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Big Screw Chairman Roseanne Hennessey '87 of APO presents Dean for Student Affairs Shirley M. McBay with her award during All Tech Sing on Saturday. For the text of McBay's acceptance speech see Page 11.

MIT group sponsors abortion forum

By Lauren Seeley

Members of the MIT community discussed issues concerning abortion prior to an April 29 screening of *Silent Screams*, a film on abortion. The MIT Christian Community sponsored the event.

A talk entitled "People or Kleenex?" given by Elisabeth Elliott, author of 16 books, preceded the screening.

Approximately 150 people, mostly students, attended the screening in room 10-250. Members of Pro-Femina, an MIT feminist group, distributed leaflets criticizing the film at the entrance to the lecture hall.

Elliott said she spoke on the abortion issue as "a Christian woman." She explained that she drew much support for her anti-abortion stance from the Bible because of her Christian background. Some members of the audience later criticized her use of religion to justify her beliefs.

Elliott argued that a fetus is a human being from conception, and therefore abortion is wrong.

She spoke of an aborted fetus as "... a child ... [which] was killed."

Karen Keating Ansara, a representative of Planned Parenthood in Cambridge, said in an interview with *The Tech* that whether a fetus is a human being from conception is "a matter of religious or personal belief, and there is no consensus in our society."

Elliott addressed one pro-choice argument that abortion is justifiable because the fetus cannot survive on its own outside the womb. She attempted to invalidate this argument by comparing a woman carrying a fetus to a dialysis machine supporting a patient.

She argued that society would not pull the plug on the patient, so society should not allow a woman to abort the fetus she supports.

Jorgen Harmse G rejected Elliott's argument when Elliott opened the floor for questions from the audience. Harmse said

that "in fact there's a great difference between a dialysis machine and a woman. A dialysis machine does not suffer." Some of the audience applauded.

Elliott countered that "a woman does not have the right to detach herself from a child." She argued that aborting a fetus is the same as killing an unwanted child. "I really don't see any difference," she said. Some members of the audience applauded her point of view, also.

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Dorm gets extra housemaster

By Michael J. Garrison

East Campus will have a junior housemaster by next term, according to Vice President Constantine B. Simonides. The decision was made by the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs (ODSA) in order to insure the "maximum faculty presence possible," he said.

A questionnaire which was circulated in East Campus last week asked "whether [the residents] wanted a junior housemaster," and "whether they thought [the ODSA's decision] was being handled in an appropriate way," said Prof. Judith T. Kildow, the present East Campus housemaster.

Approximately 80 percent of those East Campus residents who returned the survey responded negatively to the questions, said Joseph A. Giaime '86, a member of the East Campus Housemaster Committee. The committee will give the questionnaire results and a petition, which asks that the change not be made, to the ODSA.

Annette M. Correard '87, committee chairman, explained, "At the beginning of the term [Dean Robert A.] Sherwood [associate dean for residence and campus activities] suggested" the new position, and "the committee decided, 'No.'"

The next time the committee

heard from the ODSA on the subject was three weeks ago, one member added. Sherwood was "of the opinion everyone knew about it, and was behind the idea," said committee member Adam D. Bernard '86.

The Tech was unable to contact Sherwood for comment.

The new position was created because East Campus is "a big dorm, the biggest in the system," Kildow said. A housemaster is supposed to provide several services to the dorm, including both

academic and social counseling, she explained. "It is very hard when you already hold one job to do those other things for over 400 students," Kildow said.

The ODSA has "been talking about [a junior housemaster position for East Campus] for 8-10 years," she said. The plan was originally conceived by the housemaster who preceded Kildow, according to the committee.

"We wanted to make [the housemasters' interactions with

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REM Spring Weekend concert loses \$5000

By Charles R. Jankowski

The band REM headlined MIT's Spring Weekend concert Friday. Concert organizers lost approximately \$5000 although the event sold out, according to Henry T. Brush '87, Student Center Committee (SCC) concert coordinator.

"At maximum, we lost \$6400, but it will probably be less. We have to wait until physical plant bills come in," said Mark J. Brine '84, SCC president. Over 3000 tickets were sold for the concert, which was co-sponsored by SCC, Theta Xi, Sigma Chi, Delta Tau Delta and Phi Kappa Sigma, according to Brine.

MIT students bought 2500 tickets for \$5 each, and non-MIT students bought the remainder of the tickets for \$7. Total revenues were approximately \$16,500.

"We paid REM \$12,000 and also spent \$3000 for sound and lighting," Brine said. Other expenses included the warmup band, stage equipment, Campus Police, tickets and publicity, food and beer for the band and the workers and "lots of other little things," according to Brush.

"We knew we were going to lose money on the concert," Brush said. He had said earlier that SCC was willing to lose

money in order to entertain the students. "SCC acts as a service to MIT students," Brine explained.

"A couple of people showed up as early as 6 pm, but the line started getting big around 7:30 pm," Brush said. "We got the people in pretty quick. It took about 20 minutes to one-half hour. We opened the doors about ten after eight and the concert started about quarter of [nine]," Brush continued.

The Neats, a local band, performed before REM. A comedian had been scheduled to perform, but did not appear because of a "mixup in communication," Brine said.

The concert was held in the New Athletic Center. "The stage was set up where the benches and the penalty box [of the ice rink] are," Brush said. "People stood in front of the stage, and there were chairs all around the floor. It wasn't too crowded and the crowd wasn't too rowdy. It was a really good crowd," Brush continued.

Brine added that this was the first Spring Weekend concert where no one was arrested. "Things went amazingly smoothly," Brine said.

Programs could affect Course VI

By Earl C. Yen

Second in a two-part series examining freshmen choices of majors.

A Registrar's Office survey of freshmen majors indicated that new alternative programs to the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS) may have played a role in the apparent decrease in EECS enrollment for the Class of 1988.

Seventy-five percent of the freshmen class responded to the survey.

The Course VIII-A option in Physics with Electrical Engineering attracted 18 students, according to the survey. The Course XVIII program in Mathematics and Computer Science attracted ten students. The faculty approved both programs this spring.

The new physics option was proposed to "open up the possibility of majoring in physics for those people who thought they had to major in engineering to find good jobs," said Alan J. Lazarus '53, undergraduate academic officer in the Department of Physics.

The VIII-A students "will receive a good education in physics and fulfill the major requirements for the EE degree," Lazarus said. He stressed that students completing the new option would be knowledgeable about present technology and would also have a firm analytical background from studying the basic sciences.

The numbers from the survey were "very heartening," Lazarus said. The physics department had been unsure how many freshmen would be interested in the option, he added.

The freshmen who chose the new mathematics program might

have enrolled in computer science or double-majored in computer science and mathematics if the new degree had not existed, said Joanne Murray, undergraduate officer in the Department of Mathematics.

The Registrar's Office survey indicated 16 freshmen planned to enroll in Course XV for next year. The Class of 1987 has 35 management majors, according to the Registrar, but previous sophomore classes have enrolled around 15 majors, said Esther Merrill, coordinator of the Management Undergraduate Program.

"It matches pretty well with what we expected," said Jeffrey A. Meldman '65, director of the Management Undergraduate Program. "Our enrollment remains significantly higher than in previous years."

Meldman attributed the general rise in enrollment in Course XV over the past few years to several reasons. "I would guess that the MIS [Management Information Systems] option is the major reason," he said.

"We beefed-up the curriculum to make it a little more attractive to those interested in quantitative methods," Meldman added. "Once we felt we had a more solid curriculum, we began promoting it more. We had a booklet for the first time this year."



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Arthur M. Cox, expert on US - Soviet relations, and Dr. Sergei Rogov, US Representative of the Institute of USA and Canadian Studies speak at a disarmament conference Sunday in Kresge Auditorium.

Junior housemaster to join East Campus

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the dormitory] better," Simonides explained, "and do more to mix the faculty and students... It looked like it was a desirable thing."

The junior housemaster will begin residence during the summer as part of a general switch in housemasters, Simonides said. Kildow is leaving the position at the end of this term.

The new position will require that four "prime rooms" on Second East be converted to an apartment for the junior housemaster, according to the committee. Contracts for room renova-

tions were signed at least three weeks ago, a committee member said. Simonides noted the new apartment will create "parity" between the two parallels.

The East Campus Housemaster Committee voted last night on a list of prospective faculty members to replace Kildow as senior housemaster. Their recommendations will be submitted to the ODSA today. The committee has also been charged with sending a recommendation for junior housemaster to the ODSA before the end of the term, "or they will do it for us," said one committee member.

Silent Scream shown at abortion discussion

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Ansara cited a study completed in the early 1970s by a Catholic theologian which found that in countries where abortion was legal, the respect for life had not diminished. "In fact, I think you'd find that it's in countries where the poor are burdened by excessive childbirth that infanticide is practiced," she said.

The audience discussed both sides of the abortion issue for 30 minutes after Elliot's presentation. The forum's sponsors then showed *Silent Scream*.

The film's narrator, Dr. Bernard N. Nathanson, was once an abortionist who now speaks against abortion. He echoed Elliott's stance when he asserted that "the unborn child is simply another human being, whose functions are indistinguishable from any of ours."

Nathanson first described how a suction method abortion is performed. He then narrated the abortion of a 12-week-old fetus, as seen by ultrasound imaging.

The ultrasound imaging shown in the film produced a blurry picture. Nathanson pointed out a probe entering the uterus and the fetus purportedly moving away from the probe.

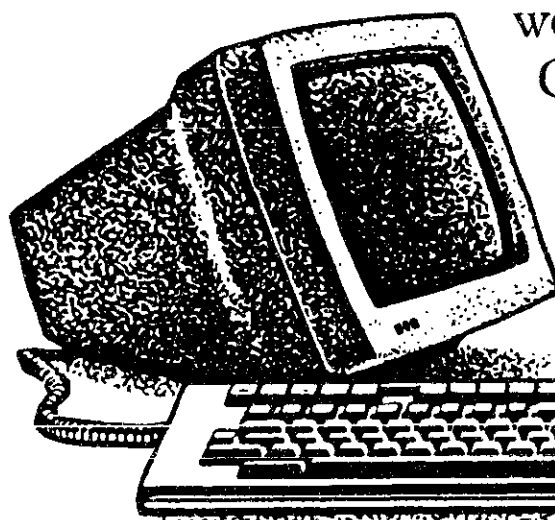
"The child will rear away from [the probe] in a purposeful manner. The child's mouth is now open. We see the child's mouth wide open in a silent scream. It does sense aggression in its sanctuary," Nathanson said.

Prof. Jerome Y. Lettvin '47 of the Department of Biology said that "we simply do not know that there is any awareness or cognition" in the 12-week-old fetus. "He [Nathanson] is lying through his teeth when he says that the fetus feels pain."

"The ultrasound image was grossly overinterpreted," said Prof. Vernon M. Ingram, also of the Department of Biology. In response to Nathanson's claim that the fetus is indistinguishable from a human being, Ingram said, "No, that's not true. There are some major physiological changes that occur before birth."

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news roundup

World

Reagan visits Bitburg cemetery — President Ronald Reagan, accompanied by Chancellor Helmut Kohl, visited the Bitburg cemetery just hours after he paid homage to the 50,000 victims of the Nazi holocaust at the site of the Bergen-Belson concentration camp in West Germany. Reagan stated in his address, "This painful walk into the past has done much more than remind us of the war that consumed the European continent. What we have seen makes unforgettably clear that no one of the rest of us can fully understand the enormity of the feelings carried by the victims of these camps."

Fighting between Thai and Vietnamese at Thai border — A senior Thai officer reported that air strikes backing Thai marines were mounted against Vietnamese entering Thailand in pursuit of Cambodian guerrillas.

Six dead in Beirut fighting — Christian and Moslem militias rocked residential sections of Beirut with the worst shellfire since fighting began nine days ago. The factions exchanged volleys with tanks, grenades and mortars along Beirut's dividing line Sunday.

Nation

Challenger lands in Mojave — The space shuttle Challenger landed yesterday at the Edwards Air Force Base in California after what was described as a highly successful seven-day mission. The shuttle swept across the South Pacific and brushed over Los Angeles, creating a sonic boom from 90,000 feet above the city before touching down.

Demonstration on Fifth Avenue for Soviet Jews — Thousands demonstrated on Fifth Avenue in New York City for more support of Soviet Jews and protested Reagan's visits in West Germany.

Study finds 6 million Americans affected by violent crime yearly — The National Center for Health Statistics reported that one person in 10,000 will be murdered each year. This probability corresponds to a one in 133 chance. The bureau reported that one person among 31 older than 12 years will be the victim of a violent crime. Statistics shows males are more often victimized than women and blacks are more likely to be assaulted than whites.

Sports

Spend a Buck wins the Derby — Spend a Buck ran the third fastest time in the Kentucky Derby's 111 year history Saturday. He came within two-fifths of a second of Secretariat's world record of 1:45 4/5 seconds for nine furlongs.

Weather

Not really spring — A few showers can still be expected today — fine weather for a birthday. Tonight's low will dip into the 40s. Too bad the heat's off around here. Things should clear up tomorrow when beautiful and sunny 64-degree suntan weather will prevail.

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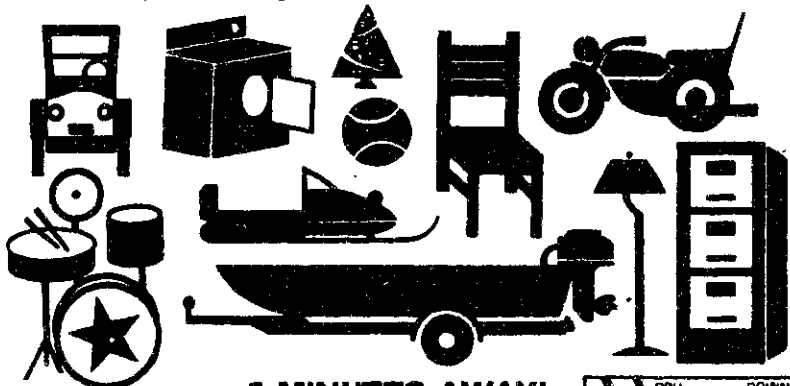
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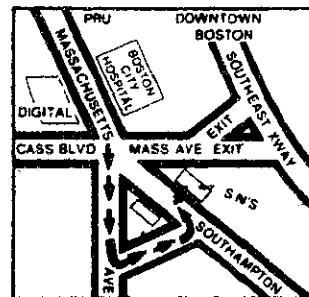
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opinion

Column/Robert E. Malchman Wounds heal, but memories remain

The old man pounded his fist on the wooden table to get the attention of the six strangers sitting with him.

He held up first seven fingers, then three. "Drei-und-siebzig Jahren," he said. 73 years old. Satisfied with his pronouncement, he took a pull on the remaining beer in his liter stein.

The rest of us toasted him for his achievement. I also munched on one of the large pretzels he had generously bought for the table, one of a hundred or so in the Bavarian beer hall. The old man smiled and laughed, asked the women at the table to dance and complimented us all for things I could not understand with my limited vocabulary.

This pleasant evening of beer, pretzels and music was almost a relief after a day of disturbing sightseeing. My peregrinations had taken me to a quiet suburb of Munich called Dachau. Almost 50 years earlier, the first Nazi concentration camp opened there. American soldiers liberated it 40 years ago. Now what is left of the camp stands as a memorial to and reminder of the people who died in the Holocaust.

The administrative buildings now house a museum chronicling the rise of Nazism and its attendant evils: militarism, anti-Semitism, repression, and genocide.

Most people know of these evils and have an intellectual understanding of what those words mean. But it was not until I walked through the reconstructed barracks, stood in the gas chamber, saw the torture implements, that I felt what the words mean.

What got to me were the ovens. The bodies of those worked to death, experimented on and executed were burned there. I touched one of the ovens. Outside, I sat on a bench for a long while before moving on.

I signed in the memorial's visitors book my full name: Robert Ernest Malchman — Ernest after the grandfather who had the courage and good sense to leave his business and get out of Fascist Italy with my grandmother, mother and uncle in April 1939.

His nephew Victor was not as lucky. His family spent the war hidden by a Catholic family in Trieste. I met Victor a few years ago. He was warm and friendly, but his eyes never rested, and his hands almost always trembled. My uncle told me Victor has been like that since the war.

My mother made a point of exposing me to the Holocaust whenever possible. I remember one day as a small child when she and I were riding in a taxi. It was warm and the driver had his sleeves rolled up. "Look at the man's forearm," my mother whispered. There was a number

tattooed in blue on it. "That means he was in a concentration camp during World War II," she continued, explaining exactly what that meant.

I do not know whether my step-sister's husband has a blue number tattooed on his forearm. I do know he was in Auschwitz. My step-sister said he believes he would not have survived if the Soviets had liberated the camp two weeks later. I am torn between wanting to ask him about it to learn, and fearing to make him recall painful memories.

We tread a narrow, often uncertain path concerning the Holocaust. On the one hand, we must never forget. Already revisionists claim the Holocaust never happened, that the camps were a lie. If we are not vigilant, someday people may believe the revisionists; someday there may be another Holocaust.

On the other hand, we cannot condemn a population for the evil their fathers did. Hating the Germans is both pointless and unreasonable.

President Ronald Reagan strayed from this path when he visited the Bitburg military cemetery Sunday. He also went to Bergen-Belsen concentration camp.

Reagan at first did not want to visit Bergen-Belsen because he feared it might embarrass the Federal Republic by drawing attention to its predecessor's wrongs. Going to Bitburg, where 48 S. S. troops lie buried among the German army dead, would bring the new allies closer, Reagan said.

I do not know whether the old man at the beer hall has a blue number tattooed on his forearm — or an S. S. uniform hanging in his past. I do know he was of voting age when the German people gave Hitler power. If he voted, there is a four-in-ten chance that he voted for Hitler.

What did this nice, old man do in the war? How would he react if he knew I am Jewish? How would he have reacted 40 or 50 years ago? Would he still buy me a pretzel? Or does it matter now?

As I stood up to leave, the old man rushed over. He toasted me, wished me good health and happiness, and extended his hand. I shook it warmly, sincerely wishing him the same. If I was wrong, if I left the narrow path, I also did not cause more pain.

I understand the president's position on Bitburg and Bergen-Belsen: He also does not want to recall painful memories. He wants to help Chancellor Helmut Kohl politically because Kohl is instrumental in the implementation of Reagan's European military policies. The Holocaust, however, is a lot more than painful memories or an obstacle to

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feedback

Cartoon attacked world terrorism

To the Editor:

I write in response to Susan H. Franzblau's letter of Tuesday, April 23, in which she took offense at a cartoon based on the song, "We are the World, We are the Children." The cartoon is neither insulting nor racist, and it makes an important point in a clever way.

To call the cartoon an insult to the performers who sang the original song misses the whole point of the cartoon. Their motives in raising money to help alleviate hunger in Africa are neither challenged nor parodied by the cartoon. Rather, the cartoon's intent is to remind the

reader of another world problem: international terrorism. Calling the people in the cartoon "freedom fighters" instead of "terrorists" does not alter the fact that they are, indeed, "the ones who use the bombs and guns so you stop living." Their violent tactics should not be tolerated.

Franzblau also labels the cartoon "racist," apparently because of its depiction of Iranians, Irish, Arabs, and Central Americans as violent terrorists. However, all of the characters in the cartoon are clearly identifiable as specific, well-known individuals or members of well-known terrorist

groups, not as representative citizens of their respective countries. For example, the Iranian in the cartoon is clearly intended to be Khomeini. Does Franzblau seriously believe that Iranians at MIT support the Khomeini regime? The cartoon can only be offensive to those who do, and they deserve to be offended.

The "offensive" cartoon serves as a grim reminder that terrorism is an ever-present world problem and should be dealt with as such. The cartoon was certainly one of the better ones to appear in *The Tech* in a while.

Scott I. Berkenblit '86

Consider funds for non-registrants

To the Editor:

In Diana ben-Aaron's April 26 column ["The class gifts seniors should be sponsoring"], she proposed that seniors should donate their "class gift" to a worthy cause and not "...waste our money on shrubbery." Her suggestion to donate money to aid financially needy students is, we think, an excellent idea. We urge, however, that like-minded students consider those needy students who will not be aided by gifts to the alumni fund.

We are referring to students who have been denied federal aid because of the so-called Solomon amendment. The Solomon amendment denies all federal aid to students who will not sign an oath stating they have registered for the draft. Since the fall of 1983, this reprehensible law has linked receipt of educational aid with the unrelated goal of military service.

Similar to those students described by ben-Aaron in her column, there are students who have left MIT both temporarily and permanently because they have made a decision of conscience not to sign the Solomon compliance form.

Among the reasons for not signing the Solomon form are: purposeful nonregistration; belief that the financially needy should not be discriminated against by the Solomon amendment; and belief that the Solomon amendment in requiring universities to become agents of law enforcement constitutes an infringement on academic freedom.

The class of 1984 considered donating money to assist Solomon-affected students. Unfortun-

nately, MIT decided it would accept no donations for such a purpose, and the class chose to use its gift to purchase ice-skates instead.

Concerned students, however, thought that aiding those who lost money because of the Solomon amendment would be a worthy cause; they formed the Committee to Assist Nonregistrants (CAN). CAN established a fund separate from MIT and many students gave to this fund as individuals, contributing over 1/3 of

the \$3000 raised last spring.

In the interest of continuing the CAN educational assistance fund, we are again sending letters to the Senior class.

We agree with ben-Aaron. Class gifts should be used for purposes more significant than shrubbery. We therefore encourage seniors — and other interested students as well — to respond to our letters by making a donation to CAN.

Greg O'Conner G
Scott Saleska '86

Proposes blessing labs at MIT to show faith

To the Editor:

Aside from regular communal worship, there are few opportunities for people of faith at MIT to express the faith that undergirds the morally conscientious attitude they share with many others here. I propose a service of blessing of laboratories and facilities as a new and effective opportunity for persons of faith to act out of the understanding that science and its fruits are fundamentally good and not opposed by religion.

Far from being a superstitious or magical action, or a threat to freedom of scientific inquiry, a blessing is a prayer of thanksgiving that recognizes God's involvement with the use of the blessed object or space through the people who use it. It recognizes the presence of God in human activity, and contains a petition for guidance so that the human activity may be aligned with the divine activity.

The blessing of a laboratory would be performed by the peo-

ple who work there who wish to recognize and celebrate in some public way the potential for holiness in their work and workplace. Such a liturgy of blessing would provide them with the opportunity to commit themselves and their work to cooperation with God's purposes of the care of the earth and the human good.

In a practical vein, the job of working out such a service could prove to be a formidable task if people of different religious orientations work in the facility; and while the potential for divisiveness is certainly recognized, so also is the potential for mutual understanding and enrichment. In order for a lab blessing to be carried out in the right spirit, it would seem that the dissenting views of anyone in the lab should be respected.

I welcome all thoughtful responses to this proposal.

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opinion

feedback

Requiem review was devoid of real feeling

To the Editor:

I feel that Jacqueline Gottlieb's review of the MIT Choral Society's performance of Verdi's "Requiem" was inaccurate and devoid of feeling. My impression is that Miss Gottlieb was more concerned with artificial pseudo-intellectual criticizing typical of the art critic than in the music, the performance, and more importantly, the people who performed.

I find Miss Gottlieb's accusation of "superficial interpretation" extremely ironic and her statement that "the force of the music and the performers should have been exploited with more energy and dedication" meaningless, even preposterous.

During the performance there was an old lady sitting next to me who had the score in her hands and was following it diligently for two hours. Now and then she would glance around to see how she was impressing everybody with her musical expertise. During the forte she became very animated. I did notice one little thing. She had to look at the choir in order to know when to turn the pages. I felt like turning to her and saying, "You silly little lady, nobody cares whether you are a musical genius or not. Why don't you just relax and immerse yourself in the beautiful music." Somehow, Miss Gottlieb, you remind me of that little old lady.

I have listened to the greatest musicians and performances in the world, from San Francisco to Budapest. I take a holistic approach to art, never the reductionist viewpoint. The nature of real art precludes the latter. From my perspective, the Choral Society's performance, conducted by John Oliver, was magnificent. It was a flawless execution of a most difficult work showing a talent, competence, and dedication of the highest order. There may not have been any famous names there, nevertheless, I left with the impression that I had witnessed a masterpiece.

People are the ultimate judge of what is good and what is not. Critics rave about pieces of art that the rest of us recognize as garbage. It seems that in many

Remembering the horror

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political agendas. The Holocaust will claim victims forever. Our knowledge of the beast in others awakens the beast in ourselves. We turn to the same methods of repression against those we hate.

We try to silence the words of the neo-Nazis, the Klan, the Communists, not realizing that maggots grow best in the dark, out of sight. And I darkly suspect an old man who may be guilty of nothing more heinous than being a 73-year-old German who buys people pretzels.

I hate the Nazis, but still I realize that hatred will not remove the blue numbers from people's forearms, or help my cousin or my step-sister's husband. It certainly will not help the millions who did not escape, who died during World War II.

Reagan succeeded in reminding the world of the horrors of Nazism. But the anger and demonstrations his actions caused obscure the message that the people of West Germany should have no malice borne against them for the sins of the Third Reich.

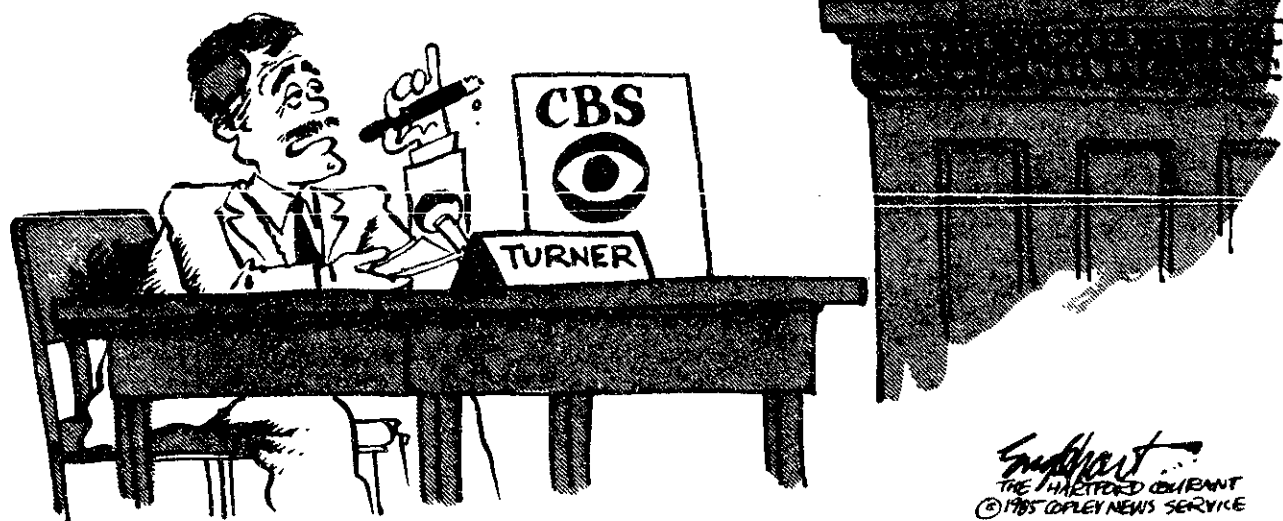
cases, artists and critics of the twentieth century have lost themselves in a solipsistic world of delusion. Miss Gottlieb mentions a "too enthusiastic applause." She fails to mention that this just happened to be a ten minute standing ovation.

To the ladies and gentlemen of the Choral Society my heartfelt congratulations and admiration for your creation of beauty. Your performance was a demonstration of the magnificence of human life and what can be created when we work together as one.

Alexander F. Serenford '86
(Editor's reply: The Arts editors support the quality and credibility of Jacqueline Gottlieb's Requiem review. Of course, everybody is entitled to his own opinion. But Serenford's criticism would do better to give precise, constructive arguments against the reviewer's statements, rather than resorting to personal attack.)

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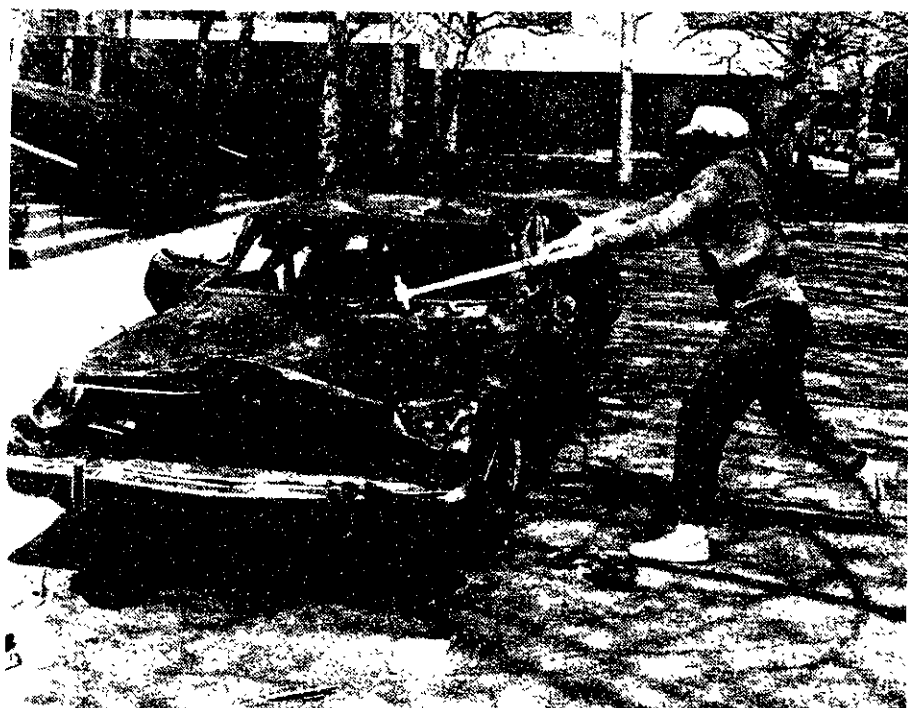
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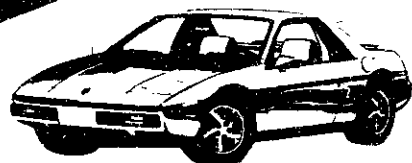
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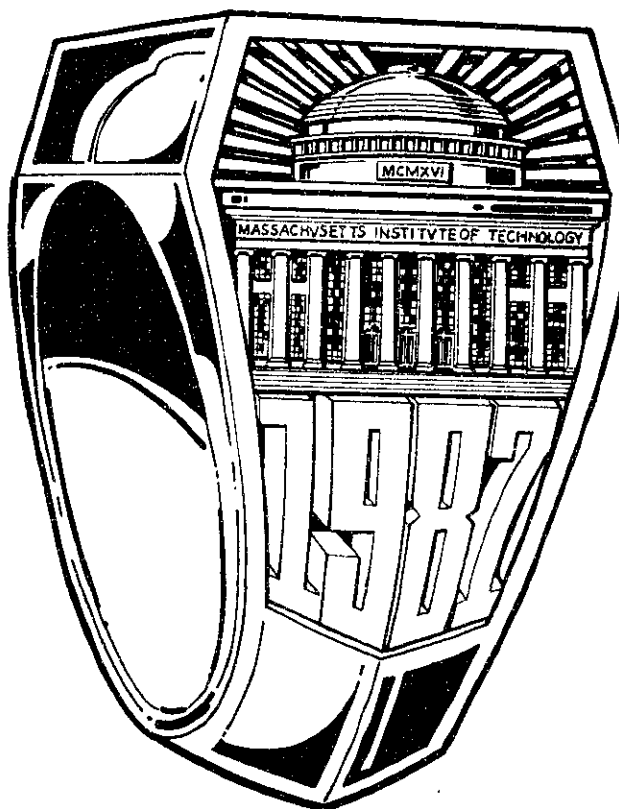
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Groups sponsor Spring Weekend fundraisers

By Craig Jungwirth

Sponsors of Spring Weekend fundraising events reported wide-spread success in their efforts.

TANK, the speed drinking competition sponsored by the Sigma Chi fraternity, a Nerd Auction, sponsored by the Alpha Phi Sorority and the Mr. Spring Weekend contest, sponsored by the Women's Independent Living Group (WILG), were among several activities sponsored by MIT groups.

TANK

The first non-alcoholic TANK speed drinking contest, originally scheduled for Kresge Oval, was held in the Sala de Puerto Rico in the Julius A. Stratton '23 Student Center Friday afternoon.

Ed Schembor '87, a co-coordinator for TANK and a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity, the competition's sponsor, said 29 teams paid the \$10 registration fee to enter TANK.

Theta Chi's A-team won the men's division in a record-breaking 24.7 seconds. The team was "the first ever to break 25 seconds" in a TANK competition,

Schembor said. The Kappa Sigma Tau team took first place in the women's division.

"The [inclement] weather made it a little difficult," Schembor said. "We may have lost a little bit of the crowd."

Sigma Chi is hoping to donate approximately \$100 to the Jimmy Fund, a charity for children with cancer, according to Schembor. Sigma Chi's annual donations from TANK proceeds had been between \$500 to \$700 in previous years, he said.

"We obviously made less money — about \$400 less" than previous years, Schembor said. TANK revenues included the registration fee, as well as sales of TANK t-shirts and painter's caps.

"Obviously . . . the lack of alcohol" contributed to the drop in participation in TANK, Schembor said. Tank attracted half the number of teams that have participated in past years. But it was "fairly obvious that [the contest] was just as competitive" as in past years, he added.

"Without a doubt, TANK should continue," Schembor said. He suggested that alcoholic

beer might be sold to spectators at future TANK contests as another source of income. "We could build up, in a few years, to [the level] where we were in the past," he concluded.

Nerd Auction

Alpha Phi sponsored a Nerd Auction Saturday afternoon on the Student Center steps. Proceeds from the auction were donated to the Boston Children's Hospital cardiology unit according to Sooji Lee '87, the sorority's community service chairman. "Cardiology is Alpha Phi's philanthropy," she said.

"We couldn't just sell" Alpha Phi members, Lee said. Alpha Phi, instead, contacted MIT fraternity members and residents of dormitories to be sold as slaves. "We got pretty good response . . . and it worked out well," she said.

Sharon Boccelli, a professional antique auctioneer, donated her services to the auction, according to Lee. Each nerd completed a short description prior to the contest.

Diane Caramore '88 was sold for \$50, the highest bid of the

auction, Lee said. There were several low bids of \$2. The average bid for a nerd was \$5.

Nerds met with their highest bidders and were to arrange one hour of service for the winner at the Spring Weekend picnic Sunday.

The 45 "nerds" sold in the two-hour auction garnered \$600 for the cardiology unit, Lee continued. The ratio of male-female nerds auctioned reflected the "same male-female ratio as it is at MIT," she added.

Alpha Phi "expected \$250-\$300 . . . [and] wasn't sure that financial constraints at college" would limit the bidding level, Lee said. "That didn't seem to stop them," she added.

Mr. Spring Weekend

Joel Kehle '88, a member of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, was named Mr. Spring Weekend and presented with a sash and medallion, according to Inge Gedo '85, president of WILG. Kehle also received a dinner for two donated by a local restaurant.

The purpose of the Mr. Spring

Weekend contest, sponsored by WILG, was to collect money to donate to Shelter, Inc., a half-way house in Cambridge, and to provide an activity for the MIT community, Gedo said.

Seven competitors entered the contest at a fee of \$20 per person or team. Shelter, Inc. will receive the entire \$140 raised by WILG. The contest, held Thursday during the Junior-Senior Pub, saw six participants vying for the title.

Anne St. Onge, administrative assistant to the Graduate Student Council, emceed the competition. Five MIT community members judged: Royce Flippen, director of Athletics; Marilee Jones, assistant director of admissions; Gaile Gordon '85, Society of Women Engineers president; Sharon Plan '79, WILG corporation president; and Ellen L. Spero '86, chairman of *The Tech*.

Gedo said the contestants were judged in four categories: impromptu charades; talent; evening wear; and a short-answer question. Originality, humor, audience response and overall appearance were among the criteria upon which the contestants were judged, she explained.

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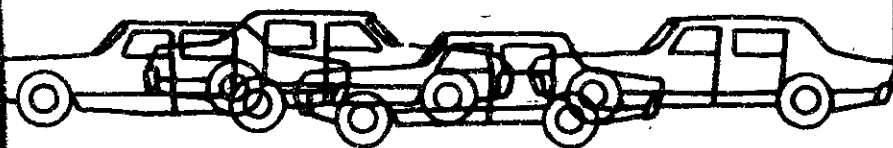
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McBay accepts Big Screw

MIT's chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, a national service fraternity, presented the Big Screw award to Dean for Student Affairs Shirley M. McBay Saturday at the All Tech Sing sponsored by the Student Center Committee.

McBay designated that the \$296.35 collected in her name and the \$738.99 collected for other Big Screw candidates be donated to the Aid for Ethiopia Fund. The text of McBay's acceptance speech follows:

I have a number of groups and individuals to thank for helping me receive this prestigious award and I would like to acknowledge some of them at this time. These include:

- The editor of *The Tech* during my initial year here who first put me in the spotlight by referring to me in an editorial as a babysitter because of some "don't forget to call home and keep your room clean" remarks that I made in fun at the Freshman Picnic (and I have myself to thank for not telling, as I wanted to, that not only didn't I babysit, I didn't do windows either!);

- Earlier Finance Board Chairmen who annually asked for more money from the Institute as they built up cash reserves with unexpended funds while publicly

stating that I was negotiating in bad faith when I asked them to justify their requests;

- Some of the larger student organizations and their officers who, without approval and/or knowledge of the general student body, invested student-generated funds in certificates of deposit and in outside bank accounts, had IOU boxes for use by their executive committee members only and had unmonitored access to large sums of money that provided the opportunity (and, as we all know, the reality) for funds to be stolen while publicly accusing me of interfering with the autonomy of student activities;

who left their reputations untarnished by wisely punting pornography, thereby paving the way for an ultimate collision;

- The Faculty Committee on Discipline for refusing to act on a formal complaint of sexual harassment against the LSC and against its officers leaving it to the Dean for Student Affairs to act instead;

- More than any other group, my unrelenting public relations firm, *The Tech*, whose staff have worked long hours into the night to put out editions timed to gain me the maximum exposure.

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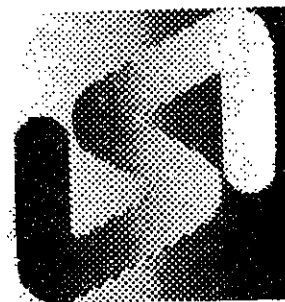
- Earlier members of [the Lecture Series Committee (LSC)] who chose to help introduce freshmen to MIT through the traditional Registration Day porno movie; without them, this honor would not be possible.

In this regard, I need to thank earlier Deans for Student Affairs

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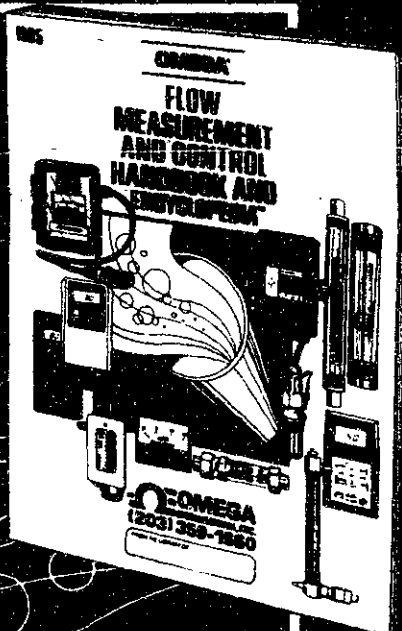
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Men's heavyweight crew powers to second place

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Host Wisconsin won the race in 5:59.3. MIT and Dartmouth followed with times of 6:08.0 and 6:08.7, respectively. MIT finished its schedule 2-3 in regatta competition and 3-4 against other opponents.

Women's crew victorious

The women's novice 8 team took first place at the New England Invationals held at Lake Quinsigamond Saturday. The crew finished the 2000 meter race in a time of 7:18.40, defeating the University of New Hampshire (7:24.84) and the University of Rhode Island (7:28.28).

Smooth sailing for Quigley, MIT

MIT sailing also had a good

weekend as the Engineers finished seventh out of a field of 13 in the New England Dinghy Championships (Coast Guard Bowl) held at Dartmouth.

Peter Quigley '85 and partner Louise Sedlacek '87 took fourth place in their division. Quigley also earned a spot on the New England All-Star Collegiate Sailing Team, placing him among the top ten sailors in all of New England.

Team captain Stephen Paradis '85 competed with two teams for MIT. Linda Maxwell '85 and David Lyon '85 were his partners.

The Charles River was the site of a Northern Series regatta Saturday. MIT's entry finished in fourth place out of a field of ten teams.

Track finishes third

MIT track once again demonstrated its skill last weekend, finishing in third in a field of 26 teams at the New England Division III championships. Host Westfield State won the meet, topping Brandeis, MIT, Bates and Colby.

MIT co-captain and All-Ameri-

can Pat Parris '85 won the hammer-throw with a toss of 167' 3". This marks the second time in three years that the Engineer strongman has won the event.

Co-captain Ron Smith '85 finished third in the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 54.02. Jacob Kim '87 placed second in the triple jump with a distance of 45' 5 1/4".

Tennis aces UConn

The men's tennis team has been very successful under the direction of first-year coach Bob Bayliss. The team improved its record to 10-5 after beating Division I UConn 9-0 Saturday. The victory was also the squad's sixth win in its last seven outings.

Softball drops twinbill

Women's softball lost both ends of a doubleheader last Saturday, falling to Nichols 5-1 and 9-6. The squad's record on the season dropped to 9-10. The Engineers will try to finish their season at .500 this afternoon when they face Mt. Holyoke.

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