

## Housemasters of three dorms resign

By Diana ben-Aaron

The housemasters of three Institute Houses have submitted resignations effective this summer.

Prof. Nathan H. Cook '50 and his wife Collie have resigned as housemasters of MacGregor House. The Cooks have been housemasters of MacGregor since it was built fifteen years ago.

Prof. Cook will retire from MIT's Mechanical Engineering Department as well as from the housemaster system.

Prof. Robert I. Hulsizer Jr. PhD '48 has resigned as housemaster of Ashdown House after 11 years there, and Prof. Judith T. and Alfred Kildow will be leaving East Campus after two years as housemasters.

In a letter to residents of East Campus, the Kildows wrote that they had enjoyed their tenure there, but it was "hard work . . . and very demanding of our time."

"You deserve Housemasters who can continue to go to bat for you aggressively over the many issues that confront you in attempts to upgrade the quality of living in East Campus. We've run out of gas," the letter continued.

None of the departing housemasters could be reached for comment.

The Office of the Dean for Student Affairs (ODSA) and search committees appointed by the three house governments have be-

gun the process of selecting new housemasters, according to Associate Dean for Student Affairs Robert A. Sherwood.

Only tenured professors may be considered for the housemaster positions, which carry a stipend as well as a rent-free apartment, Sherwood noted. "We've got a large number of outstanding tenured professors who are under consideration this year," he said.

House residents can nominate professors for the housemaster positions, and the ODSA maintains a list of professors who have expressed interest in being housemasters. Each screening committee will interview a "short list" of candidates chosen from these groups, Sherwood said.

Candidates on the short lists will also meet with the current housemasters and look at their apartment, and they may meet the tutors, he added. Additionally, they may have the opportunity to meet the whole house at study breaks.

After they have gone through the house evaluation process, housemaster candidates meet with Dean for Student Affairs Shirley M. McBay, Vice President Constantine B. Simonides, and Sherwood.

Finally, the student search committee confers with McBay, Simonides, and Sherwood and they "collectively come to a decision of which professor is most appropriate for the particular house," Sherwood said.

## GSC meets to allocate funds, urge more graduate housing

By Carl A. LaCombe

The Graduate Student Council held its final meeting of the fall term on Dec. 13.

Director of Graduate Alumni Programs Janet L. Serman announced a telethon to be held Jan. 23 to raise money for graduate student fellowships and aid to departments. She added that the Institute has planned a capital fundraising campaign that will extend over the next few years, with a goal in the range of half a billion dollars.

Several members of the GSC asked if money from the telethon and capital campaign would be set aside for new graduate student housing, citing the present shortage of graduate housing.

Robert A. Sherwood, Associate Dean for Student Affairs, suggested that the GSC write to *Technology Review* and fraternity newsletters asking alumni to donate money specifically for graduate housing.

The council voted to send a letter to *Technology Review* publicizing the need for new graduate student housing, and to write to the Development Office expressing concern over the housing shortage and requesting a statement of the use of Development Office funding.

GSC President Rene J. LeClaire Jr. G announced that the GSC has begun publication of the *Graduate Student News*, a newsletter of graduate student affairs and 5000 copies of the first issue were distributed.

The council appropriated \$450

to cover the cost of publishing the next issue of the newsletter and the remaining expenses for the first issue.

Making graduate students aware of the newsletter is a major problem facing the GSC, because unlike undergraduates many graduate students seldom go through Lobby 7.

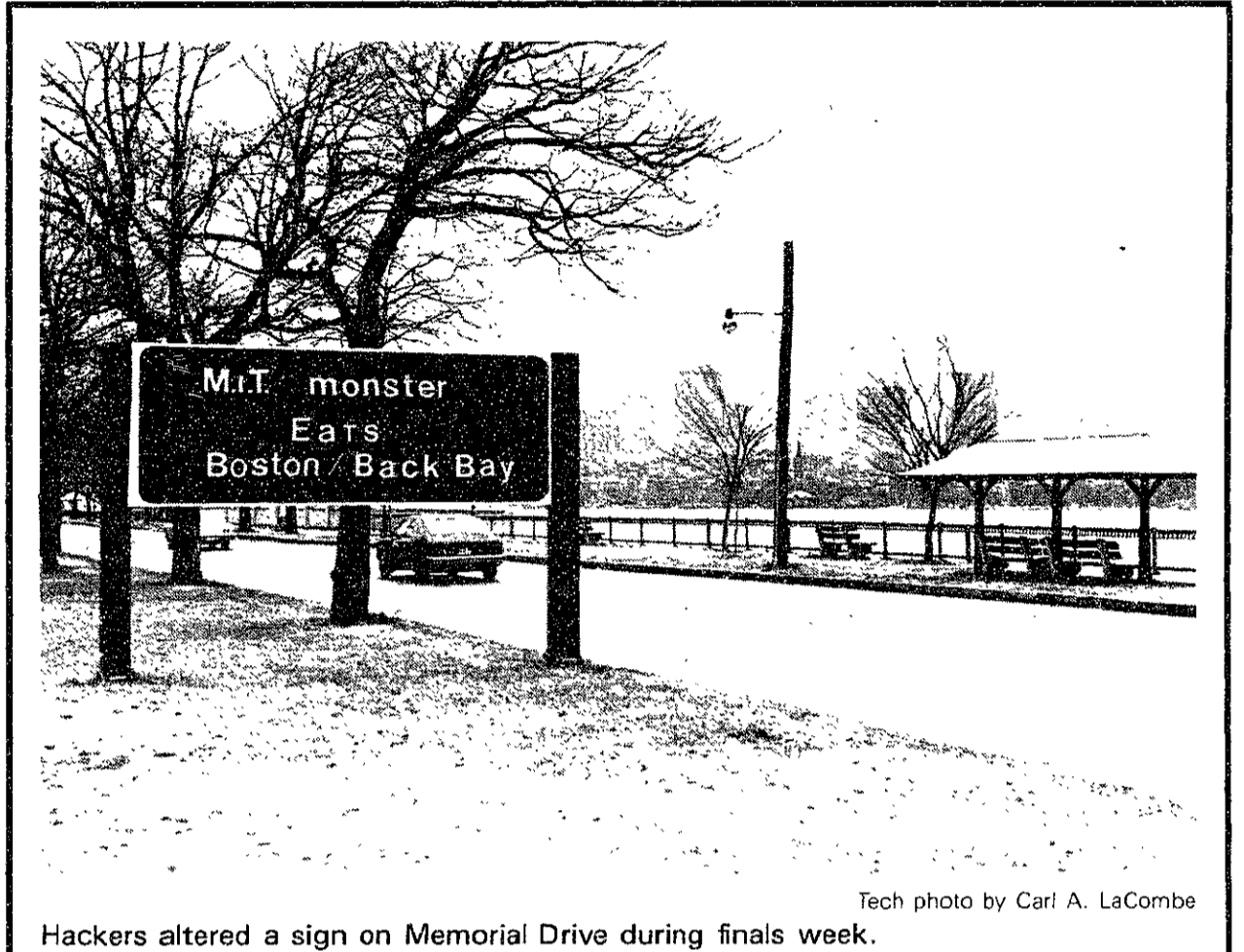
GSC members were asked to suggest drop points that would make the newsletter accessible to a large share of the graduate student population. Mailing the newsletter directly to the students would be expensive, as most graduate students live off-campus.

The GSC is also investigating the possibility of mailing the letters interdepartmentally to all graduate students' offices, although several members expressed doubts that the interdepartmental mail service would deliver such a large number of copies of the newsletter.

Harry A. Atwater G, representing MIT Student Pugwash, requested \$900 from the GSC to help fund the keynote address for the MIT Alternative Jobs Fair being held on Feb. 14.

The purpose of the fair is to present information to MIT students about alternative career opportunities in areas of which students are generally unaware. Atwater said that the planned speaker is consumer advocate Ralph Nader.

While most members agreed that the fair is worthwhile, they spent a great deal of time debat-



Tech photo by Carl A. LaCombe

Hackers altered a sign on Memorial Drive during finals week.

## Porn committee gathers on its own, discusses purpose

By Joe Kilian

Five members of the *Ad Hoc* Pornography Screening Committee attended an unofficial meeting of the committee on Dec. 17.

Neither Dean for Student Affairs Shirley M. McBay, who is not on the committee, nor committee chairman Niti Seth attended the meeting.

At the unofficial meeting, Prof. John Hildebidle, a member of the committee, announced some proposals he plans to bring up at the official committee meeting today. These include:

- setting up an agreed-upon meeting schedule,
- reducing or eliminating the presence of representatives of the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs (ODSA) at meetings,
- shifting administrative duties from the ODSA to committee members.

The committee "obviously needs a constitution," said Susan P. Gertzis '86, who is not on the committee.

Committee member Terence Galati '85 raised the issue of what constitutes a quorum for the committee. Bezanson proposed that instead of requiring a quorum to vote on a movie, a strict number of yes votes would be necessary for approval.

Gertzis asked if future commit-

tee meetings would be open to the public, and Galati replied that the consensus at a previous meeting was that they would.

The date of today's official meeting, called by McBay, will prevent the Lecture Series Committee (LSC) from showing a sexually explicit movie on Feb. 1 under the current interpretation of the guidelines, said Tim Bezanson '85, an LSC representative to the committee. He suggested that someone not affiliated with either the ODSA or LSC should call the meetings.

"We need to evaluate how we stand on this," said Ken Weems '86, another LSC representative, citing problems with the ODSA's use of a "pocket veto." The *ad hoc* committee is "as well as a vehicle for screening, a vehicle for denial," Weems said.

LSC will announce that it is negotiating to show a sexually explicit

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Rene LeClaire G, president of the Graduate Student Council.

## notices

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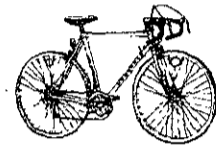
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## Ad hoc group discusses its place in porn movie conflict

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licit movie on Feb. 1, Bezanson said.

Dan Helman, a graduate student on the committee, raised the question of what the committee's purpose is. "Should we seek out movies that fit our guidelines, or should we just let LSC submit films?" Helman asked.

The task of finding films meeting the committee's requirements would be, "a job of a lifetime itself," said Hildebidle.

"The committee will see a lot of films," said Bezanson. LSC may present a film to the committee at each meeting in an attempt to create "a cache of films" that have been reviewed by the committee, Bezanson said.

Bezanson brought a copy of *The Opening of Misty Beethoven* to the meeting, but the movie was not screened.

Debate in the ad hoc committee is "centering too much on the fact that this is the LSC," Gertzis said.

"When LSC shows a movie it gets an institutional seal . . . The Institute is the partner of LSC in many regards," Hildebidle commented, citing LSC's special status in the MIT community.

LSC has a monopoly on charging money for 35 mm films of "general interest", according to Bezanson.

"It's a kind of activity the Institute shouldn't be formally connected to," Hildebidle said.

Helman raised the question of whether the committee should have to review films the group wishing to show the film predicts the committee will reject.

"We don't have to have everyone watch a film we are giving a no to," Helman suggested.

Hildebidle, on the other hand, favored reviews in these circumstances, stating that the committee might accept a movie even though the sponsoring group assumed they would reject it. He also stressed the "educational value" of such reviews.

"In the end everyone knows what gets community approval and what doesn't," Hildebidle said.

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**Soviets apologize to Norway and Finland** — The Soviet Union apologized for an unarmed "winged target" that crashed in a lake in Finland Dec. 28. The object was not called a missile by the official Soviet news agency Tass.

## Nation

**Baker, Regan trade jobs** — White House Chief of Staff James Baker and Treasury Secretary Donald Regan have switched jobs, White House Press Secretary Larry Speakes announced yesterday. Reaction on Capitol Hill has been generally favorable to the change in positions.

## Weather

**Cold, windy, sunny, and more cold** — Today will be in the 20s and sunny, with temperatures in the single digits tonight and clouds and temperatures in the upper 20s tomorrow.

Gregory D. Troxel

# police log

**Student mugged and injured near Central Square** — An MIT student was attacked and robbed by three males at Brookline and Pacific streets at 8 pm on Dec. 10. The student was taken to Cambridge City Hospital for treatment of injuries, and the suspects in the attack were arrested later that evening.

**Person arrested in Lobby 7 wallet theft** — A person was arrested by the MIT Police on Mass. Ave. for larceny and trespassing after stealing a woman's wallet in Lobby 7 around 2 pm.

**Wallet stolen from Building 10** — At 1 pm on Dec. 10 a student reported her wallet stolen from a backpack she left hanging on a coat rack in her lab in Building 10.

**TV stolen from MacGregor** — A MacGregor resident reported seeing two suspicious males at 4 pm on Jan. 6. When the Campus Police arrived, a portable TV and nativity figures were missing, and investigation showed that many students had seen the intruders.

**Baker laser hits runner** — A student reported to the Campus Police that a Baker House resident shined a laser beam on him as he jogged on the MIT track at 1 am on Dec. 19. Campus Police investigated the incident and referred it to the Baker House Judicial Committee.

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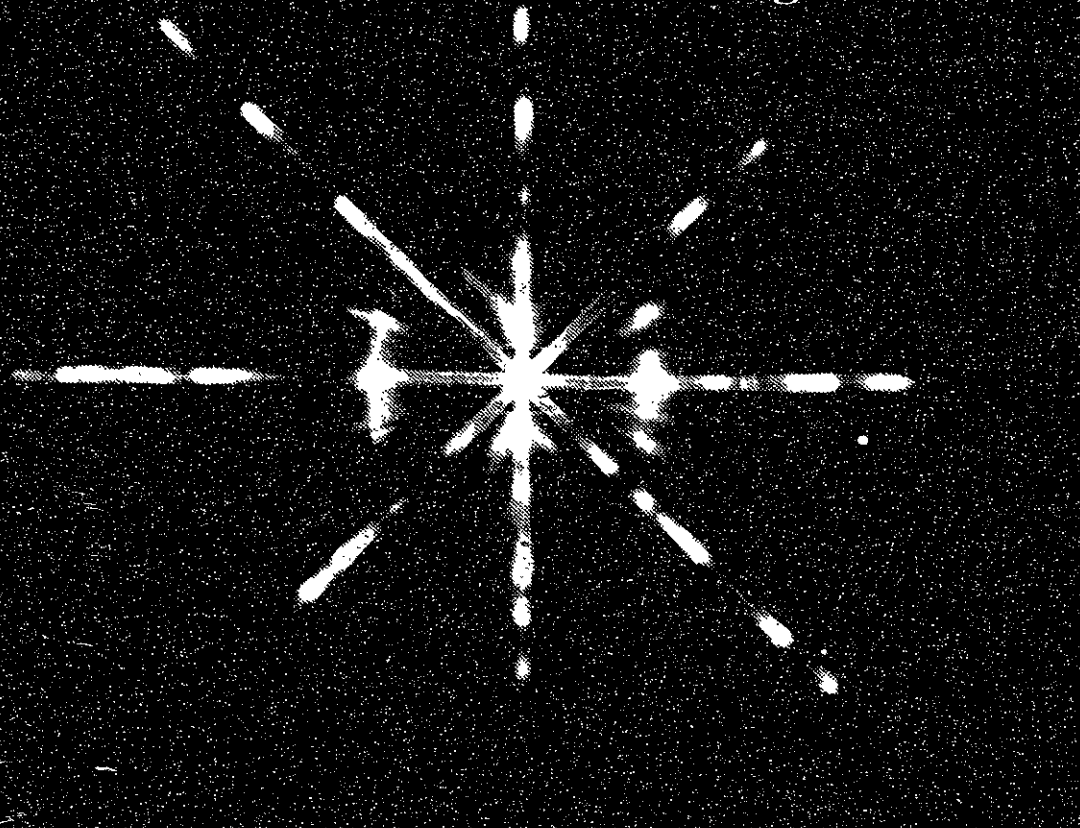
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# opinion

Column/V. Michael Bove

## Cheer and boozing up the street at Hahvahd

Having thrown a highly successful staff party at the Parker House, several of us at *The Tech* were interested in finding out how the kids up the street at the *Harvard Crimson* went about celebrating the holidays. When we heard of a get-together in their office, we couldn't resist. So we put on our best party-crashing attire — jackets and ties for the guys and dresses for the gals — bought a case of champagne, and paid them a visit.

The evening was quite enjoyable, but brought several big surprises. We found ourselves a little overdressed for the occasion, as would have anyone wearing a shirt with buttons. All evening I kept hearing pieces of tipsy conversation thus: "Yeah. From MIT. Wholebunchofem. With neckties." Our champagne was a smash hit, as till our arrival the potables had consisted of generic rum and gin, equally unpedigreed mixers, and a keg of cheap beer.

Said champagne eventually having run out, I was making a tentative advance toward this keg (as one approaches another who could be either a friend or an adversary) when one of the editors — I don't know what kind of editor he was, they're practically all editors there; like Jimmy Durante's jokes they "got a million of 'em" — said to me, "It's really nice of you folks to drop by. It's funny how people have this mistaken impression of MIT students as a bunch of boring nerds, when really you guys drink and do drugs and have incredible sex all the time."

"That's right," I offered. "It sure is funny how people have mistaken impressions of us."

"Now don't try denying it. I know. You have buses running out to Wellesley every hour. And it's not just off-campus, either — I read in the *Globe* about some fraternity and some sorority that had an orgy so amazing that *Penthouse* devoted an issue to it, or something like that..."

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I was sitting in our office one morning last week, still wondering what to make of all this, when my Harvard friend, self-styled observer of collegiate trends Standish L. Plebney IV wandered in (that's not exactly his real name, but self-styled et ceteras don't like to be made jest of in print). He told me I looked exceptionally pensive, and I responded by relating the details above.

"Wow — that's really shocking!" replied Plebney in a rather pleased tone (he's associated with another Harvard publication which has historically had rather strained relations with the *Crimson*).

"Yeah, isn't it though?" "You think they'd know better than that."

"Absolutely." "I mean, generic booze, fer chrissake. Well, they were \$60,000 in the red this year..."

"Not the liquor, Plebney — I was talking about what the guy said to me."

He thought for a second. "No, that doesn't surprise me at all."

"You mean he was expressing a common viewpoint?"

"I think your average Harvard student would have to be under the influence before he'd exactly put it into words, but I'd guess

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Column/Simson L. Garfinkel

## Aliens are stealing bits of MIT

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS — Strange happenings at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have baffled authorities and sparked interest by thousands of students of the occult.

Last summer, according to official sources, the door of the Department of Alchemy, (Room 4-273, 77 Mass. Ave, Cambridge), was mysteriously transmuted into an ordinary wall. No trace remains of the former entrance.

"I couldn't believe it!" one student said. "Right before my eyes, that door that me and my friends always joked about changed first into a cinderblock wall, and then into a wall indistinguishable from all the others."

Strange but true: the room that was behind that door is still there! Only the door has vanished.

The metamorphosis took about a week, sources said. Students who passed by the door at night saw no indication that the change was wrought by traditional scientific methods. "I'm sure that this change wasn't the result of any scientific research being done at MIT," said a fourth-year chemistry student. "In fact, I'm sure that this disappearance wasn't the result of any research at all."

Other students and staff share this belief. It is now suspected that aliens are removing MIT bits and pieces at a time and reconstructing it on another planet.

In support of this theory, one student mentioned the disappearance of Room 3-121: "Nobody really expected the aliens would take a whole room, but that's just what they did! They stole room 3-121 and left the door so that nobody would notice that it was missing!"

Room 3-121's door opened onto what MIT aficionados call the Infinite Corridor. But now it seems as if the joke has gone sour: the room is missing, and all that remains is a door with the numbers 3-121. "If you ask me, it's the aliens again," said one student.

No one knows where room 3-121 has gone or why. It is not currently known if there is anyone trapped inside the office of the Department of Alchemy, or what has happened to those who were in room 3-121 disappeared. Officials don't even know if room 3-121 and the door to room 4-273 are in the same place. But those who have lost loved ones in these two cosmic kidnappings won't stop until they have found the answers.

Next issue: Is the new Art and Media Technology building a gift from outer space?

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## feedback

### Porn debate misses the real point

To the Editor:

I am struck by the editorial and several letters in the most recent issue, all having to do with the troublesome matter of pornography. What especially catches my eye is the imbalance of space — much of the editorial page addresses the particular bureaucratic tangles which the current policy has either permitted or engendered; and tucked away in the corner is an effort to address the real issue, which is the place (if any) and the impact of the showing of explicit films on campus.

That allocation of space seems to me to represent accurately — and sadly — the present situation. For reasons that are not al-

together clear, the disagreements between the Dean's Office and the LSC seem thus far to have dominated the work of the *Ad Hoc* Pornographic Film Screening Committee; and the real point, which is to try to work out an effective way of confronting the complex fundamental issue, has been left in abeyance.

I accepted a position on the *ad hoc* committee out of a sense of the seriousness of the issue and of the necessity of the Institute's grappling with that issue carefully and thoughtfully. I am much disheartened by the way things have gone so far; I do not see any way fairly to apportion blame for the present tangle, nor frankly do I see much value in continuing to

try to find a villain. The committee has been presented with the responsibility to apply and to analyze the process whereby films are to be shown; and the even greater responsibility to consider the nature of pornography. That surely is plenty of work, and work well worth doing. The process will inevitably involve both the administration of the Institute and the LSC; but until and unless we can step back from the political turmoil so evident in your editorials, I worry that we will never get to do that work.

John Hildebidle  
 Assistant Professor of Literature  
 Member, Ad Hoc Pornographic  
 Film Screening Committee

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# opinion

## Inside the Crimson's gates

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that deep down he suspects MIT students have a better social life. The average Harvard student isn't stupid!"

"I'll accept that. Go on."

"Well, Harvard students eat in dining halls all the time. Even Saturday nights — I can't understand why, since the swill there makes MIT's food look good. And when one of them — say on some special occasion — goes to Bel Canto or Chi-Chi's or somewhere, he notices that just about everyone else his age is from MIT."

"How can he tell that?"

"Come on, MIT rings are designed to be visible at fifty yards. And not only that, he can tell by the conversations overheard. What was it — in Robert Ludlum's *The Matarese Circle* the guy from MIT figures out that this other guy must have gone to Harvard because he'd never heard the word 'tertiary.'"

"Oh, geez."

"In terms of 'incredible sex,' just look at the stodgy write-up Lisa Birnbach gives to Harvard in her college guide and compare it with the upbeat scandalousness and where-to-buy-birth-control-devices advice in her MIT section. And then this *Penthouse* thing just reinforces that. Of course Harvard students don't like to feel inadequate in any-

thing, even vice. So they joke about the unwashed nerds at MIT, but all the time they know some guy down the hall who's about seventy-three times more unwashed and nerdy than anyone they've ever met from MIT."

"I confess! I'm guilty of 'incredible sex!' In fact all of us are. Nine thousand unrepentant, incredible. . ."

"Even look at the front page stories in your paper," he continued, indicating some recent issues lying on a table. "A fifty-part series on drinking, stories on pornography, drugs, sexual harassment — it's all just in a day's work here."

It finally occurred to me to ask Plebney what brought him down here to Sodom and Gomorrah during Harvard's reading period.

"Well, I, uh. . ." He clutched a Coop bag tightly.

"What's in the bag, Plebney?"

"I, uh, needed some stuff they don't carry at the Harvard Square store."

"Let's just see what you have there. . ."

Plebney blushed a little as I pulled out an MIT sweatshirt. "You see, I heard about this party at Wellesley next weekend, and I thought it might help if I had the, uh, proper attire. . ." His voice trailed off.

Looks as if I'm going to have to start wearing my Brass Rat again.

## feedback

### SCC "Pearl Harbor Blast" posters a blow for community insensitivity

To the Editor:

Enclosed is a poster for last week's "Pearl Harbor Blast" which was sponsored by the Student Center Committee.

I called the organizer of the party, a certain Randy, and told him what I thought of the callousness, the ignorance and the total lack of imagination ("imagination" as Thomas Mann defined it: not the ability to make up things, but the knack of comprehending the meanings and im-

plications of things and events. I didn't tell that to Randy, as it would have gone way over his head) evident from that advertisement.

He said that he found nothing offensive in the poster, since he was born so much later after the event, was so removed from those "old matters" that "Pearl Harbor" did not elicit any emotional response from him.

I replied that in this case we might expect a "Hiroshima

Blast" or an "Auschwitz Blast" any day now.

The young man's education leaves much to be desired, since he does not understand that certain fires must be kept burning in the consciousness of civilized humanity if it is to be saved from the Randies of this Institute who might well have one day their finger on the trigger.

Claudia von Canon  
Lecturer in Music

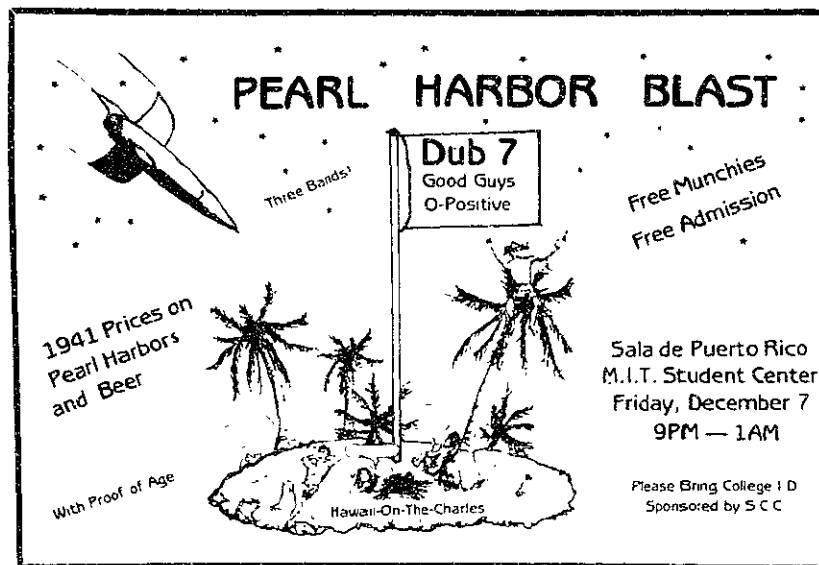
### 1984 lives here at MIT

To the Editor:

I note with some amusement that in the year 1984 you chose to describe, in a picture caption, a Christmas tree as a "non-denominational holiday shrub."

Mr. Orwell would have derived some satisfaction from this. Doublethink lives!

James L. Kirtley, Jr. '67  
Associate Professor of  
Electrical Engineering  
and Computer Science



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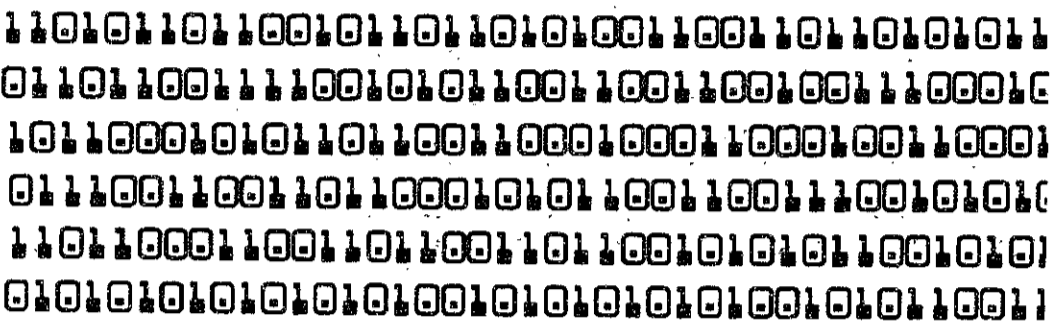
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# ARTS

## Have a byte

**Digital Deli**, by *The Lunch Group & Guests*, edited by Steve Ditlea; \$12.95, Workman Publishing.

This is the cutest book on the microcomputer world I've seen so far. This much cuteness like this leaves a bad taste in my mouth, but should be the ticket to getting the attention of the general public. The holiday season doubtless saw thousands of gift-buyers lined up to buy the book.



*Digital Deli* is a compendium of short essays padded with lots of pictures and cartoons. The food theme permeates the book from cover to cover. It is the brainchild of the Lunch Group, where a bunch of journalist buddies meet monthly to discuss trends and unprintable rumors. Convinced of their own cleverness, they sold the idea for this book to Workman, and spiked the brew with a few high-recognition authors, including William Buckley, Jr. and Timothy Leary.

The name-brand authors are the worst part of the book, as they generally show their ignorance of the microcomputer industry in the most obvious ways. I'd rather

read Lindsay van Gelder than Henny Youngman on any subject. On computers, there is no contest.

*Deli* does manage to catch some of the flavor of the early microcomputer days, where any engineer with a spare garage could start a company. Lee Felsenstein writes about the first appliance computer, Dan Bricklin writes about quasi-religious disputes in the computer industry and "The Flash" describes the bizarre ritual

known as the computer show.

*Deli* also has good essays by the computer elite on where the industry will go. Some of the articles have the distinct odor of ground axe but, even so, I enjoyed reading pioneers and professionals writing on their work. The present is not well-represented, but that sort of coverage belongs in the computer magazines.

I found *Digital Deli* perfect for quick reading snacks while I waited for classes to start or red lights to change, but I couldn't sit down and read it cover to cover. I enjoyed it, but it costs \$12.95, and that's too much to pay for snack food.

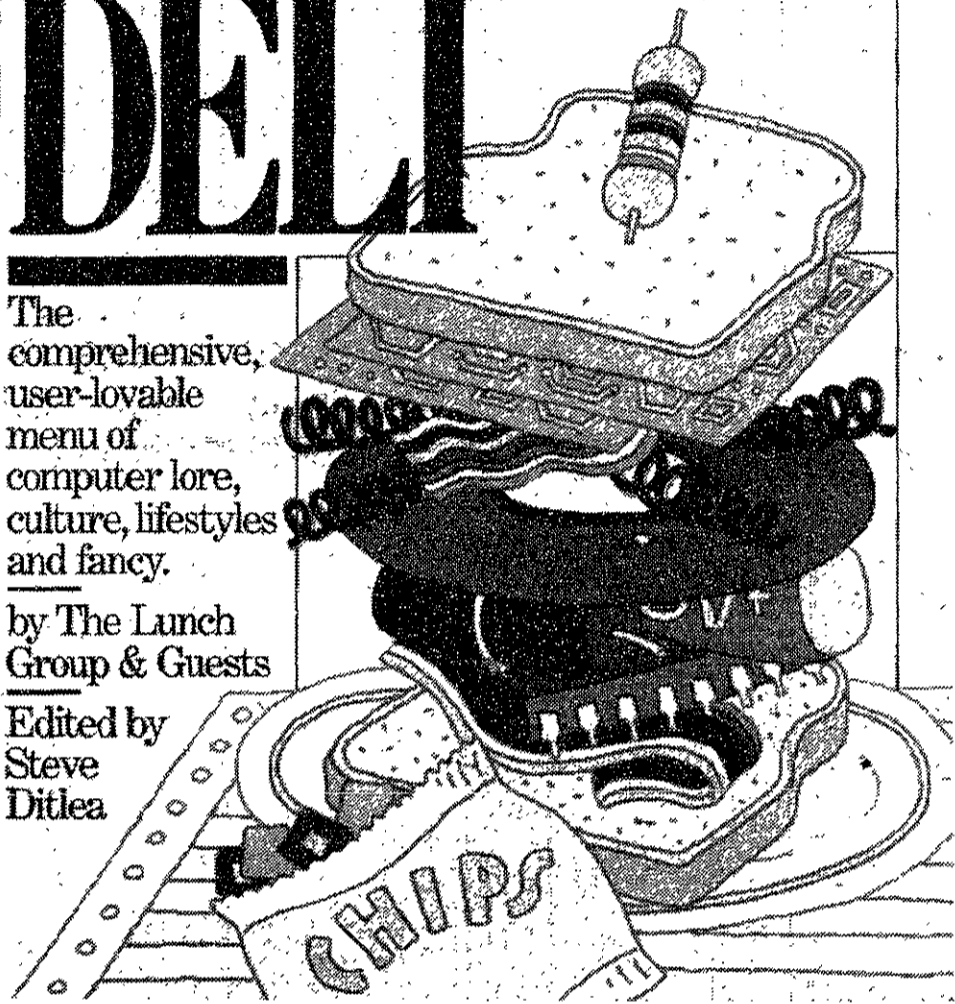
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## Back in purple

Deep Purple makes a comeback with their new album, *Perfect Strangers*.

"Destiny has brought [Deep Purple] together again" and Ritchie Blackmore (who, together with Roger Glover, went on to form Rainbow after leaving Deep Purple) is back in the public eye. He recently planned to rent a mountain in New Hampshire and have Deep Purple play live, blasting the countryside with a gigantic set of speakers, but the State of New Hampshire wouldn't let him.

Deep Purple, the English hard rock band, has both succeeded and failed with its latest album *Perfect Strangers*. As a comeback attempt for the band — which broke up in the mid 70s — it is a winner, with two hits and a deserved position on the charts. The band's former originality, though, was diluted by the fairly predictable, if nonetheless enjoyable cuts on the album.

The hits are "Perfect Strangers," the title track; and "Knocking at Your Back Door," a fast-paced tune highlighted by some sparkling guitar leads. The other songs have similar, driving drum and bass

lines, with Ritchie Blackmore's dominant lead guitar and Ian Gillian's singing.

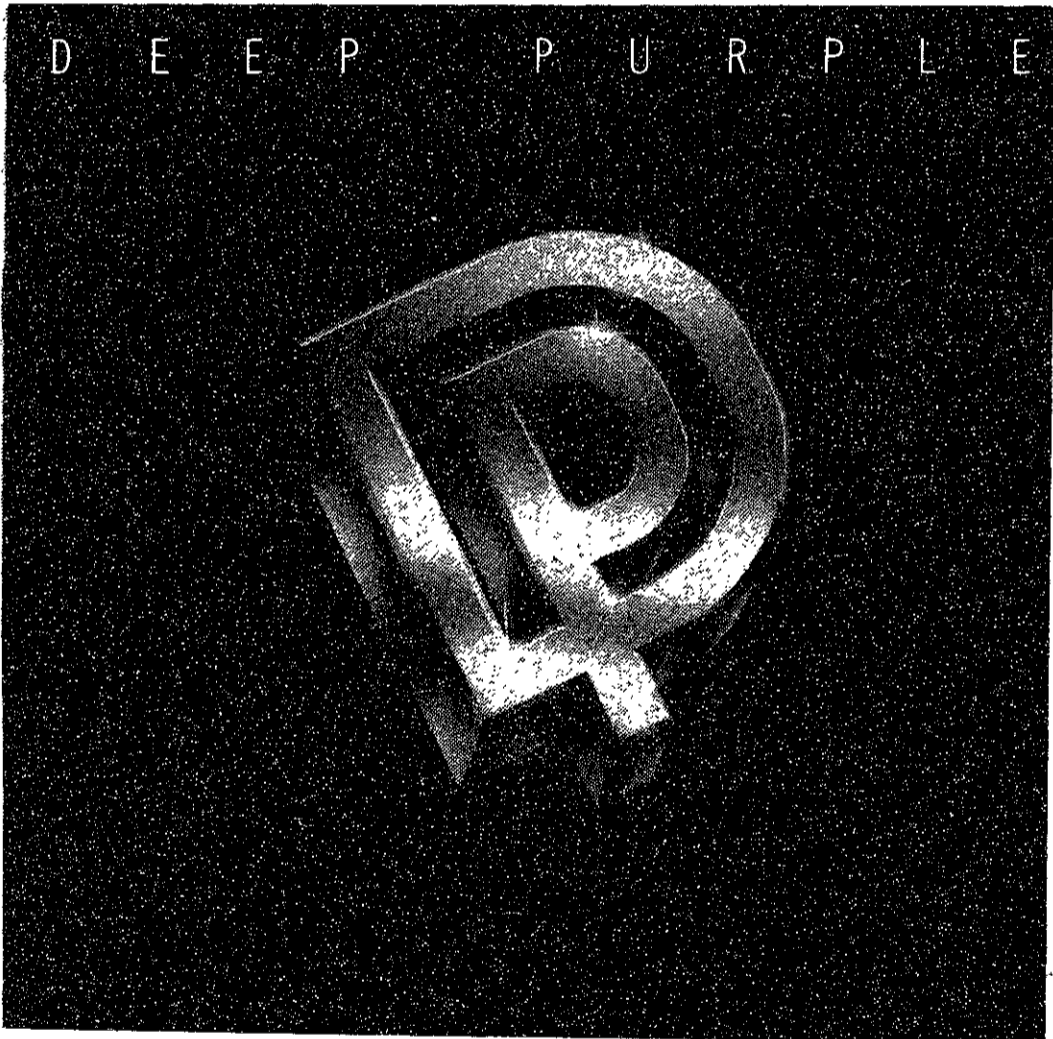
Other band members are Roger Glover, bassist and producer; Jon Lord, keyboards; and Ian Paice, drums. *Perfect Strangers* reunites all of Deep Purple in its prime.

The new album reflects their influential breed of rock, which had profound affects on today's heavy metal. Deep Purple's hits have included "Smoke on the Water", "Space Truckin'", and "Woman From Tokyo." But the vanguard ideas of the early '70s, are now old hat to fans who may have been expecting improvements.

Deep Purple's lyrics have never been exceptional and *Perfect Strangers* keeps that tradition alive. You can't read multiple meanings into every word; the lyrics stick close to typical rock themes like sex. But this doesn't seem to matter, for the music stands on its own. Even if the album lacks a message, it is above all entertaining and in that sense a winner.

*Deep Purple is touring to support Perfect Strangers and should be in the Boston area before March.*

Andrew Bein



### Wednesday, January 9

See Jane Fonda strut her stuff in an early sci-fi parody: **Barbarella**. LSC presents this "MIT favorite" tonight at 7 and 9:30 pm in 26-100. Admission \$1.

### Thursday, January 10

The **Friends of Dr. Burney** have been providing pleasant offbeat entertainment for some years, resurrecting early comic operas which would otherwise have languished in obscurity. Tonight at 8 pm and Sunday at 3 pm, the Friends will perform the ballad opera *Robin Hood* at the Museum of Fine Arts. The singing is usually excellent and the humor guaranteed to make you laugh. Students get in for \$8, fat cats pay \$10. Call 267-2973 for information.

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The **Boston Symphony Orchestra** will be conducted by Kurt Masur tonight at 8 pm, tomorrow at 2 pm and Saturday at 8 pm in works by Shostakovich and Brahms. For information, call 266-1492.

### Friday, January 11

Watch **Goldfinger** in his quest for all that glitters. One of Sean Connery's most famous Bond performances. Tonight at 7 and 10 pm in Kréze. Let LSC take you to Fort Knox in style. Admission \$1.

### Saturday, January 12

Glory, glory hallelujah! George C. Scott is **Patton**. Bombs bursting in air tonight at 6:30 and 10 pm in 26-100. This film received almost more medals than Patton himself — park your tank and come on in. Admission \$1.

### Sunday January 13

The Juilliard String Quartet will play Mozart viola quintets with violist Walter Trampler in Jordan Hall this afternoon at 3:30. Call 482-2595 for information.

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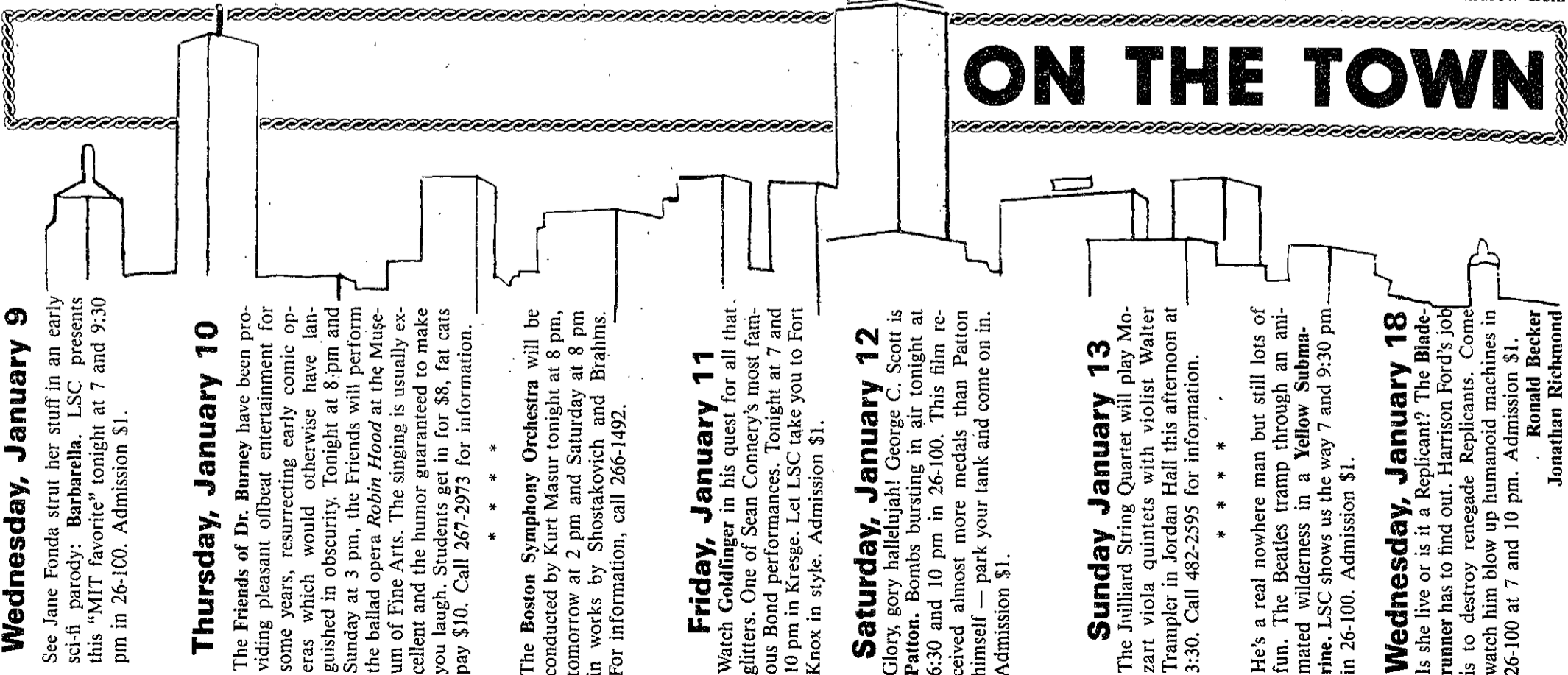
He's a real nowhere man but still lots of fun. The Beatles tramp through an animated wilderness in a **Yellow Submarine**. LSC shows us the way 7 and 9:30 pm in 26-100. Admission \$1.

### Wednesday, January 18

Is she live or is it a Replicant? The **Blade-Runner** has to find out. Harrison Ford's job is to destroy renegade Replicants. Come watch him blow up humanoid machines in 26-100 at 7 and 10 pm. Admission \$1.

Ronald Becker  
Jonathan Richmond

## ON THE TOWN



# comics

## The Legend of Fred

By Jim Bredt

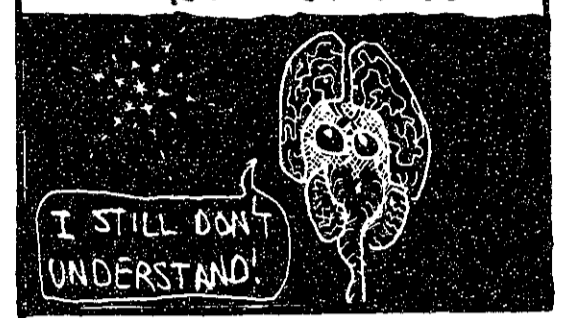
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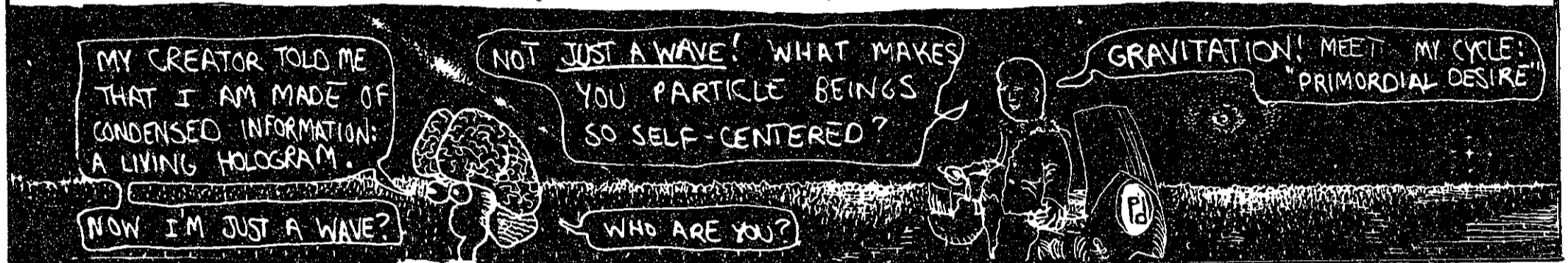
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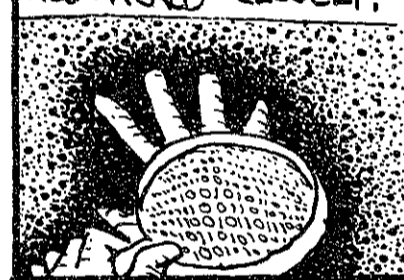
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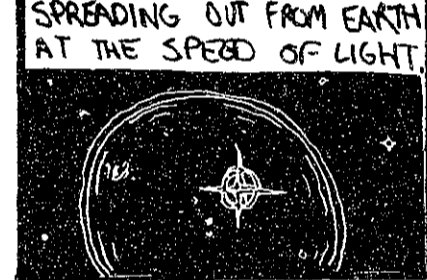
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MORE ON MIKE'S BODY: IT WAS MADE OUT OF ONE'S AND ZERO'S ALL PACKED CLOSELY.



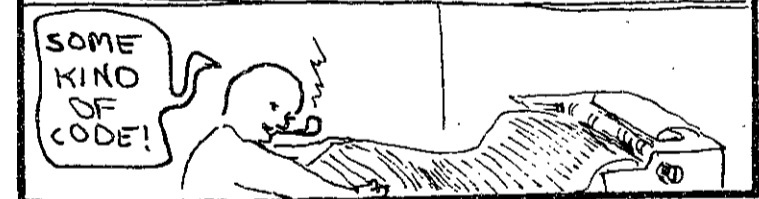
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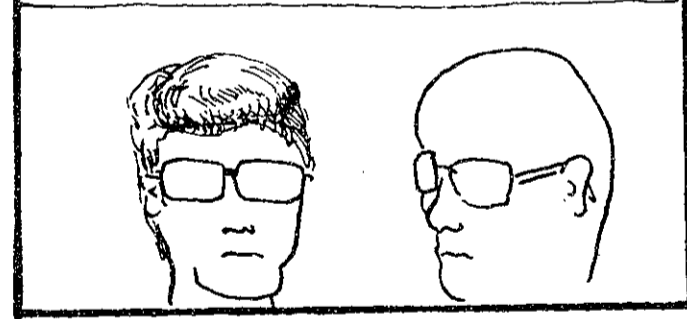
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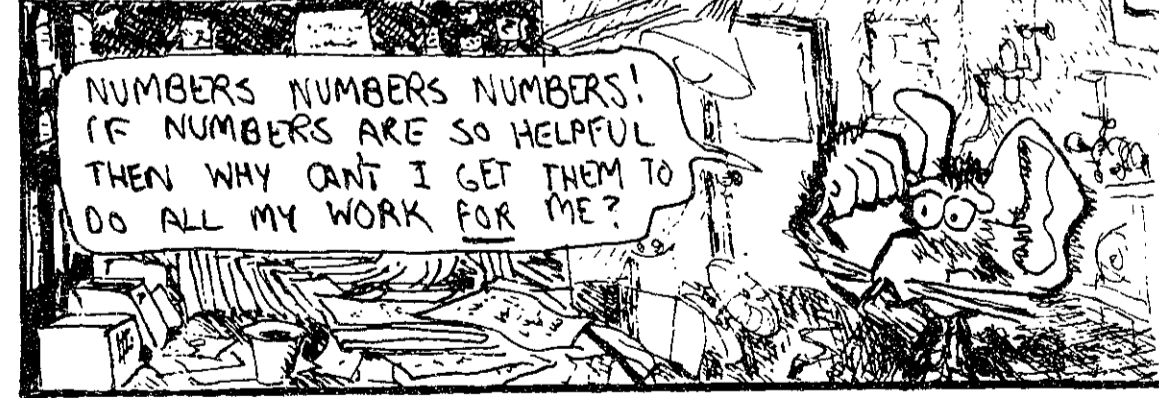
TIM AND LIZ QUICKLY DISMANTLE THE COMPUTER BOMB. THEN THEY ACT LIKE ORDINARY STUDENTS



MIKE'S MIND HAS BEEN EXPANDED: IF THE BASIC FORCES OF THE UNIVERSE ARE ORDINARY PEOPLE IN K-SPACE; THEN ORDINARY PEOPLE HERE MUST BE BASIC FORCES IN K-SPACE!



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# sports

## 1984 fall varsity teams name their Most Valuable Players

By Diana ben-Aaron

With the exception of the phenomenally successful women's volleyball team, the fall 1984 varsity teams have selected their Most Valuable Players.

### Cross-country

The men's and women's fall cross-country teams chose home-grown talent for their MVP spots: Bill Bruno of Bedford and Ruth Heffernan of Worcester, both seniors.

Heffernan, who was also her team's MVP last year, was MIT's top finisher in three meets, and second in four others. She led the team to a 5-2 record this fall and has been awarded three varsity letters for her accomplishments on the cross-country squad.

Bruno, who finished first among the Engineers in seven races this year, helped the team post an 8-0 dual meet record for its best season since 1967.

He was also MIT's top runner at the New England Championships, where MIT finished tenth of 28 teams, and at the NCAA Division III championships, where the Engineers were 13th in a field of 21 schools. Bruno has received eight MIT varsity letters for his performance in cross-country and track.

### Field hockey

The field hockey team chose Julie Chen MVP for the second time in three years. Chen, a sophomore from Webster, N.Y., was a co-MVP her freshman year.

### Update

## Engineers top NE Division III in three indoor track events

The latest poll of Division III indoor track and field coaches ranked three Engineers first in their events as of Jan. 7.

Ed Arenberg '85 is currently the division leader in the 55-meter dash, with a time of 6.69 seconds, and Dave Richard '86 heads the pack in the 500-meter run, with a season record of 1 minute 34.6 seconds. Co-captain Pat Parris '85 nails down the top spot in the 35-pound weight throw with a 57'7/8" toss.

The team traveled to Bates College last Saturday for the New England Division III Relays and will face Bates again next Saturday in a home meet at 1 pm.

### Fencing locks foils with Notre Dame

Both men's and women's fencing teams fell to Notre Dame in a home bout Monday. The women's team fought a close abbreviated match but came up short for a score of 5-4, bringing their record to 2-4 for the season.

The men won the foil but dropped sabre and epee, making the final score 18-9. The men's season record now stands at 1-5.

The teams will travel to Bryn Mawr, PA next weekend for the USFA Collegiate Open Tour.

### Three MIT matmen place in tourney

The wrestling team participated in an informal tournament at Upsala College at East Orange, NJ, over the holidays. Three Engineers finished second in their weight classes: Peter Wurman '87 in the 134-lb. class, Pat Peters '85 in the 167-lb. bracket, and co-captain Steve Ikeda '85 in the 150-lb. field. Ikeda's victory cost him dear, however; he injured his left knee during the finals and will be out for several weeks.

### Football

Dave Broecker, a graduate student in chemical engineering from Carmel, Ind., was the football club's choice for MVP. He guided the team to a 5-4 record for its second straight winning season.

### Soccer

The men's soccer team tapped Matt Solomon to receive the

MVP laurels. Solomon, a sophomore from Glastonbury, Conn., is one of the top backs in New England.

### Water polo

Athletic Association president George Jacquette was named MVP of the water polo team for the second straight year. Jacquette, a senior, hails from San Rafael, Calif.



Tech photo by Diana ben-Aaron

Physical Education instructor Pat Melaragno signs students up Monday morning for his IAP pistol course. Both sections were full by 10:30, the advertised starting time of PE registration.

The team's record now stands at 4-2, with MIT ranked sixth in Division III in the latest New England collegiate coaches' poll.

### Women's hockey defeats Wesleyan

The women's ice hockey club rallied back from a 1-0 deficit in the first period to defeat the host Wesleyan Cardinals 5-3 Saturday. In the second period, Liz Martin scored the first goal, short-handed, soon to be followed by a goal from Amanda Gruber, '85, again short-handed.

Gruber scored again in a power play during the third period, followed 30 seconds later by a goal from staff member Barbara Doran. Wesleyan then slipped in

a second goal, but Gruber scored again for a hat-trick. Wesleyan scored only once more. Dale Stuart G made an impressive 18 saves in her first appearance as goalie.

Diana ben-Aaron

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Wednesday, Jan. 9

Men's Basketball vs. Thomas College, 7 pm.  
Men's Hockey vs. Gordon College, 7 pm.  
Wrestling vs. Coast Guard, 7 pm.

Saturday, Jan. 12

Men's Basketball vs. Bates, 7:30 pm.  
Women's Basketball vs. Bates, 5:30 pm.  
Men's Gymnastics vs. Dartmouth, 2 pm.  
Men's Hockey vs. Hawthorne, 2 pm.  
Rifle vs. Army, 8 am.  
Squash vs. Bates, 3 pm.  
Squash vs. Army, 7 pm.  
Track vs. Bates, 1 pm.

Wednesday, Jan. 16

Women's Basketball vs. Amherst, 7:30 pm.

Friday, Jan. 18

Squash vs. Colby, 4 pm.

Saturday, Jan. 19

Men's and Women's Fencing vs. S.E. Massachusetts, 1 pm.  
Men's Hockey, Ben Martin Invitational, with Curry, Suffolk, and Tufts.  
Squash vs. Williams, 2 pm.  
Squash vs. Rochester, 4 pm.  
Wrestling vs. Maine Maritime, Norwich, and Williams, 1 pm.

Tuesday, Jan. 22

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

Men's Hockey, Ben Martin Invitational.

Wednesday, Jan. 23

Men's Swimming vs. Tufts, 4 pm.  
Wrestling vs. Trinity, 7 pm.

Thursday, Jan. 24

Men's Basketball vs. Curry, 7:30 pm.  
Women's Basketball vs. Babson, 5:30 pm.

Friday, Jan. 25

Track vs. Tufts and Williams, 5:30 pm.

Saturday, Jan. 26

Women's Basketball vs. Smith, 1 pm.  
Men's Gymnastics vs. Coast Guard and Vermont, 2 pm.  
Women's Gymnastics vs. Coast Guard, 2 pm.  
Men's Hockey vs. Stonehill, 2 pm.

Squash vs. Amherst, 2 pm.

Men's Swimming vs. Springfield, 4 pm.

Sunday, Jan. 27

Men's Hockey vs. Rochester, 2 pm.

Tuesday, Jan. 29

Men's Basketball vs. Connecticut College, 7:30 pm.  
Squash vs. Yale, 4 pm.

Wednesday, Jan. 30

Men's Hockey vs. Curry, 7 pm.

Thursday, Jan. 31

Men's Basketball vs. Wesleyan, 7:30 pm.  
Women's Basketball vs. Mt. Holyoke, 5:30 pm.

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