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Leo Marx, head of the Committee on Integrated Studies.

Committees enlist students

By Randi Rubin

The Undergraduate Association Nominations Committee (NomComm) will nominate an undergraduate member to the committee which will design a curriculum integrating liberal arts and technical studies, according to NomComm co-chairman Lulu Tsao '86.

The Committee on Integrated Studies (CIS), formed last summer by the School of Humanities and Social Science, has been meeting all term without student representation. The committee hopes the proposed integrated program would attract more students with a strong liberal arts inclination to MIT, said CIS chairman Leo Marx, professor of Science, Technology and Society,

in October.

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NomComm is now evaluating applications for the CIS position, which were due yesterday. The applications consist of two short essays on the role of humanities in a technological environment and the integration of humanities into a science and engineering environment.

NomComm will interview candidates it considers qualified, based on the written application, on Monday. All faculty committees have the final decision on student appointments, but their choice is largely based on NomComm's ranking and recommendations.

NomComm also recently appointed Mark Curtiss '87 to a faculty committee drafting revisions to the Institute requirement in humanities, arts, and social

sciences (HASS). The HASS committee, formed at the same time as CIS, had met four times without student representation.

Curtiss views his function on the HASS committee as a chance to "represent undergraduate views as much as I can." The humanities requirement is important because "scientists and engineers must deal with society at large, not only with science and engineering" and should know how their actions influence society, Curtiss said.

Two standing committees, the Committee on the Undergraduate Program (CUP) and the Faculty Policy Committee (FPC), also have jurisdiction over curriculum reforms. Both committees have undergraduate members, as did the Committee on Educational Policy, which divided itself into these two new committees last spring. NomComm appointed Jonathan M. Gruber '87 to the CUP and Daniel J. O'Day '87 to the FPC.

New education dean named

By Randi Rubin

Peggy Richardson, former executive officer in the Undergraduate Academic Support Office (UASO), has moved to the post of assistant dean for undergraduate education under the direction of Dean for Undergraduate Education Margaret L. A. MacVicar '65.

Richardson said she will be the key link between MacVicar and the academic departments and committees. She will be working with faculty to develop programs to support undergraduate teaching.

These programs may include improvements in the undergraduate office structure of some departments and improvements in the advising systems of others, she said.

"In order for things to improve, we have to help each department in the way that it needs it. Each department has different problems," she said.

Richardson had served in the Undergraduate Academic Support Office (UASO) since 1979.

Richardson will try to take some pressure off MacVicar — for example, by attending certain meetings for her. MacVicar has

"a certain vision for undergraduate education and she can't do it all herself," Richardson said.

The goals of the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs (ODSA) and the Office for Undergraduate Education overlap, Richardson said. To "improve the educational environment in [different] ways," the ODSA emphasizes the student environment, and "perhaps the Office for Undergraduate Education supports the faculty."

The Office for Undergraduate Education will also strive to bring departments together and help them exchange ideas, according to Richardson. The "sharing of ideas, and building of collaborative programs" will help make the MIT education more rewarding and stimulating.

One such collaborative program is presently underway. Some freshmen math and physics recitation sections are held consecutively in the same room, to maximize the number of students in the same math and physics recitations.

One purpose of this project is to familiarize students with each other and their professors, Richardson said. This will en-

courage students to do homework together and make them less apprehensive about asking questions in class, she added.

"It is gratifying that the faculty [members] are enjoying it as much as they are," Richardson said. She is constructing a survey to obtain student feedback on this program.

Richardson will for now still maintain some ties with the ODSA. She will organize this year's Awards Convocation and the academic orientation for Residence/Orientation week next fall.

Three schools divest their South African holdings after protests

By Earl C. Yen

Second in a series examining anti-apartheid protests at other colleges. Today's article focuses on divestment at the State University of New York, Amherst College, and Rutgers University.

Rallies bring SUNY to divest

The Board of Trustees of the State University of New York (SUNY) voted 7-4 on Sept. 24 to divest the entire SUNY system's \$11 million holdings in companies operating in South Africa, according to Fran Fullerton, assistant news editor of *The Pipe Dream*, the SUNY Binghamton student newspaper.

The divestment came after a year of protests at several of SUNY's campuses, Fullerton said.

"We must begin to act on the assumption that the clock is run-

ning out on the South African system," said trustee Judith Davidson Moyers in *The Pipe Dream*. "The escalating violence and the deteriorating economic situation are good reasons to withdraw."

Investment Committee Chairman Darwin Wales dissented: "If you divest, what have you done? You haven't done anything. You've just passed the stock on to someone else."

Several trustees said they wanted to end debate on the divestment issue so that the school could "concentrate on educational issues," Fullerton said.

The Board had voted in April to divest \$2.2 million from selected companies "that failed to maintain racial equality in South African operations." At that time the trustees had rejected full divestiture by a 9-0 vote.

Twenty-six SUNY students were arrested in demonstrations at various campuses during April, Fullerton said. Four of the arrested students at a SUNY Albany demonstration spent eight days in jail, including Student Association of the State University (SASU) President Jane McAlevy.

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ANC speaker calls for disruption of apartheid

By Earl C. Yen

The purpose of armed rebellion against the South African government is "to make it impossible for the structures of apartheid to carry out their policies in the black community," said Thomas Vilakazi of the African National Congress (ANC) at MIT last Nov. 26.

Vilakazi, Massachusetts representative of the group which advocates military struggle against the white regime in South Africa and which has been outlawed there since 1960, spoke before about 12 people at a lecture sponsored by the MIT Coalition Against Apartheid.

The ANC was not represented at the recent Institute Colloquium on Apartheid, noted Thomas E. Debel G. of the coalition, who introduced Vilakazi.

ANC representatives had been scheduled to speak at the event, but were unable to attend.

Vilakazi opposed foreign investment in South Africa. Such investment leads to lower standards of living for black workers, he claimed. The country's rapid economic growth in the 1960s and '70s, "in no small measure due to the infusion of foreign capital," harmed black workers by causing inflation, he said, and the ANC hopes to "get foreign capital out by making it very difficult to do business as usual."

The ANC's attacks on the apartheid government have a psychological purpose, Fullerton said. Such attacks "reassert the presence of the movement within black society in South Africa."

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Paul J. Dawes '87 watches his machine battle its way toward the ball during Tuesday's finals of the 2.70 (Introduction to Design) contest, "Wreckitball." Katharine F. Moore '87 eventually won the contest.

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Black students form network

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 McLaurin — sparked the group's formation, Fortenberry said. The group grew out of a series of meetings last spring, following fall meetings in response to the dismissals, he explained.

McLaurin was dismissed on August 24, 1984 by then-Associate Provost Frank E. Perkins '55. Perkins alluded at the time to two of the reasons for dismissal: the financial operation of the OME and the administration of Project Interphase.

Hope left on Nov. 30, 1983 after a dispute with Dean Shirley M. McBay. Both Hope and the Institute declined to discuss the specific reasons for the dismissal.

The two dismissals prompted protest and concern within the minority community.

In particular, the Robert R. Taylor Network would like to address the feeling of many minority students that they must make an extra effort to be accepted by the MIT community, Fortenberry said.

Minority students cannot afford the "luxury" of just being students at MIT, Fortenberry continued. "After you get done with the day's classes, you also have to concentrate . . . on [making yourself] visible . . . there may or may not be this set of prejudices out there that [you] have to deal with.

"If they aren't out there, fine, but if they are, you don't know that *a priori*. You've got to do all the additional politicking just to make sure that you are allowed to do your academics, and that takes time."

In an interview with *The Tech* last February, Lynda M. Jordan, then chairman of the Black Graduate Student Association, had explained: "It's hard to be accepted . . . until you either prove yourself very good academically or they can get to know you as a person."

The group is also concerned by the decrease in the number of black freshmen entering MIT,

Fortenberry said. He suggested the Admissions Office administer an undergraduate program similar to the graduate one in which minority graduate students go back to their undergraduate institutions to recruit students.

"I can't think of any reason why that can't be done on the undergraduate level," he said. Such recruitment among minorities already takes place on an informal basis, Fortenberry noted, but added he would like to see a more formal program.

Angela Conley, assistant director for admissions, said, "We do encourage students to go back to their hometown areas to visit their high schools. That's the first thing I told all the freshmen I met when I got here [in July]."

Conley also cited a number of reasons for the decrease in the black population at MIT, including a smaller applicant pool. "Two thousand fewer black students took the SATs," she said. MIT is receiving fewer applications from qualified students because of their perceptions of its

cost and competitiveness, she added.

"Prospective minority students are often frightened away by MIT's financial aid package," said Nelson Armstrong, former associate director of admissions, last February. "It is initially perceived as not being [financially] competitive; the self-help package looks very large."

Students who are qualified are not applying to MIT because of its reputation as a difficult school to get into as well as its reputation for being a hard school to stay at, Conley said.

Fortenberry said the Robert R. Taylor Network does not work with any administrative office but may in the future. Conley said the Admissions Office is open to any kind of support it can receive.

"We would like to accomplish some degree of unity [with other minority organizations. We've] got to apply an MIT solution to an MIT problem," Fortenberry said.

South African militant spokesman talks at MIT

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 he added.

The ANC is very conscious of the impression its actions make on the world and tries to avoid causing civilian casualties in its guerrilla attacks, according to Vilakazi. The group does not perpetrate "random killings in supermarkets and cinemas," he said, adding that violence against civilians "would make it difficult for the ANC to garner any of the increasing support which it has been gaining even among a few whites." Instead, the group's targets are "structures affiliated with police and security forces."

Armed revolt may be the only way to convince white South Africans that change is needed, Vi-

lakazi continued. "White life is so segregated, so insulated," he said. "Unless white people's lives begin to be affected in some very direct ways, they will never be motivated to change the status quo in South Africa."

The rise of black labor unions is an important success for black South Africans, Vilakazi said. He accused a representative of the US State Department of taking credit for building these unions at a panel discussion during the Institute Colloquium. But the growth of unions comes from "continuing labor unrest in spite of [its] illegality," and is "not in any way as a result of foreign intervention or corporate enlightenment," he said.

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Israel apologizes for alleged spying — The prime minister of Israel apologized for any possible espionage conducted in the United States. The government promised to fully investigate the matter. Secretary of State George P. Shultz PhD '49 said that the United States government was "satisfied" with the apology.

South African Black Union issues first statement — The Congress of South African Trade Unions, the newest and biggest coalition of Black labor in the country, called for continued divestment if apartheid is not ended. It also demanded several other actions within the next six months, including the resignation of South African President P. W. Botha and the abolishment of oppressive laws. The group threatened violence if its wishes are not met.

Egyptian commandos accompanied by US officers — Three high-ranking US military officers traveled to Malta with the Egyptian commandos who stormed the hijacked plane there on November 24. The United States said that the officers were only there to provide "moral support." A Maltese official said that the officers helped to coordinate the assault, which killed 57. A total of 60 people died in the incident.

Filipino general acquitted of murder — Chief General Favian Ver, relative and confidant of Filipino President Ferdinand E. Marcos, and twenty-five others were acquitted of the murder of Benigno S. Aquino. Aquino led the party opposing Marcos before his assassination in 1983. Three judges ruled that Aquino was shot by Rolando Gaiaman, who was shot at the scene by guards.

Nation

Speaker O'Neill loses aides — Approximately half of House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr.'s advisors, including his two closest, have left pending his retirement at the end of next year. "It's like losing my right arm," he said.

Tower of Atlantis built — The crew on board the Space Shuttle Atlantis rebuilt a 45-foot truss and then built a 40-foot tower in the cargo bay. The operation went smoothly, according to operation officials.

Local

Progress made in hotel labor dispute — Talks continue between hotel labor leaders and management. Union leaders called off a strike scheduled for Sunday, although several issues have still not been agreed upon.

Sports

Bears' unbeaten streak ends — The Miami Dolphins crushed the Chicago Bears 38-24 last night, ending the Bears' hopes for an undefeated season. The game was never close — Miami led, 31-10, at the end of the first half.

Weather

Sunny but COLD! — Today's forecast predicts sunshine with temperatures in the twenties. Wednesday should be warmer but won't be as sunny.

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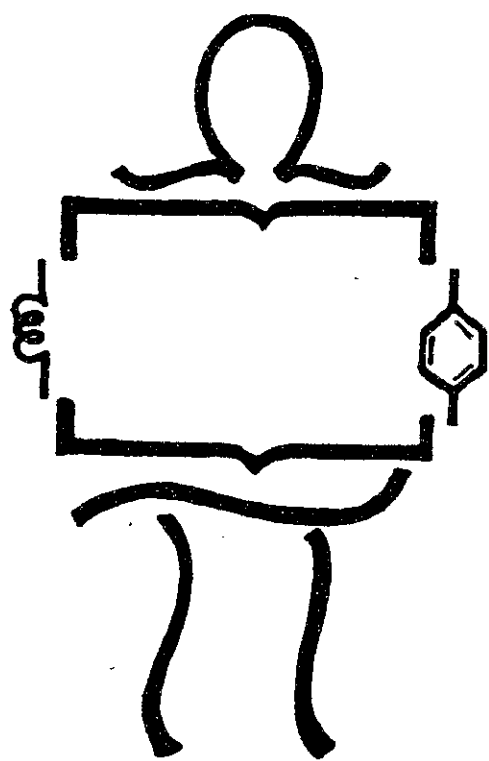


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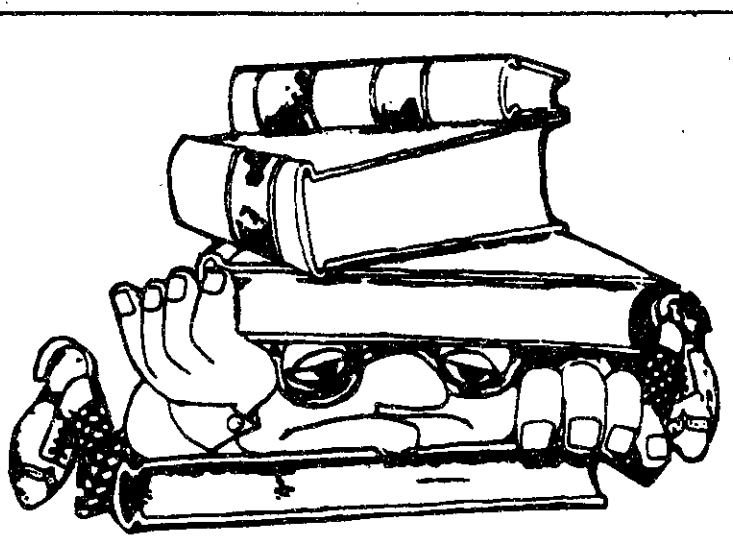
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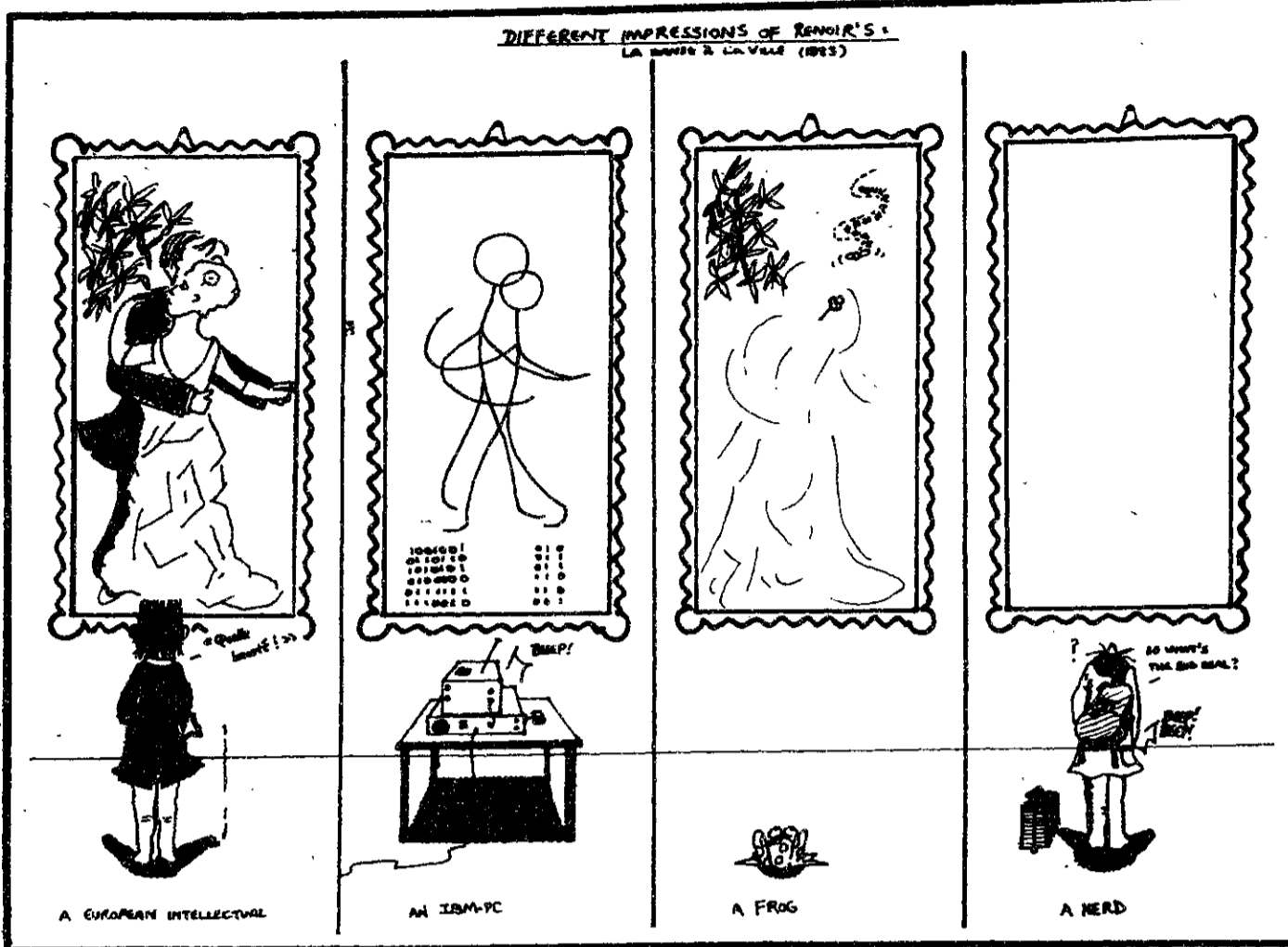
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Coke Classic is a basic part of MIT

Are we snobs? No, I don't think so. MIT students are not pampered cream-puff doll-babies. We don't really mind driving Pintos. We'll pass on Polo. In short, we have not come to expect extreme generosity from society.

But we have grown comfortable with certain aspects of life. We expect special sauce on our Big Macs; we expect chalk boards to be electric; we expect the bus to be on time. As long as we are granted these few, and minor concessions by society, we happily tool away in our concrete abstraction.

But what happens when something that is truly fundamental to our way of life changes? How is a student to react when the foundation of his existence is threat-

ened? Specifically, what shall we do about NEW COKE?

It isn't really new anymore. In fact, the government has a definition of the word "new" which prohibits anything too old from being new. But to a lot of MIT students, the strange silver and red can is still new. You see, the real Coke has become something of a standard in our lives. It is a symbol of late nights pouring over books and problems. It is, so to speak, the electric chalk board of our thirst.

It is a tribute to MIT that none of the major soda vending machines serve the new stuff. I used to worry that my fifty cents would bring me the silver and red can. After all, the Coke button doesn't tell you what kind of Coke you are going to get. But now I walk down the hallways with a certain satisfaction in knowing I am safe. If I feel threatened by impending change in my life, all I have to do is buy a drink. The real thing.

Just an observation. While I was visiting the H school a few days ago I stopped to grab a soda. The machine said "Coke" and I didn't think twice before I dropped my money in. What came out? You can guess.

What'll it be? Classic, thank you!

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feedback

A government should not be a social planner

To the Editor:

The most remarkable fact in the history of Nazi Germany is that the Nazis came to power openly proclaiming exactly what they planned to do. They repeatedly and clearly advocated total obedience to the state, nationalization of businesses, mass murder — and were legally and freely elected by the German people. How could such a thing happen? To this day people avoid the answer.

John Morrison, in his letter ["Altruism is not authoritarianism," Nov. 23], says, "the fact that an ideal is abused to promote...cruelty...does not mean that those ideals are bad." But I must add that when certain ideals have been used throughout history to justify cruelty, as the ideals of altruism and socialism have, it is time those ideals were examined more closely.

First listen to the Nazis' leading theoretician, Adolph Hitler, speaking in Buckeburg on Oct. 7, 1933: "...the individual should finally come to realize that his own ego is of no importance in comparison with the existence of his nation; that the position of the individual ego is conditioned solely by the interests of the nation as a whole...that above all, the unity of a nation's spirit and will are worth far more than the freedom of the spirit and will of an individual..."

And in *Mein Kampf*: "The basic attitude from which such activity arises, we call — to distinguish it from egoism and selfishness — idealism. By this we understand only the individual's capacity to make sacrifices for the community..." (Both quoted in *The Ominous Parallels* by Leonard Peikoff.)

Self-sacrifice, duty, disinterested service — that these are virtues had been rooted in the minds of the German people long before the Nazis came on the scene. (The rooting was done by a long line of intellectuals.) The ethics which say, "your life is not for your own benefit" gave the Nazis no opposition when they concluded "your life is for the nation to dispose of."

Hitler was sincere at the end of his speech. The Jews, long hated by Lutheran Christians, were regarded as enemies of the community.

Altruism does not mean courtesy, kindness, or goodwill to

one's fellow man. Nor does it mean merely concern for others. The essence of altruism is self-sacrifice. Altruism is the ethical code which says that one's actions are virtuous only if done

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feedback

Soviet delegation at forum distorted truth

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the letter by Julian West ["Unruly audience was the true obstacle to peace," Nov. 26]. In his letter, West discussed the forum on "The Soviet Viewpoint on Obstacles to Peace," with visiting Soviet students. West claimed that "the show was stolen by a vocal minority, who saw no opportunity for dialogue, but simply some red-bashing", and that "The intolerant US citizens, who came to the meeting appeared as obstacles to peace."

A forum is a free exchange of ideas. If one of the participants continuously distorts the truth and lies, and others tacitly accept it, the forum becomes a charade. The Soviet delegation, which by the way did not consist of students (one member was a professor of journalism and a researcher at the US-Canada Institute, another a head organizer of highly political Soviet Student Council, both holding positions of power and privilege), lied throughout the evening, while Julian West accepted it.

The Soviet delegation started the evening on a high note by disclaiming the existence of a famous quotation from V. I. Lenin on incompatibility of Socialism and Capitalism; a quote often used by Soviet Press. When asked about availability of Western newspapers in USSR to facilitate US-Soviet understanding, the Soviet delegation at first claimed that they were available, then that they were not, only because *The New York Times* was too expensive to import.

When asked about the jamming of the *Voice of America* radio, which is broadcasted free of charge, the Soviets told the audience that the jamming did not happen during detente, which is

simply a lie, for when I lived in USSR in the mid-seventies, the jamming was a daily occurrence.

At the end of the evening, the Soviets claimed that the official Soviet disarmament movement is independent of the government and is a counterpart to the American peace movement. Only two years ago Amnesty International reported ruthless persecution of the Group for the Establishment of Trust Between the USSR and USA, and independent grassroots disarmament movement, started in Moscow in 1982.

The audience of the forum included several former Soviet citizens, who emigrated or were thrown out of the USSR. We have first-hand knowledge of life in the Soviet Union. Julian seems to have learned about the Soviet Union from particularly biased textbooks. His attitude can best be described as "We're here to talk about trust and peace, don't try to tell me about the truth."

His behavior is very common and is called "fellow travelling." It implies naive acceptance of totalitarianism propaganda. While it seems a harmless phenomenon, we do not have to dig deep to remember the American Left's endorsement of Stalin's genocidal policies long after the extent of his crimes became known.

As for the message that "these loudmouths supposed that they were sending to the Soviet government," it is a simple one: The representatives of the Soviet ruling class are not welcome on our campus. So perhaps when the "Soviet delegation" is debriefed, the decision will be made to skip MIT in their annual US tour. Impressionable and naive students, such as Julian West, will not have the opportunity to hitch a ride.

Dimitry Zarkh '86

opinion



feedback

Antidote to Hitler: egoism

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for the benefit of others; one's own life and interests have no intrinsic value according to this code. The fact that others (each of whom must also practice selfless service to others in order to be good) end up in practice not benefiting, is the reason why it is more accurate to describe altruism in negative terms. Altruism is anti-self, self-abnegation.

Egoism (in the Objectivist conception) does not mean sacrificing others to oneself. Egoism is the ethical code which says one ought to act to be the beneficiary of what one produces, that to act to further one's life as a human being is good. The ideal man wants to deal with other men as a trader, both in the material and spiritual realms.

Altruism extols the individual's self-sacrifice. The Nazis took off from this and said the nation should receive these sacrifices, since the Nation represents the collective of individuals, which individuals have no independent selves. The Nazis found altruism ideally suited for sacrificing the individual to the State.

You don't want to be sacrificed? What moral base do you have? Don't be selfish. You will wear this uniform like me! (Egoism is the enemy of obedience.)

These considerations apply to the Rising Sun regime of Japan as well. But the Japanese' gory exploits did not come as such a surprise as the Germans' because Eastern culture never discovered the concept of the individual (especially during the enlightenment). Altruism-collectivism destroyed the growing idea of the individual in the German people's minds and released the Nazis among them.

The Nazis sometimes used the word "self" when in fact they meant a group (eg. the Nation). The Nazis were invariably anti-individual.

The Nazi leaders were barking thugs--pompous, strutting, and hate-ridden-qualities which do not go with self-sufficiency, self-confidence, or the desire to be left alone.

Mr. Morrison asks me to explain in more detail how, in general, altruism in ethics leads to statism in politics. If selfless service to others is the good and acting out of rational self-interest the evil, then a government which

promotes the former and hinders the latter is desirable. A system of government which protects what you earn would have a shaky moral base since your earnings should be aimed to the cripples and starving everywhere. A system of government which takes away what you earn for you and your fellow men's alleged benefit, i.e. a Welfare State, fits the moral bill. Soon the government, annuity insurance ("social security"), science, "social planning", etc., all for the benefit of "others". Altruism leads to the Welfare State variant of Statism.

In a Welfare State everybody steals (legally through government grants) from everybody else. It's difficult to feel goodwill towards your fellow man when he's stealing from you! The Welfare State, furthermore, is not viable economically; it eventually goes bankrupt. The leaders call for more self-sacrifice, more government control, less personal liberty (perhaps using the threat of war as an excuse). A point is reached which becomes either chaos (as a prelude to the invasion of barbarian hordes) or a Totalitarian State. This is the road we are on now.

Suppose a woman spends her savings on medical treatment for a man she loves so that he can be cured of tuberculosis. This is not self-sacrificial but rather selfish, in the proper sense of the word. The man has value to her and she is acting to preserve what is valuable to her. Her money is worth less to her than his health she turns it into.

An advocate of altruism would say she should spend a portion of her money on the poor and starving in India, and would approve of laws which force her to pay taxes into foreign aid (to give just one example).

Mr Morrison's comments on Ayn Rand's novel *Atlas Shrugged* are a string of misrepresentations. Period.

As to his remarks based on *The Jungle*, I should tell you I haven't read that book, for the same reason I try to avoid reading the front page of *The National Enquirer*: it's trash. The author had to rake hard to pile his muck, even in a less than ideal capitalist society. Only a few factories were as he described, indeed at the turn of the century laborers were flocking from the

farm fields to work in the city factories. Better pay — and the city was more fun back then. It was a much noted population shift.

I disagree with Morrison that government control of private property (i.e. facism) applied to factories makes factory personnel safe. The general prosperity that statism destroys or makes impossible creates the best safety. Mobility, the ability to quit one job for another, efficiently run factories, technology — these result from capitalism and are the real source of safety.

This is not to say that misrepresentation (fraud) by a factory owner to either his employees or customers should not be punishable by law. It is to say that a factory owner is entitled to be assumed innocent, and if evidence to the contrary is brought forth, entitled to due process like any other alleged contract breaker. (Employee associations can be useful in this regard, but not government favored unions. Look what such unions have done.)

Government controls do not protect life or property rights, they violate them. Further down the road, the controllers (regulators, planners, etc.) in government will be the thugs you wished to be protected from.

Mark Hunter

feedback

Hitler demanded altruism from his countrymen

To the Editor:

Morality continues to inhabit the opinion pages of *The Tech*. John Morrison's letter ["Anti-altruism will lead to cruelty," Nov. 22], indicates that the concept of altruism is still not clearly understood. Objectivist philosophy must be better understood before ascribing misinterpretations to Ms. Rand.

Morrison claims that Hitler's regime "demanded absolute obedience and total conformity, as well as disregard for other people. His government tortured and murdered millions of people. . . There was nothing altruistic about this; it was downright selfish." I claim that Hitler was altruistic, by the definition of that moral philosophy. He required individuals to put the good of other people, whose will was represented by the state, above their own.

Hitler did demand "absolute obedience and total conformity," as Morrison said, but he expected this compliance only to attain altruistic goals. Hitler achieved power legally and had the democratically demonstrated approval of the majority. Wasn't he, therefore, justified in doing whatever he felt necessary for the people? If you think rights come only from convention, like government, then you shouldn't have any qualms with Hitler's authority, only his methods.

Only individuals have rights. It does not matter if a government, like the National Socialist Party, achieves power democratically, or by any other measure of fairness. Nor does it matter how totalitarian that government is: Groups which claim to have authority over you have no more rights than any individual member of that group has over anyone else. Hitler and Botha are wrong because they have overstepped the bounds of what government properly can do.

Morrison harbors a common fallacy that those who help others at their own risk are altruists. The people who choose to help others do so for selfish reasons: It makes them feel better. Knowledge of other people in trouble evokes bad feelings in most individuals; thinking that one is helping others makes one feel good.

Many people believe that Mother Theresa is altruistic because of the sacrifices she makes

to help the people around her. She simply finds the rewards of helping people greater than those from any other lifestyle.

Everyone who acts to help others is ultimately driven by his own desire. Motivation is only internal. Those who claim that they act for others are deluded: Self-esteem, other people's opinions, and religious convictions motivate actions. People who help the persecuted act for themselves, and they can be admired for what they self-servingly do.

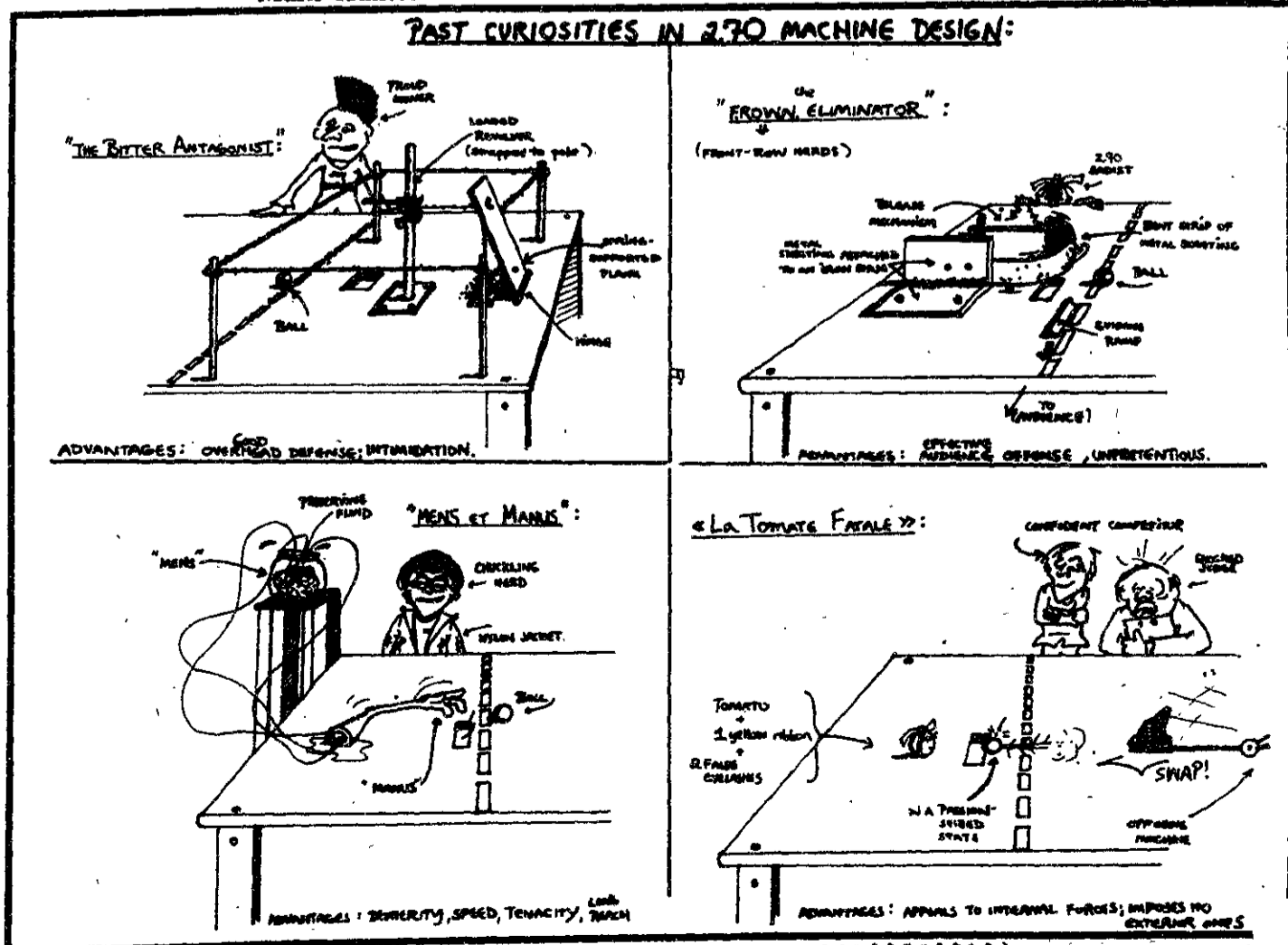
Let me clarify the difference between a personal desire to help people and an obligation to help others. A desire to help others is voluntary; when a government enforces an "obligation" because it is acting on altruist premises, the government is threatening innocent people. This is how altruism leads to statism. When people freely chose to do things for others because they "are supposed to" (according to the morality that they have been told and that they decide to accept), and not for themselves, they live miserable lives.

The wrong of altruism is in its definition: that the purpose of your life is to live for others, that you have an obligation, rather than an inclination, to work for anyone but yourself. Unless you have harmed someone, you have no duty to do anything at all. If you do not like something, you can do something about it if you desire, but do not think that anyone else is *obliged* to help your cause. The most you can do is try to convince them that they want to help.

Morrison blatantly attributes wrong ideas to Rand when he asserts that "It is obviously altruistic to oppose harm when one is not a potential victim himself. . . [and that] the anti-altruism in Objectivism necessarily denounces the opposition to harm."

Rand explains that you should care about other's rights because someone who violates those rights may decide to violate your own rights. People can choose to join up with others who agree to deter or stop those who violate rights. This voluntary union is how governments begin. Protecting rights, which Rand holds to be nonarbitrary and knowable, is the only legitimate function of government.

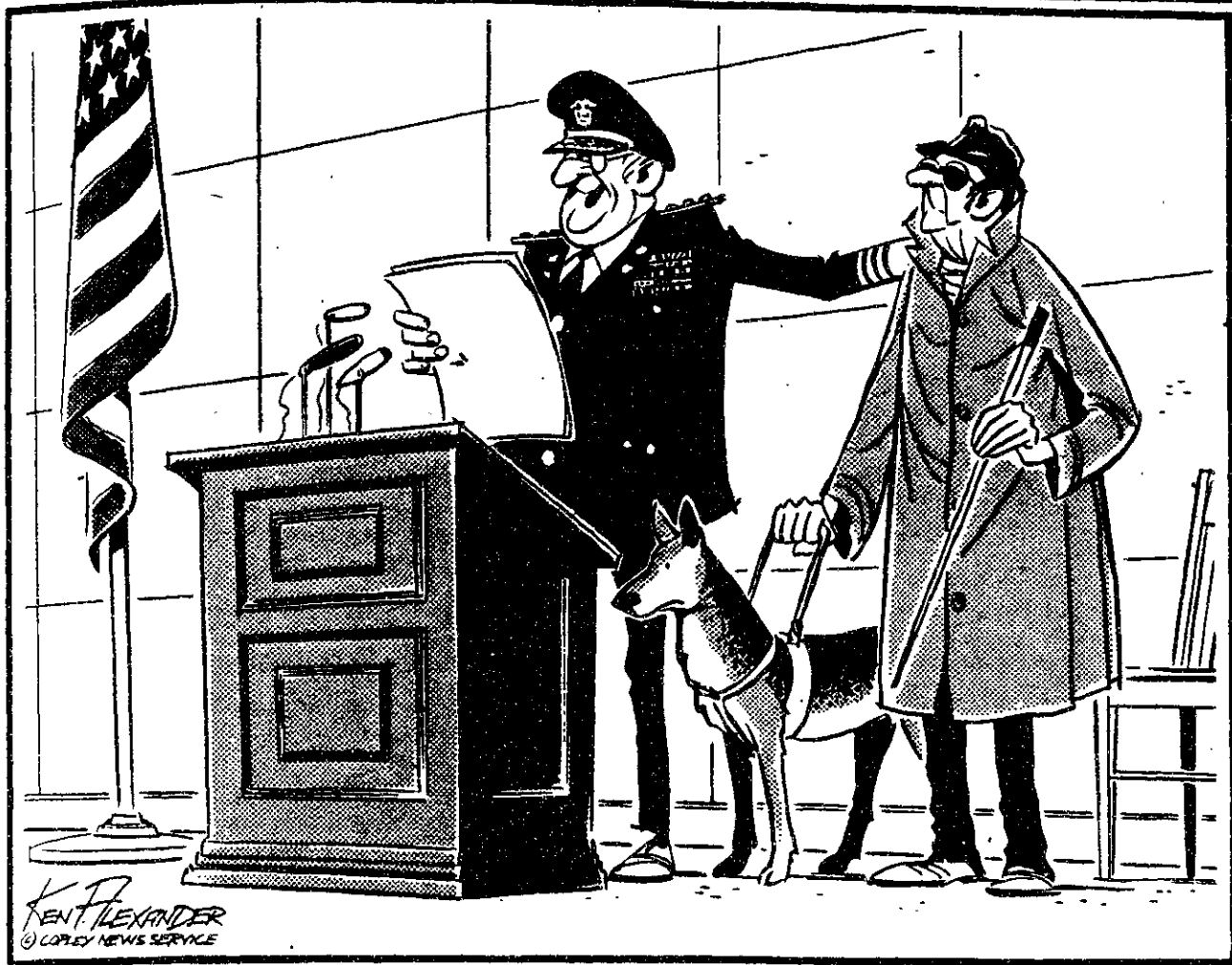
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Intervention causes injustice

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Morrison displays another misunderstanding of altruism when he says an employer cannot be an altruist if his employees enjoy working for him. A businessman is not altruistic when he improves his employees' working conditions. He knows that improved conditions will improve his workers' productivity. If conditions are bad, his employees may quit. The businessman will not provide infinite comfort, but some level is optimal.

Ah, Morrison might object, but workers can be replaced. Yes, this is true, but it is not without a cost to the businessman. At some attrition rate, he will be motivated to find out why everyone's leaving. And it will be in his own

interest to implement and maintain changes. Since the workers are free to do other jobs, they will stay where they are until it is in their best interest to leave. Worker quality varies. Thus there is a competition between employers for good employees. It behooves a businessman to keep efficient people, and so for his own benefit he cares about their happiness.

Labor unions fit into the anti-altruist world easily. Everyone has the same rights to assemble, talk and quit. Individuals or groups of workers make demands of their employer, but the employer can refuse to listen to

them. They can decide to work elsewhere. They can peacefully protest, but anyone can cross their line. Unless one party initiates physical force, the government has absolutely no role to play.

Only when a government intervenes in economics, destroying the freedom of choice that is the lifeblood of trade, and all human relations, do monopolies, waste, and injustice occur. When people believe that their lives are the property of anything other than their own selves, further scenarios like the Third Reich are inevitable.

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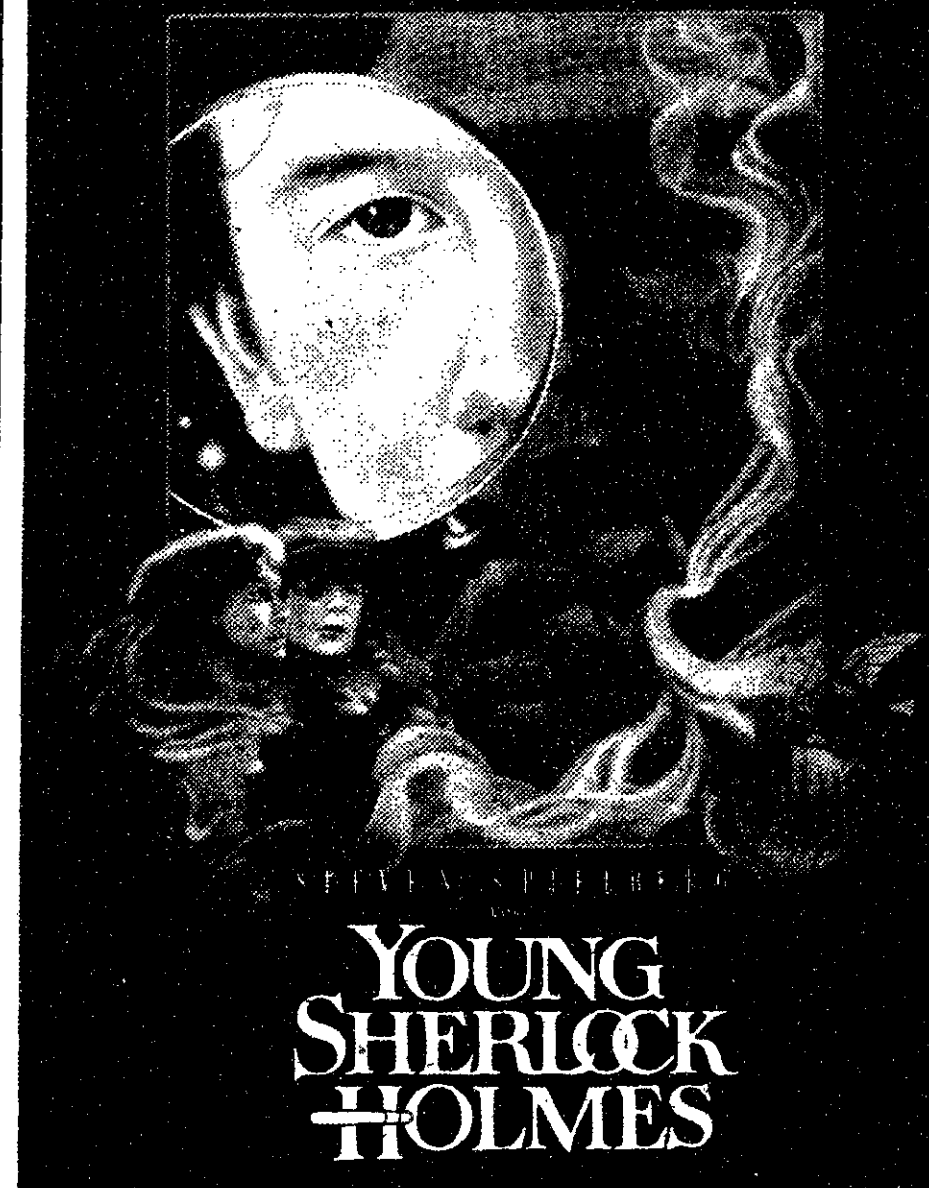
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Rocky goes to the Summit

Rocky IV, written and directed by Sylvester Stallone. Starring Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire, Burt Young, Carl Weathers and introducing Dolph Lundgren. Playing at Sack Cinema 57. Rated PG.

If Rocky has yet to lose the title of heavyweight boxing champion of the world, "Sly" Stallone has already been severely jabbed by several film critics in America. The all-embracing media rejection of *Rocky IV* occurred before the film was released to the public. The basis for this universal aversion was that a sequel to *Rocky III* (and *Rocky II*, and *Rocky*) should never have been conceived — in much the same way that the psychopathic murderer in *Friday 13th* should have never resuscitated in the following five sequels.

Despite the fact that critics bad-mouthed *Rocky IV* from the start, after only two days it surpassed *White Nights* and other recent releases in box office revenues. Stallone, who was offered \$15 million by Metro Goldwyn Mayer to write, direct and star in *Rocky IV* (plus a cut of the total-sales pie) must be doing something right.

This time around the storyline tries to go beyond the trite if not primitive dialectic

of the underdog in the land of opportunity, and reach the milieu of superpower politics. Rocky "Italian Stallion" Balboa is to meet his Russian counterpart Ivan Drago (played by Dolph Lundgren), a machine-like pugilist of unearthly strength and perfect bodily features. I wonder to what extent the Geneva Summit was planned to occur at the same time as the release of *Rocky IV*.

One thing is for certain: in the ring, Drago and Balboa are able to resolve their differences. It makes you wish Reagan and Gorbachev would do the same.

Rocky, who has been contemplating retirement since his last bout against Mr. T (in *Rocky III*), is once again driven to the ring, this time for more patriotic reasons: "... a man's gotta do what a man's gotta do." His wife Adrian (played by Talia Shire) tries to prevent him from fighting the monstrous Russian, calling attention to his fatherhood and success in life. Rocky's prerogatives transcend his material surroundings so as to give him an air of a volunteer soldier on a suicide mission. Many critics have seen this theme of military patriotism as most offensive in Stallone's latest movie — a bad mix of *Rambo*

politics and Rocky egotism.

While Stallone has been faulted and ridiculed for his opportunism, no one has cared to mention the circumstances which lead to the final bout; namely the result of the self-glorifying, ostentatious and grossly commercial American Show-Biz hulla-balloo.

While in *Rocky III*, Balboa and Stallone, as the filmmaker, fell victims to the American way, in *Rocky IV* it is Apollo Creed, Rocky's best friend, coach and former opponent (played by Carl Weathers), who is the victim. Early in the film, his elaborate and theatrical derision of the taciturn Drago and his eventual downfall prelude the explosive final match between Balboa and the Russian.

To say more would mean to give the plot away (which in fact some reviewers have done under the belief that this would not spoil the movie), and this I won't do since I feel the film is worth the money.

In what may be the last of a series of autobiographical films, Stallone reveals himself on a personal level, in a similarly candid and genuine way as the original *Rocky*.

Admittedly, his ideas about politics are

somewhat confused and even laughable (at one point even the Russian audience starts cheering for Rocky), but perhaps only because we ourselves don't question enough our own sensitivity and feelings about the Russians, a people we are taught to loathe a-priori.

Lastly, *Rocky IV* is a must for those out there who are in any way concerned about their physical appearance or Nautilus performance rating. You will probably recognize (and envy) some of your own vanity in the Herculean forms Stallone and Lundgren. In the mandatory cross-cutting sequence from Rocky's to Drago's training we see a melange of the latest high tech exercising apparatus (computer graphics and all!) contrasted with an awesome series of exercises to perform in polar weather conditions.

(Rumor has it that Dolph Lundgren actually went to MIT as a Chemical Engineering grad student, but then dropped out. I wonder if there are any aspiring little grad students pumping iron right now, wishing that they too could be in a movie where they flexed their muscles.)

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Robert Brustein considers *The Changeling* to be a "particularly modern play." If so, his American Repertory Theatre production emphasizes yet further its disturbing psychology.

Two characters — Beatrice-Joanna and De Flores — hold center-stage. Beatrice-Joanna is beautiful and in demand not only by the man her father has arranged her to marry, but also by both her true-love Alsemero and by the ugly and unloved De Flores.

De Flores kills the unwanted fiancé on request from Beatrice-Joanna, planning to have her for himself, and as the evening unwinds he gains control of her.

John Bottoms made De Flores the cen-

tral character in Brustein's *Changeling*, creating a role of remarkable power and complexity. We briefly feel sympathy for Mozart's Osmín, the Moor who is unloved because of the color of his flesh; so also do we fleetingly feel for Bottoms' De Flores until we see any illusions of humanity removed by his passion-fired killings on behalf of Beatrice-Joanna and his satanic domination of her. His silent presence spoke violence, but when he spoke words, Bottoms' lines flowed hypnotically, ripples in De Flores' serpentine form highlighting the gripping words of text. Bottoms' monster was as magnetic as he was repulsive, a flawlessly-painted predator for Beatrice-Joanna.

Karl Lundeberg's eerie score fortified De Flores' role further. The disembodied music brought a stiffly understated tension to the stage just before De Flores kills

Alonzo, the unwanted fiancé. Throughout the play the music heralds danger. But no suspense is lost through anticipation of the next piece of gore: The music concentrates the focus, making the subsequent acts of De Flores all the more horrific.

Diane D'Aquila did not bring a strong opening to the role of Beatrice-Joanna, but grew into the part as the plot developed, making a mesmerizing victim-accomplice to Bottoms' De Flores by action's end. Harry Murphy also started the role of Alsemero weakly: He was initially unconvincing in showing his love for Beatrice-Joanna. But he, too, developed fire, concluding his part compellingly.

Jack Stehlin was vigorous in his portrayal of Tomazo, bent on avenging his brother Alonzo's death. Smelling trouble from the start Tomazo — who lacks the complexity of the other characters — remains true to his brother's name to the end. Stehlin's straightforward action and clear, direct, diction captured Tomazo's sincerity, a voice at odds with the deceit all around him.

Brustein has carefully studied the relationships of Middleton's protagonists, and brought new life to this riveting drama. Go see it.

Jonathan Richmond

Elementary my dear Spielberg

Young Sherlock Holmes, produced by Steven Spielberg, directed by Barry Levinson, starring Nicholas Rowe, Alan Cox, Sophie Ward, and Anthony Higgins. Opens in Boston theaters Dec. 4.

If you'd like a bit of Dickens with a sprinkling of *E.T.*, you're sure to be amused if not entertained by Steven Spielberg's latest movie the *Young Sherlock Holmes*. It asks you to imagine that the first meeting of the famous detective duo, Holmes and Watson, took place in their youth. If you are a true Sherlock Holmes fan, try not to take offence and enjoy a moment's entertainment in this obvious stretching of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's fiction (according to Doyle's accounts Holmes and Watson met as adults).

Though this film will not go down as one of Spielberg's best, it is a warm Victorian tale equipped with everything from a dozen or so murders, to a pretty girl, to an flying machine right out of *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, to an evil villain, and a few Spielberg effects to keep you going. If you like the avant garde, or perhaps Rambo, this flick might not be for you. But if it is your bag, and you find you have some

time this Christmas break, give yourself two hours and see it.

It starts out with a scene one would expect *Oliver Twist* to be a part of, and moves through the streets of Victorian London to introduce its first murder. We are then introduced to John Watson who is arriving at his new boy's school. He soon meets the young Sherlock Holmes, and they quickly become close school companions, and subsequently close companions in solving crimes. The two are joined in their adventures by Holmes' girlfriend, the pretty niece of an eccentric old school professor. Together, the three set out to answer some puzzling questions, and find a few clues to solve a bunch of murders.

It is amusing story with a decent amount of romance, adventure, and special effects to make it an enjoyable two hours at the movies. The acting isn't bad, the cinematography is pretty good, and the special effects are nicely juxtaposed against a Victorian backdrop. So have some fun, and go and see this new version of Spielberg movie magic.

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Amherst, Rutgers divest

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"The protests on all campuses was the reason they chose to divest," claimed McAlevey, who was arrested in a sit-in protest. "For some of the trustees, they needed to realize that we were serious."

The protesters were convinced that "drastic action" was necessary to motivate the trustees, she said. "It takes a real commitment. Students working for change need to recognize that change doesn't happen overnight."

The sit-in protest in which McAlevey participated was "not destructive, but it showed an incredibly serious commitment to the issue," she said. The people who participated in the demonstrations "realized that [the trustees' decision to divest] was a student victory, and the people were really empowered by the victory."

SASU is now working on increasing the number of minority faculty and students at SUNY, McAlevey said.

Amherst sells part of holdings

The Amherst College Board of Trustees on Oct. 12 unanimously approved a student resolution to sell approximately 35 percent of the school's stock in US companies doing business in South Africa, according to *The Amherst Student*. These stocks were valued at \$10 million in mid-October, according to *The Amherst Student*.

The Amherst trustees chose the stocks to be divested based on Arthur D. Little, Inc.'s annual rating of each US company's compliance with the Sullivan principles. The Sullivan principles are a standard of desegregation policies for companies doing business in South Africa.

Arthur D. Little divides companies operating in South Africa into three categories based on the company's success in following the Sullivan principles. The Amherst trustees voted to immediately divest stocks in companies in the category of least adherence to the principles. The trustees also decided to sell its stock in companies in the second category by March 31, 1986.

Amherst will retain all stock in companies which adhere most strongly to the Sullivan principles.

The Board of Trustees will review the South African situation in May 1987. If it determines that the South African government has not made "significant progress" towards the elimination of apartheid, it may also sell the remaining stocks, presently in Arthur D. Little's highest category of adherence.

"What prepared the way was the intelligence of the [students'] presentation, but also the whole tone of discussion which encouraged both sides to be reasonable," explained Amherst President Peter Pouncey. "A more belligerent confrontation would have raised defenses rather than lowering them."

"[The trustees] were impressed also by the students' passion on the issue which was expressed on intellectual terms rather than mindless emotions," Trustee Ted Cross commented. The trustees felt no pressure or threats from the students, he added.

Marjorie Modestil, a member of the student group which proposed the partial divestment to the trustees, explained that the Sullivan categories provided a basis for a phased divestment policy.

"We helped the trustees with their concerns as well as ours because Amherst cannot divest all at once given the ensuing re-investment risks involved," she acknowledged.

"The trustees were persuaded by powerful and cogent arguments made by students who had a sophisticated understanding of the investment process, and had some new insights," Cross said.

The board also established a student committee which will meet four times a year with the board's own investment committee to review Amherst's investment policy.

Jason Kliot, another member of the student group, pointed out that the trustees agreed to listen to the students' proposal only after demonstrations took place.

Rutgers divests completely

The Rutgers University Board of Trustees voted Oct. 17 in favor of divesting the school's \$6.4 million investments in American companies operating in South Africa. President Edward Bloustein and the Rutgers Joint Investments Committee (JIC) had recommended divestment.

ommended divestment.

The action, which affects 8.7 percent of Rutgers' \$72 million investment portfolio, will be completed over a two-year period, according to Dave Pettit of the student newspaper, *The Daily Targum*.

Pettit attributed Rutgers' divestment to several student-led rallies in the spring. A group of students camped out at the student center for one month to protest the school's South African-related investments. Also, Reverend Jesse Jackson attracted nearly 5000 people to his on-campus apartheid speech in the spring, Pettit added.

The JIC recommendation to divest stated that "the escalating political and economic instability in South Africa" were the reasons for Rutgers to divest.

Another factor in the trustees' decision was the New Jersey State Legislature's approval of a bill mandating withdrawal of state pension funds from companies doing business in South Africa, Pettit explained. The legislation, which was passed on Aug. 20, affected the state pension fund's \$2 billion investments in such companies.

Undergraduate representatives to Institute committees

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notices

Listings

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Wednesday, Dec. 4

Toni Camarade Bambara, author, teacher, and activist, is the guest speaker in tonight's continuation of the series, "Freedom, fiction and family: black women today" at 8 pm in 34-101. The reading is free and open to the public.

Her first novel, *The Salt Eaters*, received the American Book Award in 1981. Bambara is currently working on a book about the Atlanta child murders. She also is involved in protesting apartheid in South Africa.

Thursday, Dec. 5

Over 30,000 books published by **The MIT Press** and **Yale University Press** will be discounted up to 90% at the **Holiday Book Sale**. It will be held in the Sala de Puerto Rico on the main floor of the MIT Student Center, 84 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge. Hours will be 10am to 9pm, Thursday, December 5 and Friday, December 6, and 10am to 4pm, Saturday, December 7. The selection includes titles in art, architecture, philosophy, linguistics, urban studies, economics, humanities, social sciences, engineering, science, and computer science. You can pay with personal check, MasterCard, VISA, travelers checks or cash.

A seminar entitled "High-Definition Television" sponsored by the **MIT Communications Forum** will be held from 4:00-6:00 PM in the Bartos Theatre, the Wiesner Building, E15-070, 20 Ames Street. The speakers will be Robert Hopkins of the National Association of Broadcasters, Kerns Powers of RCA, and Edward Horowitz of Home Box Office. Open to the public.

Friday, Dec. 6

The **MIT Spanish Drama Workshop** will present café teatro performances of *El Delantal Blanco* by Sergio Vodanovic, *Historia de un Flemon* by Osvaldo Dragún, and *El Anso* by Emilio Carballido at 8 pm in the Student Center. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Announcements

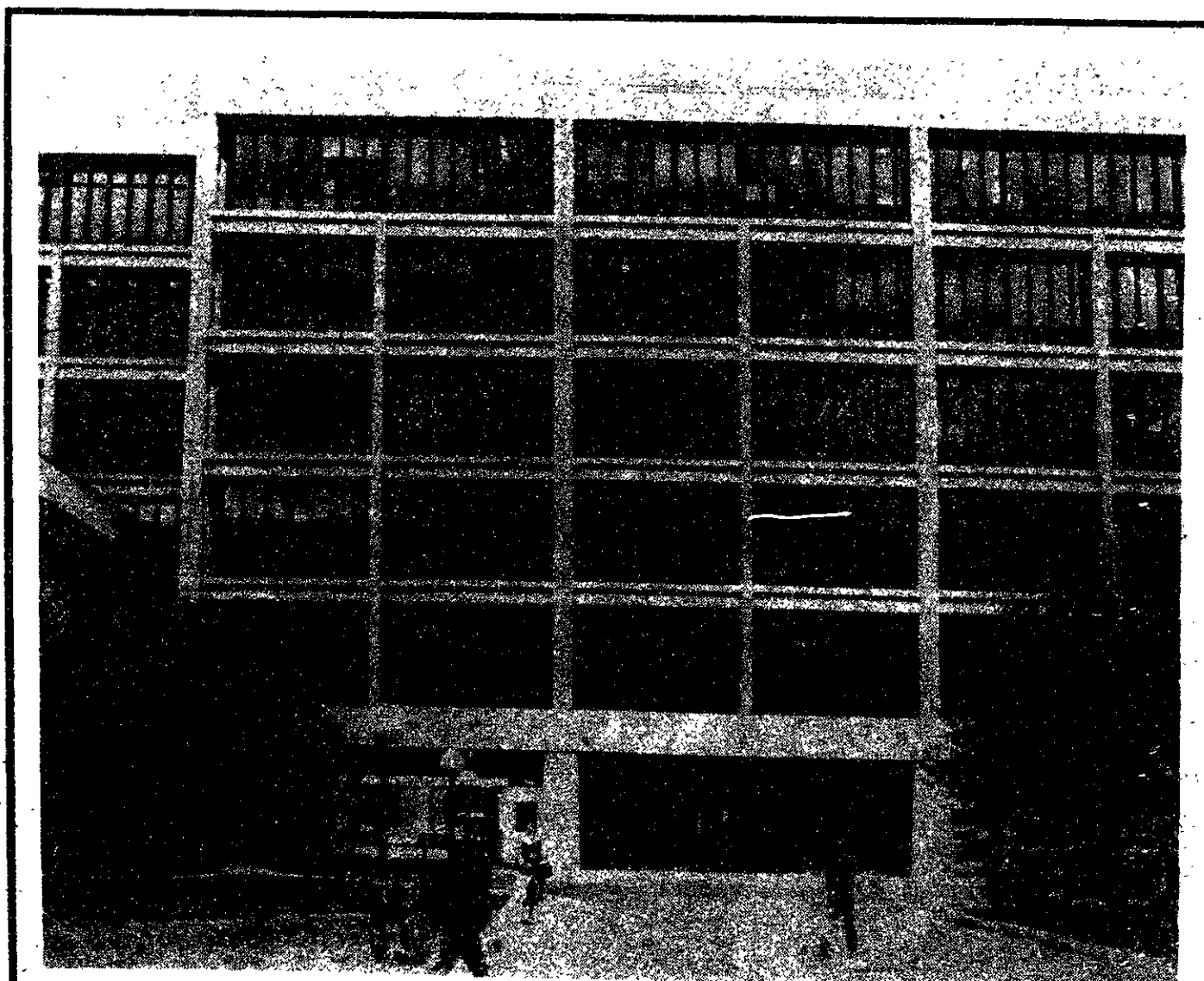
The Departments of Materials Science and Engineering and Humanities and Social Sciences are announcing the **Kathlyn Langford Wolfe Awards**: two \$1,000 prizes to be awarded each year, one to an undergraduate student and one to a graduate student, upon completion of an imaginative and significant project combining research in materials and humanities or in materials and the arts. Preliminary project proposal due Feb. 4, 1986. Final submission on April 25, 1986.

The 1985-86 **I. Austin Kelly III Competition** in undergraduate humanistic scholarship is now open. Two prizes of \$250 each will be awarded for the best scholarly or critical papers in any of these fields: Literary Studies, History, Musicology, Anthropology, Archaeology. The final deadline is May 1, 1986. The competition is administered by the Humanities Undergraduate Office. Rules and guidelines are available from 14N-409, x3-4446.

Counseling and HTLV-III blood-screening services for individuals concerned about exposure to the virus associated with AIDS. For more information about this free confidential service sponsored by the Department of Public Health and Counseling Services, call 522-4090. Weekdays 9 am to 5 pm. Outside Boston call collect. For more information call James Varnum at 542-5188, Monday through Friday, 10 am to 4 pm.

The **Americans for Democratic Action Education Fund** is offering fellowships to students interested in internships with Congressional offices in Washington, DC. Applications for the Jan. 3-31 or the July 3-31 programs must be postmarked by Nov. 22, 1985. Contact Bill or Sara at (202) 638-6447.

The **Grolier Poetry Prize (1986)** is now accepting inquiries for official rules and information. The contest opens December 1, 1985 and the deadline is March 15, 1986. Please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Grolier Book Shop, 6 Plympton Street, Cambridge, MA 02138.

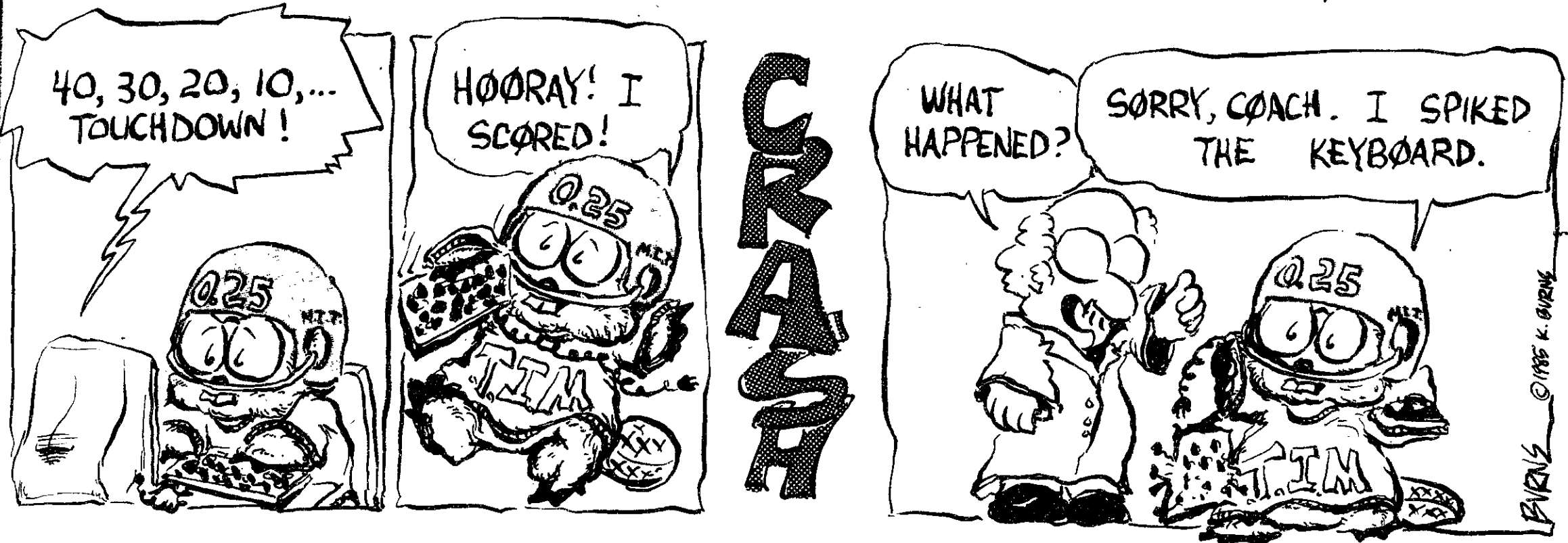


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Building 39 will be dedicated as the Brown Building in honor of Gordon Stanley Brown, Institute Professor Emeritus. Friday's ceremony will come after three years of reconstruction. The Microsystems Research Center, under the direction of Professor Paul Penfield Jr., will conduct research in the field of Very Large Scale Integrated Circuits. The Integrated Circuits Laboratory, Submicron Structures Laboratory, Technology Research Laboratory, and Microsystems Technology Laboratories will also occupy space in the refurbished building.

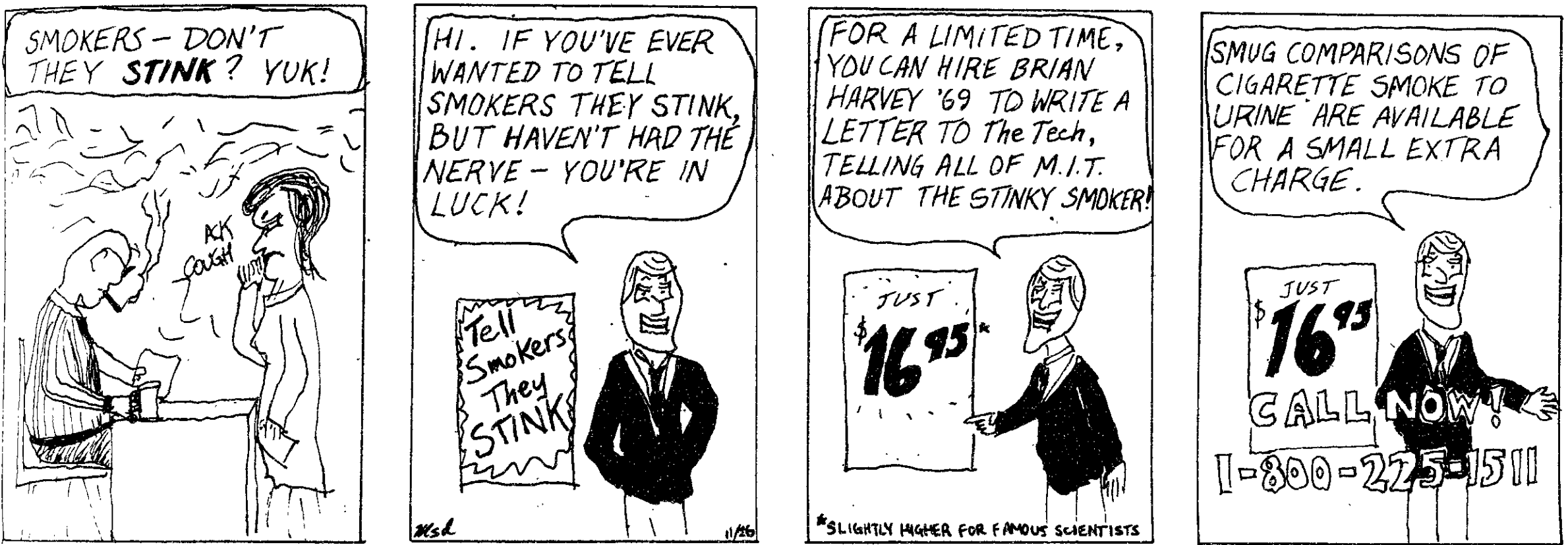
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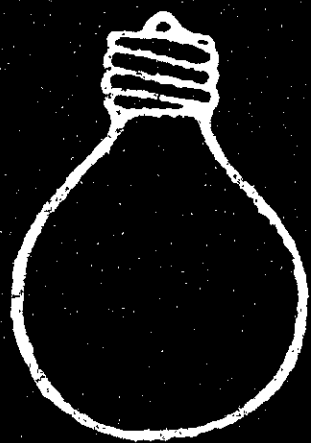
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Pistol defeats Ohio State

By Jerry Martin

The MIT pistol team defeated the Ohio State University Buckeyes and the Worcester Polytechnic Institute Engineers in a three-way meet Nov. 23. MIT won all three events — free, air and standard pistols — raising its league record to 3-2.

The match began with free pistol, where MIT dominated the competition, taking five of the top six places. MIT's team of Joe LaRocca '87, Chris Medina '86, Kelvin Phoon '87 and captain Jerry Martin '86 fired 1004 out of a possible 1200, easily besting OSU's 935 and WPI's 872. High scorers for the match were Martin with a 256 and Phoon, who fired a 254 for a personal best.

LaRocca, Martin, Phoon and manager Mike Strange '88 led the Engineers to a second victory in the standard pistol event. Top scorers were LaRocca with a 546 out of 600, Phoon with a 535, and Martin with a 513. MIT's total of 2103 again outdistanced the Buckeyes' 1847 and WPI's

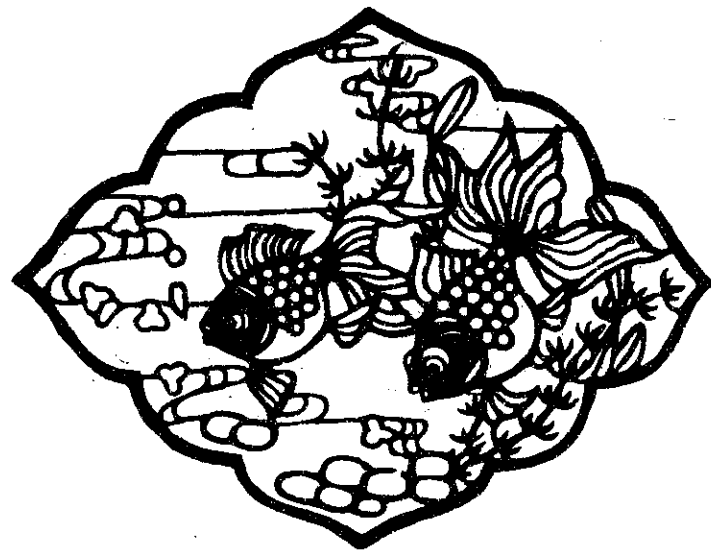
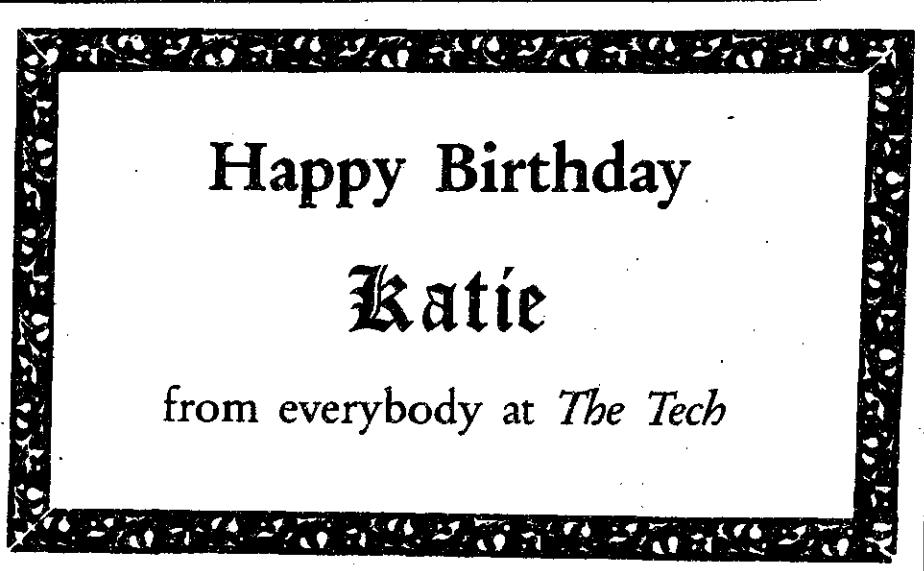
1790.

In air pistol, MIT defeated the other teams handily for a third time, scoring 2162 to 2095 for OSU and 1945 for WPI. LaRocca again led the MIT team to victory with a 555, followed closely by Martin with a 553. Homero Rey '86, returning from a year away, fired a 547 for the third highest score overall.

MIT will shoot one more

match this term, against the Virginia Military Institute and the University of Virginia. The Engineers are currently ranked fourth in the nation, having lost only to the reigning national champions, the US Naval Academy, and the number two team, the US Military Academy (West Point).

(Editor's note: Jerry Martin is the captain of the pistol team.)



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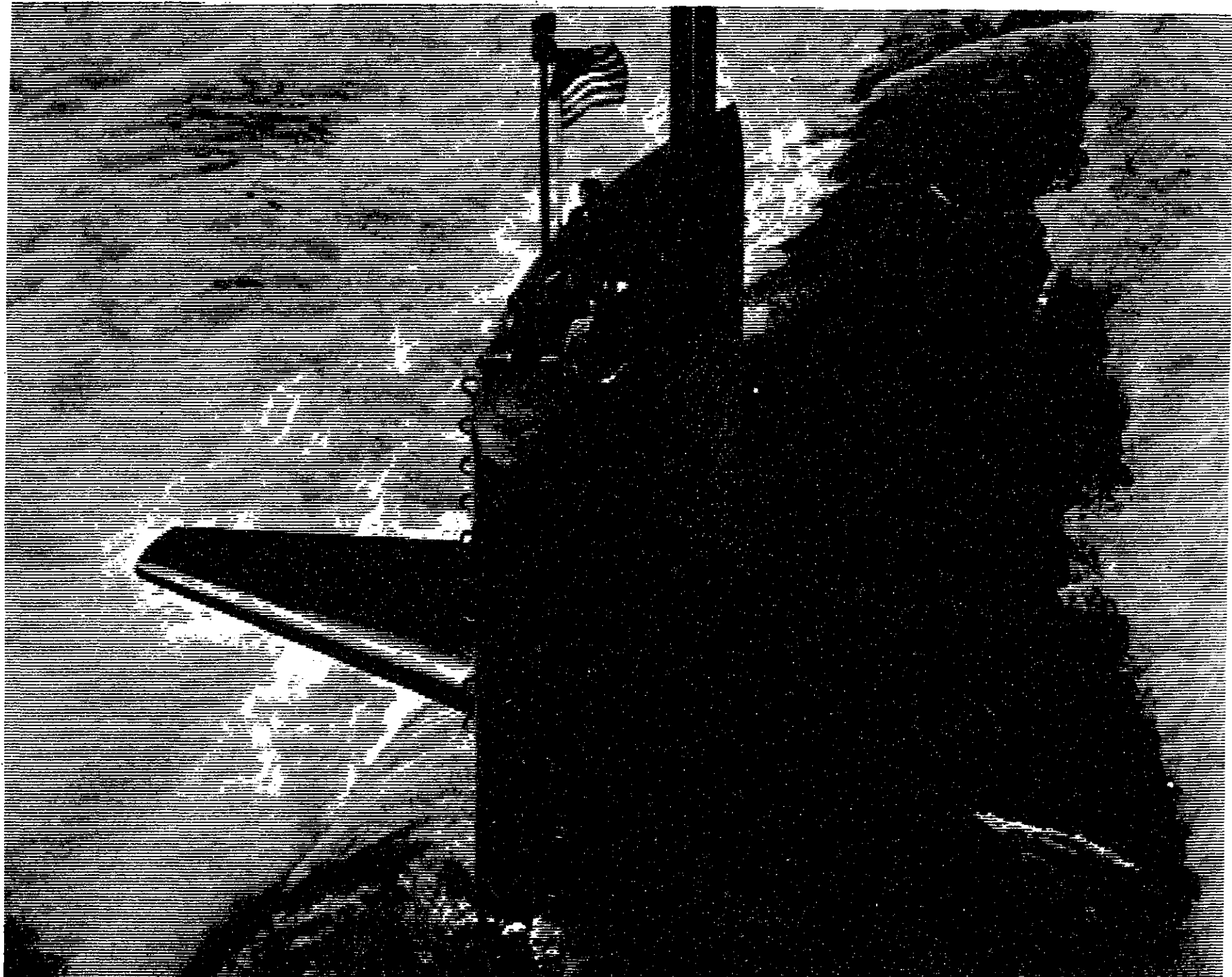
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