

Hart campaigns at MIT

By Janice M. Eisen

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Gary W. Hart of Colorado, fresh from his upset victory over former Vice President Walter F. Mondale in the New Hampshire primary, attracted an overflow crowd to Kresge auditorium for a rally held Friday afternoon.

An audience of over 1200 people, dotted with balloons reading "Hart in '84" and signs reading "Gary Hart for President," seemed fairly evenly divided between Hart volunteers and MIT students. Several hundred other people crowded the lobby of Kresge but were not admitted because of a lack of room. The rally received national and local press coverage.

Hart received a standing ovation when he arrived on stage, displaying an MIT sweatshirt to the crowd. His speech, which was regularly interrupted by applause, lasted about 15 minutes. Hart did not address substantive policy issues, but rather empha-

sized rallying his supporters for the Massachusetts primary on March 13.

Hart opened his speech by thanking the volunteers who worked for him in the New Hampshire primary, which he referred to as "one of the greatest political upsets in recent American history." He called for "new leadership, new ideas, [and] a new agenda for the future."

The candidate decried "politics as usual," "Reaganomics," and "a militaristic foreign policy based on an unnecessary and dangerous nuclear arms race." He said his campaign supported "civil rights for all" and "absolute equality for the majority of Americans who are women."

Hart made several statements about his stands on environmental policy. In addition to the goals of achieving clean air and water, he said, his administration would work to end acid rain. He would tax producers of toxic waste and clean up toxic waste

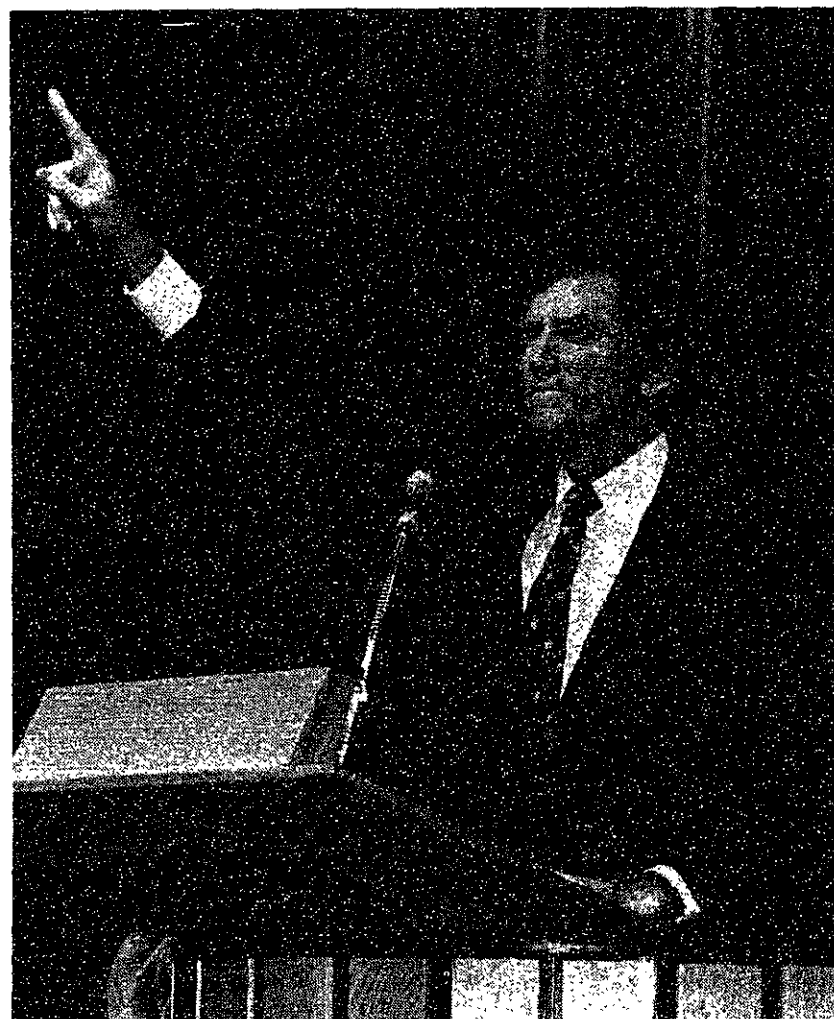
dumps.

President Ronald W. Reagan has undercut "the basic public-education system of this country," Hart said, adding that his administration would make "education and training the number-one domestic priority."

The loudest and most sustained applause came in response to Hart's statement that as president he would "address the real enemy in the Third World, which is not communism — it is poverty." He followed this saying a Hart administration "won't send our sons to die without cause in Lebanon or to serve as bodyguards for dictators in Central America."

"The number-one issue before this country and all mankind," Hart said, "is freezing, halting, stopping, and dramatically reversing the nuclear arms race." He said his first priority once in office would be to begin negotiating a bilateral nuclear freeze with

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Tech photo by Grant M. Johnson

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Gary W. Hart of Colorado gives a victory sign to the audience during his speech at Kresge Friday.

McGovern speaks at press conference in South Station

By Ronald W. Norman

"John F. Kennedy made a commitment to put an American on the moon by the end of the 1960s," George S. McGovern, former senator from South Dakota and Democratic presidential candidate, said Friday at South Station. "My commitment is to have the best rail system . . . in the world by the year 2000."

"Instead of spending \$40 billion on the MX [missile] . . . or B1 [bomber], we should invest it in a first-rate system of railway transportation," he said.

The United States could build 26,000 miles of "high-speed" train tracks for one-half the price of the MX missile, McGovern said, and one million people could be employed in rail system "operation and construction," he added.

The 1984 election "is more profound" than the one in 1972, he said. McGovern was the Democratic nominee for president in that election.

In 1972 the issue was "only Vietnam, where we weren't in a position for nuclear war. . . . Now we are," McGovern said.

"There's no one who has proposed a reduction in the military but McGovern," McGovern said. "If we don't resolve the nuclear war issue, we may not be around in 1988."

McGovern has said he would appoint Chrysler Chairman Lee A. Iacocca to be the secretary of defense if McGovern were elected.

"Give us a lean, tough, dependable defense force, and do it for 25 percent less money," would be McGovern's message to Iacocca, he said.

"I would call a halt to all US military operations in Central America," McGovern said, adding that the problem there is not necessarily military.

Last Tuesday's New Hampshire Democratic presidential primary victory by Sen. Gary W. Hart of Colorado "opened up the field for any of the five candidates," he said.

"The last time anyone [talked about a two-man race] was Mondale and Glenn," McGovern said in response to a question concerning whether the campaign had become a race between Hart

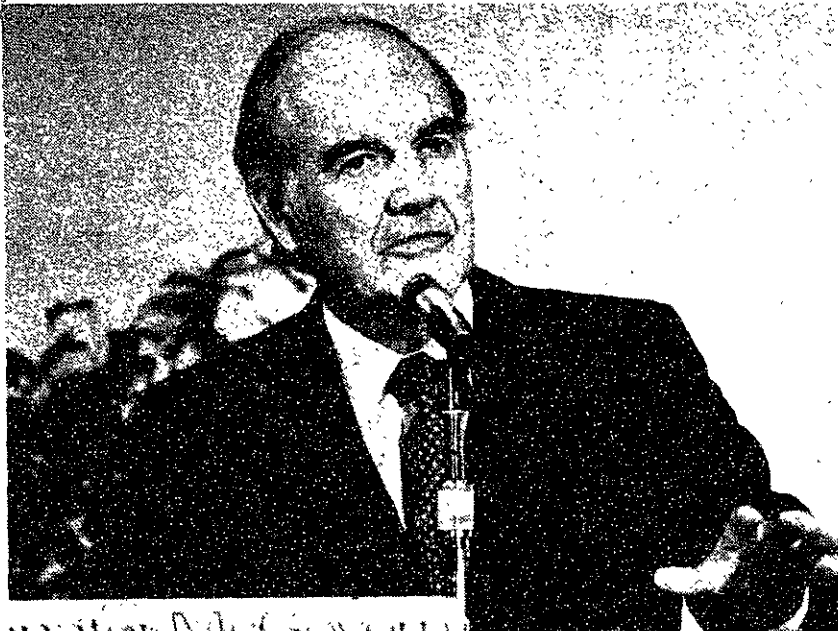
and former Vice President Walter F. Mondale.

"I don't think newness in and by itself has any moral content," McGovern said, replying to a question about Hart's campaign. "If you get a new suit it's an asset. If you get a new disease . . ."

"We want to know what the

new ideas are — we want to know the principles and ideas behind them," he added.

McGovern said a "bad" loss in the Massachusetts primary Mar. 13 "would mean I got out" of the campaign. He added that he would support the Democratic nominee if he dropped out.



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Democratic presidential candidate George S. McGovern.

SCC withdraws funding for fraternity casino boat cruise

By Thomas T. Huang

The Student Center Committee voted 13-1-3 to withdraw its support of the Spring Weekend Casino Boat Cruise, co-sponsored with Sigma Phi Epsilon, in its meeting Sunday night.

The withdrawal came, in part, from "inaction by and difficulties in communicating with . . . Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity," as well as the strong possibility the fraternity will not get a casino license, according to a committee press release.

The SCC release also described "a risk that the whole cruise [would] be terminated immediately if one minor [was] found drinking."

Arunas A. Chesonis '84, the fraternity cruise coordinator, refused to comment on the matter.

Chesonis told Micheline K. Fradd '85, SCC liaison to Sigma Phi Epsilon, on Sunday night there was a high possibility the fraternity would not be able to

obtain a casino license, Fradd said.

The fraternity needs a Boston casino license to use casino equipment on the boat, Mark Brine '85, committee treasurer, said after the meeting.

The Student Center Committee's \$2000 check, which was to be a deposit on the boat, is in his drawer, stamped "void," Brine said.

Fradd said, "The risk at this time is too great for the money." Ticket prices would have ranged from \$7 to \$10 with each drink an additional \$1.50 to \$3.00.

"Until the past week, they've made no effort to contact us" since the committee first approved the funding in November, Brine said.

"We felt something [which was not] open to the whole community would not be good," Fradd said. She said she felt the communication problem was not the major issue in the decision.

Sprint ballot will carry referendum

By Burt S. Kaliski

The Undergraduate Association spring ballot will carry a binding referendum question on changes to the UA constitution, despite earlier claims that the referendum was not approved in time for the ballot.

The UA General Assembly had rejected at a Feb. 16 meeting a motion by UA President Michael P. Witt '84 to include the referendum on the ballot.

The deadline for placing advisory questions on the spring ballot, according to the UA election code, is "the same as the deadline for candidate's petitions," — "noon of the third Friday of the term," which was Feb. 24.

The election code restricts non-binding referendums to those approved "by a one-third vote of the General Assembly or by petition to the Election Commission by 5 percent of the members of

the Undergraduate Association."

The spring ballot will carry a non-binding referendum question concerning pornographic films on campus.

Binding referendums, however, "may be held at the regular election or at a special election called by the Election Commission," the election code states. Neither a petition nor General Assembly approval is explicitly required.

Witt is seeking the endorsement of 10 percent of the undergraduates for the binding referendum.

The referendum seeks the formation of a steering committee of representatives to Institute committees; creation of a joint board of the UA Association of Student Activities and the Graduate Student Council; and changes in the composition of the General Assembly [Sidebar, page 13].

Hauke Kite-Powell '86, chairman of the UA Election Commission, has agreed to put the referendum on the ballot, Witt said, given a "reasonable amount of time to get it printed."

But Kip Dee Kuntz '85, a member of the Election Commission, opposes the inclusion of the referendum. The election code allows binding referendums without General Assembly approval or a petition, he admitted. The dissimilarity between regulations for binding and non-binding referendums is unfortunate, he said.

The spring ballot will also include elections of UA and class offices. David M. Libby '85 and Stephanie L. Scheidler '85 are running for president and vice president.

Witt began his year in office, with promises to "scrap the General Assembly." Some GA representatives were concerned the referendum would not make the ballot, Witt said, and he pursued another method for its approval.

"I considered . . . allowing [Libby] to put it up another time," he said. He decided instead to attempt to change the UA constitution before his term expires April 5.

Hart gives speech at rally in Kresge



Sen. Gary W. Hart of Colorado waves to the audience in Kresge on Friday.

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Hart also said he would unilaterally cancel production of the MX missile and the B1 bomber in joint crisis control and security

measures.

Hart announced he intends to

and declare a six-month moratorium on testing of nuclear weapons

to join the United States in a "mutual

challenge to end nuclear war."

He finished his speech with an

other call to action for his volun-

teering effort.

"The expiration of the nuclear

arms race into space" and to

test plutonium production as a

means of ending nuclear proli-

feration, he said he would work

to decrease the probability of a

nuclear war starting due to an ac-

cident by inviting the Soviet

Union to join the United States

in joint crisis control and security

measures, and allows about 50

times less radiation exposure in

plants, according to Professor

Lawrence M. Lidsky, '62, a mem-

ber of the research group.

"There is a need to make the

nuclear option more attractive

and more easily accepted than

the present technology," said

Richard K. Lester '79, associate

professor in the Department of

Nuclear Engineering and one of

the researchers.

"The results of the study were

concluded in a report titled 'Nucle-

ar Power Plant Innovation for

the 1990s: A Preliminary Assess-

ment."

innovative nuclear power reac-

tors which are less costly to

build, easier to operate, and less

likely to undergo costly failures

are technologically within reach,

the report stated.

Almost ten years have passed

since an American utility com-

pany placed an order for a nucle-

ar plant that it did not later can-

cel, and according to the report,

"it is highly unlikely that any or-

der for new nuclear plants will

be placed by US utilities before

the end of the decade."

"The report advocates changes

such as simplifying reactor de-

signs, building modular reactors

in centralized factories, and stan-

dardizing reactor designs.

Most US fission reactors are

high water reactors in which or-

derly water cools and controls

the reactor core. Originally devel-

oped to power submarines, the

reactors may be a more attractive

alternative, the study said. This

design uses inert helium gas to

transfer heat from the core to the

boilers and turbines.

The gas-cooled reactor could

be a smaller, modular design in-

stalled on a fixed schedule and

budget. This would ease the

problems of funding and delays

that most of the 48 US plants

now in construction are facing.

Support for the research was

provided by a grant from the

MIT Sloan Fund, with supple-

mental support from the MIT

School of Engineering.

J. Driscoll '64, David D. Lanning

'63, Norman C. Kaszussen '56

and Neil E. Todreas '66, head of

the Department of Nuclear Engi-

neering.

"Other participants in the study

include Professor Michael

W. Golay and Professor Michael

High temperature gas-cooled

reactors is much more

complex than its predecessors.

"Without change, there is a

good chance that nuclear power

will not be a competitive option,"

Lester said. "If nothing is done,

the future for the industry is

quite bleak."

Evolutionary improvements to

existing light water reactors will

also be researched by the depart-

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cording to Lidsky.

"We have a strong suspicion

that we are on to something

good," he said. "Now we're try-

ing to actually do it."

All of the new technology the

department will research could be

in operation by the mid-1990's,

according to Lidsky. "If it has

not already been started it is too

far in the future."

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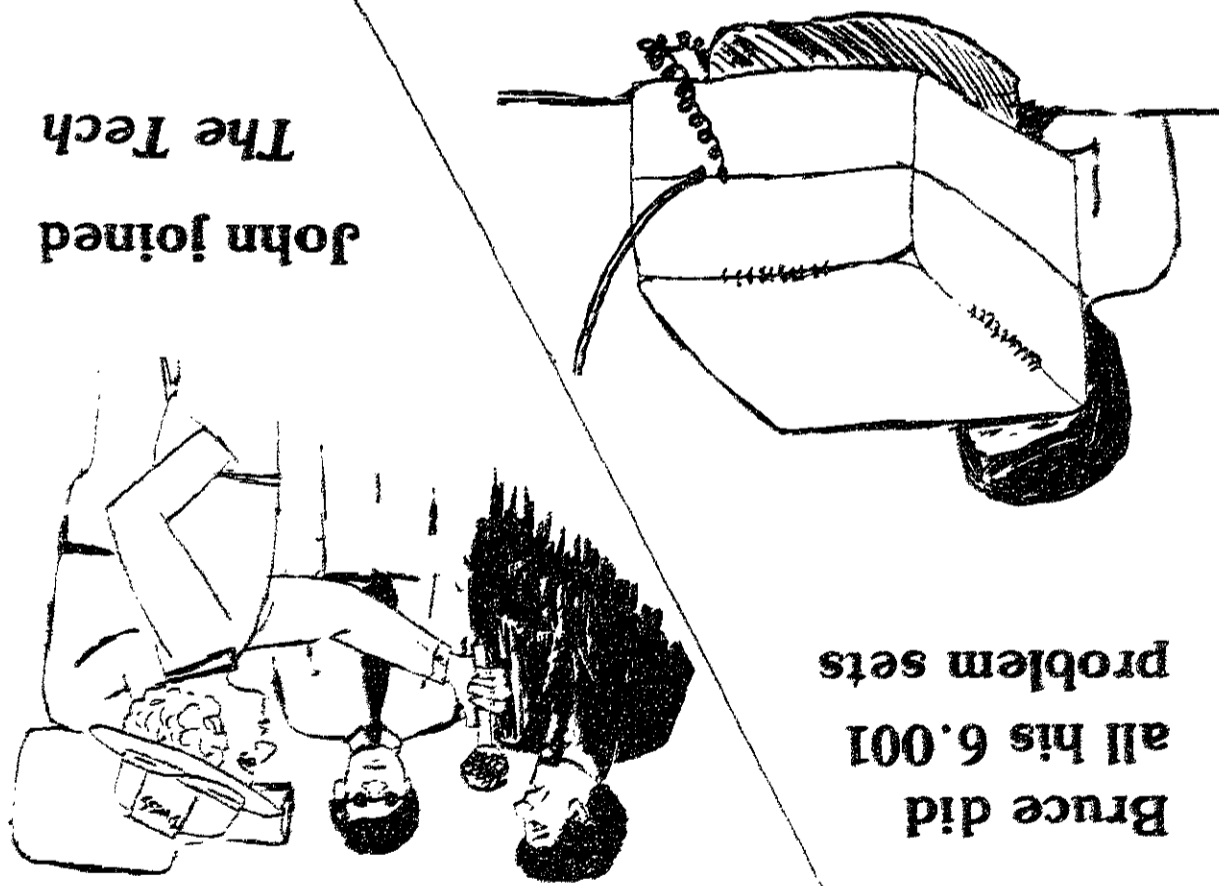
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Iraq claims 50,000 Iranians dead — Iraqi officials claim over 50,000 Iranians have died in the last ten days of fighting on the plains near Basra, Iraq. The front in this latest offensive is a marshy eight-mile-wide strip vital to Iraq's access to the Persian Gulf. Hundreds of Soviet- and Japanese- made heavy vehicles accompanied armor to the front line. Iran claimed to have "completely destroyed" an Iraqi infantry brigade and "smashed" 70 percent of an Iraqi armored brigade. The fighting lasted 72 hours.

Nation

Hart beats Mondale Down East — Sen. Gary W. Hart of Colorado defeated former Vice President Walter F. Mondale in the Maine Democratic caucuses Sunday. Hart received 50 percent of the vote, while Mondale received a close 44 percent. Former South Dakota Sen. George S. McGovern received 1 percent, while the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson and Sen. John H. Glenn of Ohio together took less than 1 percent. All the candidates were invited to speak at an environmental forum sponsored by Greenpeace New England to be held tonight at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel. The Massachusetts Democratic primary will be held next Tuesday.

Cities can erect nativity scenes — The Supreme Court ruled yesterday that municipalities can finance nativity scenes on public land. The 5-4 majority found that Christmas is a secular holiday as well as a religious one, and can be supported with public funds. The city of Pawtucket, R. I. successfully defended a suit alleging it had violated the First Amendment separation of church and state.

Medical degrees for sale — Federal and New York State officials have started investigations of believed widespread trafficking in fraudulent medical credentials. Up to \$50,000 is paid for the false documents, primarily from Caribbean medical schools. The California State Board of Medical Quality Assurance is currently investigating over 2500 individuals with the suspicious credentials. Organizations in 15 other states are conducting similar investigations.

Justice Department charges reverse discrimination — The Justice Department is representing ten white police officers and firefighters in Birmingham, Ala. who say their rights are being denied by an affirmative action program. The Justice Department endorsed the program in 1981, but has since changed sides on the issue. The Reagan administration is opposed to the numerical hiring goals and quotas.

Weather

More of the same — Rain is expected on and off this morning. Mostly cloudy skies will prevail this afternoon, with temperatures generally below freezing but highs in the low 40's. Tomorrow will be brisk and chilly with occasional sunshine and a high near 32.

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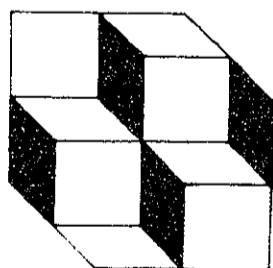
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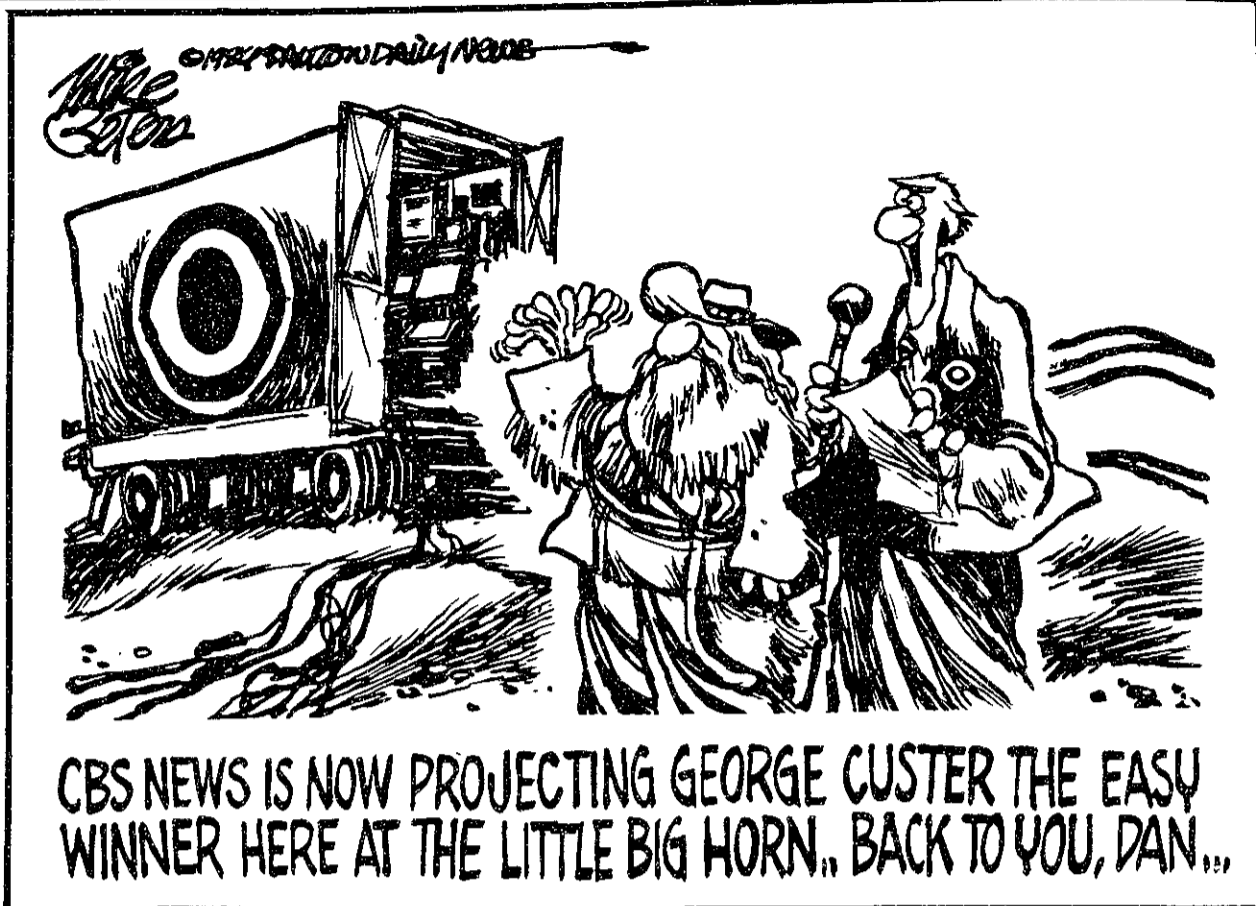
Think hard before using illegal drugs

The recent death of Keith T. Ennis '84 is a tragic example of what can happen when people use illegal drugs carelessly. Ennis died of oxygen deprivation after inhaling nitrous oxide while alone in a locked room.

A person's decision whether or not to use illegal drugs is based upon the accumulation of years of growth and many experiences. If you have decided to experiment with illegal drugs, no matter what anyone says about them, you are probably not going to change your mind now. The important point is this: If you decide to use illegal drugs, be smart about it. Know what you are taking, what the possible effects are, and above all, never take illegal drugs while alone.

The horror stories about drug abuse are true. Great tragedies — like Ennis' death — have occurred due to drug usage, and will continue to occur. No one is too smart to be free from these consequences. One day "the other guy" might be you.

If Ennis' death convinces just one person to think intelligently before making such an important choice, it will have provided a very important, though tragic, lesson about life and death.



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Robert E. Malchman

Letter from the editor

When you look at this page in next Friday's issue of *The Tech*, you'll notice a slight difference — my name won't be there. I resigned as editor in chief, effective at noon tomorrow.

In my four months as editor, I have tried to explain what *The Tech* does and why it does it that way. I have tried to communicate what I think a newspaper is and what it should be, and how I think *The Tech* fits into the MIT community. I hope my successor continues this effort.

My leaving was not at all prompted by the headline incident I wrote about last issue. Rather, there were a number of reasons. I submitted my resignation to the Managing Board of *The Tech* two weeks ago, along with amendments to its constitution and bylaws. I resigned so these changes could be considered on their merits, without involving personalities.

The Tech's highest authority is its board of directors. Acting for that board on a day-to-day basis is the Executive Board — the four names you see at the top of the masthead every issue.

Individually after that board comes the chairman, who is the leader of the organization; the editor in chief, who is responsible for the words and pictures; the managing editor, who is responsible for the style and production of the newspaper; and the business manager, who is, well, responsible for the business. My objections to that structure, briefly, are that a committee system is bad for a newspaper, and that the style of the newspaper

influences its content, and should be within the purview of the editor in chief.

Committees are good for most organizations — like the Undergraduate Association — because they can be representative of a varied constituency. A newspaper, though, has a person who must be personally responsible for its content.

No one except the publisher should be able to overrule the editor or business manager. At *The Tech* now, the production department and the business office have a say in what stories run; the print side has a say in what the advertising rates are, and so on. This system goes against the separation of departments existing at virtually every other newspaper in the United States.

Those newspapers respect the integrity of print. Suppose an editor decided to run an editorial critical of one of the paper's advertisers. The business manager would probably be opposed. If he had a say in print decisions, controversial topics might not be addressed by the newspaper. There is a conflict of interest.

Marshall McLuhan argued very convincingly that the medium is the message. Where an editor places a story or picture, what kind of graphics and logos he uses, and all other aspects of appearance affect the content of the news. One person — not two, and not a committee — must have final authority to determine what the newspaper says and how it says it.

The editor of *The Tech* does not have the authority to say

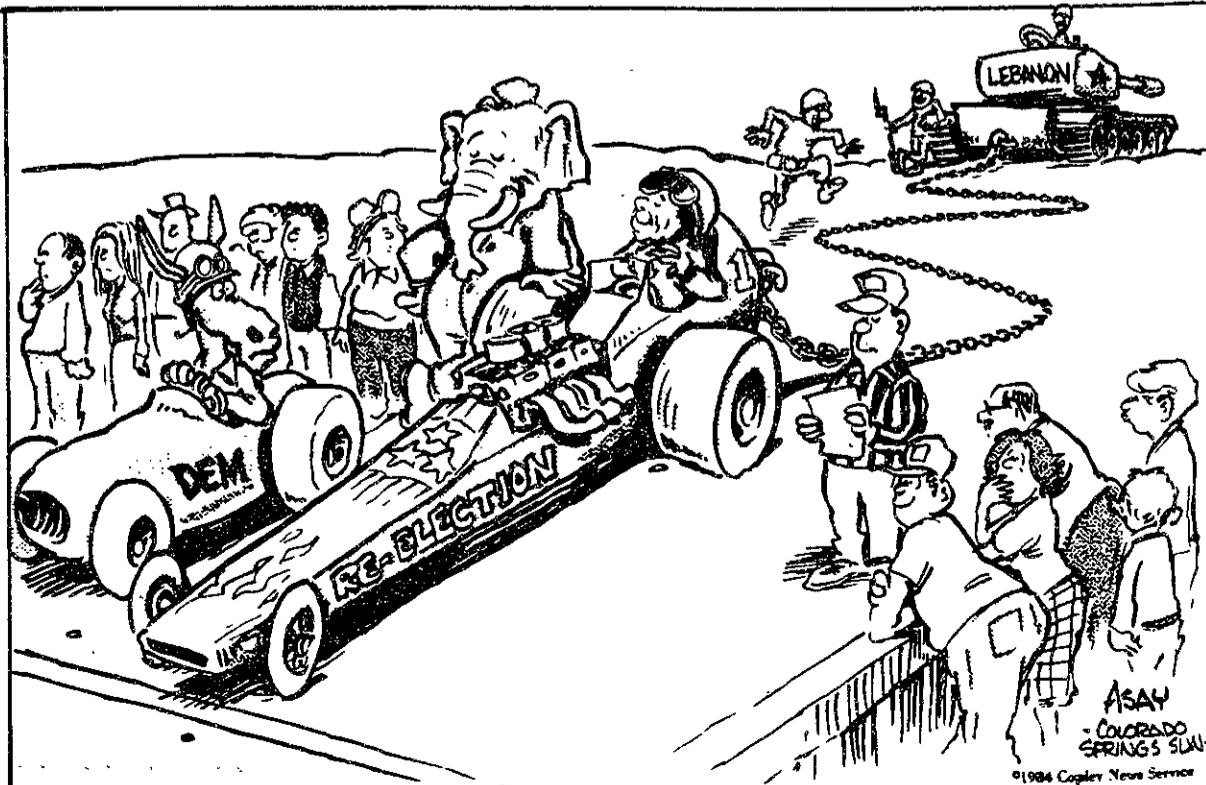
what stories go where in each issue. If the managing editor decided to run this column upside-down on page 20 next to the pistol story, I could not do anything about it individually.

If the board of directors does not like how the editor does his job, it should offer suggestions or remove him — not overrule him. No one can do the job of editor if he must split his authority and have a committee of people, some with no background in or knowledge of news, over him.

Barry S. Surman '84, the previous editor in chief, resigned in November for much the same reasons. He warned me not to take the job, but I didn't listen. I thought the problems he described might be due to conflicting personalities and that a new volume of *The Tech* would see the cessation of conflict.

I was wrong. I proposed several amendments and resigned so debate would not become one of whether or not to give me more power. *The Tech's* board rejected my amendments, however, believing the problem to be one of conflicting personalities. I hope my successor has more luck — or skill — than Surman and I did. I fear he will not.

For two years I've been a pretty loud voice on this campus. I've shot off my mouth — or my keyboard — about everything from representative student government to being a fat jock. My resignation from *The Tech* will not alter that situation. I'll write, now and then, and I'll be around in other ways. Till then, see you in the funny papers.



opinion

Column/Mark Templar

Federal excesses waste tax money

The presidential primary sweepstakes is now in full swing, and Democratic candidates are falling over one another to criticize the Reagan administration. The Democratic candidates particularly enjoy lambasting the president about budget deficits, which now hover around \$200 billion and promise to stay there indefinitely unless action is taken.

President Ronald W. Reagan, of course, has been concerned about deficits for years. He supports a plan that would cut government spending by \$424 billion over the next three years, without cutting essential services for the poor. This plan is the "President's Private Sector Survey on Cost Control," a report produced by a two-year-old commission headed by Peter Grace.

The Grace Commission is composed of 160 top executives of US companies. They have approached the government's budget with a business manager's attitude. They have worked to find the government waste, fraud, and abuse which Reagan talked about and at which many Democrats laughed.

The Grace Commission did find waste, fraud, and abuse in federal spending. The commission has come up with 2478 examples and detailed them in 23,000 pages of reports. Its work has been completely paid for by about \$80 million in private donations of manpower, equipment, supplies, and cash. The commission's work was serious and precise, and it should make people who whine about the deficit pause before they blame Reagan.

One of the biggest problems identified by the commission was gross inefficiency. It costs the Army \$4.20 to issue a payroll check, while it costs the private sector only about a dollar. This costs taxpayers \$40 million a year. The Veteran's Administration pays over \$100 to process one medical claim, versus about \$5 in the private sector. The Department of Energy has one supervisor for every three workers, twice as many as the rest of government. Postal service workers call in sick over 60 percent more often than private sector workers, costing taxpayers over \$650 million a year. These are just four examples out of 2478.

Another government problem is in data processing. The Army, for example, does not know how many computers it has, where they are, or how much they cost. The average age of computers used by government is twice that of those used by business. Government computers are not networked, and about half of them are so old that the manufacturers no longer service them.

The computers are also used ineffectively. The Internal Revenue Service, for example, has processed only 80 percent of the 1978 tax returns so far. Delinquent tax accounts are estimated at over \$23 billion, but there is no way to know the exact figure until the computers catch up. The Grace Commission estimated that \$20 billion could be saved over three years just by standardizing and upgrading government computer systems. Another \$60 billion could be saved if the government simply used established private-sector data processing techniques.

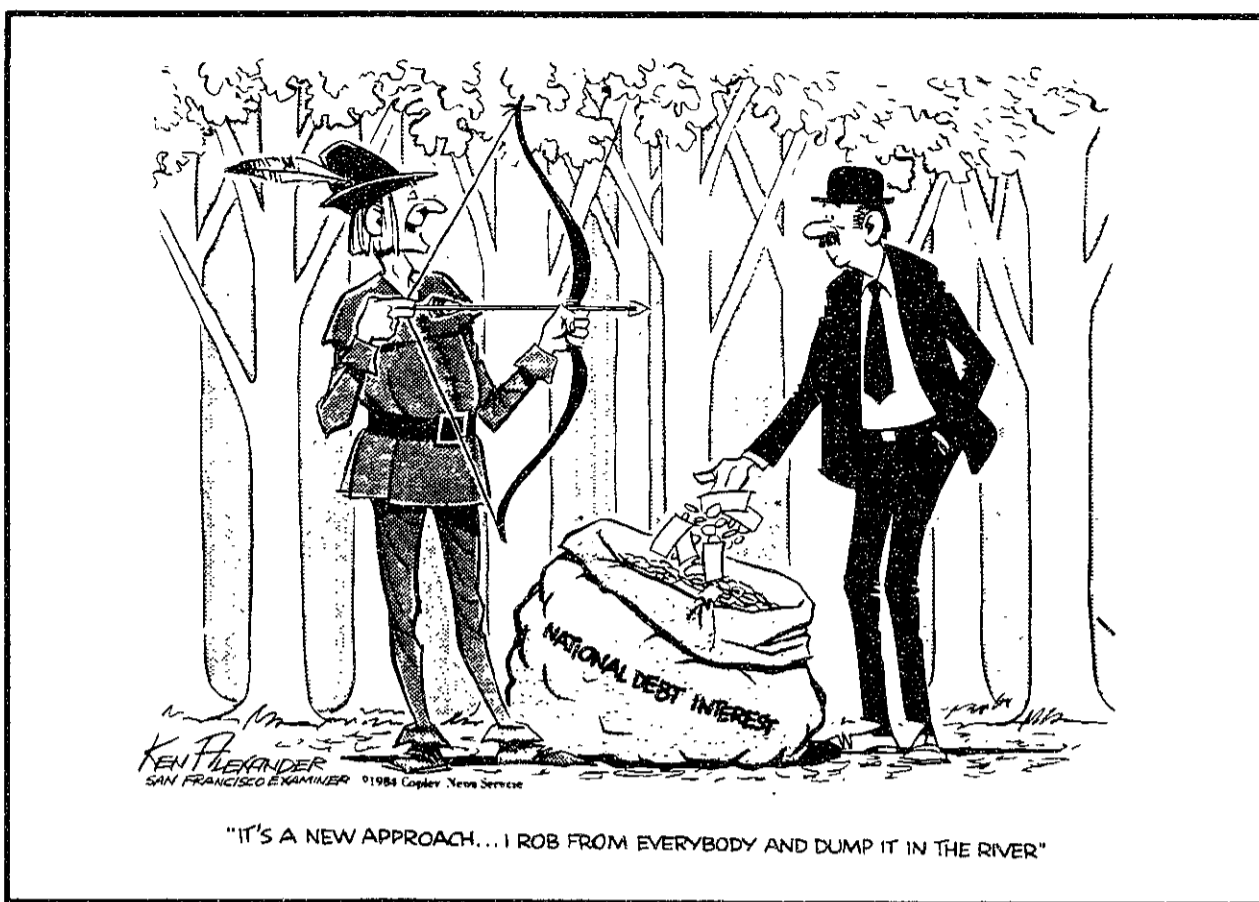
Procurement is another mas-

sive source of waste. In 1983, the Navy paid \$100 each for aircraft simulator parts that retail for under a dime. It paid \$511 each for lightbulbs that retail for 60 cents. The Environmental Protection Agency pays \$100 per day to rent an office trailer which others rent for \$100 per week. In all, the Grace Commission identified \$28 billion in procurement savings over the next three years if the government instituted private sector purchasing techniques.

Federal employees also take a free ride at taxpayers expense. They get 35 percent more vacation time and 33 percent higher health benefits than their private sector counterparts. In 1980, 6.3 percent of federal employees filed on-the-job injury claims, compared with 1.7 percent of private sector employees. Government pensions are twice as costly as private pensions, and the retirement age is as low as 55 for civil service workers and 40 for military personnel. The Grace Commission estimated the government could save \$58 billion over three years if it simply treated federal employees the same as the private sector treats its employees.

The examples of government inefficiency and mismanagement go on and on, but the point is clear. There is a lot of waste. Unfortunately, most of this waste can be eliminated only through legislative action, and the special interests who benefit from federal largesse scream when their programs are attacked. Consequently, Congress will probably ignore the Grace Commission's.

Political candidates will continue to yip and yap about the deficit, shaking their heads in disapproval. They ignore the essence of the deficit problem to curry favor with special interests and the media. So as the circus of political rhetoric continues, the government gravy train will keep rolling down the tracks, right over the taxpayers. All the while, the chorus of presidential candidates will sing, "It's Reagan's fault."



Simson L. Garfinkel

Mentality has trickled down

It is not my custom to reply to letters about my columns; generally, my columns say all that I want to say on a particular subject. I do make exceptions, of course.

The Tech has received so many letters, and I have had so many conversations with students around campus about my last column, "Gun mentality bad," [*The Tech*, Feb. 24] that I have decided to respond to all criticism at once and in one place.

The first question I have been asked is about what was I. The

column was not just about cabbies carrying guns. Neither was it just about nuclear war and Reagan, nor even about crime in Philadelphia.

The column was about a mentality in our leaders which lessens the value of human life. These feelings are directed primarily toward their enemies. The thesis of the column was that this mentality has trickled down into our society, and has established emotional patterns of fear and aggression among our people.

I have been called a racist and

a bigot because of my alleged stereotyping of taxi drivers. Three days before my column was published, an editorial cartoon appeared in *The Boston Globe*. The cartoon depicted the same "smelly, slimy, cigar-smoking, gun-slitting cabby" that I mentioned in my column. In fact, *The Globe's* cartoon also depicted the cabby with machine gun rounds, a knife, and a hand grenade.

How is it that one person can depict cabby acceptably in a car-

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feedback

Criticizes Zionists

To the Editor:

As one of nearly 400 peace activists that attended the Middle East conference here at MIT last weekend, I was greatly impressed by the unprecedented degree of concern over the Arab-Israeli conflict demonstrated by representatives of disarmament, feminist, and anti-interventionist groups from around the country. It was disturbing that a small group, led by the MIT Zionist Alliance, found such a gathering

so objectionable.

Despite the fact that most of the conference's participants (and virtually all of the speakers) supported Israel's right to exist and members of a number of Zionist groups were in attendance, pamphlets distributed by the protestors labeled the conference "anti-Israel." Despite the fact that a variety of opinions were expressed and the conference's literature tables included materials ranging from groups supporting

moderate Israelis to groups supporting radical Palestinians, this same pamphlet labeled the conference "one-sided". Despite the participation of a number of Israelis, the protestors claimed that the weekend "did not present an Israeli view."

While there was no official Israeli view presented, there were no official views of the Palestine Liberation Organization or any Arab government presented either. In fact, Arab governments got their share of critical remarks on a number of occasions.

Fortunately, not all Zionists share the right-wing ideology of the MIT Zionist Alliance and their intolerance for dissenting opinions. Many Zionists, both in Israel and the Diaspora (including MIT), recognize that Israeli security and Palestinian rights are dependent of the attainment of the other and are not mutually exclusive. Many Zionists condemn acts of terrorism by both sides. Many Zionists recognize that both Israeli Jews and Palestinian Arabs have legitimate claims for national self-determination.

It is easy to label peace activists concerned with the Middle East as "anti-Israel," just as it is easy to label peace activists concerned with Central American as "anti-American." However, the world is not that simple, and international conflicts cannot be reduced to zero-sum games. Until people can learn to think for themselves and reject national chauvinism, the efforts of those of us concerned with peace and social justice will continue to be difficult.

Stephen Zunes



opinion

Column was to provoke discussion

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toon, yet another cannot do the same in a column without being called a bigot? The cartooned cabbie was not meant to be taken as stereotype, and no one took it that way. Similarly, there was nothing in the column to indicate that the description was to be taken as a stereotype — yet it has been.

Actually, my description of the cabbie was based on fact. I once met a friend from Brandeis University at Logan Airport. We were going to take the train back to her college, but she had too many bags, so we decided to take a taxi instead.

The taxi driver was fat, smelly

and he smoked a cigar. Before I knew it, we were on what turned out to be 30 minutes of smoke-ridden hell.

The other major criticism with my column was that I said the crime rate rose in Philadelphia after Reagen was elected, when in fact the national crime rate fell.

The careful reader will note that I said the perceived crime rate rose, not the actual crime rate. And the perceived crime rate did rise — friends of mine have told me they actually did feel less safe after 1980.

This feeling could have arisen because Frank Rizzo was no longer mayor of Philadelphia. This feeling could also have arisen because violent crime in Phila-

delphia, (or at least the media reporting of violent crime,) increased in those years. Philadelphia was besieged by "wolf packs" — mobs of teenagers who roamed the streets at nights looking for victims.

My columns are not meant as silver-platter answers for the MIT community. They are meant to stimulate discussion and conversation around campus. Unfortunately, these columns have occasionally resulted in personal attacks, although for the most part the discussion arising from them has been beneficial.

I have even been known to reconsider my opinions, on occasion, and I'm always willing to talk with you in the halls.

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feedback

Conference was not anti-Israel

To the Editor:

Ellen L. Spero's responsible report of the exchange between MIT Professor Louis Kampf, faculty advisor to the MIT Commission on the Middle East, and MIT Zionist Alliance president Judith Fleischman [Feb. 28] ruined my day. By egging Fleischman about opposition to the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Kampf insinuates that all Zionists affiliate with Meir Kahane's "Jews Against Jackson," a group which has very little support among the American Jewish community. By asking Fleischman to "get yourself some shvartzes," Kampf furthers the notion that Zionists are racists, and particularly anti-black. Kampf even tries to demonstrate his familiarity with

"Jewish bigotry" by using the term "shvartze" (there is certainly no Zionist interpretation associated with this word).

I am shocked to hear such statements made and acknowledged by an MIT professor. Like most Jews, I was offended by Jackson's "Hymie" slurs. As most Jews would be, I am very upset at Kampf's attempt to brand Zionists as bigots via the reference to Jackson and "shvartzes." Finally, recent studies have shown that the vast majority of Jews in America consider themselves to be Zionists. As a result, it is difficult to distinguish the implication of Kampf's remarks from good old fashioned anti-Semitic dogma.

Ed Kaplan G

Column is funny

To the Editor:

In an "Editor's note" to a recent letter from Oren Helbok '87 [Feedback, Feb. 28], the following statement appeared: "The Tech's policy is . . . to permit members of the MIT community to present their views, whether or not those views please that same community."

Just a minute here, guys. Now I enjoyed getting angry at Simson L. Garfinkel's "columns." I enjoyed the fun other people had when they got to flame mercilessly at both him and *The Tech*. I know from speaking with Simson that he is not adversely affected by what his antagonists have to say (at least not superficially, anyway). In these senses, there was nothing wrong with the whole situation. It was pleasant banter, directed at (and from) someone who didn't mind being loud and who was genuinely interested in the reactions his outspokenness evoked. If I had to draw an editorial cartoon depicting the situation, I would have shown a Simson with a Jack-in-a-box, the latter having the words "The MIT student community" scrawled on its side and popping up every now and then with a sneering face every time Simson turned the crank. Behind Simson, however, I would have stenciled in a parental image, looking on in amusement at the antics of the child and his toy. This image would have had *The Tech* as its identifying label. And this is fine. Little children are supposed to play with toys.

The quote I referred to in the first paragraph, however, indicates a change in this picture. It

is as though, by analogy, the parent has come out of the background, taken the toy from the child, and begun playing with it himself.

By calling the running of the Garfinkel "columns" a policy decision, you are playing a dangerous game with the journalistic reputation of *The Tech*. Are you trying to tell us that if any moron handed you an insipid flame about his favorite type of precipitation, you would immediately run it on page three of the next issue? Someone could write you a letter saying, "I think toxic waste is bad. Something should be done about it." and you would flash it across the top of the editorial or feedback page? Face it, people, you are, as a policy, supposed to be exercising discretion over the kinds of things you put in your paper.

By no means am I advocating censorship, though! All I am saying is that when someone writes an opinion that is obviously not meant in the most serious of veins, it should not be included in a serious journalistic effort, unless those responsible for the inclusion recognize it for what it is, namely, a joke.

Also, bear in mind — there is an alternative! If you ever decide not to run a Garfinkel column because it is just too ridiculous, why not send it to *Tool & Die*? Let people laugh with Simson L. Garfinkel instead of at him, for a change.

Dave Saslav '86
Editor-in-chief, *Tool & Die*

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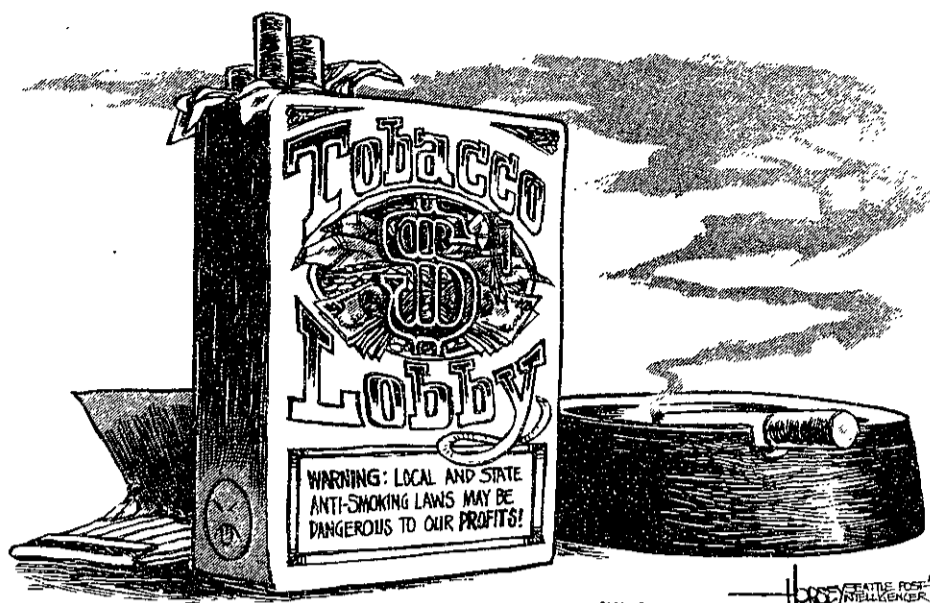
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Disagrees with Saxon

To the Editor:
Last December, in the final *Tech* issue of the term [Dec. 13], an article appeared regarding a proposal from MIT Corporation Chairman David S. Saxon '41 for universal youth service. Saxon is wrong. Unfortunately, his position at MIT is such that his proposal may not be quietly ignored. One theme Saxon repeatedly harped on is the idea that such service would be in some way "socially valuable." Valuable to whom? Saxon does not say. It is certainly not valuable to the "youth of America" who will have their time taken by such a program. Even Saxon's proposal for educational benefits will not benefit anybody, for the simple reason that free education is impossible. The laboratories will still have to be stocked and the professors will still have to be paid. Remember also that the eight or so million (assuming a two-year obligation) who are volunteered will also have to be recompensed for their labor, even if

to no greater degree than providing food and shelter. The government will pay all these monies, of course, using its traditional method: those who have already served their time will pay for it. I, for one, would rather pay my tuition up front than pay someone else's tuition, feed, clothe, and house him, and pay several government workers' salaries to boot. Consider the next something Saxon seems to have overlooked entirely: the real world. This I have mentioned already, with regard to the nonfree education he would not provide. This is not, however, Saxon's only error. He claims that many people are badly educated. True enough. But by the time the student leaves high school, the damage is done. And even were it not, forced service will hardly be an effective remedy for educational problems. He claims he is unhappy about military service. That is his right. Of course, I do note a complete absence of facts to justify that con-

cern. Instead, I find this a suggestion for a universal peacetime draft, on in which the draftees would be digging ditches not for the Department of Defense, but for the Department of (forced) Labor. Could it be that Saxon would prefer to see grown men and women subjugated by the government than freely working in the private sector, or wherever sector they might choose? After all, while there does exist a wartime draft, it is used only in extremity and then only with distaste. Chairman Saxon, on the other hand, would have our Congress appropriate lives as though they were dollars. Let us not stand idly by. John K. Burroughs '87

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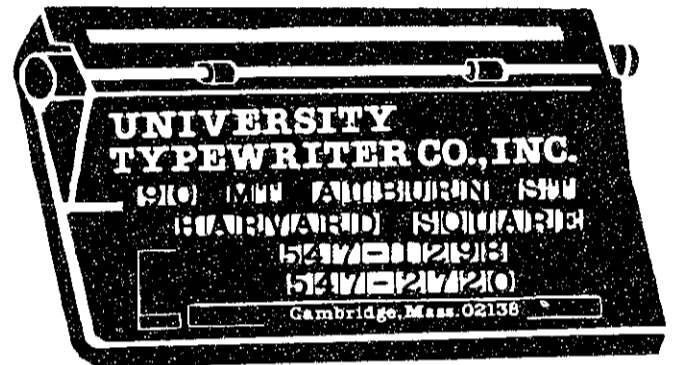
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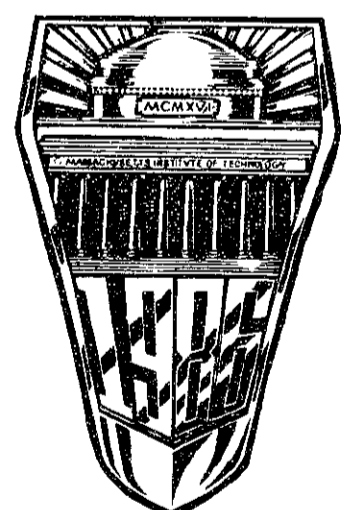
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Guest Column/Mitch Clapp

Hart's victories a good sign

The past week has seen some important goings-on in the world of politics. Canadian Prime Minister Pierre E. Trudeau realized he has overstayed his welcome; Lebanese President Amin Gemayel and Syrian President Hafez Assad got together for talks Wednesday.

Closer to home, Sen. Gary W. Hart upset former Vice President Walter F. Mondale in the New Hampshire Democratic primary last Tuesday. Hart's victory is a good sign because it is inappropriate that the political dialogue over the Democratic Party nomination process should be concluded in late February.

It is bad enough that the voters of New Hampshire and Iowa have proportionally more influence on American politics than the folks in California and New York. They should not be allowed to confer on any candidate the image of invincibility. Mondale tried to run on a "cooperate with the inevitable" platform, and was rewarded with a "cold shower," as he puts it.

Hart, fresh from a second place finish in Iowa, was evidently chosen by the voters of New Hampshire to keep the debate alive for a while.

The smart money is still on Mondale. Out of 1967 delegates needed to nominate, Mondale already has 180 or so, which puts him ahead of his nearest rival, Glenn, by a factor of five. Hart has about 25 delegates, including the ten he picked up north of the border.

Mondale has the backing of

several of the more powerful interest groups in the nation, and we have yet to hear from the states where they are strongest. The Mondale organization is firmly entrenched in the South, where many of the other candidates, especially Hart, have very little name recognition. These factors lead readers of the American political scene to pick the former vice president as the likely winner.

This reasoning does not explain, though, why Mondale did poorly in New Hampshire. He had Hart out-organized at every turn. The AFL-CIO and Mondale's own campaign organization saturated the state with personal calls. They wrote personal (computer-processed) letters to most voters, and Mondale spent six times as much as Hart in New Hampshire.

While Hart had a number of slick TV ads with Star Wars-type graphics, Mondale bought a piece of everything but the test pattern. Given the vast margin in organizational strength that Mondale had, the only reasonable explanation for his "cold shower" was that the voters of New Hampshire took a close look at Walter "Zelig" Mondale and found him wanting.

Soon, the voters will get around to taking a good close look at Hart, and I expect that they will find him wanting, too. Hart's "Youthquake '84" routine is wearing very thin, very fast. He campaigns by telling audiences that he stands for "a new generation of new leadership with

new ideas," while his opponents are "wedded to the failed policies of the past."

There are some problems with this argument. If you live in Iowa, are below the poverty line, or carry a union card, the past looks pretty good. These people are the traditional Democratic constituency, and no serious candidate alienates them. Hart frequently plays the tape about new ideas, but seldom gives an example of a new idea. When he does, it has usually been thought of before.

Take Hart's support of "industrial policy" — cooperation between industry, labor, and government, with the purpose of loading up the world with Escorts, Big Macs, and Cabbage Patch dolls in the way that the Japanese stuck us with all those Corollas and sushi bars.

This new idea of his be can traced to Franklin D. Roosevelt's administration. It has become popular again recently, but we can allow a certain amount of fashion in our politics. It is hard to explain why, when industrial policy of the sort described here became a real piece of legislation with the Chrysler bailout, Hart voted against it.

What Hart really means by "a new generation" is "a younger generation." The idea of generational politics, as practiced by poll-taker Pat Cadell, Sen. Joe Biden (D-Del.), and Hart, suggests that the under-50 generation, having gone through the traumas of the '60s and '70s has

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opinion

Hart just another candidate

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something special to offer in the way of national leadership. Well, the other candidates were around during the '60s and '70s, too. I cannot see that having missed out on the most important events in

this century is any special qualification for public office.

The election is shaping up into a Reagan referendum, and the matter of who gets to hold the president accountable for his

policies, good and bad, is a serious one. I liked former Florida Gov. Reubin O'D. Askew, whom nobody has heard, and Henry Cisneros, who will not be running for at least fifteen years.

feedback

Social Council benefits community

To the Editor:

The Undergraduate Association Social Council is in charge of the coordination of all campus-wide social events, including the annual Homecoming and Spring Weekend celebrations. Theoretically our membership consists of the social chairmen of all the living groups on campus, but realistically we consist of anyone who wants to help and take responsibility during Homecoming, Spring Weekend or any other event (like the Valentine's Day Balloon Sale). My job as chairman is to decide when these weekends take place and to insure that no conflicts exist between the various events that are run by other groups. Implicit in this is the fact that we solicit events and their organizers. The Student Center Committee has become a major traditional contributor to the events of both weekends and we hope that they continue to do so. I have been working with Kim Fradd '85 *et al.* on the Spring Weekend Student Center Committee concert for May 4 since its conception. I do not feel that the Student Center Committee has impinged on my power, but rather I am grateful for their assistance.

I understand the thrust of *The Tech's* editorial to put forth your suggestions for the meaningful reorganization of MIT's student government. Your effort is commendable but in my mind it does not seem to address the right problem, which is that of lack of publicity for the meaningful activities of the UA and especially my group. The MIT community does not know that the UA Social Council exists and is functioning, for the most part due to *The Tech*.

The Tech, under the pretense of being a "real newspaper," refuses to write about something that has not happened yet (and therefore is not "real news"). I think, as do many, that knowledge beforehand of the Spring Weekend events is of interest to the community. It seems to me that pre-event knowledge is part of a paper's responsibility, at least to the same extent as record and restaurant reviews. *The Tech*, as the major communication link to the entire campus and undergraduate community, should not relegate campus-wide social events solely to advertisements.

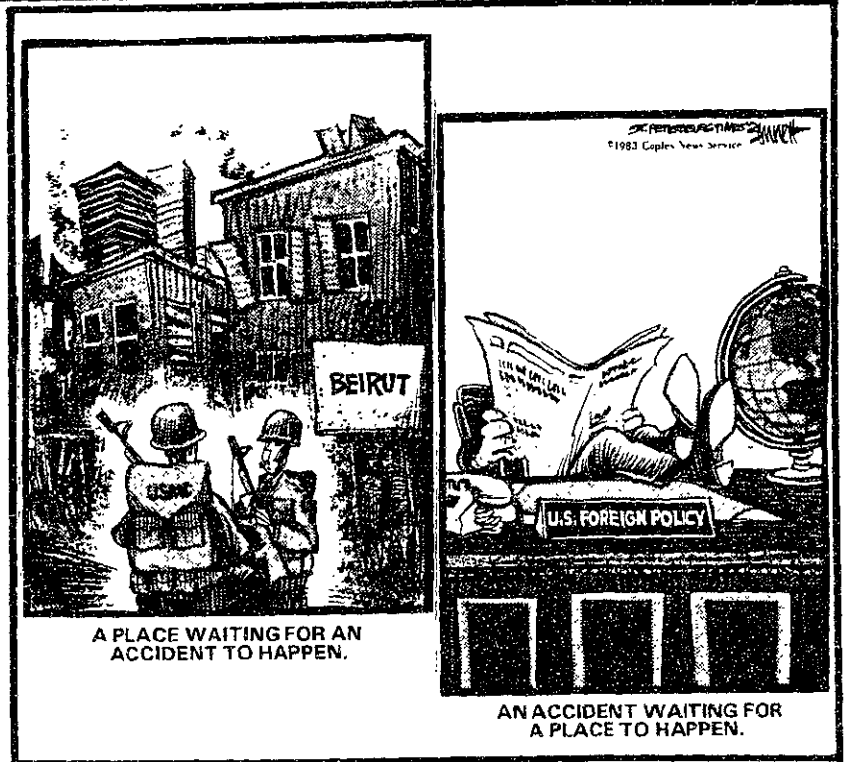
The Tech, through its reporting, has refused to acknowledge Social Council's involvement in the planning of Spring Weekend and its activities. As an example, the *Tech* articles on the Student Center Committee-Sigma Phi Epsilon Casino Boat Cruise did not mention that the cruise was to be the Saturday event during Spring Weekend 1984. The recent choice by the Social Council of the Miller Brewing Company and Burke Distributors as the beer sponsor of Spring Weekend was also not noted. From this, I conclude that *The Tech* seems to be totally ignorant of the workings of Social Council and therefore the Undergraduate Association's "purview" of social life at MIT. The premise that Social Council was bypassed

is wrong, and so the conclusion that the Undergraduate Association had no control over the process can have no basis.

In my opinion *The Tech* should endeavor to serve the community's desires and needs, and not the self-centered opinions of its editorial staff. In the future *The Tech* should stop trying to be

controversial, and serve its constituency by being more informational. The members of Social Council would appreciate that *The Tech* acknowledge our work to improve the quality of life at MIT.

Heni Meerman '84
UA Social Council Chairman



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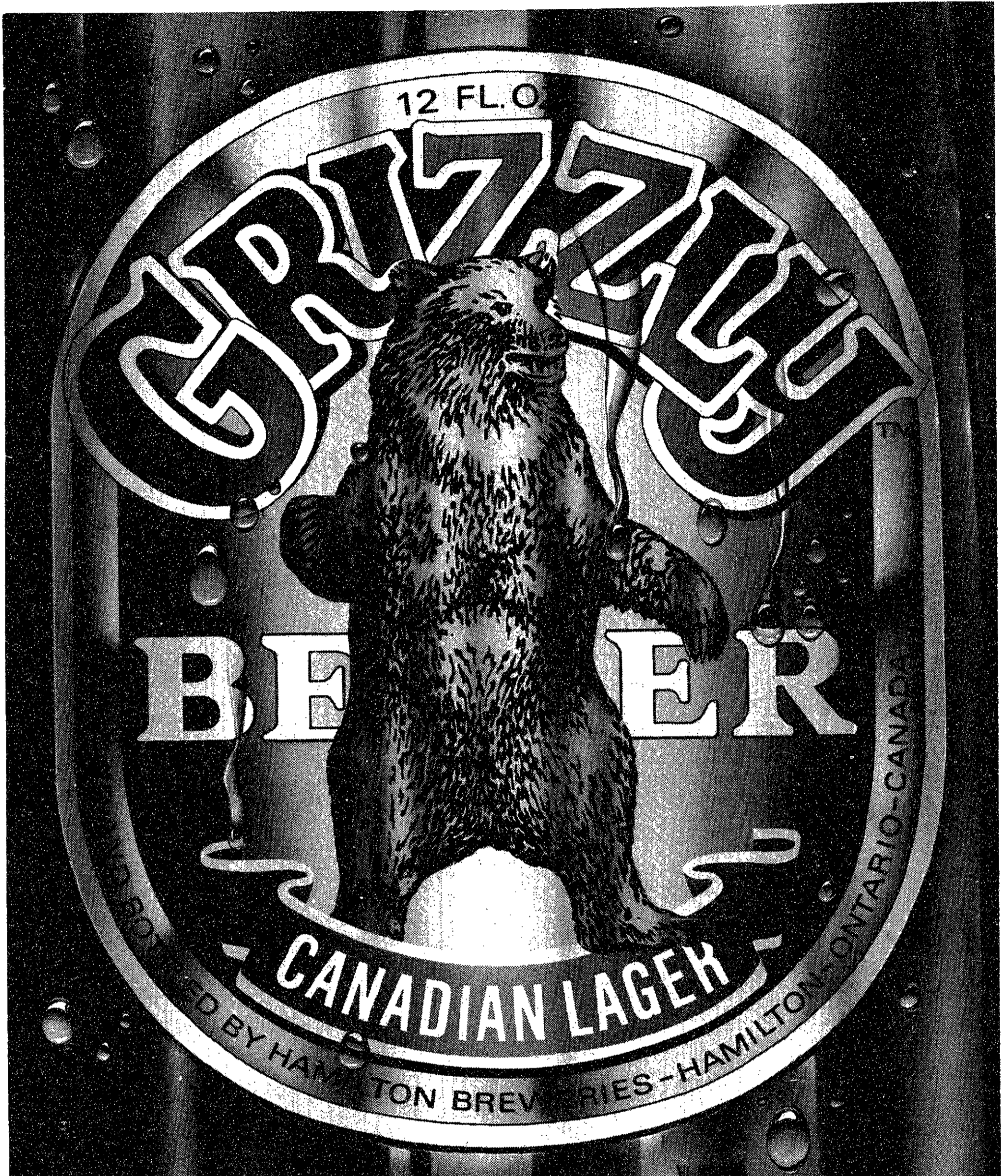
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1983: the year on record

The readers speak out ...

At long last, here it is — *The Tech's* readers' poll of the best records of 1983. Because not everyone is on campus during Independent Activities Period, it is difficult to solicit and compile everyone's choices until after classes start in February. Oh, well, better late than never.

Over a hundred different bands or performers were mentioned by those who sent in their choices. Some of the records people listed were released late in 1982, but were included if their impact was more strongly felt during the past year.

One of the more surprising aspects of this survey was the blurring of lines separating different musical genres. Many records were listed in more than one category, and bands who play music which once was categorized as new wave are now firmly entrenched in the mainstream.

As a result, the bands were reshuffled into the following four categories: pop/rock/new wave, funk/r&b, punk, and local. In each grouping, points were tabulated for each performer and a weighted score was calculated, based on a score of 100 for first-place. The number of performers listed in each category was dependent upon the total number of responses received which listed choices in that category. OK?

Some survey respondents ranked their choices, while others did not. Those who did not supply rankings had their choices weighted equally; polls which did list records in order had their higher choices weighted proportionally more than their lower picks. The more different records a person listed, the more the higher picks (and the less the lower) counted.

In pop/rock/new wave, the Talking Heads' *Speaking in Tongues* was far and away the most popular album, being named on well over half the ballots received. The Police's *Synchronicity* finished a close second, with *More Fun in the New World* by X placing third.

The high fifth-place finish by the Irish band U2 was due to their having released

Readers' poll pop/rock/new wave

1. Talking Heads — Speaking in Tongues	100.0
2. Police — Synchronicity	88.9
3. X — More Fun in the New World	78.5
4. Michael Jackson — Thriller	68.8
5. U2 — War/Under a Blood Red Sky	61.3
6. Prince — 1999	50.8
7. New Order — Power, Corruption, and Lies	42.9
8. B-52's — Whammy	38.3
9. Devo — Oh No, It's Devo!	34.5
10. REM — Murmur	33.5
11. Cure — Japanese Whispers/The Walk	26.1
12. David Bowie — Let's Dance	25.5
Dream Syndicate — Days of Wine and Roses	25.5
14. Elvis Costello — Punch the Clock	23.9
15. Pretenders — Learning to Crawl	23.0
16. Van Halen — Diver Down	22.0
17. Culture Club — Colour by Numbers	19.2
18. Bananarama — Deep Sea Skiving	18.2
19. Styx — Kilroy Was Here	15.3
20. Ministry — With Sympathy	14.7

two records during the past year — *War*, a studio album released toward the beginning of the year, and *Under a Blood Red Sky*, a live EP released at the end of the year. The votes for both records were tabulated together; if counted separately, *War* would have placed about tenth and the live record about twentieth.

The only bands mentioned which are not primarily identified with new wave (a term which has become largely meaningless) were Van Halen, placing 16th with *Diver Down*, and Styx, whose *Kilroy Was Here* finished 19th. Styx, David Bowie (a 12th-place tie for *Let's Dance*), and Michael Jackson (fourth place for *Thriller*) are the only performers in the pop top-20 who predate the new wave era.

Jackson and Prince (sixth place for *1999*) topped the funk/r&b choices in the

closest competition for first in any category. Ballots which named one tended to name the other. No one else came particularly close, with third-place Grandmaster Flash (rap singles "New York, New York" and "White Lines") garnering some support.

Suicidal Tendencies' self-titled album was the most popular punk/hardcore album of the past year, with Proletariat's *Soma Holiday* and Youth Brigade's *Sound and Fury* following. Again, several bands released more than one record during the past year. Only those records released on independent labels were considered in this category; X and the Ramones, both recording for major labels, were not counted.

Many of the local bands listed have yet to release any vinyl, but they were consid-

... but I have the last word

The ballots are in, and the readers have spoken. But now it's my turn to list my favorite records and bands of 1983. My choices were not significantly different from the compilation of picks on the surveys sent in to *The Tech* — I'll liberally interpret the result to mean people at MIT share my good taste in music. My selections are in approximate order of preference in each category, but don't hold me to it forever. Here goes:

Pop/rock/new wave

X, *More Fun in the New World* — Super album whose fine production qualities cannot mask this group's powerful performance. At last, a punk band garners mass appeal.

Michael Jackson, *Thriller* — Real meaty and funky, this album kept me hopping all year. I especially love "Billie Jean." Only one bad song on the whole record, the duet with — what's his name? — McArtry? You know, the ex-Beatle.

Police, *Synchronicity* — A little mellow than their previous efforts, but excellent songs nonetheless. The ethereal quality of "Every Breath You Take" still sends me.

Prince, *1999* — This dude is unreal, but his extended funk jams make club DJs and dancers alike smile. Guaranteed to make a dull party go. Scratch, scratch, I'm delirious.

Talking Heads, *Speaking in Tongues* — Not my favorite album by this group, with its lengthy and somewhat pointless funk stylings, but still enjoyable. Overrated as a dance record.

Kinks, *State of Confusion* — I'm a Kink Kultist from way back, and while these guys are starting to get long in the tooth, there's a lot of life in them yet. Always interesting music from the band who invented the power chord.

David Bowie, *Let's Dance* — His worst album in a long while is still one of the year's best. Too much pandering to the disco crowd leaves this record a little flat.

New Order, *Power, Corruption, and Lies* — Compelling rhythms densely layered with synths and tape loops. "Blue

Monday" hits you over the head and forces you to dance.

U2, *War/Under a Blood Red Sky* — Two records in one year is fine with me, especially when they are this good. This is music played with intense feeling, and it shows.

XTC, *Mummer* — Out as an import long before its American release, this album writes yet another chapter in the story of a band strong on integrating offbeat rhythms into a pop format. XTC continues to evolve as a cohesive musical unit.

Punk/Hardcore

Minutemen, *What Makes a Man Start Fires?/Buzz or Howl Under the Influence of Heat* — My favorite records of the year. Their quirky jazzed-up punk and innovative guitar work keeps riding around my turntable and refuses to leave.

Scream — Their self-titled debut album is an amalgam of many different styles, and even includes an acoustic piece. This band played only '60s covers at one show I attended, and only reggae at another.

Hüsker Dü, *Everything Falls Apart/Metal Circus* — Two releases which prove a band does not have to play lightning fast all the time to be powerful. As intense a band as there is.

Suicidal Tendencies — Another self-titled debut, dealing with the trials and tribulations of suburban teenage life. "Institutionalized" is a gem.

Government Issue, *Boycott Stabb/Make an Effort* — Once Washington D. C.'s most disliked band, the GI's have earned respect for their neo-psychedelic approach to hardcore.

Bad Brains, *Rock for Light* — Even a too-slick production job by the Cars' Ric Ocasek cannot destroy the intensity behind this all-black punk band, which has branched out and now performs primarily reggae.

Minor Threat, *Out of Step* — Even though the group has called it quits, this record is hardly a last gasp by any means. The creators of the "straight edge" philosophy.

Youth Brigade, *Sound and Fury* —

Three brothers comprise this band. The record, dedicated in memory of their father (a nice change from stereotypical anti-parent posturing) depends a little too heavily on chant-type singing.

Black Flag, *Everything Went Black* — They lay low in 1983 due to court battles with their former label, but did release this two-record set of demos. One side contains several humorous radio commercials.

Dirty Rotten Imbeciles, *Dirty Rotten EP* — DRI put 22 songs on a seven-incher. Eighteen minutes of the fastest thrash I have heard. You can't follow the words even with the lyric sheet.

Local area

Mission of Burma — They were the best, are still the best, and always will be the best. R. I. P.

Proletariat — *Soma Holiday* is a great album, but the Proles have to be seen to be fully appreciated.

Freeze — A hot record, but their absence from the stage hurts them.

Psycho — Not a thrash band at all, so they tend to be overlooked. Big mistake. Their bassist is a virtuoso.

S. S. Decontrol — Perhaps overexpectation on my part cost them points here, but *Get It Away* is a good, if too-short, record.

F. U.'s — Their virulently pro-American stance has gotten them into hot water with some punks, but what of it? Appropriate cover of "We're an American Band" on their album.

Cheapskates — Great ska/punk band, really fun to dance to. Hopefully, a record is in the works.

Limbo Race — One of the potential successors to the Mission of Burma legacy, they are stylistically similar but lack that certain punch. Their record shows great promise.

Jerry's Kids — Gone but not forgotten. Maybe they'll come back.

Christmas — This trio has been bashing it out for years, but can't seem to get that one big break. Their sound is reminiscent of early Gang of Four.

Drew Blakeman

ered anyway as most have received radio airplay of demo tapes. The Proletariat were most popular, partly because they played on campus last fall. The second-place Boston band named, Mission of Burma, broke up last March but were counted anyway. Punk dominated the local choices, but bands playing various forms of pop were also listed by many.

Overall, there were not many surprises. The most popular bands and records tended to be the ones that sold well and became mainstays of radio playlists, which is generally the case in any such survey — after all, consumer acceptance breeds popularity which breeds more popularity, and the most widely heard music is often the best remembered once the year is out.

Few polls listed singles as opposed to albums, so a meaningful list cannot be compiled. Four songs by Jackson and "Safety Dance" by Men Without Hats were the only ones mentioned by more than one person. Nobody mentioned the tautological tedium that goes by the name Duran Duran at all, which means that no 14-year-old girls attend MIT, or if they do their tastes are better than average for their age.

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Readers' polls funk/r&b

1. Michael Jackson	100.0
2. Prince	94.3
3. Grandmaster Flash	46.3
4. S.O.S. Band	25.3
5. Nina Hagen	23.2
6. Jenny Burton	21.1
6. Troublefunk	21.1
8. Malcom McLaren	16.8
9. Rick James	14.1
10. Herbie Hancock	10.5

punk/hardcore

1. Suicidal Tendencies	100.0
2. Proletariat	82.8
3. Youth Brigade	79.3
4. Minutemen	69.0
5. F.U.'s	55.2
6. Husker Du	51.7
7. Government Issue	41.4
8. Minor Threat	36.2
9. Meatmen	34.5
10. Terveet Kadet	32.6
11. Black Flag	31.0
Misfits	31.0
Scream	31.0
14. Dickies	27.6
15. Freeze	25.9

local bands

1. Proletariat	100.0
2. Mission of Burma	88.5
3. Jerry's Kids	53.8
4. F.U.'s	41.4
5. Freeze	39.8
6. November Group	38.7
7. Cheapskates	31.0
8. Turbines	29.4
9. Berlin Airlift	28.8
10. Psycho	28.3
11. S.S. Decontrol	26.5
12. Jon Butcher Axis	22.1
Pat Metheny	22.1
New Models	22.1
15. Sex Execs	18.8

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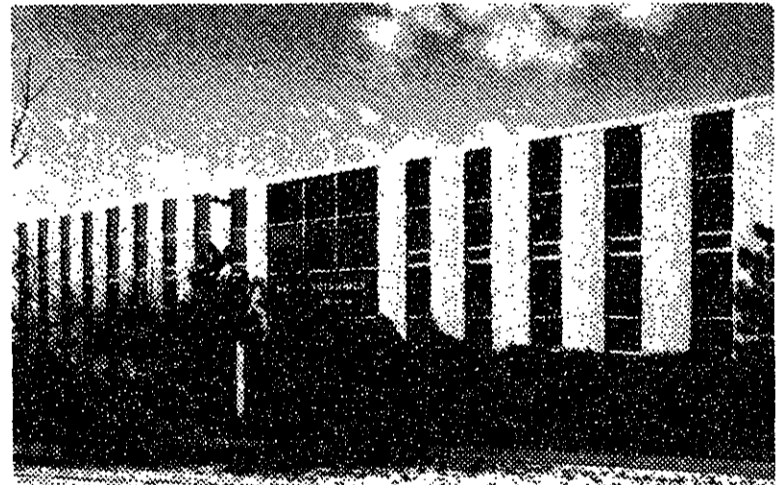
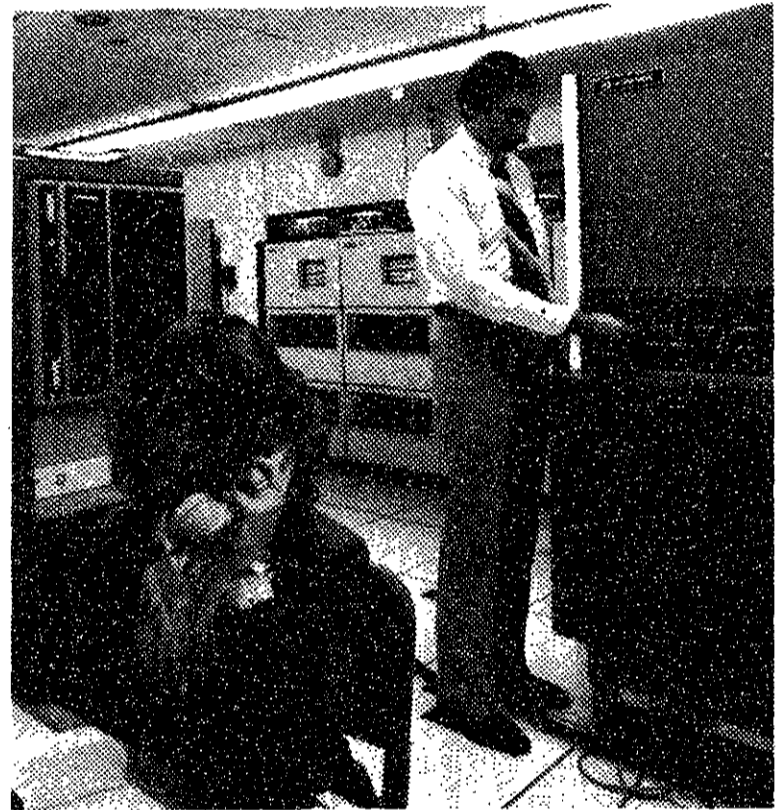
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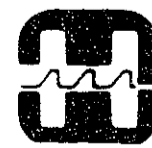
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● **Item #1:** The following shall be inserted in the Undergraduate Association constitution following Section 1.30:

"The Council of Student Representatives shall advise the General Assembly and the Undergraduate Association president on matters concerning the faculty and administration. The council shall consist of the student representatives to all Institute student-faculty committees and shall be administered by the UA Nominations Committee.

"The council shall meet several times each term, as requested by the UA president, vice president, five council members or the nominations committee."

● **Item #2:** The General Assembly of the Undergraduate Association shall be replaced by the UA Council. The UA Council shall assume all legislative and representative powers now held by the General Assembly. The membership of the UA Council shall be as follows: one representative from the Non-Resident Student Association; one representative per 125 undergraduates from each dormitory; one representative per 125 undergraduates at-large from the IntraFraternity [sic] Conference, four representatives from each of the upper class, elected in the spring UA elections; four freshmen elected early in the fall term.

All references to the General Assembly in the UA constitution shall be amended to reflect the above changes.

The UA Council shall draw up bylaws in accordance with the above changes.

Until the 1985 UA elections, the presidents, vice presidents, secretaries, and treasurers of each class shall serve as the class representatives to the UA Council.

● **Item #3:** The charter of the General Assembly-Graduate Student Council shall be adopted by the Undergraduate Association. (A copy of the charter is available at the voting booth. The charter will not be ratified until the Graduate Student Council has also approved it. In case of passage of item two, the charter will be amended to reflect the change from General Assembly to UA Council.

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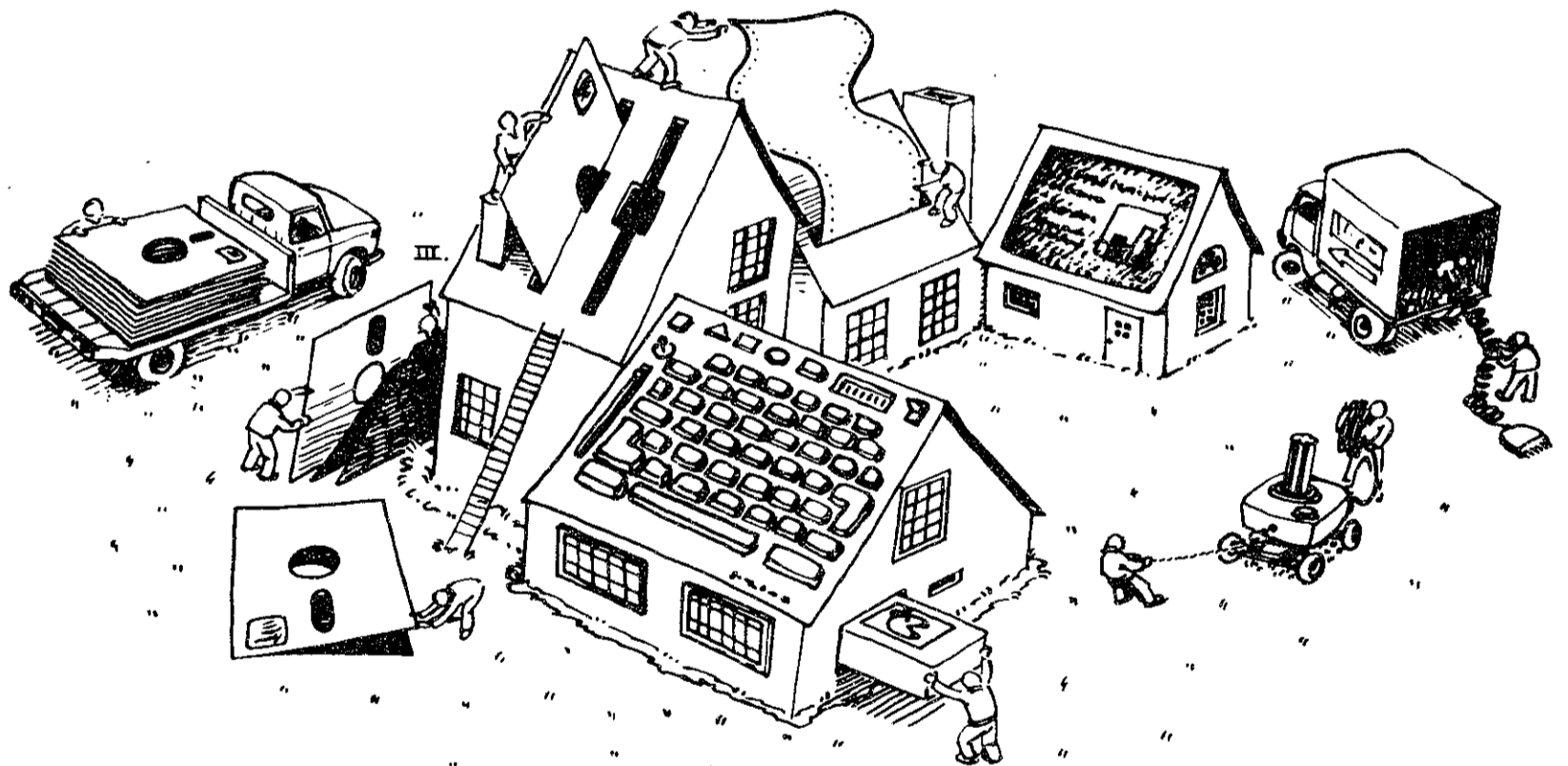
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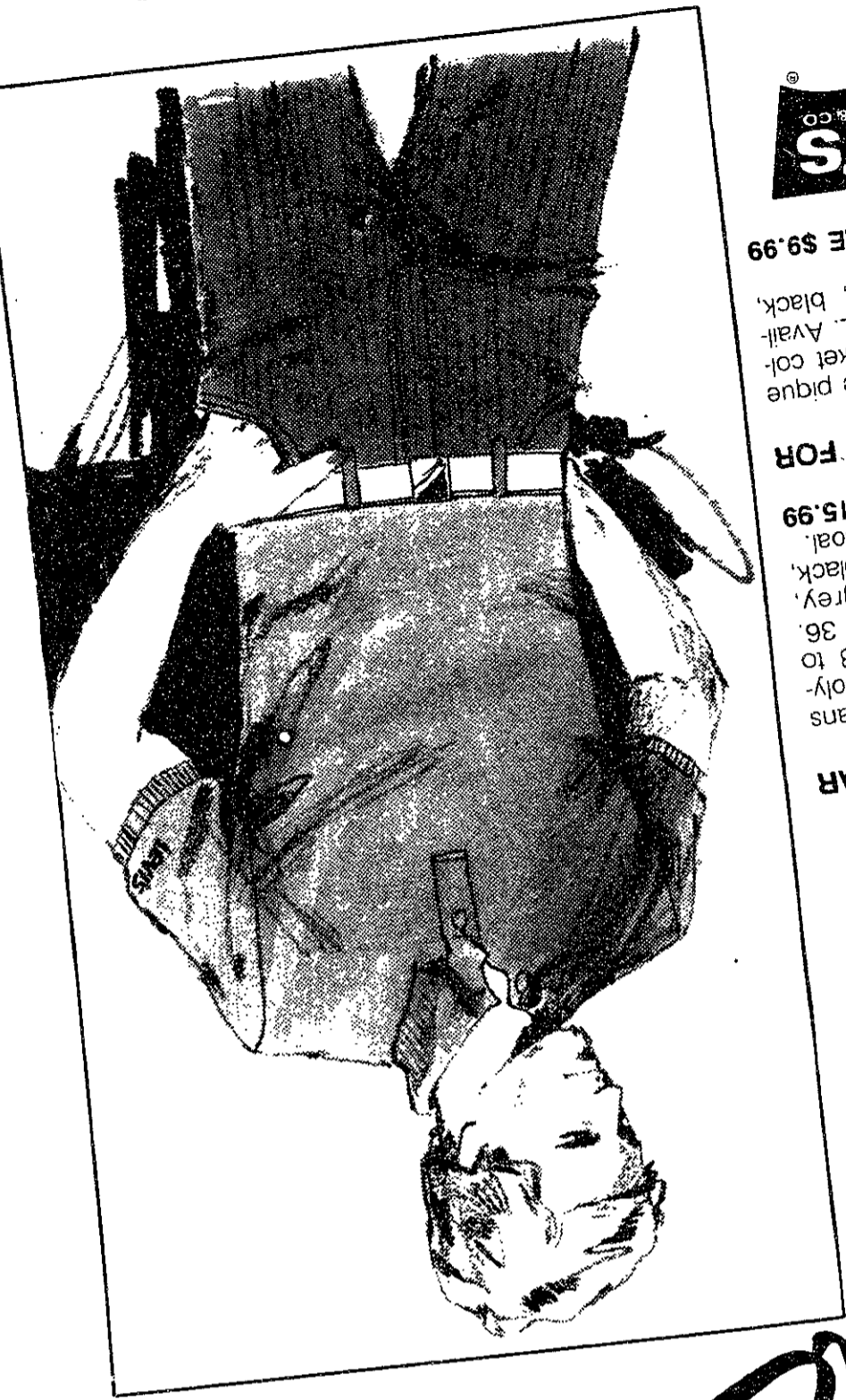
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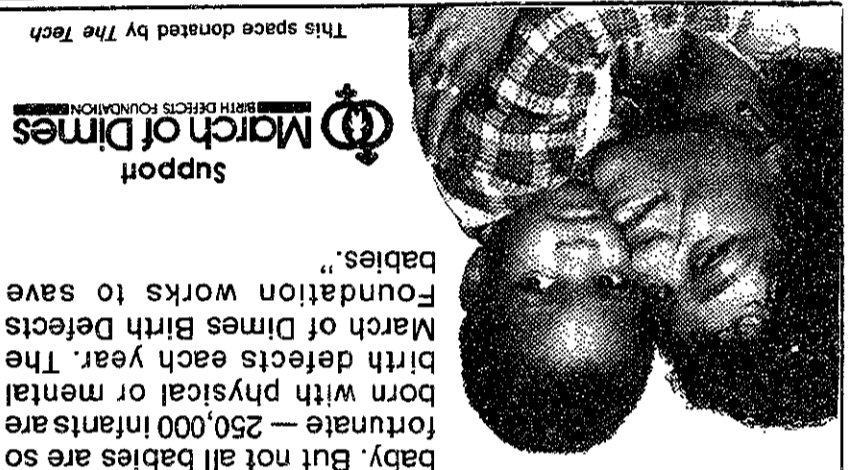
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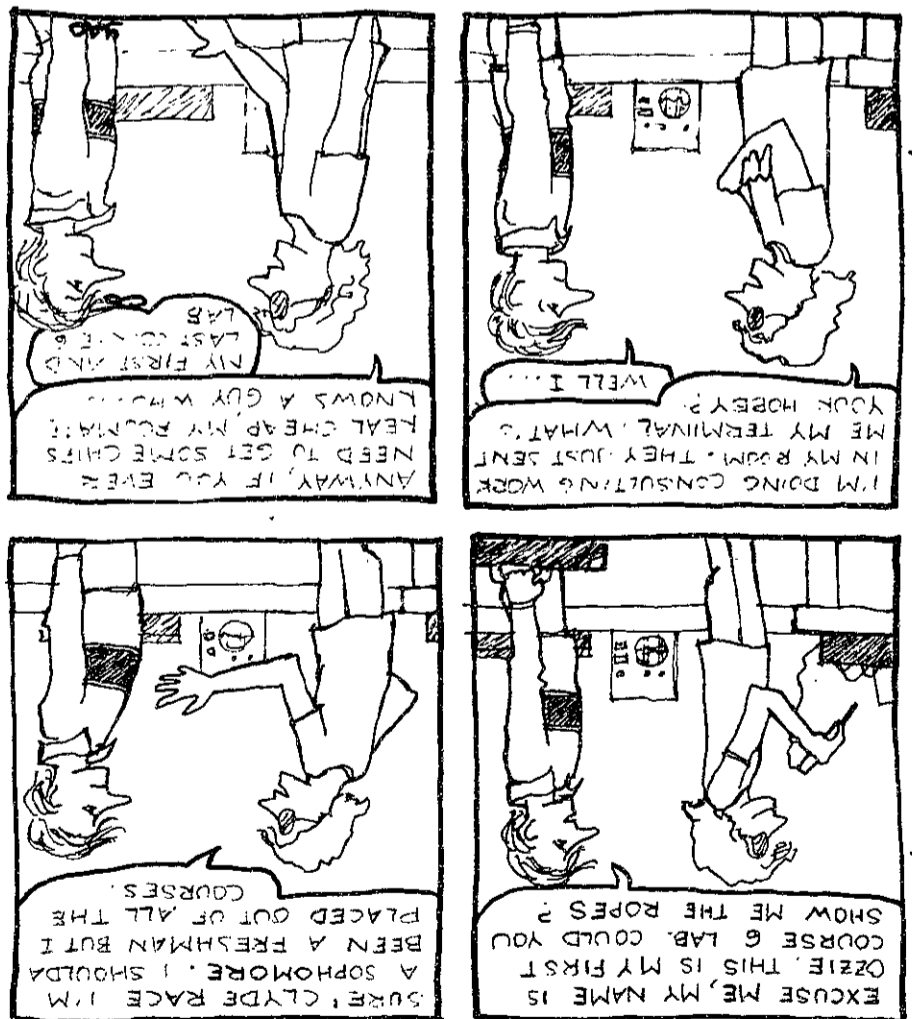
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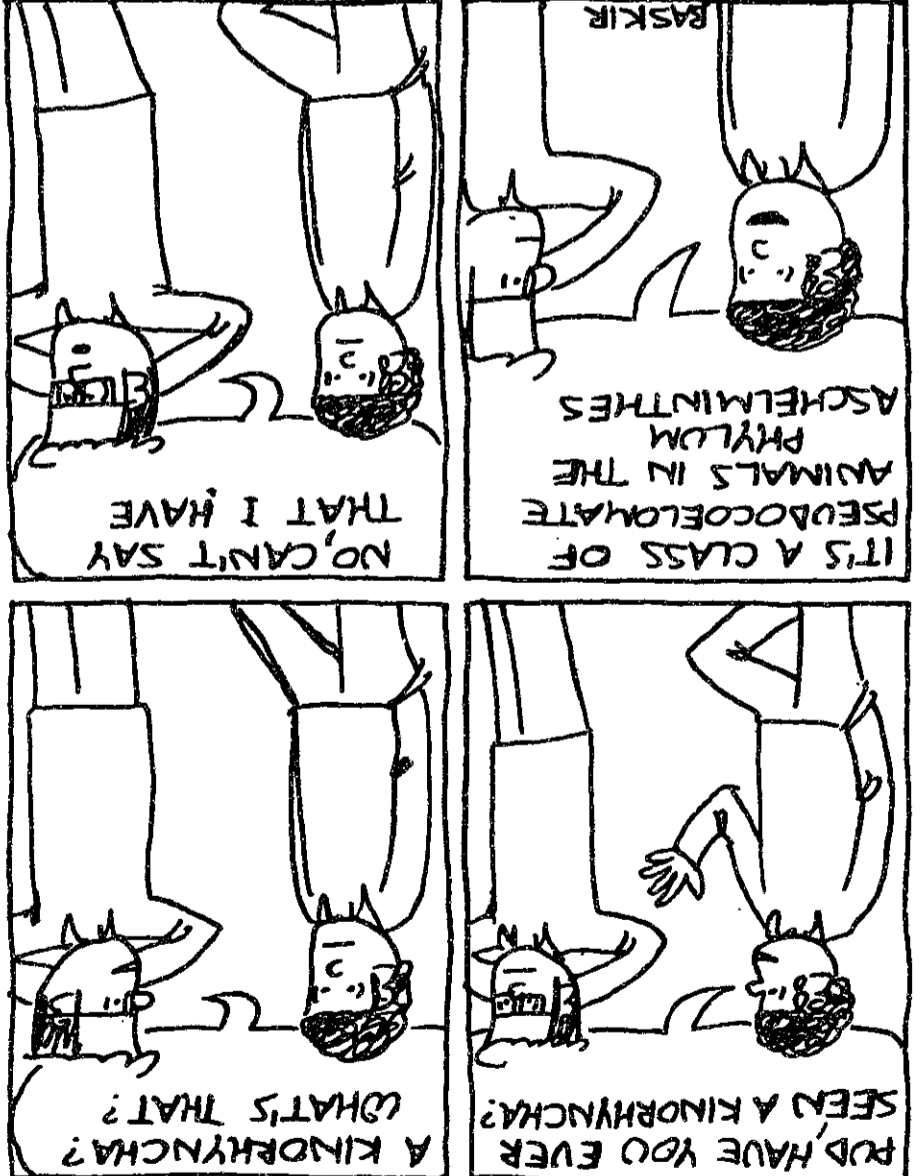
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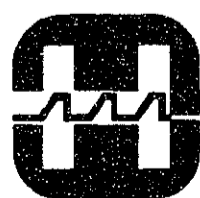
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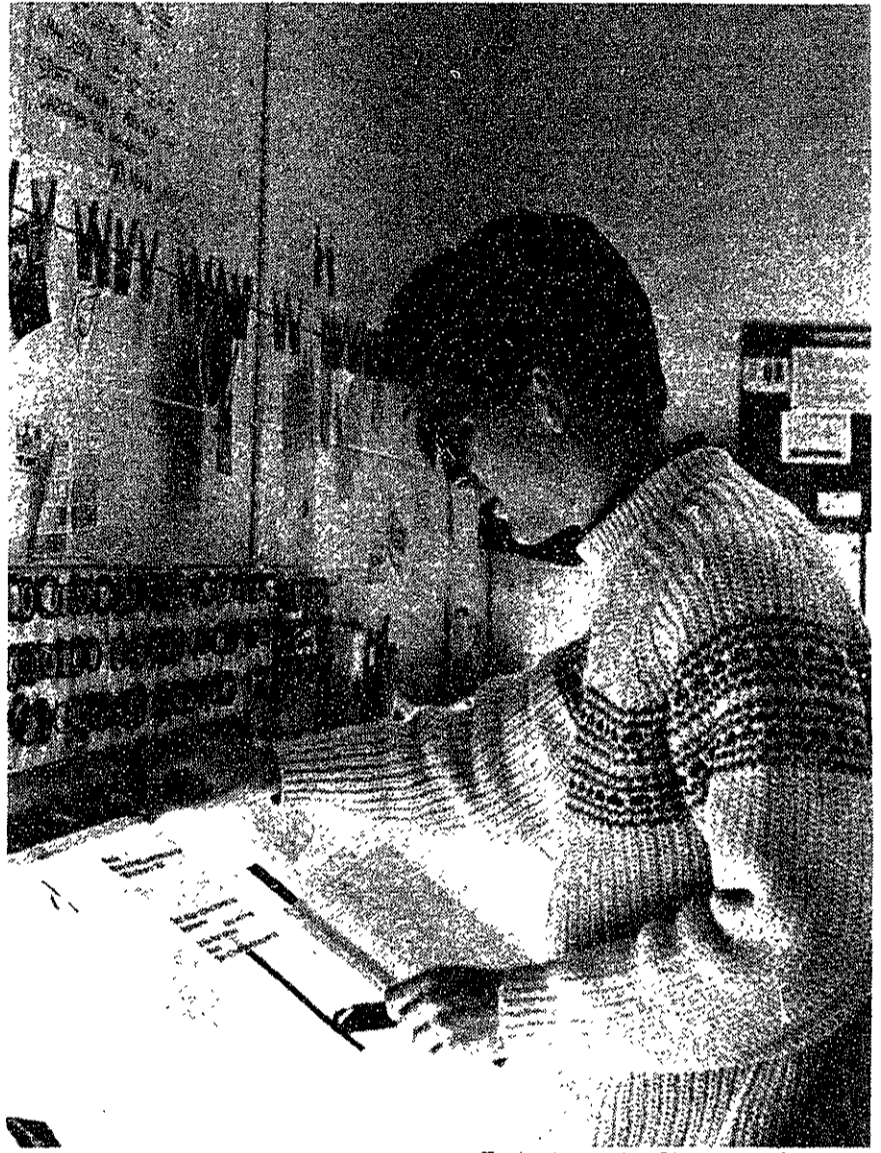
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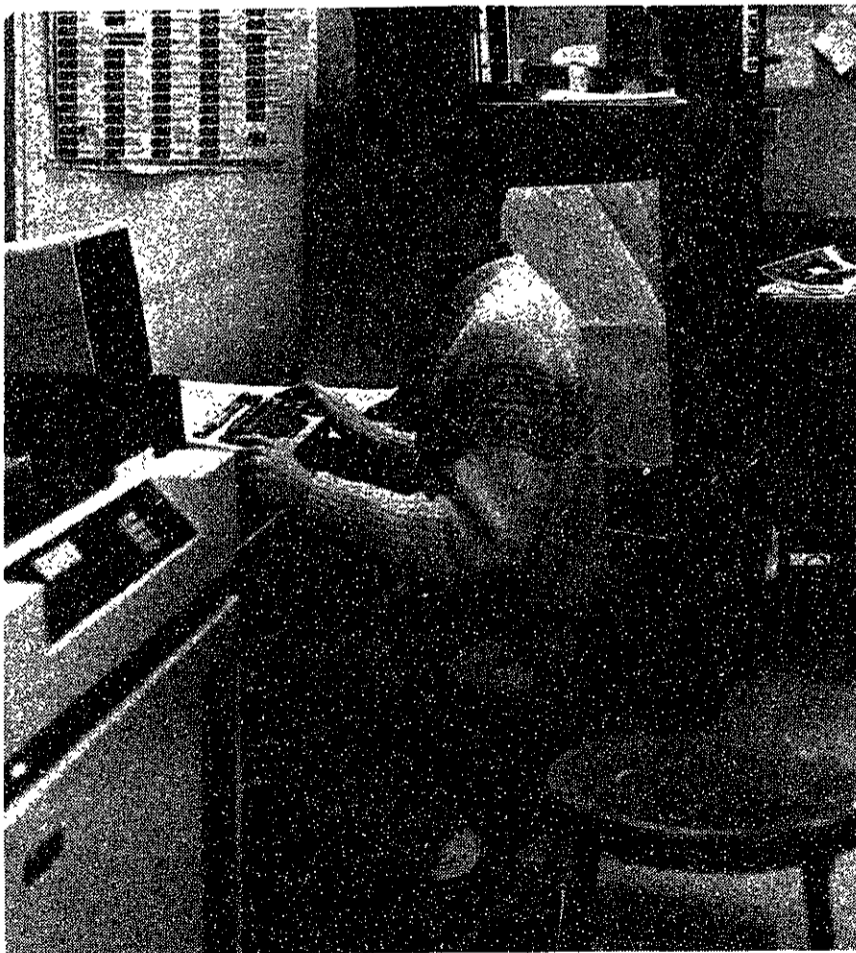
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Student telethon earns over \$100,000 for Alumni Fund

By Gary J. Drlik

The sixth annual student telethon netted \$100,398 for the Alumni Fund last month. Over 300 student volunteers, from Feb. 12 to Feb. 23, solicited donations from 2764 alumni, according to Lauren Norton, telethon coordinator of the Alumni Fund office.

This year's effort raised almost as much as last year's \$115,290, Norton said, although 246 fewer students made calls this year and contacted 3086 fewer alumni.

The average pledge increased from \$38 to \$45. Norton attributed this success to the enthusiasm of the callers and their "efficient bustle."

The alumni could specify what they wanted their money to be used for. Only 546 donors left their gifts unspecified.

This year more alumni chose student financial aid as the beneficiary than any other cause. The

callers were instructed to encourage alumni to contribute to student financial aid, Norton explained. The intent to solicit more money for student financial aid began last year, she said.

The dormitory response was poor, although both dormitory and independent living groups were contacted and asked to participate in the telethon. Dormitory residents comprised less than 20 percent of all callers.

Norton said there was the "usual publicity" for the telethon, but dormitory residents were not given individual notices through the mail as they were in past years.

During the telethon, students accumulated points in such categories as securing a specific dollar amount and getting an alumnus to increase his donation from previous years. The callers competed on an individual basis and as living groups.

The top caller of each night won a prize and all callers received an MIT glass in appreciation of their efforts.

The top individual caller for the telethon was Tony Colonna '87 from Phi Delta Theta. He won a weekend for two at the Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston.

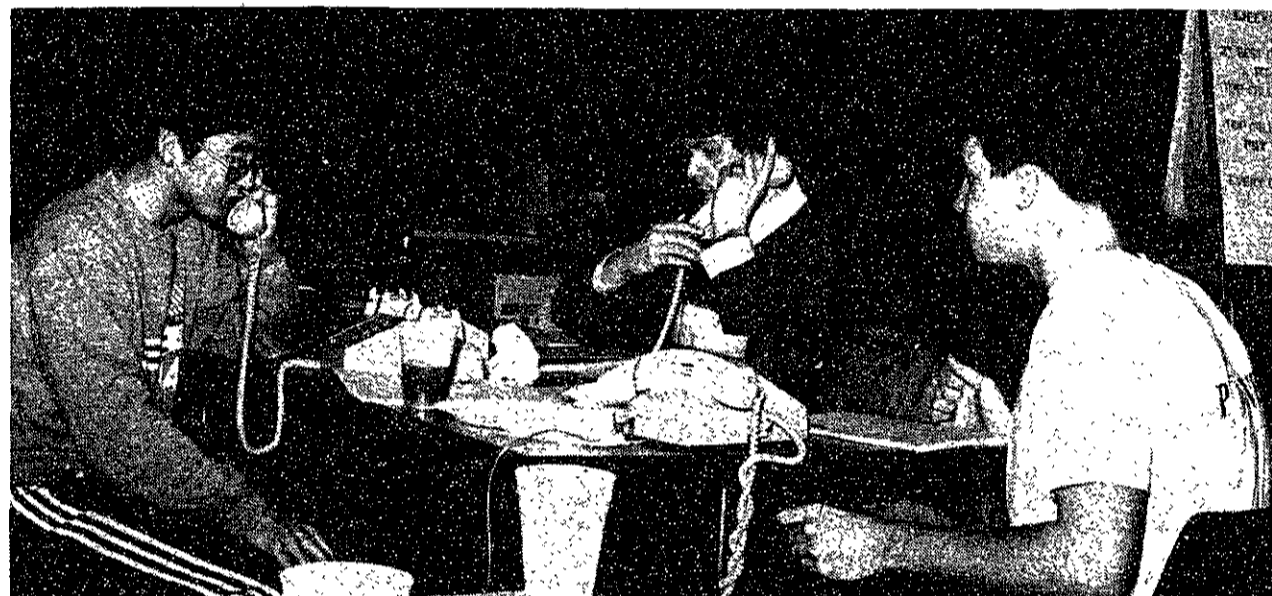
Zeta Psi was the top scoring living group; it provided 54 callers and earned a total of 676 points. They received a \$100 cash prize.

Other beneficiaries of the February telethon included the Independent Residence Development Fund, the Campus Residence Fund, various athletic teams, and scholarship funds. The Interdependent Residence Development Fund and the Campus Residence Fund provide for the improvement and renovation of independent residencies and dormitories respectively.



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Andrew de Rozairo '86 spikes against Worcester Polytechnic Institute in the final game Sunday. MIT won the match 15-5, 15-9 and 15-5, raising its record to 4-2.



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Students talk with alumni during Alumni Fund Telethon in the Bush Room last month.

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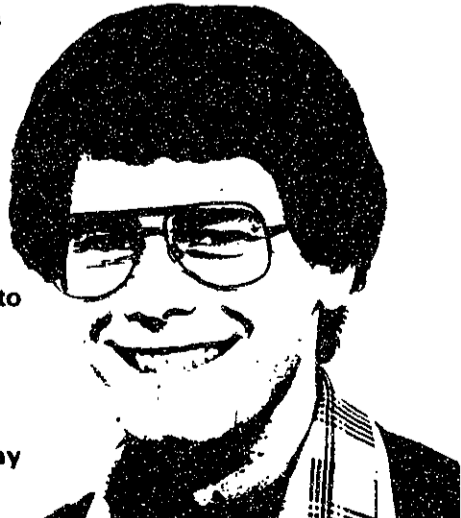
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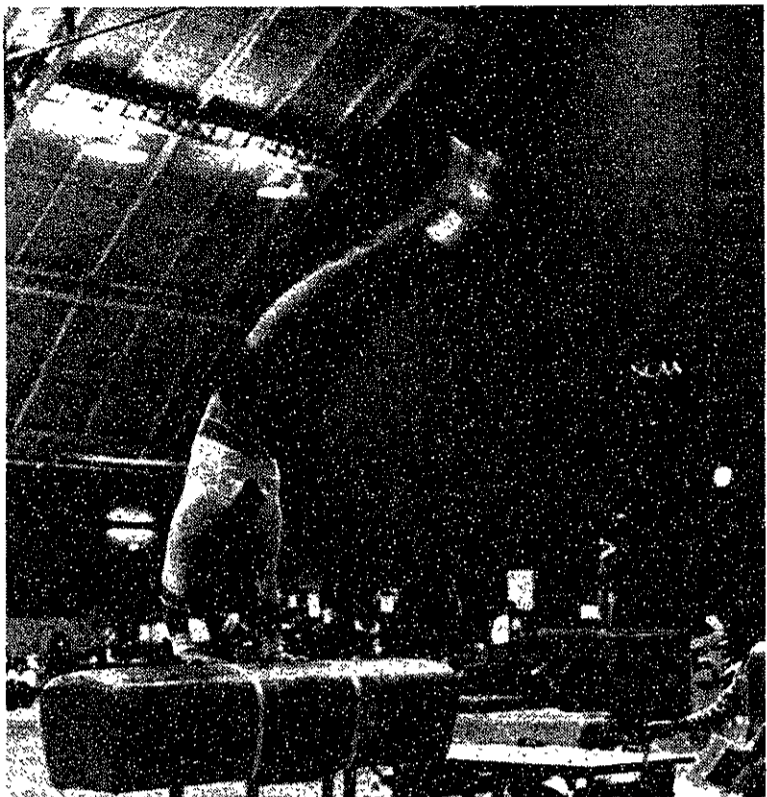
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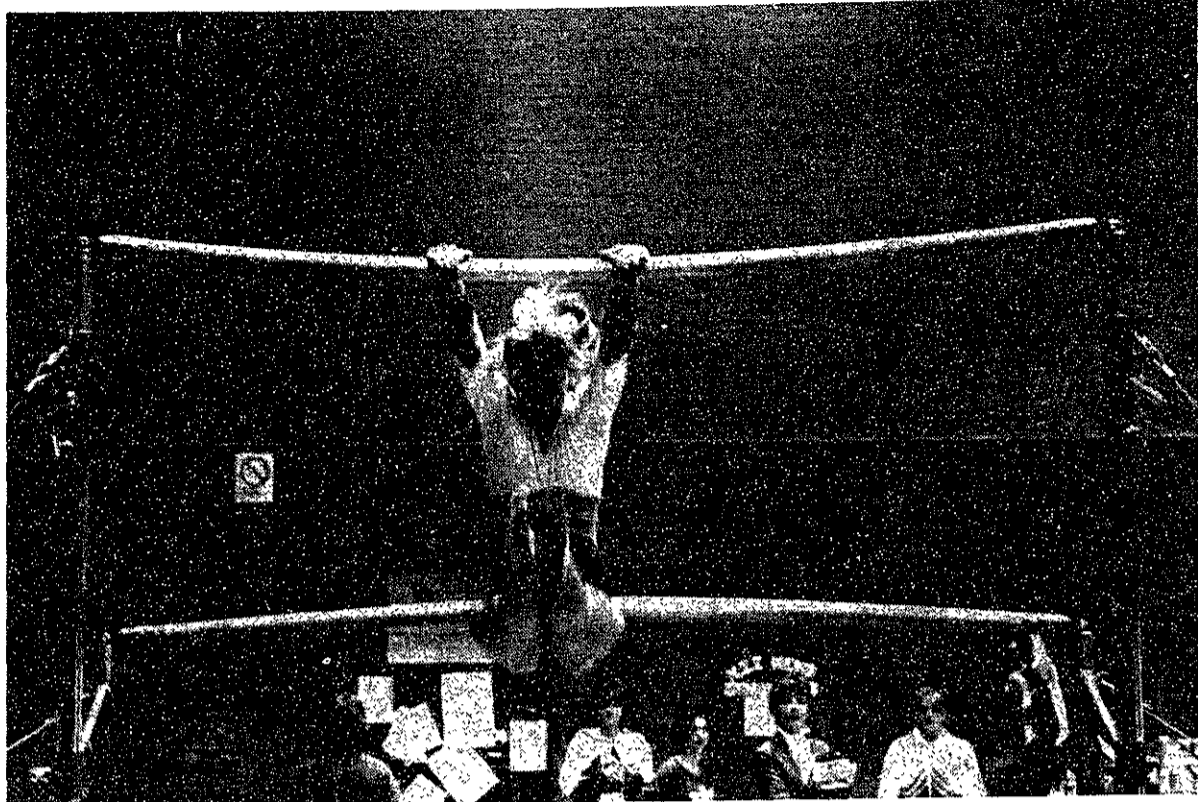
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Virginia K. Chang '85 vaults at the Division III Championships Saturday in duPont gym.



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Missy Maxfield '85 swings through the uneven parallel bars during the New England Division III Championships Saturday in duPont Gymnasium. Maxwell finished second in the overall competition.

Pistol wins sectionals

By Len Rafuse

MIT won the New England Collegiate pistol sectionals at MIT this weekend. The team hosted Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Norwich University, and the US Coast Guard Academy for the sectional titles.

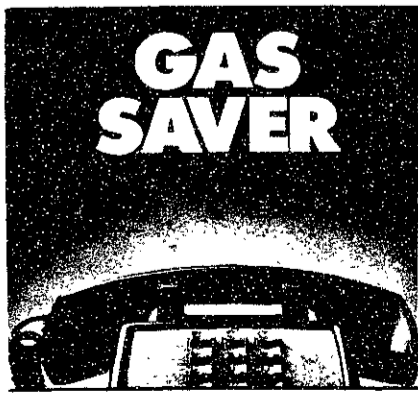
In free pistol, both the MIT Gray and Maroon teams fared well, finishing first and second with scores of 2041 and 1972 respectively. WPI finished third with a score of 1895. The Gray team was led by Dave Martin '84, Will Johnson '85, Roberto Landrau '85 and Larry Deschaine '84. Dave Martin took first with Johnson in second and Jerry Martin third.

Jerry Martin '86 led the Maroon team. In standard pistol, the teams placed 1st and 3rd with scores of 2148 and 2012 respectively. Norwich, a new team in the sport, took second place with 2016 points. The winning Gray team was composed of Landrau, Dave Martin, Johnson and Jerry Martin. Dave McCormack of Norwich won the individual competition with Dave Martin in second and Johnson in third. Len Rafuse '84 led the Maroon team.

The air pistol results found MIT Grey and Maroon in first in second again with scores of 1470 and 1433. WPI finished third with a 1410. The first team was Jerry Martin, Landrau, Deschaine and Dave Martin. Jerry Martin won first with Landrau one point behind in second. Third place went to Dave Barlow of WPI. Johnson led the second team.

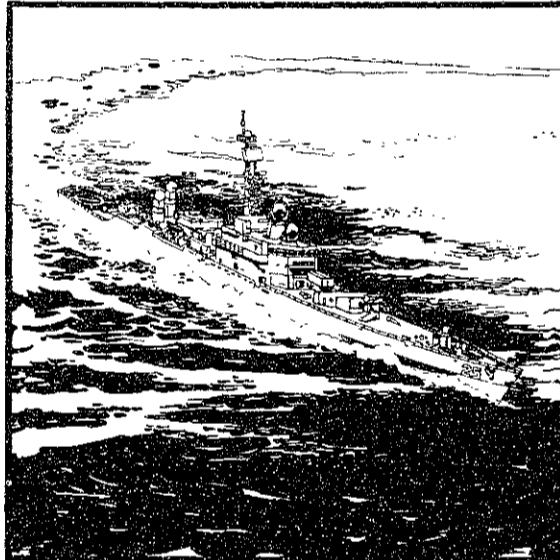
The team is now training for the Collegiate Championships April 6-8 at the US Air Force Academy. The team won the sectionals after finishing 7-1 on the season.

Editor's note: Len Rafuse is a member of the pistol team.



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