



Mike Niles
Mike Griffin '88 slides safely into home Tuesday to help MIT defeat Wentworth, 16-2. MIT (4-1) goes against UMass-Boston Saturday at noon on Briggs Field.

HASS report finalized

By Sarita Gandhi

The Committee on the Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences delivered its final report to Dean for Undergraduate Education Margaret L. A. MacVicar '65 on Aug. 25.

The report defines four categories for HASS distribution subjects: contemporary sociology and cultures, historical studies, literary studies, and art and architecture. Students would take one subject in each of the four categories under the proposal.

The contemporary sociology and cultures category was named "socio-cultural studies" in the interim report, which the committee released in Jan. 1986. The change was made "in order to reflect the desire of many MIT stu-

dents to be able to implement their learning into the present-day career world," said Professor Pauline Maier, chair of the committee.

The literary studies category had a philosophy component in the interim report, but that was eliminated in the final proposal.

The committee recommended that ten interdisciplinary subjects be offered in each category. The report did not propose any method of converting the existing system, where classes of only one

discipline compose a category.

Two dissents were included in the recommendation, which preferred that individual departments inspect their own course offerings, rather than have the distribution requirement undergo major change.

"The current system is not working well," Maier said. "For one thing, many similar kinds of subjects are offered within different departments," she said.

"Also, students often take no
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ROTC will screen its cadets for AIDS virus

By Harold A. Stern

Students enrolled in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps will be required to take blood tests for exposure to the AIDS virus, according to a Department of Defense memorandum released last Friday.

Deputy Defense Secretary William H. Taft IV signed the order on Aug. 25, which calls for the dismissal of all cadets who test positive the HTLV-III antibody. Presence of the antibody only indicates exposure to the virus linked to the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome; patients may be exposed to the virus and not suffer from the disease.

The Pentagon justified the testing on the ground that in combat, the DOD must be able to guarantee a safe blood supply for the wounded.

Students in a ROTC program "shall be immediately disenrolled from the program," but "shall be permitted to retain any financial support through the end of the academic semester." The service may not demand that the students pay back any money.

Army ROTC has been screening cadets since February

Cadets enlisted in Army ROTC have been required to take the tests for exposure to the virus since February, according to an Army ROTC news release dated Jan. 10. Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh approved the policy on Dec. 23.

"All individuals wishing to join the army will continue to be screened for the HTLV-III antibody, and if they test positive will
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SAGA takes over Wellesley dining

Feature

By Ben Z. Stanger

MIT is not the only institution adjusting to a new food service management company — students at Wellesley College are becoming acclimated to the SAGA Corporation, which began operations this fall. The switchover at Wellesley began with a "shaky start," according to *The Wellesley News*.

SAGA began its first week understaffed by 15 full-time employees and without a student staff, according to Jerry Lithway, food service director. Munger Hall did not open until two weeks after classes began, due to these staffing problems.

It took SAGA two weeks to organize the student staff and adjust to the changes in service, Lithway said. Most of these problems have been "squared away," he added, with all new workers either hired or in place.

Wellesley students purchase either a 14 or 20 ticket meal plan at the beginning of the year. A ticket may be used at either Schneider hall, where it can buy

up to \$3.15 worth of food, or at the dormitory dining halls, which operate under an "unlimited seconds" plan.

SAGA has increased the number of entree choices at each meal from two to three. Even so, students have complained about the absence of items from the menus.

SAGA has responded quickly to two student complaints. First, students holding a 20-meal plan were not allowed to bring guests to dinner with their meal cards. This policy was changed last week following student disapproval.

Another change in policy, enacted this week, was a return to last year's practice of students serving themselves at mealtime. SAGA's general policy is for staff members to serve students. Food Service responded to this request despite SAGA's policy because Wellesley has needs which are different from those at other schools. SAGA's goal is to "adapt to meet the needs of the students," he said.

The announcement last spring that SAGA would operate the Wellesley dining halls took most students by surprise, according to

Judy Gliniecki W '88. "A lot of it had to do with a big impersonal corporation coming in."

The "unlimited seconds" plan in the dormitories includes in addition to the three entrees and vegetables a salad bar and ice cream. The Wellesley dormitories elects food representatives who meet with the manager of each dormitory's dining unit and together in regular groups.

SAGA was one of the eight companies which bid last spring for a contract to run MIT's dining facilities. The Marriot Corporation, which ran the MIT Faculty Club, took control of SAGA this summer.

Kennedy wins 8th district primary

By Julian West

Joseph P. Kennedy II became the official Democratic candidate for Congress in the Massachusetts 8th Congressional District on Tuesday. The primary election ended a long, expensive, and occasionally acrimonious political ballot, but also signals the beginning of a new campaign.

Kennedy faces challenges from

Clark C. Abt '54, who handily defeated Joseph M. Baldanza in the Republican primary, and from Socialist Workers' Party candidate Jon Hillson.

The campaign, which has at one time or another featured a score of Democrats and half-a-dozen others, seems likely to become the most costly race for a seat in the House of Representatives in United States history. Kennedy, 33, an affluent businessman who runs Citizens Energy Corp., has raised over \$1 million for his campaign alone.

Kennedy received 58,899 votes, or about 52 percent of the ballots, in the primary. Kennedy had been made the pre-election favorite by opinion polls, and received the endorsements of *The Boston Globe*, *The Boston Herald*, Boston Mayor Raymond Flynn, and Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., the speaker of the House of Representatives and the present holder of the seat.

"All right. All right. All right! Fantastic!" Kennedy said in his victory speech at the Sheraton Boston Hotel in the Back Bay.

Kennedy's closest challenger was State Senator George Bachrach, who attracted 33,975 votes. That amounted to about 30 percent of the total in a light voting turnout. He conceded defeat early, at about 9:40 pm, some 35 minutes before Kennedy's victory speech.

Former state representative Melvin H. King, an adjunct professor of urban studies and planning, gleaned nine percent of the vote, or 10,676 votes. James Roosevelt Jr., a Cambridge attorney, received 5,620 votes.

The remaining four percent of the voters favored one of seven other candidates on the ticket, or wrote in another name. The other official candidates were Robert Cappucci (1,417 votes), Carla

Johnston (591), Florenzo DiDonato (384), Robert O'Connell (218), James Spiegel (208), and a follower of extremist Lyndon Larouche, Richard Black (141). State Representative Thomas M. Gallagher, who had officially withdrawn from the race, remained on the ballot and received 306 votes.

Kennedy held the edge in the voting throughout the 8th district. Within Bachrach's state senate seat, Kennedy prevailed by 2,568 votes, a spread of some six percent. Even in Bachrach's hometown of Watertown, Kennedy was the winner, but by a slim margin of 44 votes. Kennedy won by two votes over King in King's home ward in Boston.

In neighborhoods with large Irish populations, such as Arlington, East Boston, and Charlestown, Kennedy won by wide margins of two-to-one or greater.

In Cambridge, the vote was split almost evenly between the top two candidates, with 8,815 voters favoring Kennedy and 8,792 choosing Bachrach. King also made a strong showing in Cambridge, with 3,869 votes, some 17 percent.

The vote was also very nearly split in Belmont, which is in Bachrach's senate district, and which he carried by 68 votes, with 3253.

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Isaac Asimov speaks at Kresge

Feature

By Niraj Desai

"We need human beings who are as creative as the human brain allows them to be."

Isaac Asimov presented this message of hope for mankind to a standing-room only crowd at Kresge Auditorium Wednesday

night. In a talk sponsored by the Lecture Series Committee, the science fiction writer warned that brains which are too well-developed for the tasks assigned them tend to wither away. This is, in Asimov's view, the direction in which mankind is headed.

"Civilization places a premium on ignorance," Asimov argued. The mass of humanity is trapped

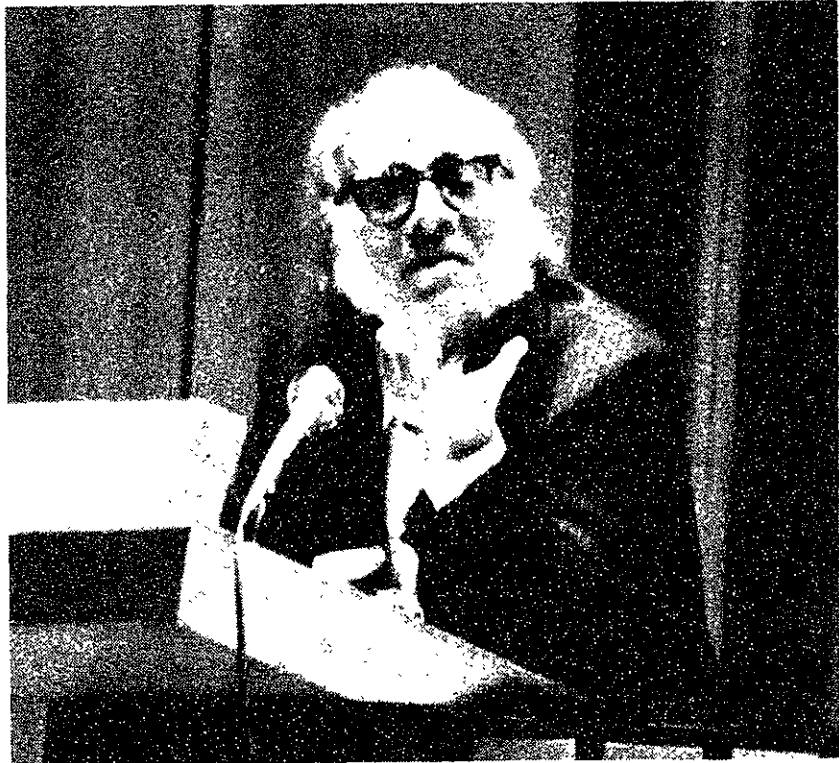
in menial occupations which do not require thought. These jobs are too complex for animals, but beneath the dignity of the human mind, he claimed.

If this situation continues, Asimov foresees a degeneration in the quality of the human brain. He predicted that evolution, which has previously favored ever increasing brain sizes, will reverse itself. "If you have a small brain, you are better suited to spend your life doing something stupid," he explained.

But Asimov did find a cause for hope — modern technology. He hailed artificial intelligence and robotics as tools with which mankind may liberate itself from the burden of thoughtless labor. If robots were able to perform the menial tasks that human beings are now forced to do, people would have more opportunity for thought and creativity, Asimov said. "If this were possible, it would make larger brains desirable."

The short term affects of such a change would be misery, Asimov admitted. Such a change would likely mean unemployment for the great majority of workers. To alleviate the pain somewhat, Asimov offered a simple remedy: "Spread the unhappiness."

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Kyle G. Peltonen

Isaac Asimov speaking in Kresge Wednesday.

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HASS committee completes report

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subject within large areas of learning," Maier added. The committee discovered that 39 percent of the Class of 1985 graduated without taking a class in history or the social sciences, Maier said. "Half the class took no subject in the arts, although only 10 percent took no subject in what might be classified as the humanities, that is, literature, philosophy, and language study," she noted.

"The distribution system was designed to build breath into stu-

dent programs. Our proposed reform is meant to realize that purpose more effectively," Maier said.

The new distribution requirement would focus on contemporary issues, the report said. This would make many of the new interdisciplinary courses more relevant to students, and therefore more appealing to sample, Maier said.

The report also recommends that a new required course, entitled "The Contexts of Science

and Technology," be offered. In it, faculty from several disciplines would examine the relationships between science and art.

In addition, the report calls for modification of the existing HASS concentration requirement. The final report asks the dean of each school to rethink which subjects should qualify for a concentration in each department.

The method for bringing the proposals before the faculty has not been determined, Maier said. There will be faculty disagreements, Maier admitted. She hoped that many of the faculty would look forward to having the chance to create new courses (both within and outside of their departments), to work with faculty from other areas of the Institute, and to update MIT's HASS requirement.

"MIT was founded with the idea of providing an education more suited to the modern world than the old, classical curriculum," Maier said. "The HASS Committee proposal, along with the reforms being proposed by the schools of science and engineering, are in that tradition," Maier said.

"We are attempting to redefine MIT undergraduate education in a way suited to the needs of educated people at this point in time," Maier said.

Cadets must take test for exposure to HTLV-III

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not be accepted into the army, or, if tested during initial active duty training, will be separated," wrote Lt. Col. Gary M. Quay, a personnel staff officer in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel in the Pentagon.

"The provision also applies to students of the US Military Academy, Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadets, and candidates going to Officers' Candidate School," he continued.

The Army release cites the risk to individuals because of military service, methods of transmission of the virus, and the safety of the military blood supply. "The army is taking action to protect sol-

diers, their family members, and our civilian employees."

Cadets who "have contracted with the government to serve" in the army after graduation — those who received a ROTC scholarship and are entering their second year — are required to pass a physical, according to Capt. John W. Connors. The HTLV-III screening will be a part of that physical, he added.

No Army cadets have tested positive, Connors added. Spokespersons for the Navy ROTC and Air Force ROTC could not be reached for comment.

There are currently 105,793 students in ROTC.

Kennedy gains primary victory

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Low turnout in GOP primary

Turnout was much lower in the Republican primary, which had generated very little media or popular interest in the heavily democratic district. Abt, founder of a Cambridge consulting firm, won handily, by 4,899 votes to 1,723, a margin of 74 percent to 26 percent. Abt's support was fairly evenly spread throughout the district, but was particularly strong in Cambridge, in which he gained 86 percent of the 877 votes cast.

The morning after the primaries, Abt challenged Kennedy to a debate, attacking him for his "presidential ambitions" and affluence. He also questioned Kennedy's knowledge of the issues, and the Citizens' Energy Corporation, which Abt called "a personal family charity," not a real business.

"We all know that the Kennedy family continues to harbor — and that's their perfect right — presidential ambitions and that he has been chosen to lead the charge for now," Abt challenged.

Chuck McDermott, Kennedy's campaign director, said they would be receptive to discussion of debates between the two candidates.



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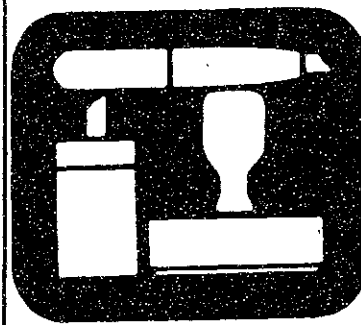
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news roundup

from the associated press wire

World

Gorbachev says Daniloff is spy

Soviet UN Ambassador Alexander Belonogov said yesterday that the US expulsion of 25 Soviet UN workers will provoke a response from the Soviets. Asked whether the Soviets would retaliate for the move, the official said it would be "premature to do so." He added, however, "the case is not yet closed."

The United States claims Daniloff is innocent — and American officials will press for his full release whenever they meet with Soviet officials. One such meeting is coming up tomorrow between Secretary of State George Shultz PhD '49 and his Soviet counterpart. The meeting was planned to discuss the agenda of upcoming US-USSR summit talks. (AP)

French crackdown on terrorism failed to prevent bombing

A bomb exploded in a crowded police station in downtown Paris Wednesday, just one day after France began a new crackdown on terrorism. The blast — the fourth this week — killed five people and injured over 50. Responsibility for all four bombings has been claimed by a group seeking release of a convicted terrorist. The claim was made in Lebanon by a group that also claimed responsibility for the earlier bombings. A caller said that the next attack will be at the presidential palace.

Anonymous callers in Lebanon and France who claimed responsibility for the assassination of a French military attache in East Beirut, Col. Christian Goutierre, have finally identified themselves as the "Revenge and Justice Front". He was shot in the head yesterday as he left his car outside the French embassy. (AP)

Shultz rules out Soviet participation in Middle East peace talks

Prospects for an international peace conference on the Middle East dimmed yesterday. Secretary of State Shultz ruled out Soviet participation unless Moscow restores diplomatic ties with Israel and acts "decently" towards Soviet Jews. Shultz announced his conditions shortly before Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres met with President Reagan. (AP)

Local

Train strike enters cooling off period

Commuters north and west of Boston apparently will not have to worry about an immediate renewal of a train strike. A 60-day federal cooling off period in a contract dispute between rail unions and the company that operates commuter trains ends at midnight. But the House Energy and Commerce Committee voted today to impose a labor dispute settlement sought by the union, and Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees President Geoffrey Zey says the action means his union won't strike tomorrow. (AP)

Nation

Rehnquist and Scalia confirmed

The Senate confirmed the nomination of William H. Rehnquist as the country's 16th chief justice late Wednesday night. Half an hour later it confirmed the nomination of Antonin Scalia to replace Rehnquist as an associate justice on the court.

The senate voted 65-33 to confirm Rehnquist — a record number of no votes for a confirmed justice. The vote came after critics were unable to get enough support for a filibuster against the nomination.

Scalia was approved by a vote of 98-0. His nomination was did not raise strong opposition from any on the Senate floor. (*The Boston Globe*)

DuPont launches presidential bid

Pierre S. duPont, former Delaware governor, on Tuesday announced his formal candidacy for the presidency in 1988. DuPont becomes the first major-party candidate to enter the 1988 presidential race.

DuPont, who was a moderate Republican governor from 1977 to 1985, proposed drug testing for teenagers in school, mandatory government employment at 90 percent of the minimum wage for welfare recipients, and an end to federal involvement in the agricultural marketplace.

DuPont supports President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative but is opposed to the MX missile system. He believes the US should adopt a more mobile nuclear capability with greater reliance on advanced cruise missiles. (*The Boston Globe*)

Congress hears Aquino

Philippine president Corazon Aquino addressed a joint session of congress in Washington yesterday. Aquino vowed to stand up to the communist guerrillas in her country. Within hours of her speech, the House of Representatives passed a bill giving the Philippines \$200 million in economic aid. Aquino will speak at Boston's Faneuil Hall on Saturday night. Speaker of the House Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. says Corazon Aquino's speech was the finest he has heard in his 34 years in Congress. Aquino likened herself to Abraham Lincoln during the US Civil War. She said she did not relish war, but will do "whatever it takes to defend the integrity and freedom of my country." (AP)

Rite-Aid removes aspirin from shelves

The Rite-Aid Drug Store chain cleared shelves of its own brand of aspirin this morning. The move became necessary after a Quincy woman found three suspicious tablets in an aspirin bottle. The FBI said the aspirin was apparently laced with deadly cyanide. All Rite-Aid aspirin with the lot L-7-H with an expiration date of November 1987 have been ordered pulled from shelves throughout New England and 14 other states. (AP)

Hyatt declines nomination

Massachusetts Republican leaders let loose a sigh of relief, when Gregory Hyatt made good on his promise to decline the party's nomination for governor he won in Tuesday's primary. Hyatt has submitted a letter to the secretary of state's office stating he is refusing the nomination. It opens the way for Republican leaders to give the nomination to George Kariotis, who will run against Governor Michael Dukakis in the fall. (AP)

Senate committee considering impeachment of convicted judge

A Senate committee commenced the first impeachment trial in 50 years yesterday. Harry Clairborne, the chief US district judge for Nevada, is currently serving a two-year prison term for income tax evasion. Clairborne is also receiving nearly \$79,000 in salary for the judgeship he refuses to resign from. (AP)

ACLU opposes mandatory drug tests

President Reagan's plan for mandatory drug testing of some government employees is running into opposition from several federal employee unions and the American Civil Liberties Union. The groups are questioning the legality of the executive order, which requires drug tests of employees in "sensitive" areas. The ACLU predicts the courts will overturn the plan.

Reagan also endorses a controversial measure that calls for the death penalty for some drug-related offenses. The House of Representatives approved the measure earlier. (AP)

Reagan intensifies drug war

President Reagan outlined a plan yesterday that called for tougher penalties for drug traffickers, mandatory fines for drug possession, and mandatory prison terms for repeat offenders. Reagan sent the package to Congress yesterday, which would increase spending on law enforcement and drug education. Budgets of other federal projects would be reduced by \$900 billion to pay for the measures. (AP)

Weather

Cool weather here to stay

A cold front will slide through the area during the day and turn our winds into the northeast by later this afternoon. It looks as though we are going to be stuck with an ocean flow for most of the weekend, so there will be a tendency for low clouds and some drizzle to form. Saturday may offer some sunshine, but by and large it will be rare this weekend.

Friday: Partly sunny, highs near 70, winds light in the morning becoming onshore by afternoon.

Friday night: Partly cloudy, lows in the low 50's.

Saturday: More clouds than sun and cool, highs in the mid 60's, winds easterly around 10 mph.

Saturday night: Mostly cloudy, patchy fog and drizzle, low near 50.

Sunday: Cloudy with a chance of some drizzle and a few showers. High in the low 60's, winds still onshore.

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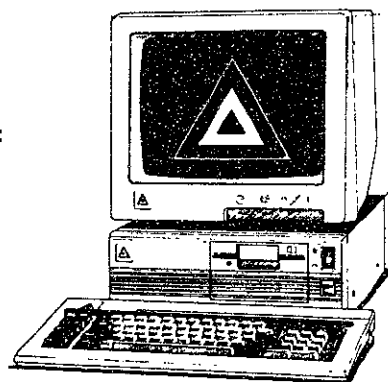
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Guest Column/Richard Koch

Chile abuses human rights

This summer you may have read of the fate of Rodrigo Rojas De Negri and Carmen Quintana Arincibia at the hands of a military patrol in Santiago, Chile. Early in the morning of July 2, they were intercepted by a military patrol, beaten, doused with gasoline and set on fire. After they had burned for a few minutes, they were wrapped in blankets and transported to the outskirts of the city, where they were abandoned. Rojas died on July 5.

More recently the case of Jose Carrasco Tapia has made headlines. According to reports, shortly before 6 am on September 8, 1986, Carrasco was dragged from his home in Santiago by men in civilian clothes who claimed to be policemen. The police said that he was found shot dead at the edge of a cemetery the following afternoon. Unmarked white vans are frequently used by Chilean state security agents, and the abduction occurred during curfew hours when it is unlikely that any vehicles other than those of the government security forces would be on the street. Although especially dramatic, these are not isolated incidents in Chile.

On Sept. 3, Amnesty International began a campaign to focus world attention on human rights

violations in Chile. Amnesty International is a worldwide grassroots human rights organization which works for the release of prisoners of conscience: people imprisoned because of their political, religious, or other beliefs, sex, color, or language, provided that they have not used or advocated violence. Amnesty International also works towards fair and prompt trials for all prisoners, and for the unconditional abolition of torture and the death penalty.

Amnesty International strives to be strictly impartial. It does not work against governments, but against human rights violations. Their standard is based on international human rights agreements such as the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. Amnesty International does not grade governments according to their record on human rights, but instead works to end the specific violations of human rights in each case.

Amnesty International's current concerns in Chile are:

- *The incarceration of prisoners of conscience.* A number of journalists, political leaders, and trade unionists were arrested during 1985 and 1986 and charged

with slandering the government or with threatening public order because they had publicly criticized the government or called for public protests.

- *The practice of banishment without charge or trial.* Political opponents of the military government have been sent into internal exile for periods of up to three months.

- *The continuing use of torture.* Torture is facilitated by a network of closed interrogation centers — where relatives, even judges, are denied access to detainees — and by the restriction of judicial controls on arrest and detention.

- *The activities of clandestine forces which Amnesty International believes to be linked to the security forces.* These forces intimidate, threaten, abduct, and physically assault government opponents and their relatives and friends.

- *The killing of political opponents.* Evidence indicates that victims may have been deliberately executed, despite circumstances that have been officially described as "armed confrontations."

- *Indiscriminate shooting in districts involved in public protests.* Scores of people have been

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MIT should study faults of R/O Week

To the Editors:

In extolling the Residence/Orientation process ["Rush is Quick and Efficient," Sept. 12], guest columnist Carey Rappaport correctly highlights the efforts of the MIT community in this complex, fast-paced program.

Rappaport's commendations of the freshmen in their search for homes and of the upperclassmen in their energy and commitment to R/O and MIT are appropriately placed. R/O week is unique for MIT, in that it brings together thousands of individuals working cooperatively for the benefit of the community. Rappaport's column is also emotional, upbeat and inspired by the successes of a well-tempered tradition.

There are, however, those who will look back at R/O without the joys of the memory which most of us share. Rappaport did not forget the shortcoming which these individuals experience — he acknowledged them, addressed them, and ungraciously trivialized them. He argued that the pains of the "casualties" are statistically insignificant ("Only about six percent,") and can be proverbially justified ("occasional rejection is part of life,") as well as temporally resolved ("after a year, most will be happy with their residence").

This, too, is a reflection of MIT's attitude. "No system is perfect," is the perennially favorite response to criticism, often followed by yet another statistic, "80 percent received their first choice." This line of thought seems to indicate that R/O could not be improved.

Experience and direct contact with the "casualties" of the process tell me otherwise. I worked in the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs during R/O. Here, the dormitory housing assignments were made, and the brunt of handling the discontented was directed. The concerns of the freshmen who came to the office — and of their parents who called — betrayed anger, frustra-

tion, outrage, and despair.

I was also exposed to the causes of these feelings, and I believe that, with good planning and cooperation, most of these can be resolved by increasing the awareness of these problems within the community and by preparing the students more carefully before they arrive here at MIT.

First, the suggestion of "choice" is too heavily emphasized during R/O. Stephanie Levin's letter ["Dorms are also living groups," Sept. 12] claimed that "the choice of where to live will have a great deal to do with what life will be like for a person over the next four years." The letter indicated that the student has absolute control over this matter. The statement assumed choice exists, which most freshmen were inclined to believe; but it doesn't. What do exist are lotteries for each dormitory and the opportunity to choose lotteries. In principle, this is a major difference in reality as well. The word "choice" should be de-emphasized, replaced by "lottery," because that is what actually happens and, by this, hopes will not be raised unreasonably.

A news article written by Akbar Merchant ["Freshmen React Differently to Senior House Assignments," Sept. 16] presents another case. It illustrates the effects of unfortunate planning on

the part of the specific dormitory groups. An advisory committee ought to make presentations to all living groups making suggestions on how to avoid negative rush impressions based on previous experience and a consensus of the incoming freshmen. This may seem extreme to some people because the autonomy of living groups is sacred, as it ought to be. A weakness of this solution is that what may be bad one year may be popular in another year. My timid response is that the committee would be only advisory; yet the problem would then, at least partially, be addressed.

I concede that Rappaport's statements are, indeed, facts — but they are not directed in the most useful manner. They emphasize the statistics and satisfactions of new students after R/O is over, but they neglect the experiences of these students during R/O; and for me, there are too many extreme cases of emotional trauma to allow Carey's column to pass without comment.

As members of the MIT community, undergraduates should be responsible for dealing with R/O type problems so that they may be avoided in the future. These problems can be addressed and dealt with properly without affecting the benevolent aspects of R/O.

Takashi Watanabe, '87

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Writing letters may help victims

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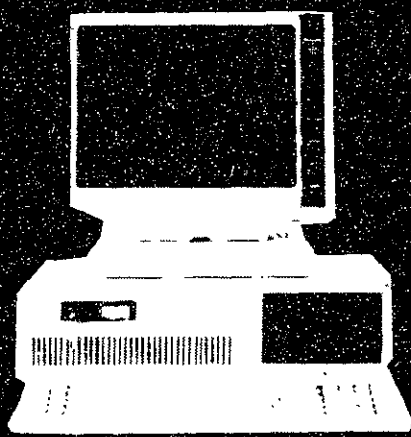
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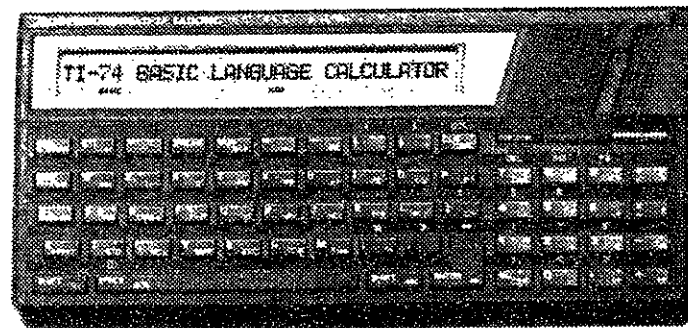
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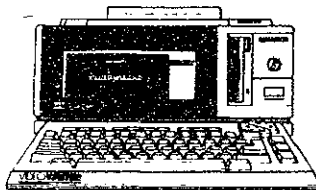


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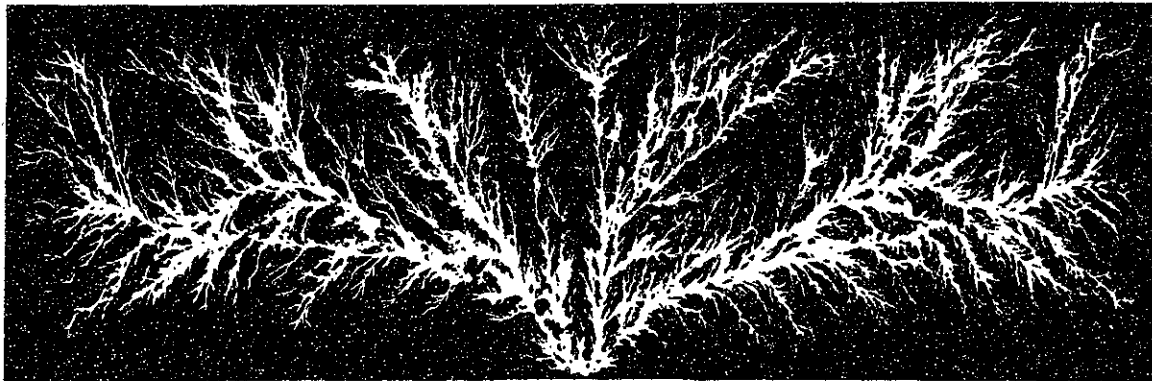
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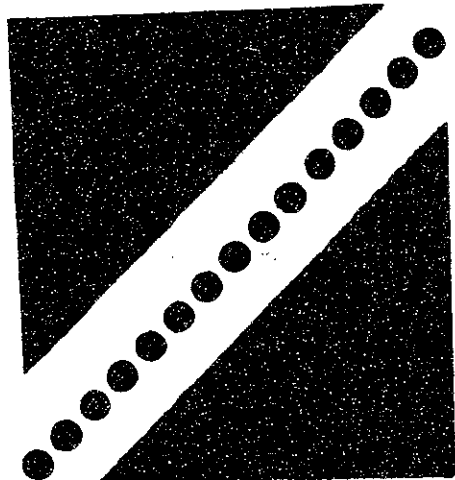
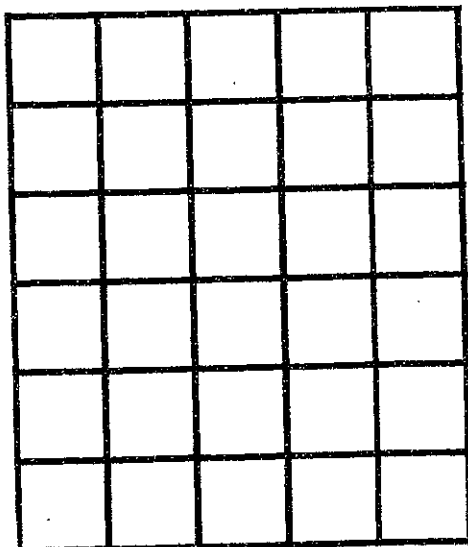
By RONALD E. BECKER

MOST of the reviews of this exhibition I had thought up in my head involved long, convoluted arguments about "What Is Art?" that would spark my rise to international fame as an art philosopher. When I started typing, though, I realized that I was just going to get myself in trouble.

Experimenting is an attractive display of works by Matthew T. Scott G which doesn't hesitate to philosophize on its own right to exist and be appreciated. The paintings are enhanced by creative "explanations" which are tacked up next to each piece.

One of my all-time favorite authors, Joseph Conrad, wrote in one of his more famous essays that "A work that aspires, however humbly, to the condition of art should carry its justification in every line." Though Conrad was referring primarily to written works of art, this display of paintings has enough writing to qualify.

Scott even justifies his justification. In his introduction to the exhibit he writes: "But most often I hear the phrase 'Hell, it looks like a little kid could do that.' And, you know, I have to agree with that opin-



ion in a lot of cases. But sometimes I think that the reason people don't 'get' modern art is because it is sooooo far out in left field that it is impossible to relate to. And that's a valid point."

So valid, in fact, that he provides an inside look into how he produces his art and what he was thinking when he made it.

One of the things that impressed me the most about his explanations is that he freely points out the parts of his paintings that he doesn't like. All in all, the positive points outweigh the negative. "This show is filled with experiments," Scott writes.

"THIS IS A GOOFY ONE," is the opening statement on one, particularly interesting piece entitled *Two Colors Have A Puzzling Encounter*. It is a small, oddly shaped piece of cardboard with two spots of paint which are dripping at right angles to each other.

Prayer/Heaven/Earth is a beautiful painting which carries the admission that Scott painted it first, and then decided which way to hang it.

The winner in the "cute" category is *Technically Untitled, But Called 'Caterpillar' By Some*. Scott painted it, hung it in his fraternity, and it came to be called *Caterpillar*. It is obvious why, but Scott also writes that "I don't name my paintings until after they're done. That way I make sure the name fits."

All in all, the exhibit is pretty weird. But, it is weird in a fun kind of way. Walking through the gallery is like a humorous minicourse in "What is Art?" and is well worth the trip.

Crocodile Dundee

CROCODILE DUNDEE

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By PETER DUNN

SCENARIO: boy meets girl. Sparks fly. Unfortunately, boy and girl live on opposite sides of the track. Will boy give up his world for her's, or vice versa? Will romance ultimately prevail?

Sounds familiar? It should. This basic storyline has been used since the dawn of film, most recently in such movies as *The Purple Rose of Cairo*, *Pretty in Pink*, and *Splash*. Now Peter Faiman has made a film which retells this same old story with the addition of a few twists.

Crocodile Dundee is the nickname of a tour guide in the Northern Territories of Australia who, as myth has it, crawled several miles back to civilization after his leg was chewed off. Paul Hogan (who co-wrote the screenplay) plays this overrated but self-assured man of the bush.

An American journalist (Linda Kozlowski), the romantic interest in the story, has her curiosity piqued by the tale of this legendary character and writes a feature about him, later deciding to find out for her readers how this man of the outback would fare in the wilds of New York City. Crosscutting between light and dark shots of this reporter while talking over the phone from Sydney to her editor in New York, the contrast between the Australian jungle and the urban jungle of the big city is set up even before the opening credits begin to roll.

From Sydney the reporter takes a guided walking tour of Dundee's legendary crawl back to civilization, during which stunning longshots of the beautiful scenery establish the peacefulness and power of the natural surroundings which Dundee inhabits. Apart from scenes chronicling the budding romance between guide and reporter, there is also the obligatory sequence in which the American journalist attempts to prove that she can hack it in the wild, with Dundee proving to her that she neither can survive nor fully belongs in his world.



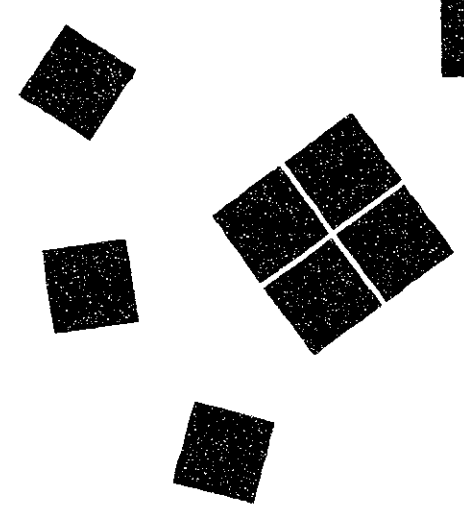
The roles are then reversed as Dundee travels to New York, where he must deal with predators the likes of which he has never seen on the Australian outback. Dundee shows that although he can survive in the reporter's world, he too does not fully belong. His ability to adapt to the city environment is most notably expressed through the visual similarities between the monolithic, art-deco style of some of the New York architecture and the massive Australian rock formations.

While the scenes in the jungle are used to build up the lovers' relationship and establish visual echoes, the plot comes to a standstill when the background changes to skyscrapers. Once in New York, the storyline becomes an excuse for humorous scenes of Dundee dealing with American culture. The romance between the reporter and Dundee is never advanced, and no attempt is made to answer the question as to whether either can live in the other's society. The dilemmas and conflicts which have been set up so well during the first half of the film are simply left hanging during the second half.

This is not to say that the humor during the second half of the film falls flat. Quite the contrary: the manner in which Dundee mesmerizes the inhabitants of the city with his innocent, rugged ways is at once endearing and hilarious. Whether thieves, high society snobs, or guard dogs, Dundee has them all wrapped around his little finger.

Still, Hogan's bull in a china shop, like the audience viewing the movie, really learns nothing about the American people other than that they are easily amused. One could have hoped that, as in *Splash*, the actions of this naive savage would reveal something of the idiosyncracies of our society.

Crocodile Dundee, then, convinces in its first half and deceives us in our expectations in the second. Too many situations are set in motion only to be laid aside in New York at the expense of good laughs. One wonders if two different people wrote the two halves of this film. Although the film is enjoyable in parts and very funny in places, the incongruity of its two halves leave the viewer unfulfilled.



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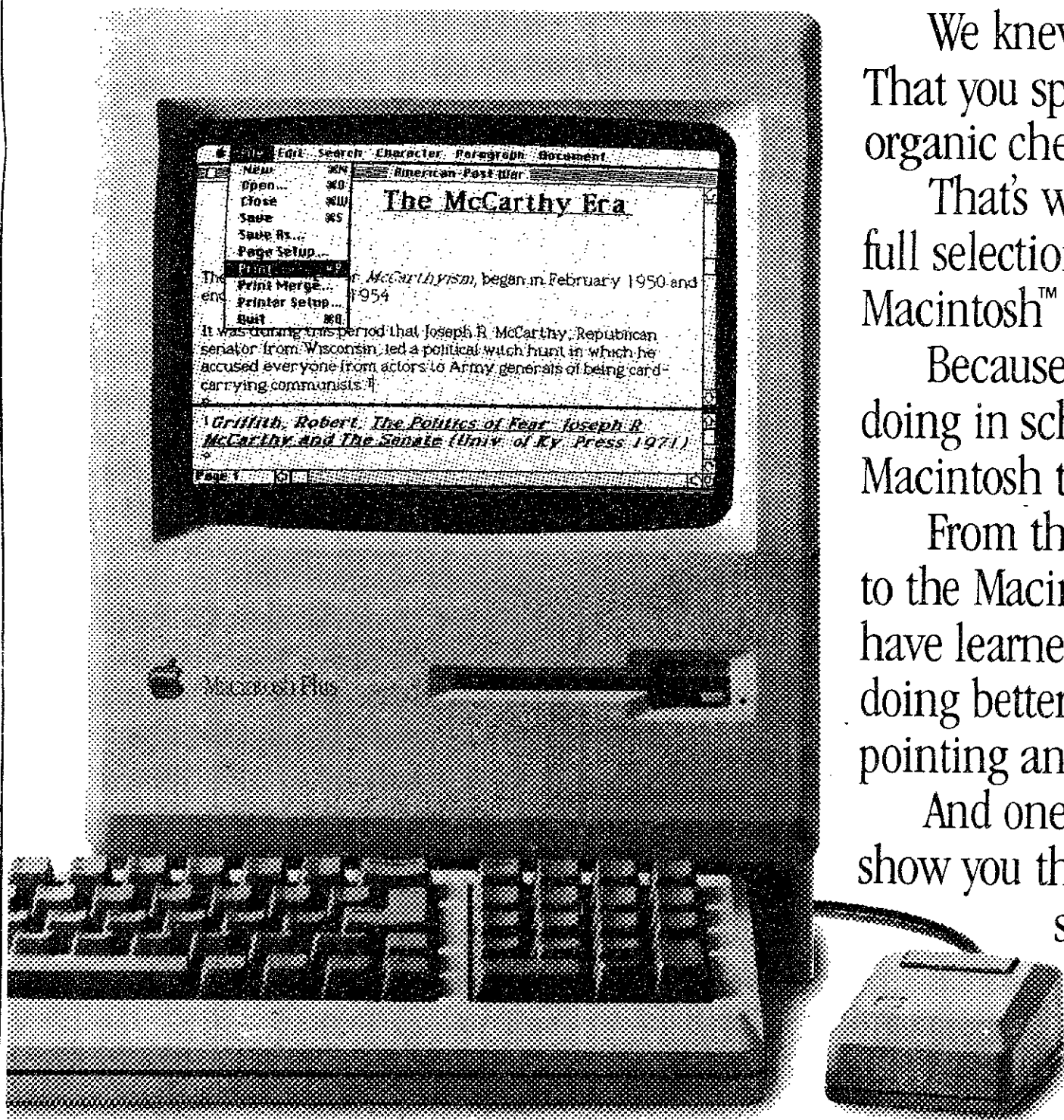
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Asimov desires more robots

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One member of the audience questioned the desirability of a society in which robots play such a great part. Asimov attempted to allay such fears by saying that artificial and natural intelligence are not incompatible. Robots can do things which human beings cannot do easily.

Similarly there are some things that humans can do which are out of the reach of computers, Asimov said. "Artificial intelligence and natural intelligence complement each other," he said. "We [robots and humans] are going in different, but parallel, directions."

Asimov also called for reform of the nation's educational system. "Today's education is simply wasted on most people," he said. Rather than a system in which all people learn the same things, Asimov declared that our goal should be individualized education. Each person should be able to study about whatever he is curious.

Asimov took the opportunity of the lecture to announce that a new installment in his "Foundation" series is ready. The novel, entitled *Foundation and Earth*, will be available for purchase beginning Oct. 3.

Enthusiasm for Asimov and his work was high throughout the auditorium. Tickets for the lecture, which went on sale during R/O Week, were sold out well in advance of the event.

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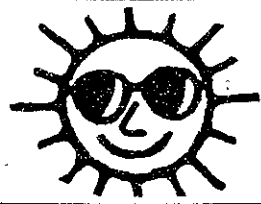
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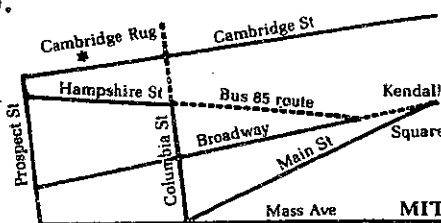
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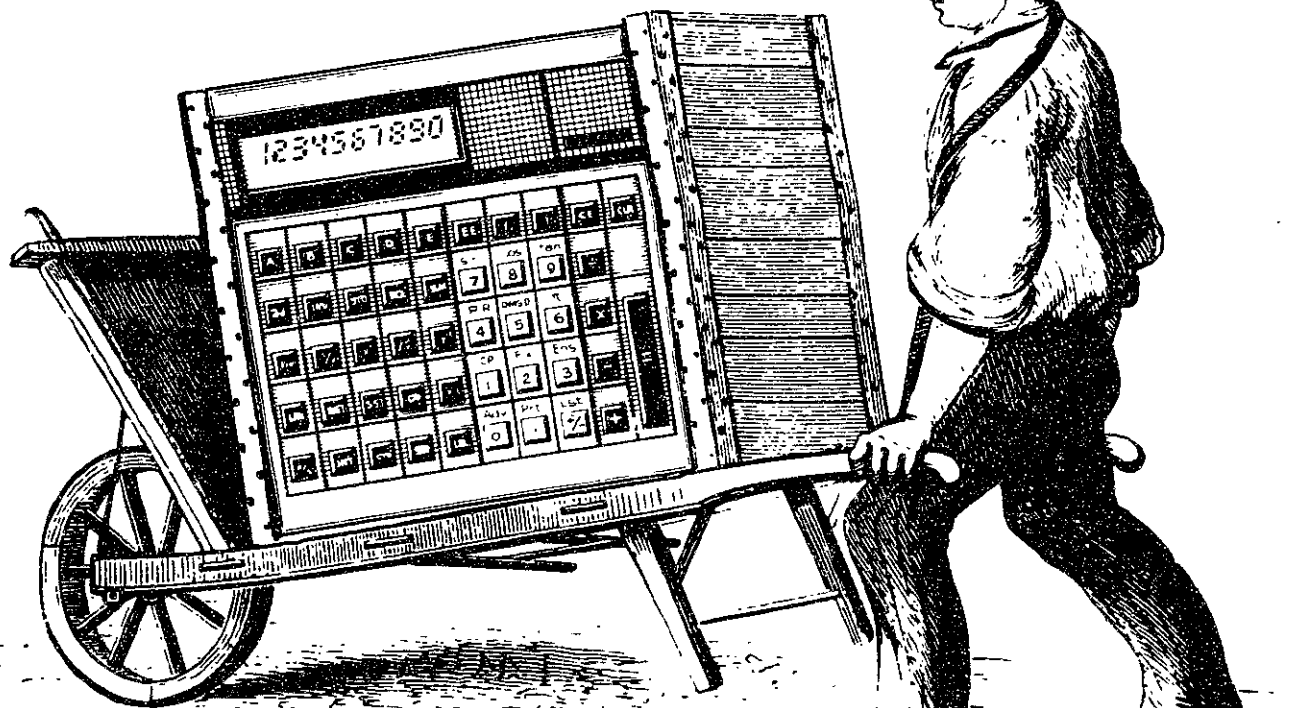
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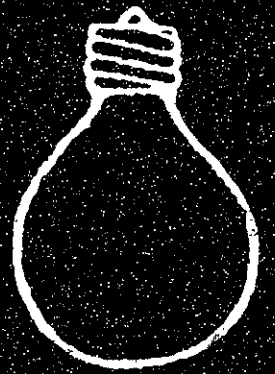
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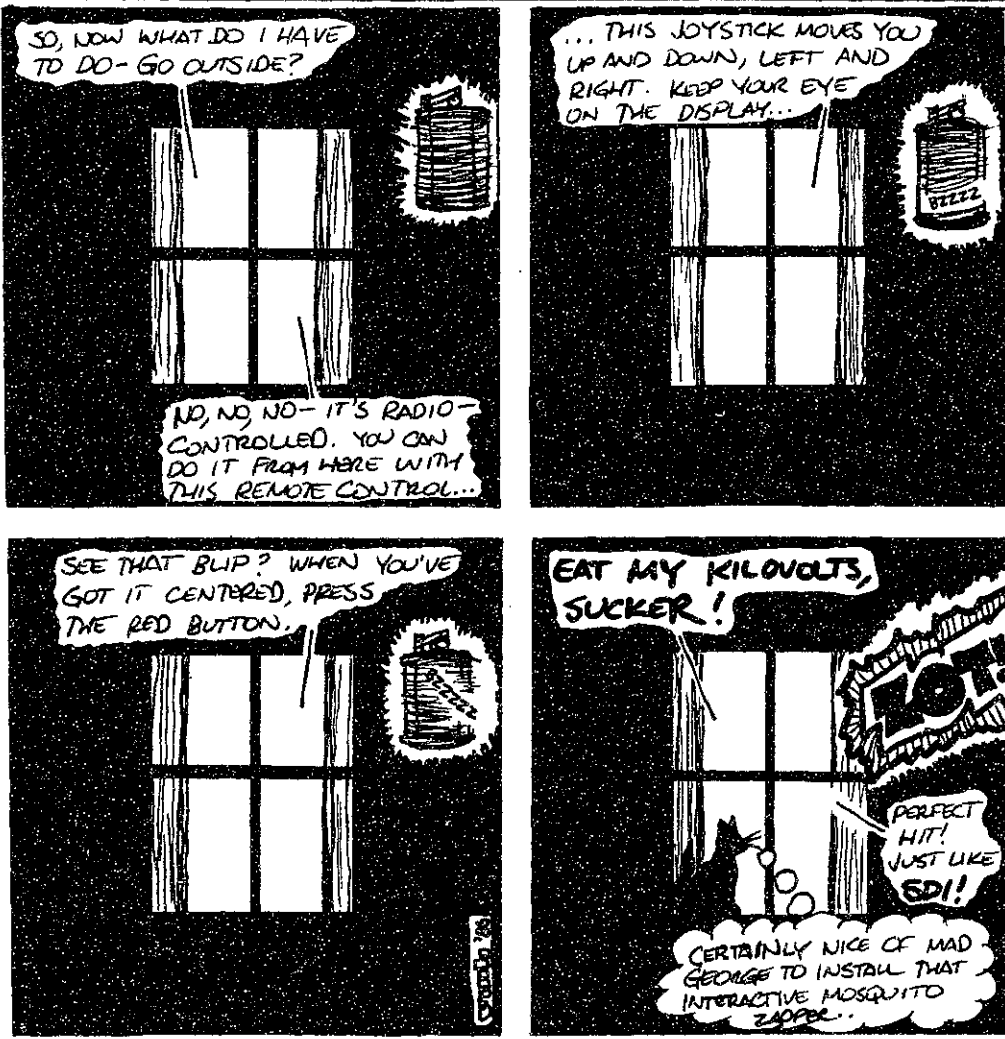
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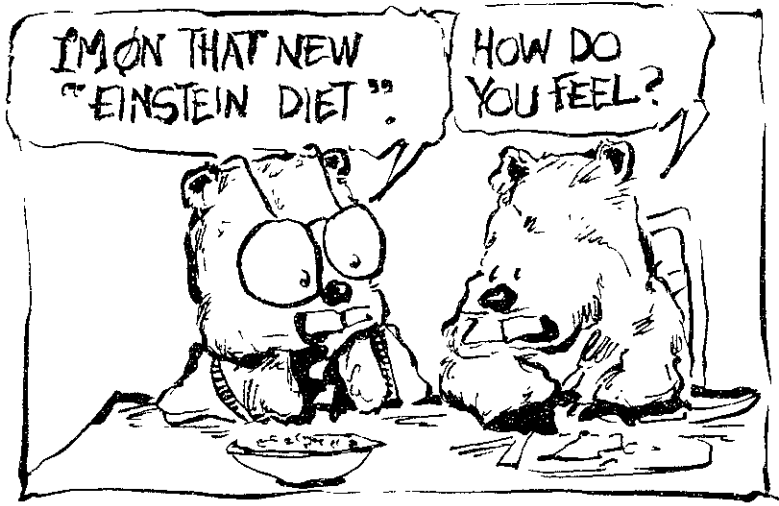
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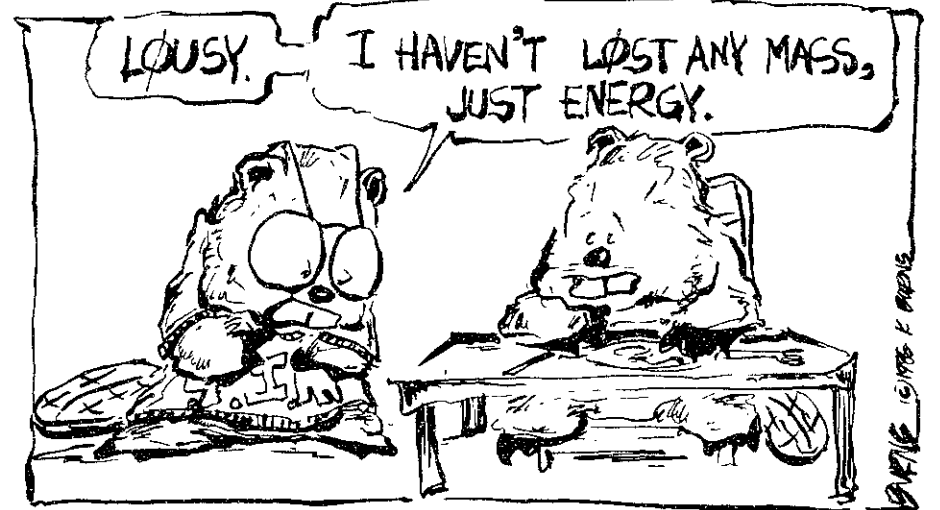
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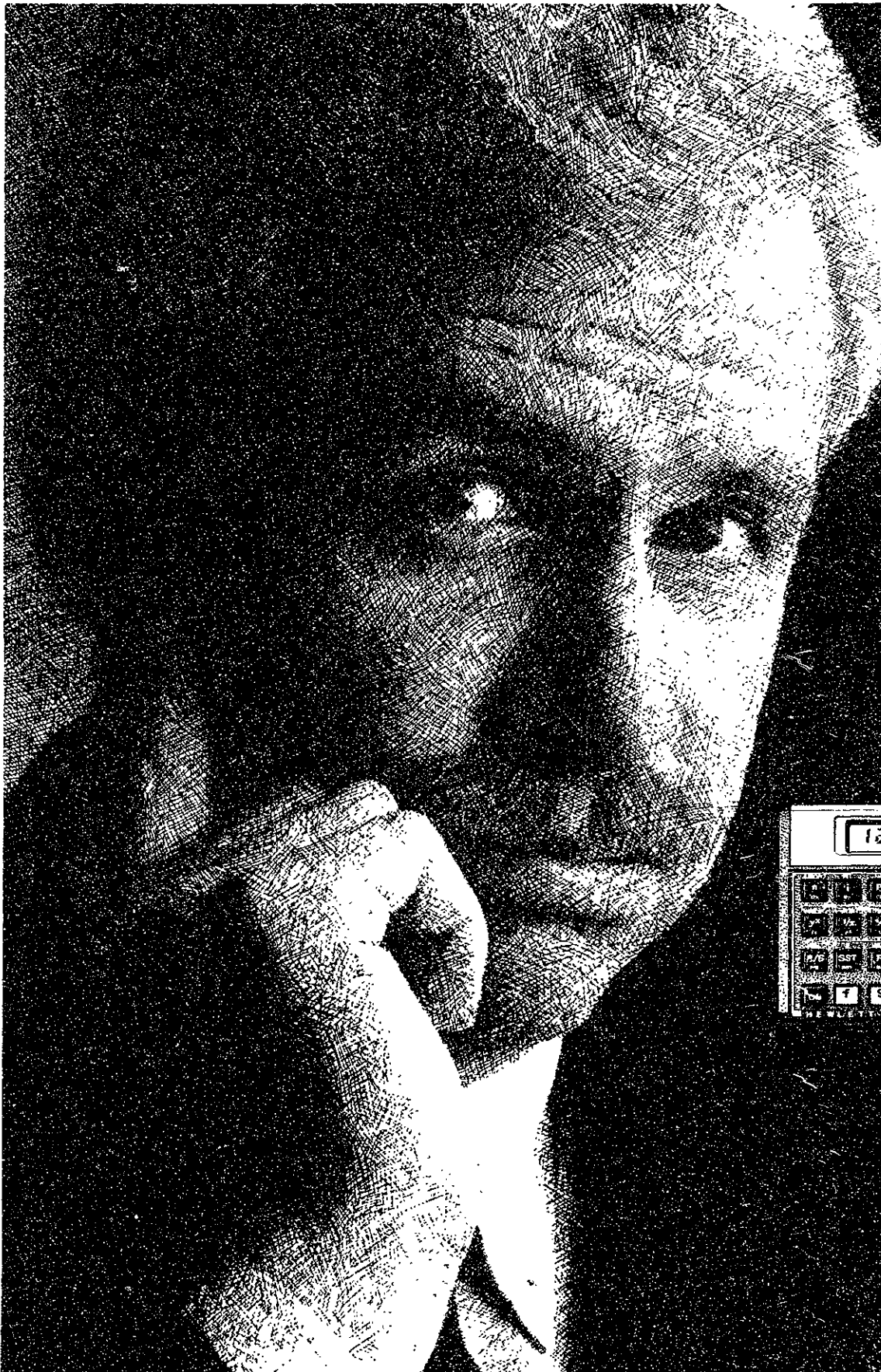
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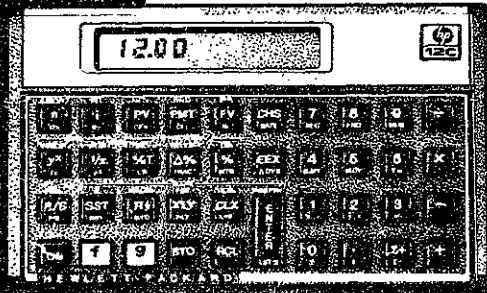
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Men's rugby defeats Northeastern

By Jim Boyd

Last Saturday, the MIT Rugby Club won its first organized game of the year, defeating the ruggers from Northeastern at Briggs Field.

The game was to be a tuneup match for the club's league play which starts this weekend, but it developed into a much more serious competition. A young but experienced Northeastern club arrived ready to play, and a match of three 30 minute periods was agreed upon.

The first half of the first period was marred with sloppy play and penalties, as both sides tried to shake off summer rust. With four new forwards and four new backs, the Tech side needed time to get comfortable with each other.

Gradually, the edge began to swing in favor of MIT with most of the play occurring just outside of the Northeastern goal line.

Golf team wins match in first hole of sudden death playoff

By Harold A. Stern

The MIT varsity golf team placed first in the Bowdoin College Invitational Tournament in Maine last weekend, defeating Husson College on the first hole of a sudden-death playoff.

On the first hole of the playoff, three MIT golfers parred, and Brent Beadling '90 birdied. The foursome from Husson — last year's National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics champion — carded two pars and two bogeys.

MIT was in the lead on Friday, but rain washed out the scores. When play resumed the following day, the team completed regulation play tied with Husson, 316-316. Scores are the sums of the four lowest scores among team members. Eric Asel '89 led MIT's golfers, finishing with the second-best score in the tournament. Gary M. Zentner '87, Christopher R. Craig '89, and Richard Chebloski rounded out the card for MIT.

The golf team won its season opener a week ago, defeating Merrimack College 438-446. Beadling scored the low round in that match, with an 84. The team

IM football has rules changed

By Andrew L. Fish

Intramural football rules have been significantly changed this year, said David Michael, supervisor of intramurals. The league will now use the national touch football rules, eliminating all physical contact in the game. The teams will be reduced to seven men, with all eligible to receive passes.

The change was made because of both a lack of referees and injury problems, Michael said. The new rules would make it easier for referees to control the game, Michael said.

The intramural league was playing "street football," Michael said. The league had not had a rulebook for two years, and rules were being passed down by word of mouth, Michael said.

Many intramural teams were upset with the rule changes. Ernesto D. Cabello '88, intramural football captain at Theta Chi, threatened to withdraw his team if the rules weren't changed.

"Everybody was psyched [for football] — then these rule changes came," Cabello said. Several of the teams were contemplating forming their own league, he added.

"It's not football anymore," Cabello lamented.

The first score came with about ten minutes to go when Ben Paul G kicked a penalty field goal through the uprights.

An apparent second field goal was called no good by the Northeastern field judge, and the first period ended with MIT leading, 3-0.

Despite having the wind against them in the second period, the Techies managed to display good ball control and kept the play near midfield. The timely kicking of fly-half Leo Casey G, combined with the strong forward play of Paul, Mike Phinney '89, and Evan Pratt '87 kept the Red and Black in good field position, waiting for an opportunity to strike.

The moment came on a line out when Paul pulled down the ball and set the forwards. The ball came out to Damion Sococia G, a first-year scrum-half. Sococia took the ball to the weak side

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and passed it to a steaking Mike Turek '88 on the outside. Turek scampered along the sideline for 20 yards, cut back inside to avoid a tackle, then shifted upfield in a move that left the last defender flat on his back.

His fine speed made for an easy 40-yard sprint to the goal that netted the young hooker his first A side try.

The second period ended with the score at 7-0, at which point MIT placed some of its new players in the game. The rookies' inexperience showed as the team let up three tries in the first 15 minutes. But the team rebounded nicely and played the more experienced visitors even over the last 15 minutes of the game.

All around, the game was a good tune up for an MIT team with many new faces. The club travels to Springfield for its first match this weekend. This promises to be a very physical match against the team that knocked MIT from the league championships last year.

(Editor's note: Jim Boyd is captain of the MIT rugby football club)

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Applications are now being accepted for the IAP/Spring Semester for the Student Center, the Chapel, and the West Plaza Grounds. While slots do remain for spring in Kresge Auditorium, at this time, there will be no scheduling in the Kresge Building during IAP due to renovation plans. Applications may be obtained in the Campus Activities Office (W20-345). Below is the chart for deadlines and approval dates.

TIME PERIOD	DEADLINE	APPROVED BY
IAP/SPRING	Friday	Monday
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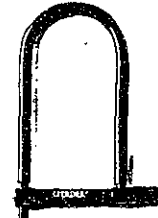
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