police arrested a man for attempted robbery in the Albany Street parking lot Tuesday evening, according to Lt. Anne P. Glavin. The woman who was assaulted sustained only minor injuries.

Glavin would not release the names of those involved because the case will soon go to court.

The victim, an MIT employee, told Campus Police she was walking to her car from work at the Horace Sayford Ford Building (E19) at 4:50 p.m. when a man accosted her and tried to take away her purse.

The assailant "ran up beside [her] and grabbed [her] purse by the straps," the woman's statement read. The assailant, unarmed, hung on to the purse until one strap broke and the woman fell to the ground.

The woman screamed at the man to "leave [her] alone," and ran after him when he ran away with her purse, Glavin said. An MIT student, hearing the woman, appeared from behind a hedge near the railroad tracks to chase the man to the other side of the parking lot.

At that point, Campus Police Officer William Ryan intercepted the robber at the end of the park-

ing lot. Ryan was patrolling the area on a 4 p.m. to midnight shift.

"At dusk we have Campus Police stationed at the garages. We've had officers there regular-

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Feature:

IAP competition results

By Diana ben-Aaron

Three traditional IAP contests of knowledge and ingenuity, involving a total of over a hundred contestants and staff, were held during the last three weeks. Arun Ram '87 won the Math Department's Integration Bee; a team from the MIT Science Fiction Society triumphed in the MIT College Bowl's intramural general knowledge contest; and a group of students from Next House found the hidden prize in the independently run Mystery Hunt.

Integration Bee

Ram edged out a field of eight tough competitors to become the grand integrator of MIT in the annual Integration Bee held Jan. 19.

Ram, who intends to major in mathematics, and credited his victory to an affinity for problem-solving. He hadn't expected to win, he added. "I like learning math tricks, and for most of these, you had to use a trick," he commented.

Daniel F. Morgan '85, a physics and mathematics major from Austin, Texas, finished second. In the fifth round of the six-round contest, Morgan was eliminated when he incorrectly solved $\int dx/\sqrt{x-x^2}$. Ram then won in the final round by integrating $\int dx/x(1+(\ln x)^2)$ in only fifty seconds.

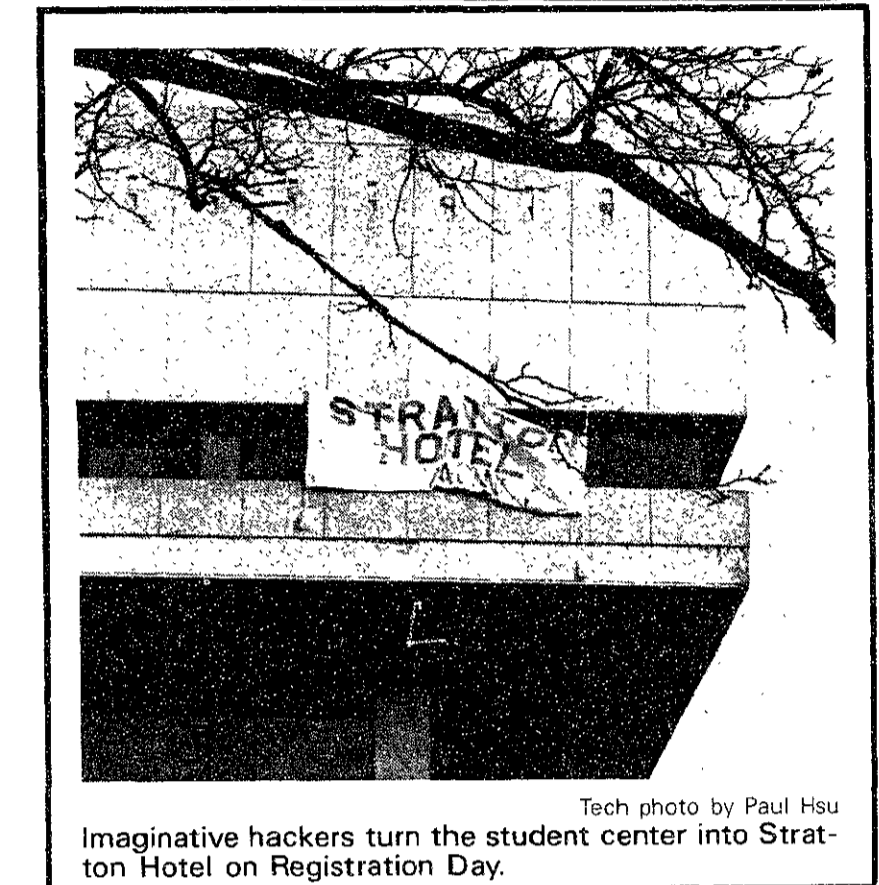
Scott I. Berkenblit '86 and Robert G. Atkins '87 tied for third place. Both were defeated in the fourth round by the integral of a function with nested radical signs in its denominator.

The other contestants were James J. Morehead '87, Vikram J. Kuriyan '87, Toai A. Doan '86, David J. Zagorski '86 and Lawrence D. Bavly '85.

Morehead set the speed record, taking only 25 seconds to integrate $\int e^x \cos(e^x) dx$ during the first round. "This is a new world record for the heavyweight class," commented master of ceremonies Richard J. Mlynarik '85. "Do we have any representatives from the Olympic Committee?"

During the last few rounds, most contestants used the entire two and a half minutes allotted for each problem.

The Integration Bee has been held every IAP for several years, according to Frank Morgan '74, one of the judges for the contest. Joseph J. Kilian '85 and Aleks O. Gollu '87 made up the rest of



Tech photo by Paul Hsu

Imaginative hackers turn the student center into Stratton Hotel on Registration Day.

6.001 not overfull

By Paul Duchnowski

Current enrollment in Structure and Interpretation of Computer Programs (6.001) has filled every recitation section and no students will be allowed to add the course, according to Renata Sorkin, course secretary.

All upperclassmen presently enrolled will be permitted to remain in the class, she said.

Due to expected overcrowding there was a possibility of a lottery to eliminate freshmen presently enrolled in 6.001, but everyone attending the first lecture was admitted, Sorkin said. About 410 students are currently in the course.

The Department of Electrical

Engineering and Computer Science has not yet decided how it will handle students registered in the course who have conflicts with other subjects or who were not present at the first lecture, Sorkin said.

Approximately 8500 students, undergraduate and graduate, had registered by Tuesday, according to Ronald P. Smith, associate registrar. Undergraduate students accounted for 4110, including 1082 freshmen, 1079 sophomores, 956 juniors and 991 seniors.

In addition, seven people have registered as special students. The Registrar's Office expects

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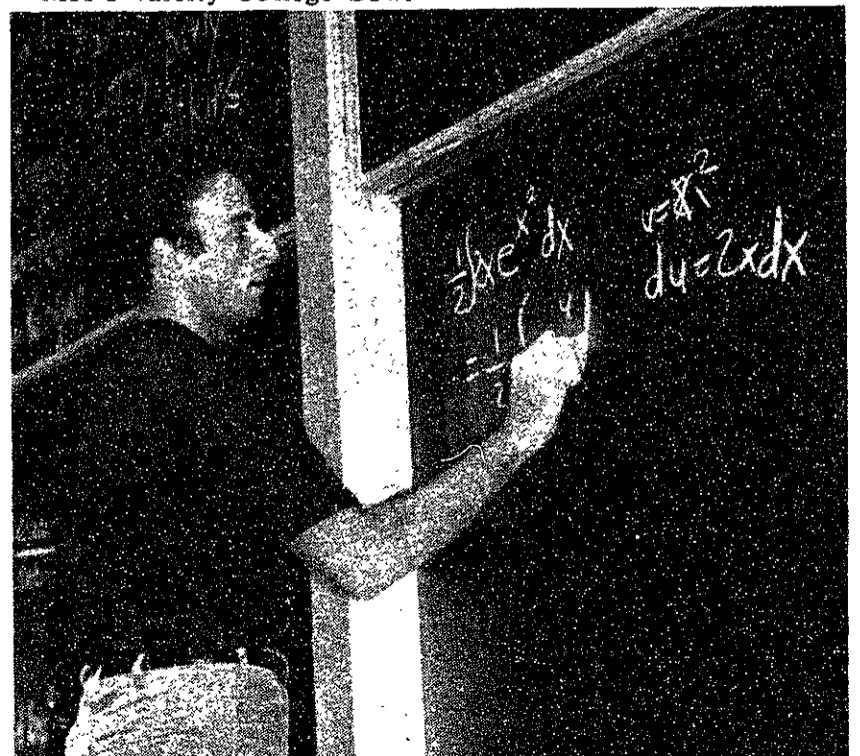
Nixon tapes his thoughts once more, but this time he does it on stage. Page 9.

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Wrestling finishes its best season in 15 years; Altman is NCAA volleyball coach of the year. Page 15.

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The women's gymnastics team wins a close one against Smith. Page 16.



Tech photo by Simson L. Garfinkel

David J. Zagorski '86 churns out an integral to compete for the top prize of the Integration Bee contest during IAP.



Tech file photo

Registration day for the Spring Term was held Feb. 6.

Registration day figures released

about more 400 undergraduates to register for the spring semester, but its initial expectations have been met, Smith said.

A high percentage of last term's undergraduates have returned, according to Smith. "Figures are standing up very well . . . it's a very good turnout." Almost 100 percent of the freshmen have returned.

Man arraigned for robbery

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ly," Glavin explained. "All the garages are of concern, especially during the winter when it gets dark early . . . The majority of crime occurs in isolated areas like these," he added.

The woman was "shaken up" after the attempted robbery and was taken to MIT's Medical Department, where she was treated for minor injuries.

The Campus Police later discovered the 31-year-old man, was currently on parole from the Massachusetts Correctional Institution at Bridgewater. He had served a term for robbery.

The man was arraigned Wednesday and is now being held on \$5500 in bail.

"It was a case of perfect timing," Glavin said. "We have patrols there for preventive measures, and this was an ideal situation."

Two robberies occurred last November near the corner of Harvard and Portland Streets, one block from the Albany Street parking lot, Glavin said, "but there's no pattern to them."

The registration process went very smoothly this year, according to Margaret S. Richardson, executive officer of the Undergraduate Academic Support Office. "We have had many fewer problems than usual," she said.

Many transfer students were impressed with the ease of MIT registration, Richardson said. We are apparently "less bureaucra-

tic" than other schools.

The UASO was quite satisfied with the job done by student associate advisors who volunteered to help with schedule changes in duPont Gymnasium, she added.

The Registrar's Office has "heard very few complaints about the registration process not working correctly," Smith said.



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Students busily check for last minute schedule changes on registration day.

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World

Reagan orders Marines out of Beirut — President Ronald W. Reagan announced Tuesday that most of the US Marines stationed in Lebanon would be withdrawn and relocated on Navy ships offshore. The USS New Jersey let fire on the Druze forces following Reagan's authorization of US forces to "provide naval gunfire and air support against any units firing into Greater Beirut from parts of Lebanon controlled by Syria." This is the first time strikes have been authorized for a purpose other than the protection of the forces stationed in Beirut. Meanwhile, British troops withdrew from Beirut and the Italians plan to withdraw their share of the four-nation peacekeeping force.

Soviet cosmonauts to dock at space station — A three-man Soviet crew blasted off Wednesday with the aim of performing scientific experiments after linking their Soyuz 10 capsule to the permanent Salyut 7 space station, where crews have spent up to 150 days. The cosmonauts join the five US space shuttle astronauts who have been in orbit since early Friday. Shuttle commander Vance Brand commented, "It's getting populated up here."

Nation

Glenn gaining in New Hampshire — William Hamilton, a pollster for Sen. John H. Glenn, D-Ohio, reports that support for Glenn has increased from 21 percent to 25 percent over the past two weeks in polls of potential voters in the New Hampshire Democratic primary, while former Vice President Walter F. Mondale's support has remained at 40 percent. There are two weeks remaining in the campaign.

Budget-cutting panel exempts Social Security — A bipartisan group of executive and legislative leaders has agreed to grant the Social Security system immunity from budget cutbacks aimed at reducing the federal deficit. The projected deficit for fiscal 1985 is \$180 billion and economists warn that it could reach \$300 billion by 1990 if no preventive measures are taken.

Local

Disease tied to contamination in Woburn — A two-year study conducted by the Harvard School of Public Health and Woburn residents has revealed strong links between pollution of town water by industrial solvents and local incidences of leukemia and birth defects. Two Woburn wells were shut down five years ago after the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Affairs found toxic chemicals in the water. The results were presented at a community meeting Wednesday.

Grain group urges lift on EDB ban — The American Grain Products Processing Institute claims that the ban on 18 food products ordered by the Massachusetts Public Health Council Monday is illegal. The state has set more stringent limits on acceptable levels of the pesticide ethylene dibromide (EDB) than the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

Sports

No miracle on ice this year — The US hockey team lost to Canada Tuesday and to Czechoslovakia yesterday, eliminating any chance for a medal at the XIV Winter Olympic Games. The opening ceremony, held Wednesday in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, was attended by over 50,000 fans.

Weather

Warming and clear — Today will be mostly sunny and with highs in the lower 30s. It will be sunny all day Saturday and Sunday with highs in the 40s. Weekend lows may be 25 to 30. There is a chance of showers on Monday.

Gary J. Drlik
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Opinion

Editorial

UA government: a Wittless wonder

Ten months of rhetoric and promises have yielded yet another ineffective student government. To examine the accomplishments of Undergraduate Association President Michael P. Witt '84 would lead one to conclude that he was elected perhaps one week ago — just in time for a final resumé draft.

Where is Mike Witt? What has he or the Undergraduate Association over which he allegedly presides done since his inauguration ten months ago?

With the club of grand promises, Witt surely struck the nerves of the student body and its numb student government. Lack of communication and a poor rapport with the MIT administration were the weaknesses of government, he recited. "You have asked for change. We have promised it," he asserted in March.

"The present state of the [Undergraduate Association] General Assembly is such that we are unwilling and unable to work with it," Witt stated in a letter to *The Tech* on March 15, adding his willingness to "trash" the General Assembly if necessary.

The Undergraduate Association must be completely reorganized, he asserted in March, yet "we don't intend to railroad anything through." The tracks, apparently, have rusted.

On March 15, Witt said he hoped the Undergraduate Association would vote on his new constitution on March 31.

On May 3 Witt said, "I don't think there will be any on-paper changes anytime soon. At least not this term."

On Oct. 6 Witt again promised a constitution by Nov. 1. It has yet to be seen. Witt has spoken of many changes, but the only thing he has changed is his mind.

The General Assembly must assert its role as the sole legislative body in charge of student resources and organizations, Witt noted. The General Assembly should gain closer control over the Finance Board, the Association of Student Activities and the Nominations Committee.

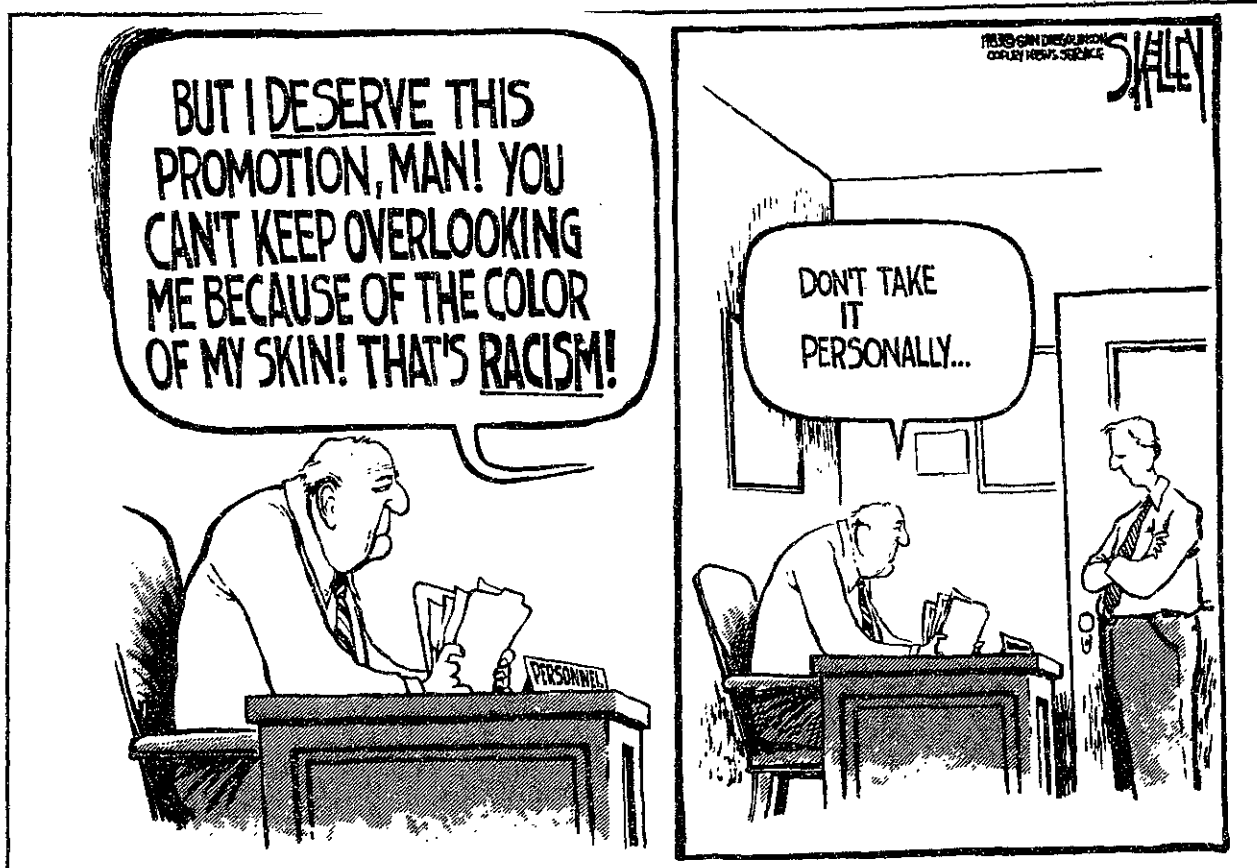
Also on the list of campaign promises:

- The number of student government representatives should be cut to 40 or 50.
- The Undergraduate Association should obtain voting rights on MIT committees.
- The Finance Board should be restructured to include the treasurers of existing student organizations.
- The Finance Board should be totally separate from the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs.
- A steering committee to the MIT administration should be formed with student representatives.
- A shuttle bus service should be started, along with an undergraduate pub and an Undergraduate Association newsletter.
- The General Assembly should form a joint committee with the Graduate Student Council.

None of these plans have materialized, except for one issue of his newsletter, which was not distributed to the fraternities. Witt was an active lobbyist for the exclusion of student activities from the employee benefit fee, but the final decision resulted less from his efforts than from MIT administration politics. His administration has had no effect on the state of student government that would not have occurred due to entropy.

Witt was not even in the country for Independent Activities Period — a time when several important changes in student organizations took place at the behest of the Student Center Committee.

Witt made no arrangements for handling the Undergraduate Association during IAP. One should not take on the responsibilities of Undergraduate Association president if one wishes to spend six weeks on vacation — or a full year.



Column/ Joseph J. Romm

Give a Hoot, Don't Compute

First in a series.

Warning: Majoring in Course VI may prove hazardous to the health of MIT.

Do not be too surprised if the faculty votes to have separate admissions to Course VI. More importantly, do not be outraged with its decision if you have not done anything to prevent it.

If you like MIT the way it is and are within reading distance of this column, then you had better act now. Freshmen, this means you! Give a hoot, don't compute. You owe it to yourself and to the Institute to consider all departments and avoid majoring in Course VI if possible.

I intend, in my own meager way, to help you make your choice, by describing each department in what depth I can, using the two traditional tools of

journalism — hearsay, gleaned from friends in those departments — and downright lies, the product of an overactive, and as many have said, warped imagination.

If I offend people and departments, prompting them to write to *The Tech* to set the record straight, all the better. You, the freshmen, will get more information. It should be pointed out, however, that no one has ever written a letter to the editor of *The Tech* about any of my columns since I began writing for this pathetic newspaper in the late fifties.

I begin with Course I. Civil Engineering is your course if you want to help the environment, which will certainly need it after Reagan leaves office. CivE is your course if you want to know

which of the world's airports are safe. CivE is a damn good course if you care about good dams. Concrete thinking is encouraged.

I always get excited when I think about Civil Engineering, mainly because a friend was in the department. "A" had her own special reason for going into Course I: It was the engineering department that made the least use of calculus. Bear that in mind, potential Course Six majors who cannot integrate the square-root of $\sin(\exp(s/2))$ from zero to the diameter of the universe in furlongs. Miss H knew that the route to money was a SB in engineering and a masters in management. She is now a project manager for a large corporation, and in one year she earns more than the entire cost of an

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Column/ Stewart Cobb

City should stay out of Simplex

"You can't have your cake and eat it too."

— Old folk saying

"This is a last stand . . . [for] the whole city of Cambridge," says Bill Cavellini of the *soi-disant* Simplex Steering Committee. "[MIT's plans] should send shivers up your spine."

What are MIT's plans? MIT is trying, for the n-th time, to construct a building on its own land — land which, like the rest of MIT, happens to be located in Cambridge.

What is wrong with that? The Cambridge City Council, with assistance from the Simplex Steering

Committee and others, has already decided what it will permit MIT to build on the Simplex site. Council members say Cambridge needs "low-income housing." Either MIT builds housing on the Simplex site, says the Council, or MIT builds nothing. This has been going on a while; so far, MIT has chosen the latter course. MIT's business is education and research, not charity.

The Cambridge City Council is suffering from a fundamental misunderstanding made evident by its vocabulary. "Housing," as a generic concept, does not exist. There are a large number of indi-

vidual dwellings — apartments, townhouses, condos, duplexes, etc. There are many residents, and many landlords, and many relationships between them. But there is no such thing as "housing."

The Cambridge City Council believes that "housing" exists. Furthermore, the Council believes that it can independently manipulate the quantity, quality, and price of "housing." That is a fallacy. Cavellini and his cohorts should have listened when their grandmothers told them about eating cakes.

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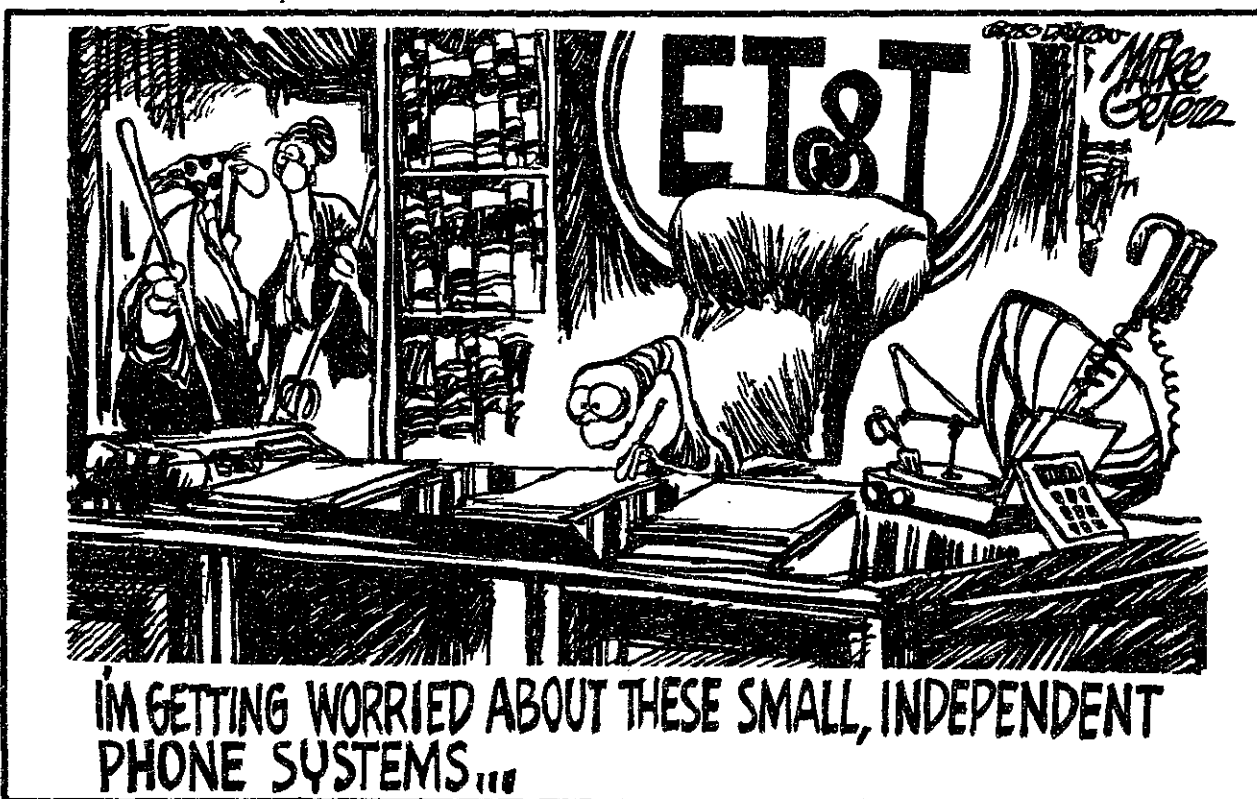
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Opinion

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Race is important

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Robert E. Malchman's "Letter from the Editor" of Feb. 1. In it, he defends *The Tech's* policy of identifying the race of people involved in a story if it is relevant, and says about the dismissal of former Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Mary O. Hope: "The fact is that Hope's dismissal affects minority interests greatly, and is therefore a minority issue." *The Tech* had run several stories on Hope's dismissal and the aftermath, most of which gave reasons why this affected minority interests. An editorial [Dec. 6, 1983] urged that the Institute choose a minority successor or look bad.

I agree that when the race of people involved is relevant, it should be mentioned. It seems inconsistent, then, that although it was clear from most of these stories (by implication or accompanying photo) that Hope is black, none of them mentioned that Dean Shirley M. McBay, who fired her, is also black. This casts a new light on the story, as it makes it seem more likely that non-racial reasons were involved in the dismissal. The fact that McBay is black may not be of paramount importance, but it obviously has some relevance and therefore should have been reported.

Joseph Shipman '82

Appreciate differences

Editor's note: The Tech received a copy of this open letter to Anne Lumsdaine '85 regarding her letter [Feedback, Jan. 25] concerning Robert E. Malchman's column [Jan. 18].

Dear Anne,

Thank you for explaining to us all that Robert meant to be funny in his article about France. Now, who would have guessed that? In particular, I appreciate your comments about this article being a typical example of American humor far too subtle to possibly be understood by anybody of non-American background. So sorry, instead of being funny, this whole story is actually pretty sad. Sad, because somebody having had the privilege to go and study in one of the most beautiful regions in the world comes back only able to write about dog excrement and pinching on the street. Sad, because although the world steadily gets smaller and the interaction between the different ethnic groups increases, many people seem as narrowminded and ignorant as was the case centuries ago. Yes, I understand so very well you are proud to be Americans, you have every reason to be because there are so many things to be proud of in this country. However, it should be possible to express it properly without putting other nationalities down.

If you want everything to be like home, stay home. If you decide to travel please try to open up your eyes and your mind. It is so easy to criticize; United States, France, Japan, or Nigeria, wherever you go you can find things that are not right or at least do not seem right to you. What is so much harder to do is to open up your mind and appreciate what the different cultures have to offer. In one country it might be

the wealth of opportunities open to you; in another country it is the closeness and togetherness of the family; in yet another country it is the ability to create and design things of great beauty. With a little patience you will find that every culture has something of its own to offer, something that is worth appreciation. And even more, it is quite possible to be proud of your own culture and at the same time realize that certain things might actually be as good if not better in other countries.

We seem to live in a time of great intolerance. It has become very fashionable to point out the mistakes of others which conveniently distracts the attention from our own faults and what ought to be done about them. It is also very popular to prevent any discussion by putting your adversaries into small boxes labelled "socialist," "chauvinist" or "racist" as if these few words could possibly describe a whole culture or even a single person. It is so much more complicated so much more challenging, so much more promising: We all have a right to be here, we all can learn a lot from each other and what is more important, and we all will have to learn from each other in order to keep on living in a world with a future for any of us.

Annette Kragh Larsen G

Editor's note: Malchman's column made no mention of dog excrement.

There is no "housing"

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The attempt to control the price of "housing" is called rent control. The idea of rent control is to place an upper limit on the rent a landlord is allowed to charge for an apartment. Rent control inevitably leads to a shortage of apartments, and to rundown, poorly maintained apartments. The City Council does not understand this.

Why not? Well, the landlord disappears when you talk about "housing," but he returns when you start talking about apartments. A landlord is an investor who puts up the money to build an apartment, and who expects to get his money back by renting out the apartment. Rent control, in general, cuts the rent so low that the landlord loses money on the apartment. He then has two choices. He can sell the apartment, or he can cut costs by skimping on maintenance. He will not just passively lose money for very long, and he certainly will not front the money to build another apartment.

Rent control, therefore, simultaneously caps both the price of an apartment and the number of



Civil Engineers are mellow

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MIT education — excluding textbooks, of course.

"B" is concerned with worldwide issues of the future of humanity. He works part-time trying to prevent nuclear war, and he still has time to row crew and go to Steve's Ice Cream every so often. This guy is really deep. I once asked him what time it was, and he said, "I only concern myself with global problems." And he chose Course I. Bear that in mind, potential Course VI majors who do not want to work for the defense department. In addition, both Miss A and Mr. B are whizzes with computer modeling, especially systems dynamics.

You can be sure that you will not escape computers in Course I. CivE uses them a lot for structural analysis, planning, and, of course, Zaxxon. They even have their own course, Introduction to Computers and Engineering Problem Solving (1.00). What a major! I sometimes wish I were One.

"C" loves bridges, especially the Brooklyn Bridge, which, as he proudly tells, he has never bought, although he did lease it for a few months. Mr. C is the source of what will be a regular part of these articles for each department — the Least Insignificant Bit of Education Learned (LIBEL). Here is the LIBEL of Mr. C in Course I:

While we were walking across the Harvard Bridge one brisk winter day, Mr. C said to me, "Did you know that if you brought all the bridges in the world to Cambridge, they would span the Charles River at least six

or seven times?" Bear that in mind, potential Course VI majors who think you know a thing or two.

Before continuing, I must respond to the claim that I have a reverse bias toward Course VI because my ex-fiancée, a civil engineer, happened to have disengaged from my company to wed a Course VI major. To those people, I say, Six and One's can break my buns, but puns can never hurt me.

Course I types seem to me a

bit more mellow and easy-going than most engineering types, perhaps because they tend to deal with larger projects that take more time and more patience to finish. Of course it might just be that they take more drugs. In any event, Course I really covers a lot of material, from ecology to bridges to dams to computers to why you should not fly into San Diego Airport if remaining distinguishable from the runway is high on your list of priorities.

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Very little humor in column

To the Editor:

Anne Lumsdaine '85 voiced her opinion [Feedback, Feb. 1] about Robert E. Malchman's column [Jan. 18]. She rushes to Malchman's aid to help him in the defense against the annoyed critics offered space in the Jan. 25 issue. Lumsdaine makes it easy for herself. She simply states: "Angry replies to this article (Malchman's) about the US were not necessary nor appropriate."

The reason for this, she argues, is that Malchman's column is written with a certain very American humor that foreigners can not perceive. Indeed Malchman touches some subjects such as "toilet seats" and "pinching women" which might cause naive readers to smite, but his prose is hardly humorous when it comes to comparing France and the United States: "My friend (American) assured me that constant cheating is an accepted practice among the French students. The teachers do not care about anything that does not pertain to their research. My friend said Tufts, his American school, is better academically. None of this should be too surprising when one considers the culture. The French are an arrogant lot ..."

Funny!? I must admit that I find it very difficult to see the humor in this citation (which in large is typical) or anywhere else in Malchman's column. Whether the facts are true or not it is very understandable that a French native feels offended by the article as did Philippe Dondel G [Feedback, Jan. 25].

Just in case the "humor argument" would not suffice, Lumsdaine continues her letter with bombastic and educating statements like: "Everyone, including both the French and the Americans, have their faults."

Oh, is that so?

"In my own home, I may criticize my house, but when one is a guest, the criticism come across

as ingratitude or hostility."

French natives should apparently not defend themselves when assulted officially in the United States.

Finally the whole discussion becomes embarrassing in its immaturity.

When reviewing this sequence of articles it is obvious that the reason for bad feelings is the lack of what is necessary for a subject like the one chosen by Malchman: humor! If Malchman would have skipped the patriotic comparison with the United States and concentrated on characterizing the French with some more humorous touch the article could even have been funny. It might even have been considered as a good piece of "tongue in cheek" or satire. As now presented Malchman's column was simply a very poor piece of art which intentions easily could be, and certainly were misunderstood. It is awkward for Malchman that he does not apologize or declare his intentions with the column. However, one is led to assume that he agrees with Lumsdaine since he does not take the opportunity to supplement her letter with his own view of the matter.

(Malchman is editor in chief of *The Tech*).

If the views presented by Malchman and Lumsdaine were rare exceptions they would not have been worth commenting. However, the opinion expressed in the articles is a sign of the rising nationalism in the United States, a country which takes pride in things like the invasion of Grenada and simultaneously is the leading superpower. That scares me.

Anders Wästerlid


Editor's note: Wästerlid is an exchange student studying at MIT.

Robert E. Malchman replies: I do not feel any particular awkwardness, but since Wästerlid's letter asks for clarification, I am happy to oblige. The column was actually a cross between Lumsdaine's and Wästerlid's assertions: It was a humorous piece, though evidently one not well executed, which poked fun at chauvinists, which succeeded in spurring a few to write to this newspaper. My actual feeling is that France — like most places — is a nice place to visit, but I would not want to live there.

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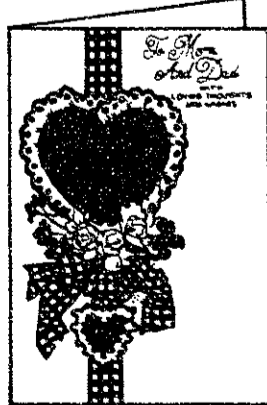
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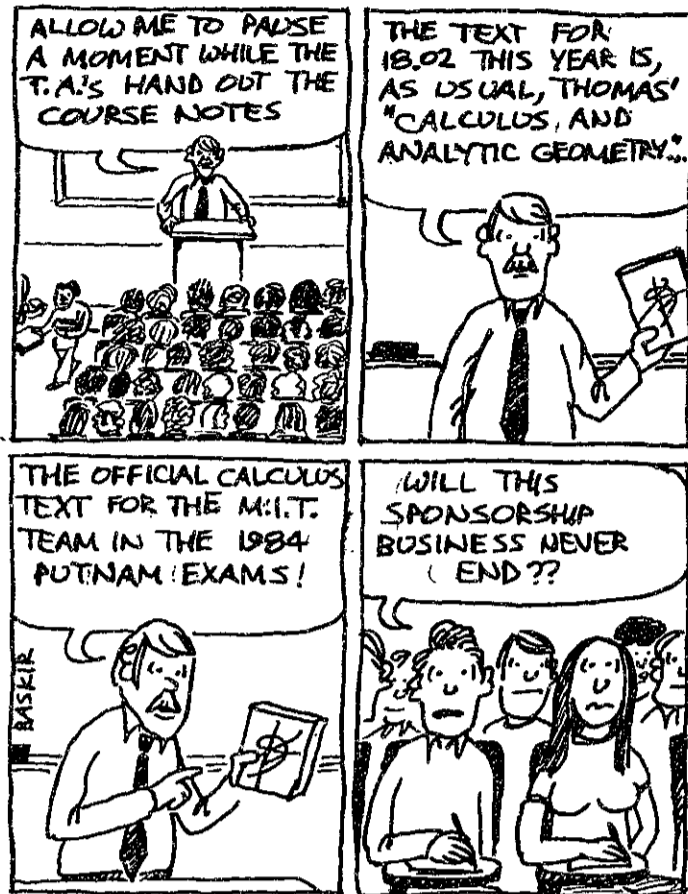


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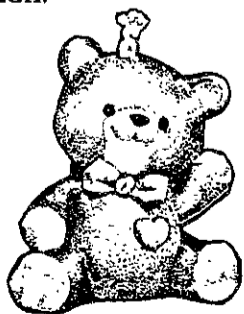
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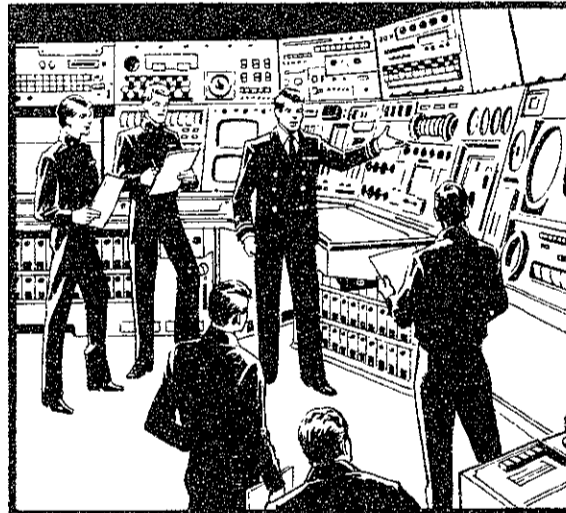
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Nixon in defense of self

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Secret Honor begins with Hall, as Nixon, sitting contemplatively next to the fireplace in his study, which is well-appointed as befitting a person of his stature. He doffs his suit coat, exchanging it for a maroon smoking jacket, and refills his glass with a healthy draught of scotch. He creeps stealthily about the room, and sud-

nise about various highlights during his life — his childhood, the "six crises" — and invariably becomes highly melodramatic. Suddenly he stops, and sheepishly asks his aide to "erase all that bullshit." Nixon relives many moments of his life, such as the "Checkers speech," then laughs as if to say "how incredible that anyone took it seriously," saying that he was always such a great actor.

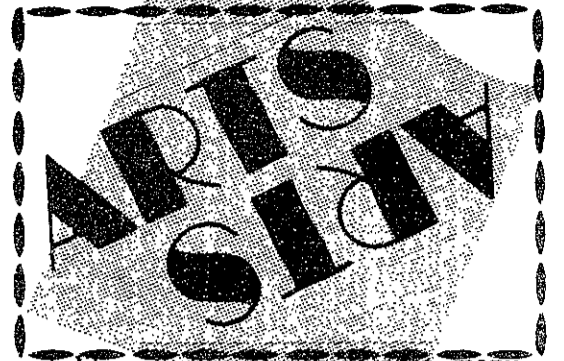
As Nixon becomes more and more inebriated, he begins to throw out disconnected bits and pieces, which at first do not seem to mean much but later begin to fit into a large jigsaw puzzle of chicanery and deceit. Example: Watergate was only the tip of the iceberg — the wrong iceberg. He resigned, not out of any sense of guilt, but to keep from being drafted for a third term as president — a constitutional amendment permitting this was, he believes, already in the works.

Nixon is hardly sanguine about his pardon, saying that he was never convicted and did nothing he should be sorry about. "I'm just an unindicted co-conspirator, along with everybody else in the country," he maintains. "I don't owe anything to anybody, except for you, Mother." His sainted mother, looking down upon him, knows what crimes he has committed — crimes not against society *per se*, but of the heart, mind, and soul.

Although he did not make a deal with the devil, he may have done something even worse — he made a deal with the "Committee of One Hundred," a real group of America's most influential power brokers, who periodically meet at the Bohemian Grove nestled deep in California's redwood forest to plot the future of the free world. It is at one of these retreats that Nixon is told that one day he will become president if he just does what they want him to; they will take care of all the details.

Nixon tastes power for the first time,

Drew Blakeman



and like a man who has spent many parched days in the desert, he drinks greedily. He has always been a loser in life, he maintains, but now he has a chance to be a winner — a real winner. He accepts the challenge, not realizing until too late that he cannot get out of the game even if he wanted. This play should, if nothing else, keep conspiracy buffs happy.

It is impossible to determine whether the Nixon in *Secret Honor* is merely drunk and telling these incredible stories in a loose-lipped fashion, or if he has gone completely off the deep end and is fantasizing the events he recounts. Nixon may have been crazy, but if that is so, he was also crazy like a fox — he knew more about the uses and abuses of power than most people could have ever conceived.

Secret Honor is, ultimately, a tragedy, but it contains liberal doses of high comedy. Hall delivers a stunningly brilliant portrayal of Nixon that not only entralls, but makes our former chief executive almost seem like a human being with the same hopes and fears, inadequacies and triumphs, as anybody else. The play is a sort of political fantasy, a depiction of the way things might be, not necessarily the way they are.

Robert Altman, a co-producer of the play, has indicated that a film version of this well-written script has already been filmed and that it will be released this summer. If the real Nixon should perchance view it, he might not like what he sees — or he might think it to be a brilliant portrayal. But he would never let on; that's just not his style.



It will be ten years this August since Richard Milhous Nixon resigned the presidency of the United States. Even so, he remains in the public psyche. There is a certain aura, a certain mystique, which still surrounds the only person to leave the Oval Office voluntarily; Nixon was never one to let himself be available to close public scrutiny.

Secret Honor: Nixon's Last Tape is fiction, but is based primarily on fact. The play takes place in the present, and follows 95 minutes of action in the former president's private study as he goes about his final act of retribution — Nixon is going to make one final tape recording which will tell the real story behind Watergate and exonerate him.

This is a one-man show; no actor appears on stage other than Philip Baker Hall, who portrays Nixon as a man bedeviled by a past that he did not create, but is nonetheless guilty of acquiescence in its creation. Although Hall looks more like Jack Klugman than Richard Nixon, he has the latter's mannerisms and vocal inflections down pat — including the shifty eyes, the tendency to cross his arms and hunch over, and the expletives (which are left undeleted — virtually every line is punctuated with at least one).

Nixon is, quite simply, a most interesting character, combining the classic dramatic elements of both comedy and tragedy — some writer would have had to invent him if he did not already exist. As is often the case, truth is stranger than fiction, and Nixon is an exceedingly strange person. His paranoia and megalomania are reasonably well documented, if only circumstantially, and his obsession for secrecy is known to be a major contribution to his political demise.

denly throws open the door to see if anyone is eavesdropping on him. Yes, Nixon is still Nixon, and then some.

Nixon moves slowly about his office adjusting the levels of the room's lights until they are just so. There are three portraits on the wall — of former presidents Eisenhower and Wilson, and of Nixon's Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger. Nixon first bathes the pictures in light with hidden spotlights, then abruptly shuts the lights off as if shutting the men out of his life.

He attempts to operate the tape recorder on his desk, but something is amiss — all he can get out of it is a depressing harpichord dirge, which ironically fits the mood of the man. He calls to his assistant Roberto, who is never seen, to fix the recorder, demonstrating that he continues having problems with the tapes' mechanics.

Eventually all is well, but there is one more thing Nixon must do before he can begin taping. He unlocks a drawer in his desk (the key hidden in a vase on a shelf across the room) and pulls out a revolver, loads it, and places it in plain view stage center on top of the desk. The gun remains there most of the play, as a grim suggestion of — something.

Nixon begins talking into the microphone on his desk, taking the guise of a defense attorney attempting to clear the name of his "client" — himself. As the play progresses, he stops every so often to refresh his drink before continuing, eventually becoming falling-down smashed. But he never stops his monologue, occasionally directing his comments to one of the pictures on the wall or to his mother, who is seemingly lurking in the shadows.

He often gets sidetracked from the matter at hand, and starts to drunkenly remi-



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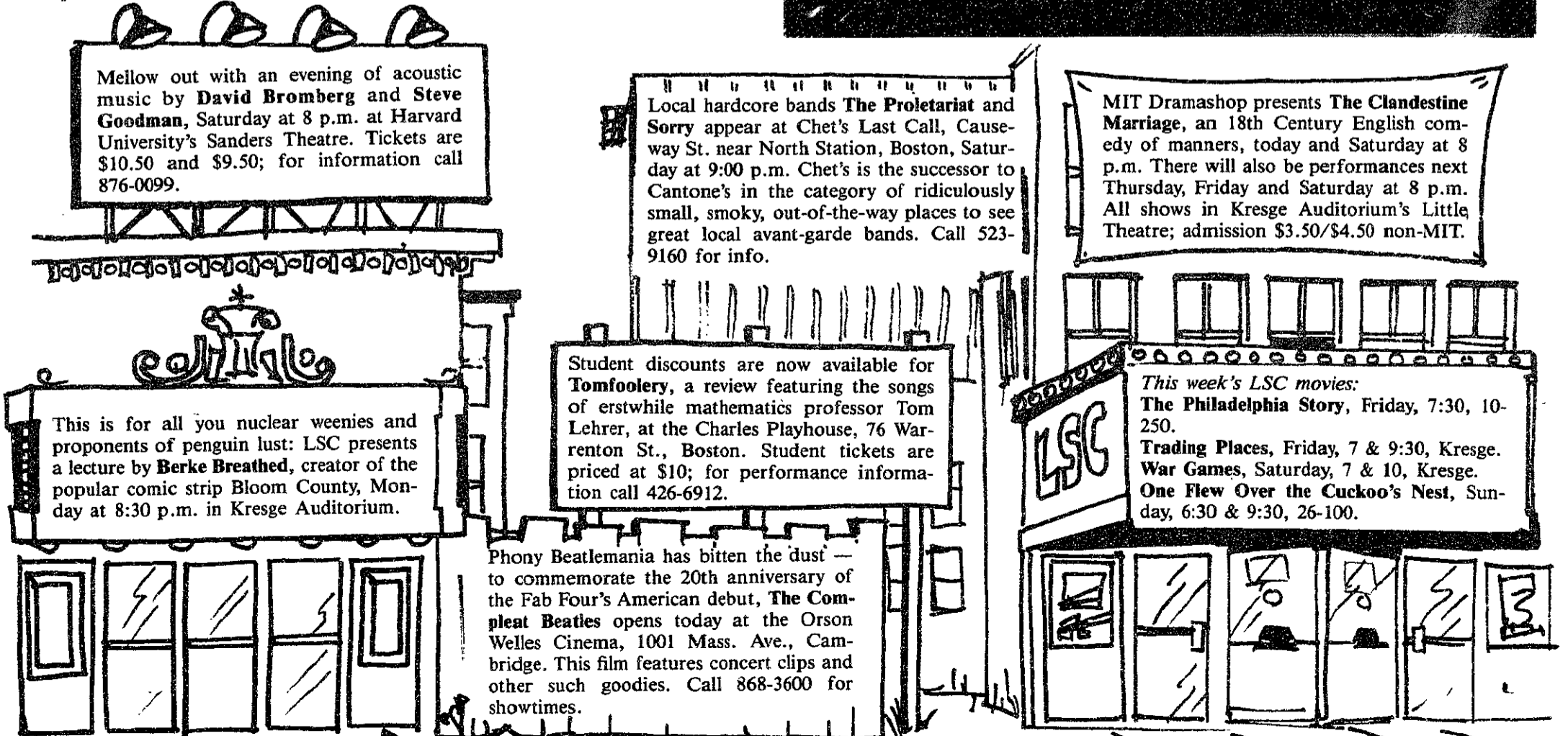
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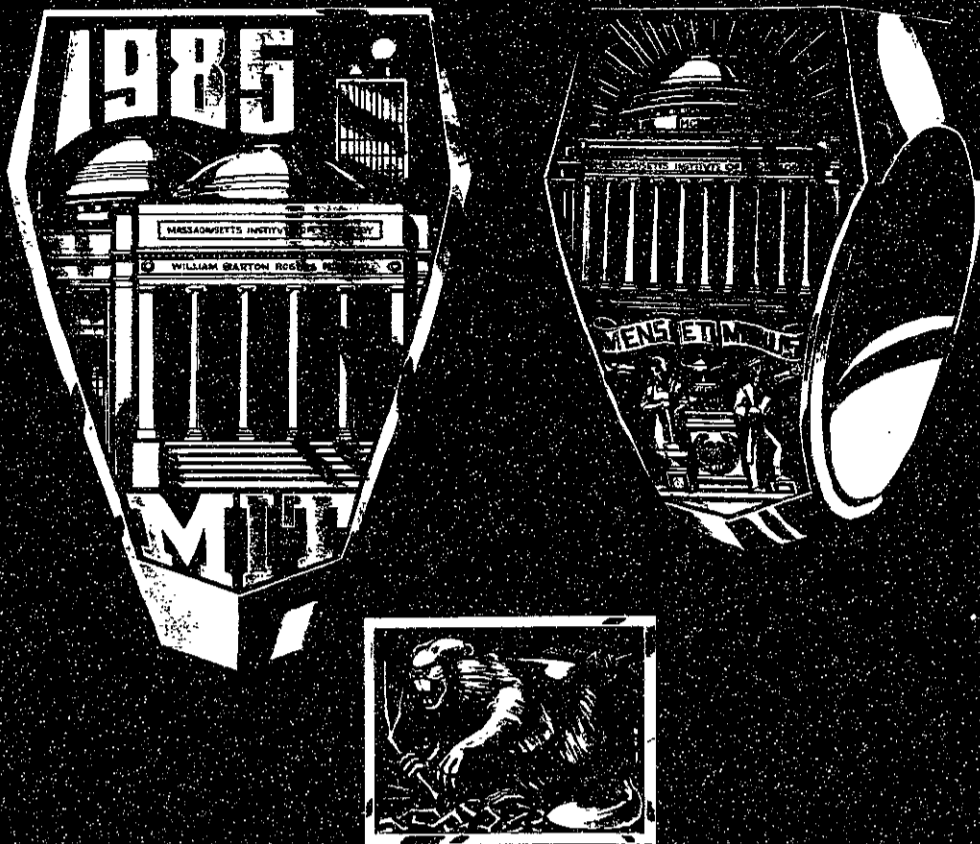
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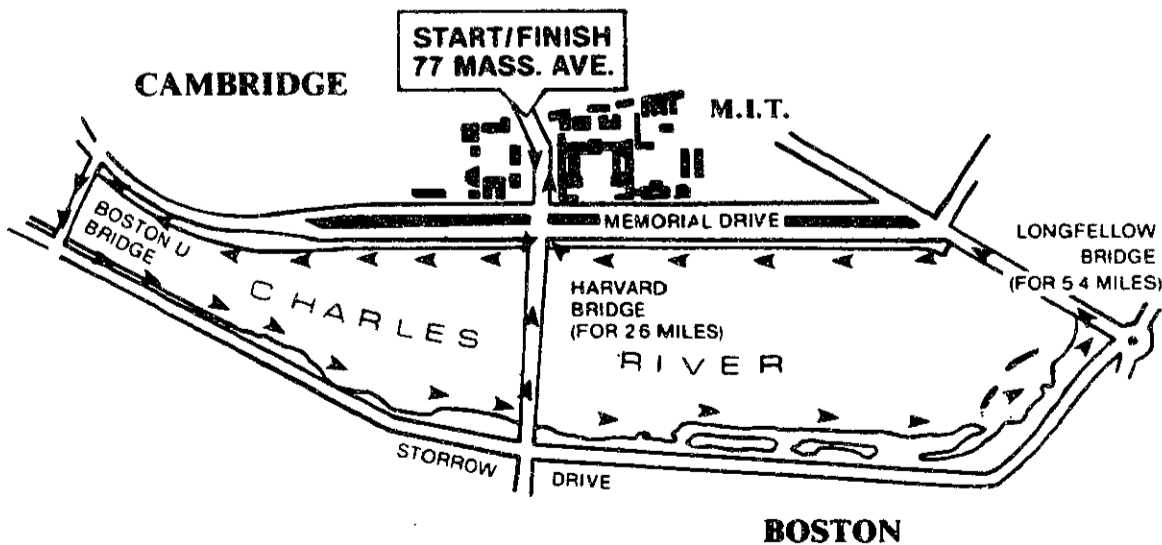


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feedback

Column's arguments are irrelevant

To the Editor:

It is unfortunate that Robert E. Malchman's article "Home is where the water runs" [Jan. 18] contributes to the stereotyped ideas that so many Americans already have of foreign countries, and France in particular. We feel

it is necessary to reestablish some truths about issues raised by Malchman.

As an example, although some of the student dormitories in France might not have the full comfort that Malchman requires, it should be emphasized that food

and lodging are extremely cheap, and that, in addition, French universities are tuition-free. By the way, the *toilettes a la Turque* (which are rare), as toilets without seats are called, do have the major advantage of being more hygienic. In fact, bathrooms in France in general have an extra piece of sanitary equipment, totally unknown in the United States, the *bidet*.

Most of the arguments given by Malchman are totally irrelevant to the point he tries to make. Paris being cold in the winter (which is a surprising assertion from someone used to frigid winters in Boston, much different from Paris where it rarely freezes) does not have anything to do with the academic standard of the Sorbonne. The general level of French academic standards actually seems to be perfectly acceptable when you consider the fact that most French students at MIT obtain, without cheating, their master's degree in one year, contrary to most other students, despite the many problems of adaptation they actually face when they arrive at MIT.

Furthermore, we believe that we French, have as many reasons as Americans to be arrogant. Our famous culture, for example, which Malchman is totally oblivious of, and which has nothing to do with dogs in trains and his friend being pinched (we would be interested to know where in Paris this happens so frequently) is one reason. It is true that in France, any police officer can stop you and demand your identity card. Big deal. You are not required by law to carry it, anyway.

Although there are things about the United States that we do appreciate very much, as we have been here for a number of years, we unfortunately have to agree with Malchman that for us, French students in this foreign land, there is indeed no place like home.

Guy Manuel G
Philippe Marguier G

Globetrotters of the Democratic Party." Or again, "In 1960, most blacks were living in an apartheid existence in the United States. Some people lost their lives to change that . . . now we look at students who are laid back, plastic, and uninvolved . . . twenty years ago to vote, just to vote, was a dream . . ."

The power of black pulpit prosody is not new in America, not is its widespread appeal. James Weldon Johnson was a leading light of the post World War I Harlem renaissance of arts and letter. In the preface to his book *God's Trombones*, he explains that before 1776 there were famous black preachers spreading the gospel to blacks and whites. He adds, ". . . the most famous of these earliest preachers was Black Harry, who during the revolutionary period, accompanied Bishop Asbury as a drawing card and preached from the same platform with other members of the Methodist church. Of him, John Ledman in his *History of the Rise of Methodism in America* says, 'The truth was that Henry was a more popular speaker than Mr. Asbury or almost anyone else in his day.'"

While Americans do not want an easily excitable president, we do want one who can appeal with feeling to a sense of national purpose. By bringing the methods of the black preacher, the "moral appeal," into this year's presidential campaign, Jackson may well show the other candidates the means with which to take public political discussion beyond the question of image to the matter of substance.

W. T. Cobb '84

Jackson likeable

To the Editor:

Never mind what goes on in the smoke-filled rooms. As far as the public mind is concerned, political success is determined by one's ability to project an appealing image. Given a credible background, and barring substantial *faux pas*, the candidate who can capture the imagination of the voters can capture their hearts. Today, the contents of the public mind are given to us by the media.

Said William F. Buckley's *National Review* of 11/25/83, ". . . Whatever else may be said about Jesse Jackson, he is not boring . . . next to his seven beige opponents, he comes across in technicolor . . ."

Left-liberal journalist Andrew Korkind has also become excited by the Jackson campaign. Korkind sets forth the notes of his paean to the Jackson movement in a front page article in *The Nation* [Sept. 26, 1983] called "Black Power in the Age of Jackson."

The reverend is creating such a stir because he speaks in a language of powerful images. We still, to these many days, remember Glenn shouting "gobbledygook" and Mondale shouting back "baloney" at the New Hampshire debate. According to the *Christian Science Monitor* [Jan. 17, 1984], the exchange was deliberately provoked by Glenn in an attempt to find a ". . . chance to 'really shine,' as his advisors feel he does when he shows his indignation . . ." As image projection goes, that exchange looks pale compare to Jackson's comment that, "Blacks will no longer be the Harlem

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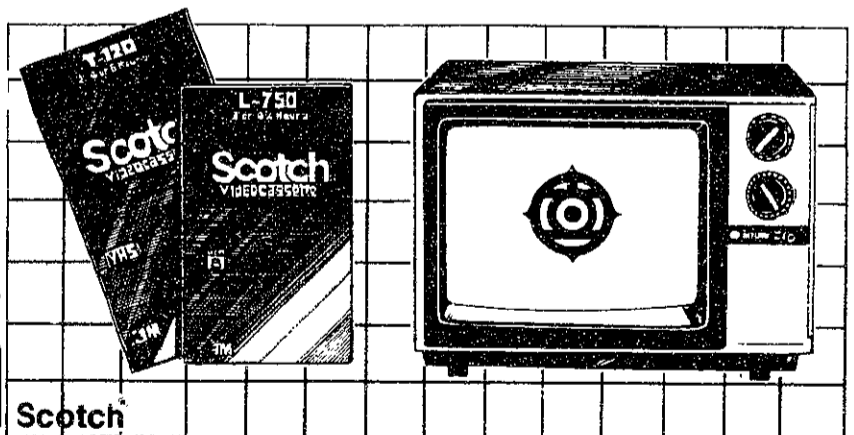
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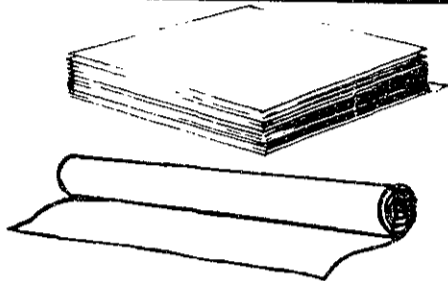
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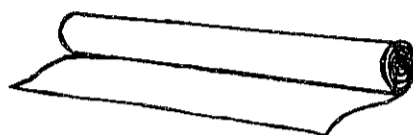
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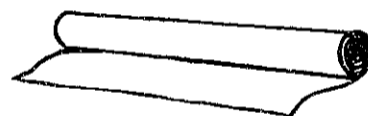
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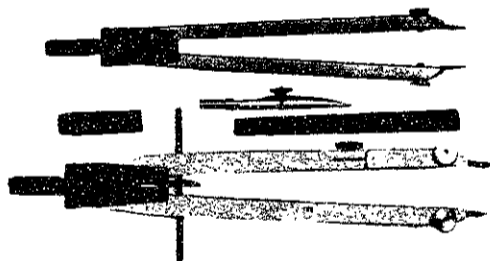
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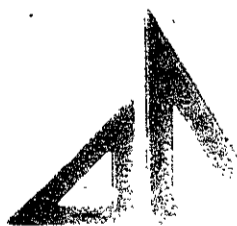
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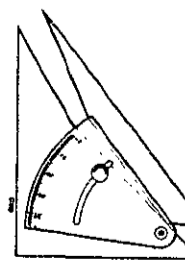
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Opinion

Guest Column/Tom McKendree

Here a Mac, there a Mac

A little etymology: Many years ago there was a prefix "Mac," often abbreviated "Mc." It was used in Scotland, and meant "Son of." McDermott meant "Son of Dermott," McKendree meant "Son of Kendree" (actually it did not, my ancestors lied about their name), and McDonald meant "Son of Donald." Over the years these names came not only to be names of individuals, but also to name whole families.

Some of these families immigrated to America. In particular there were two brothers of Scottish descent who ran a restaurant in California. Their family name was McDonald. They sold hamburgers, french fries, and milkshakes. Indeed, they sold so many milkshakes that they needed six Multi-Mixers (milkshake machines) to satisfy demand. This so intrigued Ray Kroc, Multi-Mixer salesman, that he came out to visit the McDonalds' restaurant. He was so impressed, as the saying goes, he bought the company. Actually Mr. Kroc acquired the right to franchise the McDonald's name, and eventually built the McDonald's empire. He died recently.

The McDonald's Corporation has meanwhile, in recent years, appropriated the "Mc" prefix. When you no longer seemed to deserve a break, McDonald's ads began playing up McHamburgers, McFries, and McShakes. The intent was to change "Mc" from meaning "Son of" to meaning a "a McDonald's product." McFries were french fries sold by McDonald's. McShakes were milkshakes sold by McDon-

ald's (it should be noted that what the rest of Boston refers to as a "Frappe," McDonald's still faithfully calls a "Milkshake"). McCaviar would have been fish eggs sold by McDonald's. It was all benign; though rather inane.

McDonald's has since flirted with McLanguage, complete with McNouns, McVerbs, and occasional McAdjectives, but without, apparently McPrepositions, McConjunctions, or McQualifiers. Fortunately, America has managed to pretty much ignore this silliness.

Now for current events: During the Super Bowl, while President Reagan failed to send in the 101st Airborne to rescue the Redskins, there was a commercial showing a woman dressed in Apple computer red running from black clothed police, disrupting a group of mindless workers, and shattering a picture of Big Brother dressed in IBM blue. The voice over went "On January 24th, Apple Computer will introduce Mac, and you'll see why 1984 won't be like 1984." Tuesday Apple introduced its "Macintosh" computer. It is an impressive computer, similar to the Lisa, but less expensive than the IBM PC. Apple also announced two of the first programs for the Macintosh, a word processor, and a graphics package. Their respective titles were MacWrite and MacPaint.

You can see it coming now, can't you? True, "Mac" isn't "Mc," so we may be spared the indignity of another gratuitously silly legal battle. Unfortunately Apple has had a distressing tendency to name their various pro-

ducts "Apple-blank." Should they continue this tradition, naming their various Macintosh products "Mac-blank," the combined silliness of the Apple and McDonald's Corporations' may be too much for the language to resist. Furthermore, while the Macintosh may bomb, it has the potential of becoming the Model-T of modern computers. Should Macintosh become as ubiquitous as McDonald's, the MacConfusion would be terrible. McNewSpeak indeed.

Perhaps I am over-reacting. English is, after all, a living language, and one can think of the looming Mc-inization not as a degrading putrid corruption, but as one aspect of evolution. I am just afraid that one day I will go looking for a job, and the interviewer will say "McKendree, doesn't that mean Son of Greasy Software?"

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(Continued from page 1)

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- "I believe that if I had a job-related grievance, MIT's grievance procedure would be;
- "MIT's career advancement opportunities are;
- "I feel that my input as to who I work for and how many people I report to is;
- "My freedom to arrange working hours is;
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- "The allocation of parking spaces at MIT is;
- "My overall view of my salary, benefits, and job satisfaction is."

The questionnaire also asked the respondent to label the following statements as either true or false or to indicate no opinion:

- "If I had a specific problem, I would feel comfortable seeking a resolution through discussions with my supervisor(s) and/or administrative officer and/or my department head;

- "I would like to see a dental plan as part of support staff benefits package;

- "I would like MIT to close down for support staff, as well as students, the week between Christmas and New Years Day;

- "I think MIT's closing policy is reasonable during snow storms;

- "I plan to be working at MIT three years from today;

- "If I am working at MIT three years from today, I believe I will have a promotion with an appropriate salary increase;

- "I feel that through my job, I am making a worthwhile contribution to MIT, of which I am proud;

- "My job description accurately reflects my current duties;

- "MIT is sensitive to safety concerns relative to the support staff such as exposure to chemicals and radiation, proper ventilation, etc.;

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Trackmen play in Boston tourney

Patrice Parris '85 placed third in the 35-pound weight throw with a personal best of 59' 1.5" in Saturday's Greater Boston Championships hosted by Harvard. Gordon Holterman '87 finished third in the 1000-yard run, and co-captain John Taylor '84 was fifth in the 440. The strong performance followed a 91-45 trouncing of arch-rival Tufts on Jan. 27, where Holterman won both the 1000 and the mile.

Men's gymnastics jumps to 5-0

The men's gymnastics team, under the guidance of second-year coach Fran Molesso, upped its record to 5-0, defeating Harvard and Vermont in a triangular meet last week. Captain Mike Ehrlich '84 paced the Engineers with a 9.05 in the floor exercise, and Rick Campione '85 set an

MIT record with his score of 8.80 in the rings.

Swim teams win

The women's swimming team continued its tear, defeating Wellesley 76-64 last Monday in Alumni Pool. The win was the Engineers' fourth in a row after having suffered three straight losses at the start of the season.

The men's team evened its record at 3-3 with a 75-38 victory over Southeastern Massachusetts Feb. 1.

Squash men split

The squash team split a pair of matches last weekend, beating visiting Columbia 5-4 Saturday and losing 7-2 to Army Sunday. Dave Pope G and Albert Pleus '84 each won both of their matches, as MIT's record moves to 7-8.

Quinnipiac dumps men's hockey

The men's hockey club dropped to 6-6 with a 7-5 loss to Division III Quinnipiac Saturday. The loss was the club's second in as many games.

Cagemen hit 2-13

The men's basketball team

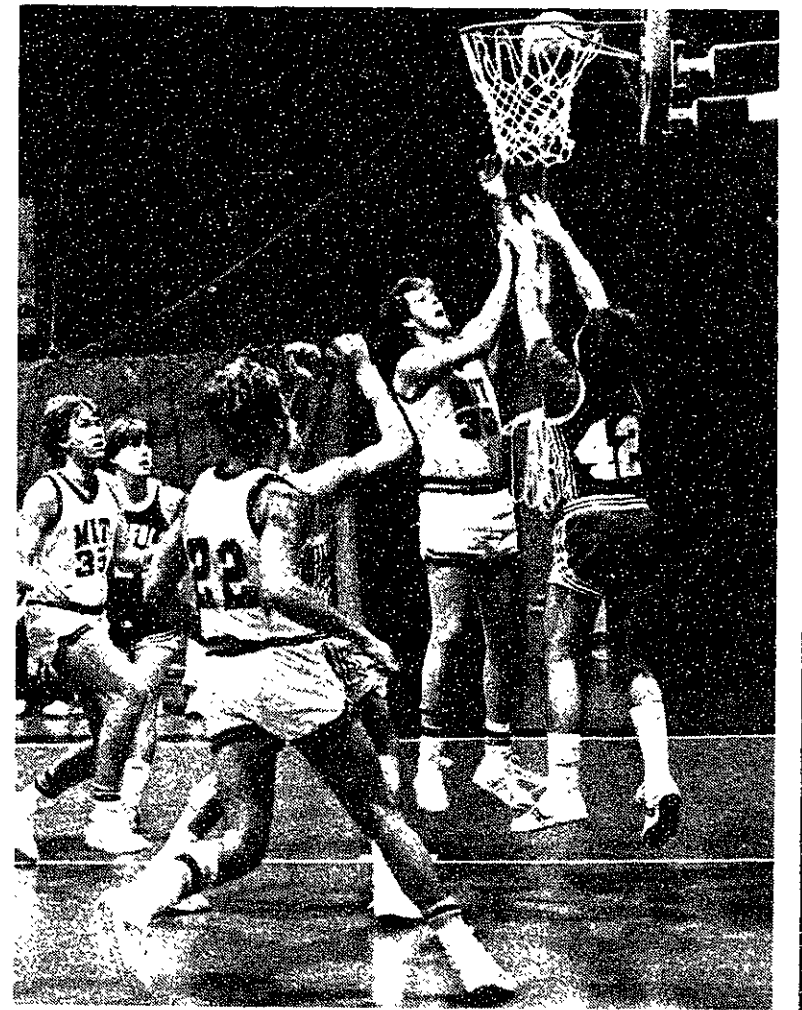
dropped an 80-70 decision to the visiting Suffolk Rams Wednesday for the squad's fourth straight loss after a pair of wins. Mike McElroy '87 lead the Engineers with 22 points and 9 rebounds. The loss brings MIT's record to 2-13 as the young team continues to struggle.

The scores from the men's basketball team's IAP trip to India:
Jan. 2 Indian National All-Stars 88, MIT 62
Jan. 3 White All-Stars 76, MIT 60
Jan. 4 Blue All-Stars 75, MIT 66
Jan. 5 White All-Stars 87, MIT 83
Jan. 6 MIT 58, Blue All-Stars 56
Jan. 7 Blue All-Stars 70, MIT 55
Jan. 9 MIT 68, Junior National All-Stars 54
Jan. 10 MIT 69, White All-Stars 68
Jan. 11 Delhi All-Stars 69, MIT 68

NCAA: Altman is coach of the year

MIT coach Karyn Altman '78 has been named the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III Women's Volleyball Coach-of-the-Year by the Collegiate Volleyball Coaches Association.

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Alexander Romeo '86 leaps to place the ball through the rim in MIT's losing basketball match against Suffolk University on Wednesday.

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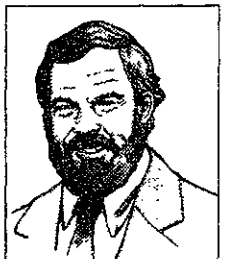
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Mark Myers '84 pins his opponent from Amherst College, winning the match during MIT's meet with Amherst and Bowdoin College on Sunday. MIT won the day's competition with a score of 35-12 against Amherst and 30-27 against Bowdoin, raising its season record to 16-3.



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Missy Maxfield '85 scores 7.6 on the balance beam competition during MIT's victory over Smith College on Tuesday.

Gymnasts vault over Smith

By Victor J. Diniak

The women's gymnastics team defeated visiting Smith College Tuesday night by a score of 122.15 to 113.3, in what sixth-year MIT head coach Linda Laatsch expected to be a "hard, close match."

A key to Tuesday's victory was Missy Maxfield '85: She took first place in each of the four events to finish first in the overall competition with a score of 30.7, 5.7 points higher than Smith's top scorer, Wendy Gordon.

MIT's Evie Vance '86 captured third in the overall competition.

Smith College took the vaulting competition, the first event of the meet, by a score of 37.5 to 36.9, despite Maxfield's high score of 8.25. Gordon, scoring 7.75, and Susan Howard, scoring 7.70, brought second and third places to Smith.

The Engineers came back in the uneven parallel bars, defeat-

ing Smith by 3.2 points to take a narrow lead in the meet.

Maxfield's 7.8 was too much for Howard, who took second with a 5.7. Virginia Chang '85 tied Gordon for third place with a 5.2.

MIT mounted the balance beam and assumed control of the meet. Maxfield scored 7.6 and Vance 6.75 to take first and second places, respectively. Smith's Maribel Marcy scored 6.3 for third place, but the Engineers' team total of 30.6 topped Smith's 26.7.

Leading by 6.5 points, MIT had just to match Smith in the floor competition to take the meet. The Engineers went a step further as Maxfield's first place and Vance's second pushed MIT to a 28.7 to 26.35 victory in the event.

Laatsch was pleased with her squad's victory. "The girls gave a tremendous effort," she said.

"Practice and hard work paid off."

The team scored eight points higher than it had in its last match, she noted.

The gymnasts' next home meet is Saturday against Albany State. The meet will start at 2 p.m. in duPont.

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