Berman leaves post

By Craig Jungwirth

Sara Mac Berman, a staff asso-
ciate of the Office of the Dean for
Students, said she is leaving the
position for reasons of "attention
to the concerns of women students".

Berman was interviewed in her
office on Friday. She said she
wishes to return to "private school
life" and to the "exposure to society"
that she enjoyed during her time at
MIT.

Berman, 30, had been at MIT for
three years and was a member of
the "Allston tenants" movement.

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Campaign Analysis

Reagan's domestic program

By Harold A. Stern

(Report of the president's stand
on current issues.)

Ronald Reagan promised great
trade-off during the campaign to
"return" to the US.

He "new beginning" became
familiar territory for the US
school system.

The president has proposed
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Reagan on issues

Reagan administration plans to eliminate all US aid to international organizations that propose abortion as a possible method of birth control in over-populated Third World nations, according to the Republican platform.

He does not approve of the Equal Rights Amendment, although he claims he is in favor of equal rights for women. Simonetti attributed this to “ambiguous and confusing” clauses, and sections which would require women to serve in combat positions in the army.

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World

OPEC to consider cutting oil production — The monitoring committee of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries urged its members to slow oil production in an effort to support sagging prices. The 13 OPEC members met yesterday to consider action in response to price cuts by oil exporting Britain, Canada, Norway, and Nigeria. Nigeria, an OPEC member, said Sunday it would cut production or raise its discounted price.

Israel adopts policy for Lebanon mediation — Israel's cabinet called for US mediation in that country's occupation by Lebanese. Such mediation is intended to obtain the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Southern Lebanon and guarantees against infiltration of guerrillas or the Syrian army into that area. A US State Department representative said an American role in mediation was unlikely at present. "There are a lot of things that have to be settled before we can come close to a negotiating or mediating role," he said.

Infant girl receives baboon heart — Doctors transplanted the heart of a baboon into a 16-day-old girl at California's Loma Linda Medical Center Friday. The infant, referred to as Baby Fae, was born with the fatal hypoplastic heart syndrome. Animal Rights advocates condemned the operation, but other picketers supported the action. The doctors employed a new drug, cyclosporin-A, to help suppress the girl's rejection of the foreign heart.

Local

Kerry will return PAC money — Lt. Governor John F. Kerry, the Democratic US Senate candidate in Massachusetts, said Sunday he will return $10,000 given to his campaign by Democrats for the 80's, a national Political Action Committee. Kerry, as well as Republican candidate Raymond Shamie, have promised to refuse money from PACs. Democrats for the 80's bought $10,000 of tickets to a political fund raising dinner for the Democratic nominees, before the primary. When Kerry won the primary, his campaign received the money.

Sports

Waitz wins her sixth New York Marathon — Grete Waitz of Norway won the women's competition of the New York Marathon Sunday in a relatively slow 2 hours 29 minutes and 30 seconds. Italy's Orlando Pizzolato was the overall winner with a time of 2 hours 14 minutes and 53 seconds. Temperatures in the mid-70's and high humidity made it difficult for the runners. Waitz said it was her most difficult marathon ever. The weather may have contributed to the death of France's Jacques Bussereau who collapsed 14 miles into the race.

Weather

Rain on Halloween? — During the next few days Boston will be in a battle zone between cold air from Canada and warm, summer-like air from the south. This means typical New England weather: almost anything. Variable clouds are predicted for today and tomorrow, with highs around 60 and possible rain tomorrow.
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Column/Scott Saleska
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Obviously, there are some aspects of the economy that are better since Reagan took office. Inflation is probably the most notable. As reported in the October 9 issue of The New York Times, inflation has fallen from 45.7 percent over the four years of the Carter administration to 31.1 percent for Reagan's four years. Yet disposable personal income, which rose 7.9 percent under Carter, rose 9.8 percent under Reagan.

There are, however, other areas that make Reagan's overall record look much less sound than it is commonly assumed. The actual changes in home mortgage rates, and economy growth, are surprising. I had been under the impression that these were slightly better under Reagan than in the past, but this is not so. Overall unemployment (averaged over the whole period of each president) has fallen from 6.4 percent for Reagan from 4.4 percent for Carter. Inflation has fallen from 11.7 percent to 7.9 percent, while home mortgage rates, 10.40 percent in 1980, dropped to 8.21 percent for Reagan. And the gross national product increased 11.6 percent per year, compared to 10.3 percent under Reagan, in 1980 (New York, 1984). And of course, there's the current national debt, over $1.5 trillion.

The picture is even more disturbing when one looks at how the poor have benefited and who has suffered as a result of Reagan's policies. For example, the increase in disposable personal income is concentrated among those who have high incomes relative to those with low incomes. At the bottom of the income distribution, there is a substantial degree of poverty that has been transformed into a war on poverty.

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Mondale’s chances slim

After his first debate with President Ronald Reagan, it appeared that Democratic candidate Walter Mondale might have begun riding a wave that would lift him to victory over his favored adversary. Such speculation is now over, behind in 46 states, and with Democratic party officials almost admitting defeat, Mondale’s presidential hopes are doubtful.

Lack of personal magnetism has not helped Mondale. While Reagan’s wrinkled Hollywood charm turns some off, it endears him to many and allows his occasional factual slips to be forgiven. Mondale, on the other hand, attracts few with fateful speeches delivered in a broken voice. Recently his oratory has improved, but not to the extent needed to electrify voters the way Reagan has.

Despite its clear effect on the campaign, however, it is hard to believe Reagan’s charisma is the only reason he is over ten points ahead in the polls.

The issues count in this campaign. But perhaps nothing has affected Mondale more adversely than his pledge to raise taxes. During the Democratic Convention, the pledge was a dramatic gesture — the newly-crowned candidate, fresh from victory in the primaries, speaking of Reagan’s “secret plan” to raise taxes while he crooned “He won’t tell you, I just did.”

Of course, Mondale’s goal in a tax increase wouldn’t be to further burden Americans with more expenses, inflation, unemployment, and just plain less money to go around; it would be to reduce the high federal government budget debt, which is now equivalent to a stack of $1,000 bills, 107 miles high.

Yet to most voters, the concept of such a gigantic national debt is about as abstract as general relativity. Compared to the other economic issues, especially for voters who remember the painful inflation of the Carter-Mondale era, the national debt pains. Walter Mondale’s emphasis on the debt hurts him, and his proposal for a solution to it dig his Election Day grave.

With the economy as his biggest asset, Reagan’s biggest liability for many is his policy on national defense and arms control. Of course, neither candidate plans to stop the manufacture of nuclear weapons: Mondale’s nuclear freeze could never be satisfactorily verified under his guidelines. But Mondale supporters perceive Reagan as desiring an offensive weapons arms race despite his support for the wholly defensive “Star Wars” technology.

The Star Wars system, asigned by Mondale throughout the campaign, would be an invaluable protection against nuclear weapons, not only those originating from the Soviet Union, but also from terrorist countries like Libya, were they to obtain atomic missiles.

A week before Election Day, Mondale has not succeeded in convincing most Americans that he stands for what they believe in, while Ronald Reagan has. That’s the reason the president will win a second term on November 6.
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No room for poor in Reagan's world

(Continued from page 4)
In fairness to Reagan, I will grant he has good intentions, and he feels that in the long run, the poor, too, will benefit. But the fact is that the gap between the rich and the affluent is widening, not narrowing. And it is clear from the Reagan administration's remarks that it has an incredibly unrealistic perception of the hard facts of poverty.

Reagan gladly assumes the increase in the number of homeless people voluntarily choosing to live free from the bureaucratic hassles of owning or renting a place to live, while Edwin Meese declares there is no hunger in America. Such statements make it clear that the poor are no priority for the Reagan administration.

Nor is it possible to make a case for the growing disparity in incomes being a necessary sacrifice to get us headed in the right direction, of governmental austerity. Nowhere is it enshrined in stone that laissez-faire economic policy is necessarily good economic policy, or that countries which spend a lot on social programs are bound to have mixed economies. Such a belief is nothing more than an article of faith often contradicted by the facts of history. It was, after all, that supposedly golden age of governmental “non-interference” that Reagan always talks about which gave us the Great Depression. And, as MIT economist Lester Thurow notes in The Zero-Sum Society, “our best economic decades were the 1940s (real per capita GNP grew 30 percent), when the economy was run as a command (socialist) wartime economy, and the 1960s (real per capita GNP grew 3 percent), when we had all that growth in social welfare programs.”

We must also remember European countries, which by and large have a far greater degree of “government interference” and government funding of social programs than the United States, which among industrial nations has the fewest — not the most — rules and regulations. Yet Switzerland, Denmark, West Germany, and Sweden all have per capita GNP larger than ours, and income distribution with much less inequality.

Yet Reagan goes blithely on his merry way, mechanically repeating his speeches about getting government off our backs. We have a renewed confidence in our economy, he says, and are “standing tall,” back on our way to “greatness.”

Well, those who are in that most affluent quintile may be feeling confident. And if they don't mind getting richer on the backs of the poor who are getting poorer, they may feel like standing tall. If that is the type of economic greatness we are looking for, then maybe we should re-elect Reagan.

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MIT Chamber Players, Kresge Auditorium, October 28.

Michael Poonen, Director of the MIT Chamber Players began Sunday's program by conducting Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 1. The ensemble seemed uncomfortable for the first movement, but came together for a fine performance of the subsequent movements. The work ended with a flourish from Kathy Winkler's solo violin playing. her work by Pearson on Umans' clarinet. Yacono nimbly held to the immeasurable rep-tion from his audience. Those who give it would be left fumbling with more than two parts and often sound as if they were standing out of their range just so they could parody a popular song (one result: "Break Dancing is Hard to Do"). The result was rarely worth the strain.

The movie's major failing lies in the relationship between characters. The two women are so completely different from each other that the idea of them managing to come together, even if they are working hours keep them from seeing much of each other, borders on implausible. The two have such diverse backgrounds that Rudolph is forced to see the contrast relation-ship to link these two women before being able to establish the contrasts he ex-ists throughout the film. Choose Me is not a movie to see if you are looking for light entertainment. The comedy in this film is serious, and Rudolph demands both thought and attention from his audience. Those who give it to him will find themselves drawn into the complexities of the relationships and issues he presents. Those who do not will be left behind long before the final credits roll.

Martin Dickas

Good choice

Choose Me, Written and directed by Alan Rudolph. Opens Friday at the Nicolas-the- ter.

An advice-for-the-love-lorn talk show hosts who have never television in a man, a woman who is blind wants to marry a man who is blind and has a fear of marriage and happiness she has helped so many to find. The Logarithms take the stage by his dog, to join them in a medley of "Tech songs." The audience realized that they were supposed to be standing, and then had to sit down again almost immedi-ately when the Loga's moved onto "Take Me Back To Tech." When they sang "Good Morning, July," I hoped it was a re-placement for their "Viking rage" song (which they kidnap and rearrange a "female-volunteer" from the audience), but they turned out to be saving that for the en-tertainment. The Chorallaries continued this audi-enice involvement, asking Professor Alan Drake to lecture on the material they had interrupted when they performed in his class Friday. They invited their alumni, which also included the guy with the dog, to sing "The Engineer's Song." I won't spoil the wonderful musi-cal joke in their arrangement by telling it here, but if you've never heard it, go hear the Chorallaries or listen to their album, Making It in Massachusetts.

I look forward to the Chorallaries' next album, which will have to contain their en-tirety of Saturday's concert, the sure-fire hit "Jacques countert: How Low Can You Go?" Some of the old songs in their rep-ertoire (notably the slow "Here's That Rainy Day") should be given a long rest, but what they sing is not nearly as impor-tant as the way they perform. The Chorallaries sound as though they could hear a sound even higher if it immediately im-proving harmonies as they go. They do the hardest thing of all: they make barbershop sound easy, as if anyone could do it.

Diane Ben-Aaron

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The Greater Boston Invitational Songfest, with the Jackson Jills, the Logarithms, and the Chorallaries; October 27.

I used to think anyone could put togeth-er a successful barbershop ensemble. It wouldn't matter if the participants were completely tone-deaf as long as all the other ingredients of the barbershop ensemble were there: a tall bass; a short tenor (or soprano); an Einstein-Ben duo; a standup comedian or two; someone who can improvise Top 40 singers; and someone who can make a noise like a duck. The only musical requirement would be that such a song must be preceded by a joke and a pitch-pipe rite, neither of which need bear any relation to anything in the song. Then I went to this year's Greater Bos-ton Invitational Songfest, and all of that changed.

In a move that may have been an at-tempt to give equal time, the Logs and Chorallaries invited the Jackson Jills to open the show instead of the Tufts Beelze-bubs, who usually kick off the GBS. Jackson in its Tufts as Rudolph is a Ju-ward: engrossed.)

There may be some exceptional singers in the Jackson Jills, but the group seemed to lack the interest, the main attraction was the differ-ent joke in their arrangement by telling it here, but if you've never heard it, go hear the Chorallaries or listen to their album, Making It in Massachusetts.

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Football drops third straight

By Martin Dickau

TURF and a host of injuries combined to overcome another valiant defensive effort as the football club dropped a 24-12 decision at Bentley College Saturday. The loss was Engineers' third in as many games.

MIT defensive back Shane Arnold '88 set the defensive tone early with the first of his two interceptions. His efforts gave the Engineers the ball on the Falcon 44-yard line, and MIT stroked a 22-yard sprint by quarterback Dave Broecker G and continued running by Dan Curran '88, sloughed through the mud and sped for the touch-down and a 6-0 lead.

The Falcons came back less than a minute into the second quarter to take a 7-6 lead. Late in the quarter Dave Broecker G and some Falcons came back to the one-yard line. The Engineers were downs and had to punt, and the punt gave MIT the ball on its own 23. The tide turned for the Engineers when Peter Gasparini '88 was called into service. Broecker, finding himself the man to tackle, Broecker-aggravated his separated shoulder and had to be removed from the game. Gasparini, also the backup quarterback, was called into service. Brooke- r's presence compensated for the plight facing the Engineer offense, which was without the services of tackles John Einhorn G and Dave Weisbein '88.

The score remained 14-6 until 3:15 in the fourth quarter when Bentley's Doug Tirrell kicked a 28-yard field goal to pad his team's lead to 17-6. The Engineer offense was unable to do much, so the defense took the ball. Falcon tight end John Copeland could not quite reach an Eric Purvis pass, and in his effort, he tripped the ball into the hands of MIT defensive back John Dawley '87.

Dawley was padding on the Engineer 37 at the time, and, upon finding no one between himself and the goal, covered the 60 yards along the sideline in a burst of speed to bring MIT back within touching distance.

The Engineers' hopes for a comeback victory were dashed when Rich Douglas intercepted Gasparini's pass on his own 45, returning the ball 19 yards to the MIT 36. The Falcons are up the field with five running plays, finally scoring from 10 yards out.

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The defense kept Bentley cor- ralled against the hosts' half of the field, and the punt gave MIT the ball on its own 23. The ride continued for the Engineers when Falcon defensive back Mark Skalla picked off a Broecker pass on the MIT 40 and took off for the end zone. A run for a short loss, and a sack moved the Engineers back to the 18 for the fourth down.

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