MIT seizes labor survey

By Ronald W. Norman

The Institute stopped delivery of over 1,000 questionnaires dealing with working conditions and MIT's labor policy which were being sent to members of the support staff with an appeal from a union such as exists at Boston University, and if the respondents would "be receptive to learning more about how unions affect work?"

The questionnaire was distributed to support staff, according to James J. Culliton, director of human resources.

From Anderson Chisolm, a senior secretary in the Department of Chemical Engineering, who is a representative of EMT, said the group's effect is "not an intent to organize a union drive."

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

To print Chisholm's reply to Culliton's statement, Because Tech is a parking lot for the building divisions service of MIT's physical plant, did not define the questionnaires because the service was an "integral part of the information and documentation," Culliton said.

The surveys were impounded by Austin H. Petke, operations supervisor of building services, according to Chisholm.

Several groups requested permission from Culliton to use the mail system for the EMT survey. Culliton denied the group's request and denied permission to use EMT equipment or facilities for EMT uses.

Glawin would not release the names of the three involved because the case will soon go to court.

The incident, as MIT employees told Campus Police she was walking to her office through the Institute Student Forum Building (I59) at 4:50 p.m. when a man approached her, grabbed her purse, turned the woman around, and ganged on to the purse until she fell to the ground.

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by Ronald P. Smith, associate professor of management.

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Registration day figures released

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

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

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World

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

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

Nation

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

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

Local

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

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

Sports

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

Weather

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

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Ten months of rhetoric and promises have yielded yet another ineffective student government. To examine the accomplishments of Undergraduate Association President Michael P. Witt '84 would lead one to conclude that he was elected perhaps one week ago — that in time for a final resumé draft. What is Mike Witt known for? He or the Undergraduate Association over which he allegedly presides done since his inauguration ten months ago?

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

"The present state of the [Undergraduate Association] General Assembly will not allow our [Undergraduate Association] newsletter to work," Witt stated in a letter to The Tech on March 15, adding his willingness to "trash" the General Assembly if necessary.

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

On March 15, Witt said he hoped the Undergraduate Association could vote on his new constitution on March 31. On May 3 Witt said, "I don't think there will be any onpaper votes, at least not this term.

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

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

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

None of these plans have materialized, except for one issue of his newsletter, which was not distributed to the fraternity. Witt was an active lobbyist for the exclusion of student activities from the employee benefit fee, but the final decision resulted from his efforts than from MIT administration politics.

His administration has had no effect on the state of student affairs. Witt was an active lobbyist for the exclusion of student activities from the employee benefit fee, but the final decision result....
The attempt to control the price of "housing" is called rent control. The idea of rent control is to place an upper limit on the rent a landlord is allowed to charge for an apartment. Rent control inevitably leads to a shortage of apartments, and to rundown, poorly maintained apartments. The City Council does not understand this. Why not? Well, the landlord deplorers where his talk about "housing," but... economics... you start talking about apartment. A landlord is an investor who loves his money, and he will not let you keep his money out the apartment. Rent control, in effect, guarantees that the landlord loses money on the apartment. This can be sold for the apartment, or he can cut costs by fixing up the place and thus he will not just passively lose money for very long, and he will not front the money to build another apartment. Rent control, therefore, simultaneously cabs both the price of an apartment and the number of available apartments, while reducting their quality. If the Cambridge City Council wants more "housing" in Cambridge, they will have to ease up on rent control. Attempting to put the squeeze on MIT will not accomplish anything.

Of course, MIT has been putting up with this nonsense for a number of years now. Cambridge residents are too hurriedly unfriendly to the academics. The Cambridge City Council and the "neighborhood" organizations seem to enjoy portraying themselves as Davids in MIT's Goliath. But if they are not careful, they may tempt us to go where the natives are friendlier.

North Cambridge, for example, is being very friendly toward high-tech industries. If MIT were to move lock, stock, and barrel into the Research Triangle area, we might get a very warm welcome, with some of the hassle about zoning laws and the like. Then, as the Route 128 industries began to pack out of the state, Massachusetts and Cambridge might come to realize that MIT really was not so bad, after all.
Very little humor in column

To the Editor:
Anne Lumsdaine "RS voiced her opinion (Feedback, Feb. 1) about Robert E. Malchman's column [Jan. 18]. She rushes to Malchman's aid to help him in the defense against the anonymous critics often found in the Jan. 25 issue. Lumsdaine states: "Angry replies to this article (Malchman) about the US were not necessary nor appropriate." 

The reason for this, she argues, is that Malchman's column is written with a certain very American humor that foreigners can not perceive. Indeed Malchman touches some subjects such as "older sons" and "pinching women" which might cause native readers to smile, but his prose is hardly humorous when it come to comparing France and the United States. "My friend (American) assured me that constant cheating is an accepted practice among the French students. The teachers do not care if the facts are true or not it is very understandable that a French nation, a country which takes pride in things like the invasion of Grenada and simultaneously is the leading superpower. That scares me," Lumsdaine continues her letter with statement: It was a humorous piece, Robert E. Malchman would have skipped the patriotic sentiment in Malchman and Lumsdaine were rare exceptions they would not have been worth commenting. However, the opinion expressed in the articles is a sign of the rising nationalism in the United States, a country which takes pride in things like the invasion of Grenada and simultaneously is the leading superpower. That scares me.

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

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

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Nixon moves slowly about his office. Examination of his face shows that they are just so. There are three portraits - Washington, Lincoln, and Nixon - hanging on his desk, and on of his Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger. Nixon often listens to the pictures in light with hidden spotlights, then abruptly shoves the lights off as if shutting the men out of his life.

He attempts to operate the tape recorder on his desk, but something is amiss - all he can get out of it is a depressing harpsichord dirge, which ironically fits the mood of the man. He calls to his assistant Robert, who is never seen, to fix the record-er, d-contrasting that he continues having problems with the tapes' mechanism.

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

Nixon begins taping into the microphone on his desk, taking the pulse of a defense attorney attempting to clear the president's private study as he goes about his political demise.

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

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

Nixon taxes power for the first time, and he concludes that the devil's way might be best, not necessarily because he might think it is a hell of a way, but because he would never let on; that's just not his style.

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To the Editor:

Never mind what goes on in the smoke-filled rooms. As far as the public mind is concerned, political success is determined by the content of the public image projection goes, that excessive

Malchman's article "Home is Where the Water Runs" [Jan. 18, 1984] is a fine piece, the candidate who can actually face when they arrive at MIT.

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

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

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

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Guest Column/Tom McKendree

Here a Mac, there a Mac

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

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

The McDonald's Corporation has meanwhile, in recent years, appropriated the "Mc" prefix. When you no longer seemed to deserve a break, McDonald's ads demanded "Son of..." to mean a McDonald's product. M.C. Evers were French fries sold by McDonald's. McShakes were milkshakes sold by McDonald's.

It should be noted that the rest of Boston refers to a "Freeze." McDonald's still faithfully calls a "Milkshake" a McCavier would have been fish eggs sold by McDonald's. It was all benign, though rather inane. McDonald's has since flirted with McLanguage, complete with McNouns, McArts, and occasional McAdjectives, but without apparently McPrepositions, McConjunctions, or McQualifiers. Fortunately, America has managed to pretty much ignore this silliness.

Now for current events: During the Super Bowl, while President Reagan failed to send in the 101st Airborne to rescue the Redaktu, there was a commercial showing a woman dressed in Apple computer red running from black clodded police, disquieting a group of mindless workers, and sheltering a picture of the Brother dressed in IBM blue. The voice over went: "On January 26th, Apple Computer will introduce Mac, and you'll see why 1984 won't be like 1984." Tuesday Apple introduced its "Macintosh" computer. It is an impressive computer, similar to the Lisa, but less expensive than the IBM PC. Apple also announced two of the first programs for the Macintosh, a word processor, and a graphics package. Their respective titles were MacWrite and MacPaint.

You see it coming now, can you? True, "Mac" isn't "Mc," so we may be spared the infamy of another gratuitously silly legal battle. Unfortunately Apple has had a disturbing tendency to name their various products "Apple-blank." Should they continue this tradition, naming their various McDonald products "Mac-blank," the combined silliness of the Apple and McDonald's Corporations may be too much for the language to resist. Furthermore, while the Macintosh may bomb, it has the potential of becoming the Model T of modern computers. Should Macintosh become as ubiquitous as ubiquitous McDonald's, the MacConfusion would be terrible. McDonald's speak indeed.

Perhaps I am over-reacting. English is, after all, a living language, and one can think of the loathing McKendreeport not as a degrading puritan corruption, but as one aspect of evolution. I am just afraid that one day I will go looking for a job, and the interviewer will say "McKendree, doesn't that mean Son of Greasy Schwartz?"
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**MIT support staff questionnaire held**

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- "My annual salary increase generally is:
- "MIT's administration and my supervisor(s) view of me as an individual and my skills are:
- If I believe that if I had a job-related grievance, MIT's grievance procedure would be:
- "MIT's career advancement opportunities are:
- If I feel that my input as to who I work for and how many people I report to is:
- "My freedom to arrange working hours is:
- "My freedom to arrange vacation time is:
- "The allocation of parking spaces at MIT is:

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

- If I had a specific problem, I would feel comfortable seeking a resolution through discussions with my supervisor(s) and/or administrative officer and/or my department head;
- "I would like to see a dental plan as part of support staff benefits package;
- "I would like MIT to close down for support staff as well as students, the week between Christmas and New Years Day;
- "I think MIT's closing policy is reasonable during snow storms;
- "I feel that through my job, I am making a worthwhile contribution to MIT, of which I am proud;
- "My job description accurately reflects my current duties;
- "MIT is sensitive to safety concerns relative to the support staff such as exposure to chemicals and radiation, proper ventilation, etc.;
- "MIT support staff would benefit from affiliating with a union such as exists at Boston University;
- "I would be receptive to learning more about how unions affect white collar workers."
Wrestlers: best in 15 years

The wrestling team completed its best season in history last weekend with wins over Amherst, 3-1, and Bowdoin, 31-27. The pair of victories gave the Engineers a 6-3 record, breaking the 15-year-old mark for the most wins in a single season.

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Gymnasts vault over Smith

By Victor J. Diniak

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

A key to Tuesday's victory was Missy Maxfield '85. She took first place in each of the four events to finish first in the overall competition with a score of 37.5. Wendy Gordon, scoring 37.5 to take second, and third place in the overall competition. Maxfield, scoring 7.6 on the balance beam and 7.5 on the floor, was the top scorer, Wendy Gordon, scoring 7.5 on the bars. "Practice and hard work paid off."

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Leading by 6.5 points, MIT had just to match Smith in the meet. Maxfield's 7.6 was too much for Howard, who took second with a 7.7. Virginia Chang '85 tied Gordon for third place with a 7.2.

MIT mounted the balance beam and assumed control of the meet. Maxfield scored 7.6 and Vance 6.75 to take first and second places, respectively. Smith's Marcelle Marcy scored 6.3 for third place, but the Engineers' team total of 30.6 topped Smith's 26.7. "Leading by 6.5 points, MIT had just to match Smith in the floor competition to take the meet. The Engineers went a step further as Maxfield's first place and Vener's second pushed MIT to a 28.7 to 26.15 victory in the event. Laatsch was pleased with her squad's victory. "The girls gave a tremendous effort," she said.

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