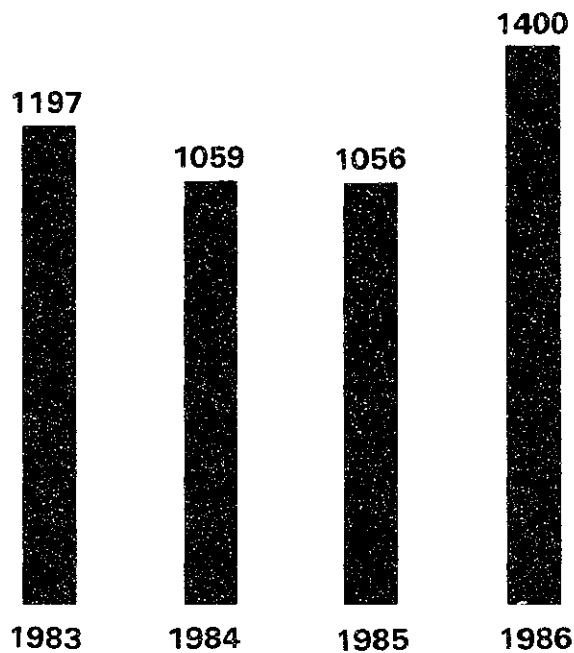


MIT Early Applicants 1983-86



Source: MIT Office of Admissions

Number of early applicants rises

By David S. Miller

The number of students applying for early admission to MIT has increased 27 percent in the past three years, Admissions Office statistics reveal. Approximately 1400 students have applied for early admission to MIT this year, said Elizabeth S. Johnson, associate director of admissions.

The Admissions Office has not yet released the number of early applicants who will be offered admission, Johnson said.

Early action consideration is available to applicants who have completed the MIT application process by Nov. 1 of each year. MIT reviews early applications by mid-December and either admits an applicant or delays a decision until March, when it considers the regular applicant pool.

Early applicants must meet higher standards than regular applicants, since they would be offered admission before the Admissions Office ever sees the regular applications, Johnson explained.

Nevertheless, MIT has offered early admission to an average of 39 percent of early applicants, compared to an average of 33 percent of the entire applicant pool over the last three years, according to the Admissions Office's figures.

Center studies causes of cancer

Feature

By Sally Vanerian

MIT's Center for Cancer Research was established under Nobel Laureate Salvador Luria in 1973 with the purpose of examining "the basic cellular and molecular biology of mammalian systems" to study how cancers and other diseases develop, said Philip A. Sharp, director of the center since 1984.

The center houses biochemists, biologists, and microbiologists who share an interest in studying the molecular basis of cancer. Their research falls within three major disciplines: oncogenes and genetics, immunology, and cell biology. Although only 13 years old, the center has witnessed a number of important breakthroughs in cancer research.

By studying the basic molecular biology of mammals, scientists can discover "biochemical ways of intervening in this system," Sharp said. "Knowledge brings control. New ways to treat and diagnose malignancies" can

be discovered.

Sharp, who heads the oncogenes and genetics group, discovered the mechanisms involved in the removal of excess mammalian deoxyribonucleic acid during its conversion to protein. This discovery was unanticipated since genes in bacteria do not contain these so-called "nonsense" sequences.

"MIT's effort in these areas has been very successful," he asserted. "The basic science side of the problem of cancer" studied at MIT "is related to many other diseases as well," he added.

Immunology

The important aspect of immunity is its specificity, Sharp said. The immune system must be able to identify and destroy compounds which are "foreign" to the body without destroying the "self" constituents of the individual. All members of the immunology group are studying how the immune system becomes "educated" to distinguish between self and non-self compounds.

Alumni challenge Fenway House Institute opposes revival of national fraternity

By Earl C. Yen

Alumni of MIT's Fenway House will remain members of the corporation that owns the independent living group, located at 34 The Fenway in Boston, as a result of a Dec. 2 vote taken at Fenway House.

A successful vote would have been the first step in an attempt by the corporation's fraternity alumni to re-establish an MIT chapter of the national fraternity Sigma Alpha Mu at Fenway House, said Mary A. Reppy '87, house manager. If the proposal had passed, "We [current residents] were ready to leave the house immediately," Reppy said.

Fenway House was the Xi Chapter of SAM until 1973, when residents of the MIT chapter ended their affiliation with the national fraternity and became

an independent, coeducational living group, explained Bill Haberman '53, president of the corporation.

The Xi Chapter alumni corporation retained ownership of the house even after the residents separated from the national SAM fraternity, Haberman said.

In 1978, the corporation amended its bylaws to permit non-fraternity alumni of the house — those graduating after 1973 — to join the corporation, Reppy said. Haberman said the corporation presently has 550-580 members, which includes over 100 Fenway House alumni. But Reppy said Fenway members comprise closer to one-third of the corporation.

"By 1978, all people who had been initiates of the Xi Chapter were no longer there, and there was a request to include Fenway House alumni in the alumni corporation," Haberman said. Few people from the alumni corporation were contacted about the proposal, and a small number of alumni "voted unfortunately to add Fenway House alumni to the list of eligible members," Haberman said.

The proposal did not pass despite the fact that a 138-108 majority of the alumni voted in favor of the proposal, Reppy said. The amendment required a two-thirds margin to pass, she said.

Reppy said the proposal to disenfranchise Fenway House alumni came about because "The SAM people wanted a chance to set up a Xi Chapter [of the national fraternity] at MIT again, and they felt the Fenway people were an obstacle."

Haberman agreed that many

alumni of MIT's SAM chapter would like to see the revival of the MIT chapter. "Sigma Alpha Mu existed at MIT for over 50 years," he said. Many SAM alumni developed a fondness for the house when they lived there, he said.

"How would any fraternity brother feel if, when he came back to visit his house five years later, he found out that the people that now live there belong to some other fraternity?" Haberman explained.

"Our first allegiance is to MIT — but we also have strong loyalties to the Xi Chapter of Sigma Alpha Mu," he said.

MIT opposes new chapter of Sigma Alpha Mu

But MIT is opposed to the re-establishing of a SAM chapter, according to a letter to the corporation from Mark E. Ertel, MIT advisor to fraternities and independent living groups.

"We seek to retain Fenway House as a coed independent living group," Ertel stated. "The demand for all-male fraternities has been reduced. Women's fraternities and coed living groups are increasingly in demand. Due to the change, in the ratio of men/women at MIT, it has caused an imbalance in the housing choices."

"Women are faced with fewer choices than men," he continued. "Therefore, we could not support, nor recognize, any new all-male fraternity for approved freshman housing. We firmly support Fenway House as is."

Matthew Turner '87, president of the MIT InterFraternity Con-

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Living groups discuss curriculum

By Michael Gojer

Residents of 500 Memorial Drive and Baker House and members of Alpha Phi have begun the first in a series of student-run, living-group-based forums on educational policy.

The living-group-based forums, endorsed by the Undergraduate Association and the Office of the Dean for Undergraduate Education, were newly organized this fall to encourage students to discuss possible

changes in MIT's curriculum, said Robin Wagner, assistant to the dean for student affairs.

"We know from discussions that have been occurring with the faculty that major decisions [on educational issues] will be made in the next few years," said UA President Bryan R. Moser '87, "and we want students to start talking about these issues now."

The living-group discussions will become increasingly important next semester, when students will be exposed in more formal ways to curricular reform at the Institute, Moser predicted.

"It's going to be up to the students who are out there and have access to the faculty on a day-to-day basis [to] make the biggest influence," he said. The living-group discussions are a "signal to students to start getting involved at all levels," he added.

500 Memorial Drive held its second forum on Wednesday evening, when about 15 residents, joined by guests from the ODUE and the Independent Activities Period Planning Office, discussed possible IAP reforms. Students discussed the freshman pass/fail grading system at the first 500 Memorial Drive meeting, held on Nov. 13.

Baker House also hosted a discussion in October on freshman pass/fail, and Alpha Phi sponsored an exploratory forum on curricular reform earlier this fall.

Forums may influence faculty

"On the pass/fail issue, I got input that I wasn't aware of," said Prof. Bora Mikic, housemaster of 500 Memorial Drive and member of the Committee on

Engineering Undergraduate Education, at the Wednesday meeting, referring to the Nov. 13 discussion there.

Mikic said while he had previously favored elimination of the freshman pass/fail system in the second term, arguments voiced by students at the discussion persuaded him to change his mind. "It is very essential for faculty to get to know the students' views," Mikic said.

The living-group-based discussions have several merits, according to students at the Wednesday meeting. "The most effective thing about these forums is the verbal interaction," said Hollie K. Mahaney '87, president of 500 Memorial Drive.

Much of the dialogue on educational issues takes place on paper and not between people, Mahaney pointed out. Another student said it was convenient to hold these discussions in the living groups because he had "neither the time nor the energy" to pursue other avenues.

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Oncogenes and genetics
The program in oncogenes and genetics is the most recent addition to the Center for Cancer Research. As part of trying to un-

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Alumni seek reestablishment of Sigma Alpha Mu

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ference, agreed, "The IFC's standing policy for the last few years has been to oppose new all-male living groups. With the smaller number of men at MIT, we want to preserve and protect our current fraternities."

The bylaws of SAM's national fraternity would allow only men to join an MIT chapter, Haberman said.

Three groups target cancer mechanisms

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Understand how a cell reacts to its environment, the group is studying the complex signalling involved in telling a cell whether or not to divide.

It is thought that normal cells become cancerous because genetic factors known as "oncogenes" interfere with this signalling pathway.

In the normal state, these genes — named proto-oncogenes — are harmless. However, as a result of exposure to damaging substances, such as radiation, proto-oncogenes turn into oncogenes, which may make abnormal proteins that cause cancer.

The Cancer Center also developed a biological test for oncogenes, thus making it possible to detect the presence of these genes.

Other members of the group study various facets of oncogene control of the cell.

man said. But he suggested that Fenway House could house both an all-male fraternity and "associated women students," thereby remaining a co-educational living group. Haberman said he would like to see the MIT administration "express a desire to listen to the position of these MIT alumni."

MIT students have shown an interest in re-establishing a chapter, since in 1982-3, some MIT students contacted the national fraternity about re-establishing an MIT chapter, Haberman said. Students whose parents are SAM alumni might also be interested in starting an MIT chapter, he suggested.

When students form a fraternity, they do so because they want "to freely associate" with one another, and MIT should not stand in their way, Haberman said.

Reppy countered, however, that current Fenway House residents do not want to become associated with the national chapter of SAM. "I personally feel that the people in the national SAM are a very disreputable group of people," she said.

Ertel noted in his letter that the national SAM fraternity has, in the past, tried to circumvent the MIT administration, in its attempts to re-start an MIT chapter. "I could not be more disap-

pointed in the methods of approach taken to 'regain' this local organization. There has been no attempt whatsoever to communicate with the Institute. If anything, there seems to be a desire by the General Fraternity to purposely avoid communication.

"If the General Fraternity truly sought to develop a MIT-affiliated chapter, I would have hoped they would have followed the National Interfraternity Conference *Statement of Position on Expansion*," he continued. "This has not been the case.

"Therefore, I will go further to say MIT would be resistant to allow Sigma Alpha Mu to re-activate its local chapter in any future time," he said. "We prefer to encourage those interested students to consider one of the other 54 National Interfraternity Conference member fraternities."

Ertel said to the Xi Chapter Alumni Corporation, "I appreciate the loyalty felt to your fraternity, but hope you can understand today's students' needs and demands just do not warrant the actions you are considering. To vote to disenfranchise the Fenway House Alumni would be a grave injustice. MIT will support legal assistance for the Fenway residents and alumni should this occur."

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Friday, Dec. 5

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Saturday, Dec. 6

Professor George Rathjens and Carla Johnston will discuss the state of arms control negotiations at "Reality Behind The Rhetoric." Professor Vera Kistiakowsky will moderate. The forum will be held in 10-250 at 1 pm. Suggested donation is \$3.00. For more information call 354-0008, 491-4280, or 354-2169.

Wed., Dec. 10

Benjamin DeMott, professor of English at Amherst College, will speak on "Which education is empowering" as part of the Cambridge Forum's series on "Understanding Power." Can education be empowering, or is it only a means for society to train the next generation of workers? DeMott will speak at 3 Church Street, Cambridge, at 8 pm. Free and open to the public.

Wed., Dec. 17

Jean Bethke Elshain, professor of political science at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, will speak on "Family Power and the State: Invasion of the Child Savers" at the Cambridge Forum. Elshain will speak at 3 Church Street, Cambridge, at 3 pm.

Thursday, Dec. 18

The first annual Mad Hatter's Ball to benefit the Greater Boston Special Olympics will be held at 8:30 pm at the Marriott Copley. Tickets cost \$35. For more information call 353-9310.

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World

Egyptians charged with plotting coup

Four Egyptian military officers and 29 other men have been charged with plotting a coup by Egypt's top prosecutor. The Interior Ministry said the suspects were part of a Moslem extremist group that wanted to start a holy war and topple the Egyptian government. (AP)

Conviction handed down in Grenada

A jury in Grenada has convicted 14 people of murdering Prime Minister Maurice Bishop. His assassination during a military coup three years ago triggered the US invasion of that Caribbean island. (AP)

Students killed in West Bank unrest

The Israeli army said two Palestinian students were killed when troops fired into a college campus protest on the West Bank yesterday; Palestinian reports said three were killed. It was the worst campus incident in the occupied territory since Israeli troops killed one student and wounded six others in 1984. (AP)

Local

Bank bomb turns out a false alarm

An alert from a Cambridge bank that a possible explosive device was on the premises turned out to be a false alarm. Cambridge Police Lt. Thomas Benson said Boston, Cambridge and state police arrived at the Cambridgeport Savings Bank and found a shoebox in a wastebasket. (AP)

Nation

Bipartisan Senate committee to probe Iran arms deal

Democratic and Republican leaders have agreed to establish a Watergate-style Senate committee to investigate the Iran arms scandal. Democratic leader Robert Byrd (D-WV) said 11 members will be named on Dec. 15. Bipartisan congressional leaders are to meet with President Reagan — perhaps tomorrow — to discuss the arrangements. (AP)

Reagan defends aides' silence

President Reagan defended the right of two of his former aides, Vice Adm. John M. Poindexter and Lt. Col. Oliver L. North, to refuse to testify before the Senate Intelligence Committee. Reagan also said he would allow his Cabinet officers to decide for themselves whether they'll invoke the Fifth Amendment if they are called to testify; the head of the Senate Intelligence Committee has said he wants testimony from Cabinet members.

The Senate Judiciary Committee was in its fourth day of hearings about the controversy yesterday, calling deputy CIA director Robert Gates to testify. (AP)

White House spokesman leaving post

Larry Speakes, Reagan's chief spokesman for five years, will leave. He has accepted a job as senior executive with the Wall Street investment firm Merrill Lynch. He will leave his White House job on Feb. 1. (AP)

Reagan: Errors were made in Iran arms dealings

The president doesn't dispute Vice President George Bush's claims that mistakes were made in the secret dealings with Iran, according to White House Spokesman Larry Speakes. Previously, Reagan has insisted that he did not make a mistake in sending arms to Iran.

Speakes disagreed with some of Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger's statements yesterday in an interview with NBC. Weinberger said the president got bad advice from those who told him he could deal with someone other than the Islamic fundamentalists who run Iran; the defense secretary blamed former national security advisor Robert McFarlane for that advice. According to Speakes, Reagan still believes there are moderates in Iran he can negotiate with. (AP)

Honeywell out of South Africa

Another big American company is pulling out of South Africa. Honeywell will sell its interests to local South African businessmen because of the unfavorable business climate. A Honeywell spokesman said all 175 jobs probably would be retained. More than 60 American companies have left the country since January 1985. (AP)

Judas Priest facing charges over alleged suicide pact

British rock group Judas Priest is facing a civil suit in Reno, Nevada stemming from a suicide. The suit charges that the group's music induced two young men to shoot themselves. The two allegedly formed a suicide pact and shot themselves in the head with a shotgun after spending six hours listening to a Judas Priest album. One died and the other was seriously wounded. (AP)

Sports

Celtics bounce on Wall Street

Shares in the NBA champion Boston Celtics began trading on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday. The investment firm handling the go-public sale of the team said investors paid \$48 million for a 40 percent share of the Celtics at \$18.50 a share. In early afternoon trading the shares dropped to \$18-3/8. (AP)

Weather

December's chill

Sunny cool days and clear cold nights will be the rule for a couple of days. A large area of high pressure will provide New England with a rather quiet first weekend in December. By Sunday afternoon, after the passage of a cold front, an arctic air mass will settle over the area.

Friday: Mostly sunny, breezy and cool. High 42° (6° C), winds west-northwest at 10-15 mph.

Friday night: Clearing and colder with diminishing winds. Low 24° (-4° C).

Saturday: Mostly sunny and colder. High 39° (4° C).

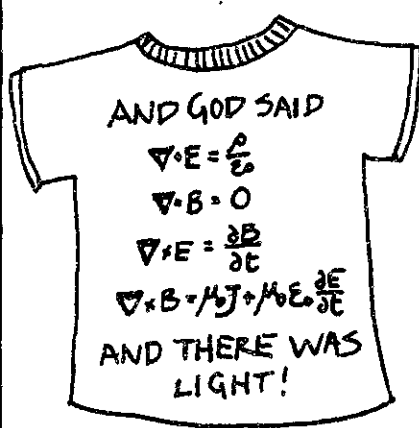
Saturday night: Clear and cold. Low 26° (-3° C).

Sunday: Increasing clouds with a gusty rain or snow shower with the passage of the cold front. Temperatures falling in the afternoon. High 42° (6° C), low 22° (-6° C). Winds southwest at 15 mph, shifting to northwest 15-25 mph.

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opinion

Column/Thomas T. Huang Thirty years of progress should not be forgotten

While Ronald Reagan slept, 30 years passed. Awakening to the 1980s, he recalled a golden age when we could walk the twilight streets and not fear for our lives, when we could trust the government and stand up to the Russians, and when elementary schools taught our children traditional values.

Oh, yes, those were the days. During his 1980 presidential campaign, before summertime crowds and television cameras, he called for a new beginning, for the nation to break free from the span of troubled years that had distanced us from this golden age. And so he called for a get-tough foreign policy to preserve freedom. And so he opposed abortion and the Equal Rights Amendment. And so he questioned affirmative action. And so he supported school prayer.

What Reagan was suggesting was that we erase two tumultuous decades of American history, decades in which we witnessed the murders of our young leaders in the primes of their lives, watched our loved ones fight an invisible enemy in some far-off jungle, smelled the acrid smoke of our burning ghettos, and uncovered a

presidential conspiracy.

If we were to begin again, to regain our pride, we would have to leave the bodies behind. But there is a great danger that we are doing more than that, that we are, in fact, rewriting our history.

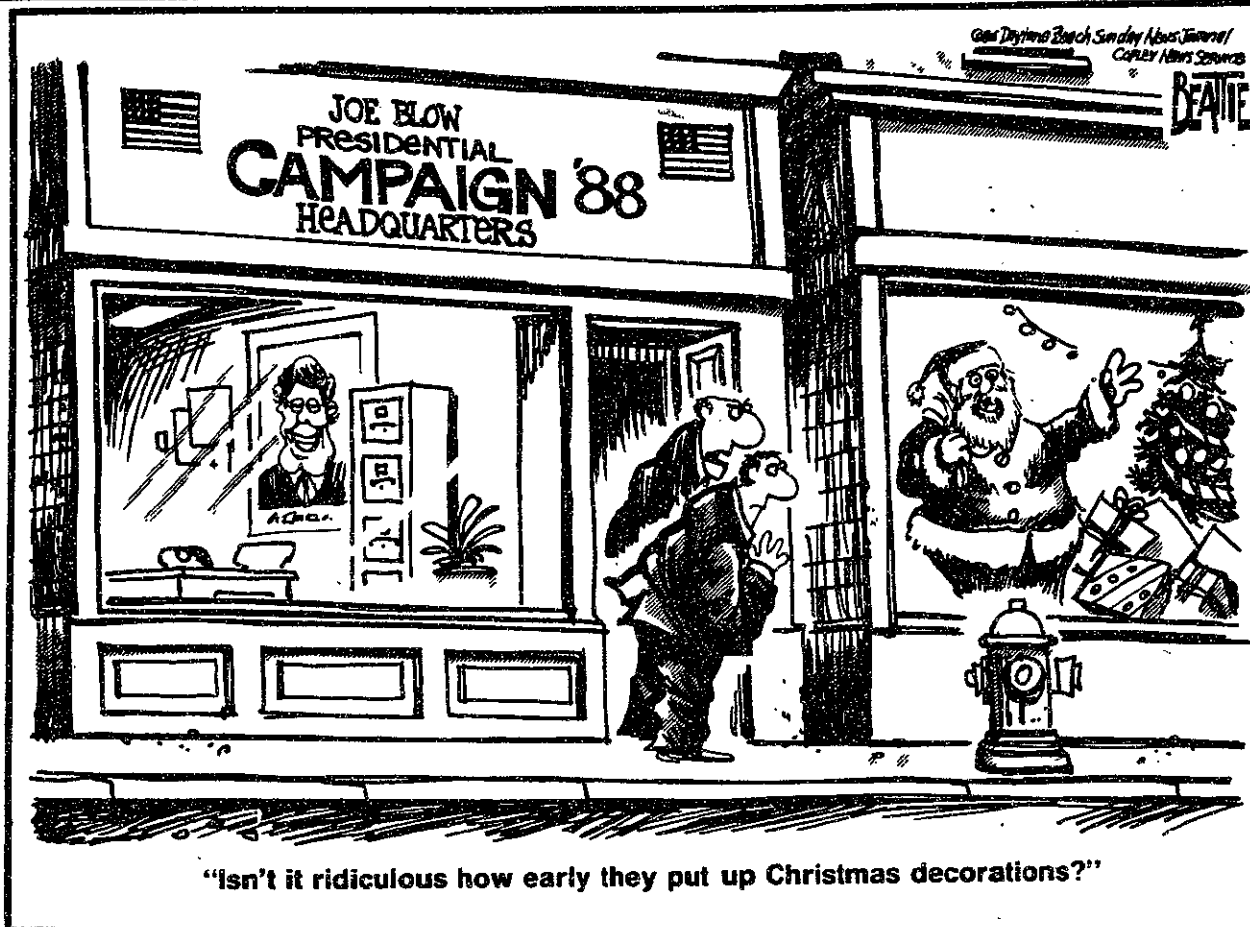
Look at that halo of blood. That's Jack Kennedy's head. Right there.

The lifeless bodies of our leaders have been forever captured in the pictures of *Life* magazine. Will our new history recall that each man was a human being who had weaknesses as well as strengths? Or will those who would manipulate us continue to treat these men as one-dimensional martyrs, using for their own purposes these men's words, even though they do not understand them?

Night after night, we studied the gaping wounds of our soldiers in our very own living rooms, for Vietnam was the first televised war. All in living color. But will the new history recall the blood and horror of that war? Or will we only be able to love and care for our veterans by resorting to the patriotism of the blind?

In those years, our cities were

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feedback

Purity test was sexist and racist

(Editor's note: The Tech received a copy of the following letter addressed President Paul E. Gray '54 and the reply from the Technology Community Association below.)

Dear President Gray:

We would like to bring an offensive questionnaire appearing in this year's *HowToGAMIT* to your attention. We are enclosing a copy of "Appendix 5 — Baker House Purity Tests" so that you can see the sexist, racist and homophobic attitudes presented.

Within the first pages of the *HowToGAMIT* guide, MIT's harassment policy is discussed. The Institute defines harassment as "verbal or physical conduct which has the intent or effect of . . . creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive educational environment on or off campus." Appendix 5 is harassment, particularly for women in the MIT community.

The purity test is a list of questions, presumably intended to be funny, which measures the degree of an individual's sexual activity. However, several questions are unrelated to sexual activity; rather, they concern the issue of violence against women. Some questions to women:

- Have you ever been the victim of rape?
 - Have you ever committed incest?
 - Have you ever participated in a gang bang?
- Some questions to men:
- Have you ever successfully raped a woman?
 - Have you ever committed incest?
 - Have you ever fondled a girl less than 15 (since you were 15)?

In contrast, can you imagine the question, "Have you ever castrated a man?"; would you find it amusing? Obviously, all of these questions are intolerable and constitute harassment. Rape is not funny. Rape is violence against women. These questions trivialize women's pain and fear. The issue of violence against women touches women's daily lives; one out of three women will be raped or sexually assaulted in her lifetime.

The questionnaire also assumes that normal sexual behavior is exclusively heterosexual and intraracial. For example, these two questions also appear in the test:

- Have you ever had sex with a man/woman of another race?

● Have you ever had a homosexual experience?

The editors allowed Appendix 5 to be printed despite the fact that the Institute's policy on harassment is discussed within their own book. This is an indication that MIT is not effectively educating the MIT community about harassment. In addition, any MIT policy is an empty statement unless the Institute demonstrates both a willingness and a commitment to enforce its own rules.

We want to see MIT and TCA publicly address these issues, learn from their mistakes, and make certain such verbal harassment never appears in any future publication.

Caroline B. Huang G
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on behalf of AWS/Profemina

To AWS/Profemina:

I appreciate your writing to TCA about your concerns over the inclusion of The Baker House Purity Test in *HowToGAMIT*. You will be pleased to know that action was already taken on this in October by the TCA Executive Board.

In late October, we received our first complaint about the test in a letter from a very upset individual who was a rape and incest victim. After reading the letter, I had a long discussion with Mary Rowe, special assistant to the president. The intent of the meeting was to further acquaint myself with the perspective given in the letter, to find out what other objections she had received, and to determine possible courses of action available to resolve the criticisms.

I learned that Rowe had received complaints from a few people objecting to several aspects of the purity test, some of which mirrored your own. Most of these grievances, while having merit, could be counterbalanced by the overwhelming student support we have received (from both males and females). However, Rowe had also heard from nearly a dozen other male and female rape and incest victims who were severely traumatized by the test's addition in *HowToGAMIT*.

At the next TCA executive board meeting, I reported my discussion with Rowe and my understanding of various grievances. After a short discussion, the executive board unanimously decided that the objections from rape and incest victims alone far outweighed the substantial student support for the test. We will therefore not include The Baker House Purity Test in future editions of *HowToGAMIT*.

We at TCA regret any anger and grief the inclusion of The Baker House Purity Test may have caused any individual, and I hope that our decision effectively responds to your concerns. If you have any other comments or questions, please contact me through TCA.

Micah Doyle G
President, TCA

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Racist behavior will not be tolerated

To the Editor:
I am writing in the wake of recent comment concerning *The Report on the Racial Climate on the MIT Campus*. This report has provided our community with an opportunity to engage a problem that exists here as well

as in the larger society, namely the problem of racism. I hope that all of us will see this report as an occasion to consider the damaging nature of racism and the measures MIT should take to eliminate its presence.

The report makes clear that

there are two aspects to racism. One has to do with personal thoughts and the other with behavior. While we cannot change thoughts, we can do something about behavior. MIT President Paul E. Gray '54 and I wish to make it clear that racist behavior is unacceptable and will not be tolerated on this campus.

Setting this as Institute policy is only a first step. Doing something about it, each of us, wherever we are, will make the difference.

Maier Report exactly diagnoses the failing of the HUM-D system

To the Editor:
The article by Katie Schwarz '86 and Jai Young Kim '90 on faculty reaction to the HASS proposal ["Faculty divided over HASS proposal," Nov. 25] quotes me liberally and accurately.

vice to clear thinking about educational ends and means at MIT.

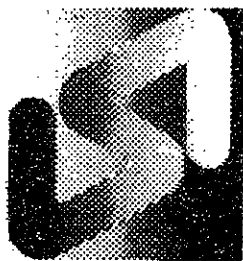
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It left out, though, an important view which I share with many faculty colleagues: that the Maier Committee's Report exactly diagnoses the greatest failing of the current Humanities Distribution system — its failure, ironically, to assure real *distribution* in the student's exposure to the Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences — and proposes to remedy that failing.

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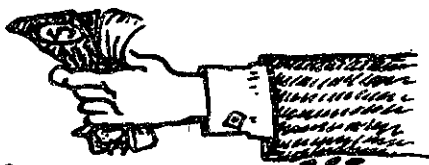
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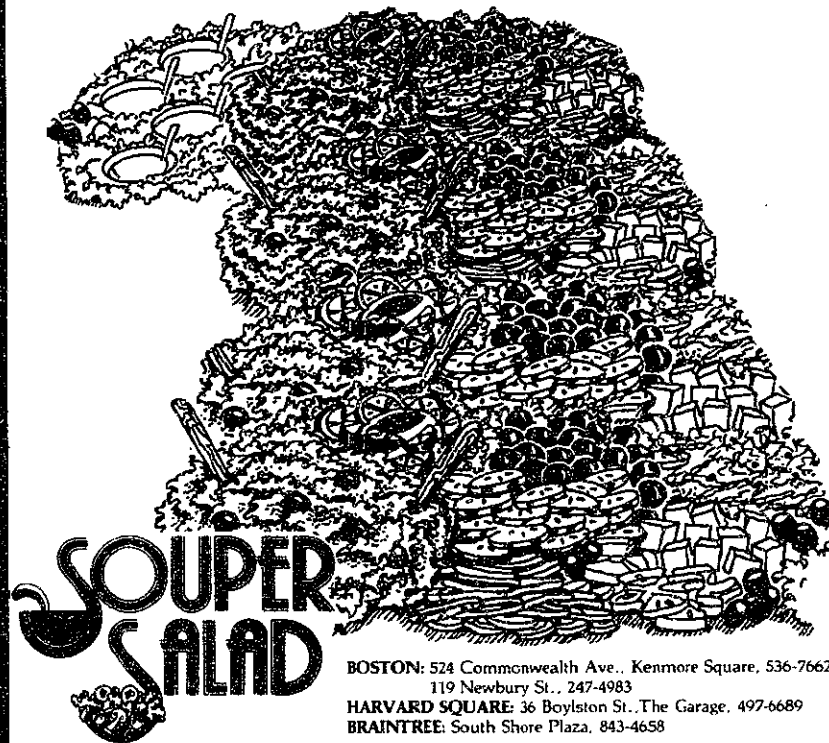
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Bloodshed inevitable in South Africa

To the Editor:

Perhaps with the best of intentions, columnist Kenneth D. Leiter '90 has fallen into the same trap as so many Western correspondents in South Africa, namely seeing the country through the eyes of the white minority ["Apartheid cannot die quickly," Nov. 21].

The typical stance of the white "liberal" in South Africa is that it's a shame that apartheid is so brutal, but we can't change things too fast (or in any fundamental way) since only whites are really capable of running the

country. Perhaps this is better than completely unreconstructed support of apartheid. But it doesn't count for much unless it leads to willingness to negotiate with, and eventually cede power to, the accepted leaders of the black majority.

Leiter seems to have visited South Africa on the terms set forth by the South African government for foreign visitors as well as for its own white population — have a good time, but don't mix with the black people or really see how they live and what they want.

Hence the acceptance of the standard view that only whites can undertake development. Never mind that South Africa is heavily into the business of sabotaging development in neighboring majority-ruled states. Never mind the example of white settlers who systematically smashed the infrastructures of Algeria, Mozambique, Guinea, and so on when they lost their privileged positions there.

Hence the acceptance of go-

vernment-appointed Chief Gatscha Buthelezi as black spokesman over the black unions, community organizations and liberation movements that have had to build their support in the face of intense government repression.

Hence the acceptance of the idea that change must only come at the rate that the white minority chooses to allow. Hence the acceptance of the fiction that Africans in South Africa aren't too badly off after all. And hence the failure to talk to black South Africans and find out that they are probably more politically sophisticated and involved than Americans of any race.

Yes, change in South Africa will be forced — by the majority of the population of that country, against an intransigent regime. And our choice is to stand with that majority, and try to help that change come as soon as possible, or to stand in white solidarity with the forces of apartheid and make the blood-letting be as prolonged as can be.

Alan Zaslavsky G

Erratum

The author of the Dec. 2 letter entitled "IAP is a waste of valuable time" was not Meico Yazuka. Letters sent to *The Tech* in response will not be published, since the original letter was apparently insincere.

The author of the Dec. 2 letter entitled "Hostility not in nation's best interest" was Richard M. Osgood '89, not Dhanesh K. Samarasan G.



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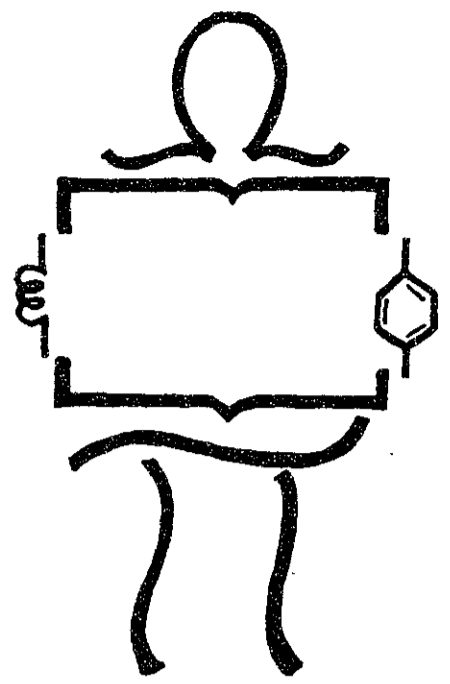
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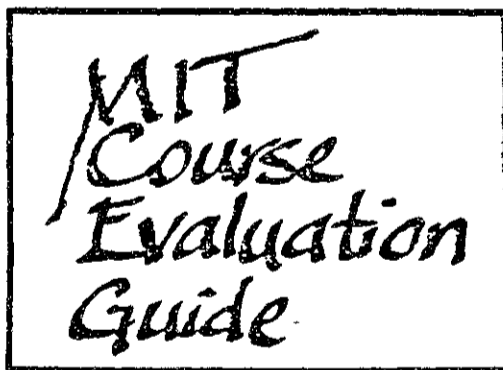
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Class Gift should not go to EFD

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to Marino D. Tavarez '87 ["Class gift should make a statement," Nov. 21]. This letter is in no way an attack on the divestment movement, although I personally do not favor the pressuring of universities into divestment.

The suggestion by Tavarez that the Senior Class Gift be donated in full to the MIT Endowment for Divestiture must be carefully examined. There are three important points which should motivate our class to reject Tavarez's proposal.

First, it is clear that the class is not in unanimous agreement on the issue of calling on the MIT Corporation to divest. Although Tavarez points out that the Undergraduate Association referendum on divestiture resulted in a 60 percent vote in favor, it is important to note that less than 40 percent of MIT undergraduates participated in the balloting. And clearly, those in favor of the divestment question were more likely to participate.

Suggesting even that a even that a majority of the Class of

1987 favors MIT's divestment is open to question. Should it be decided that the Senior Class Gift will be a donation to the EFD, the participation of class members donating to the class gift would drop a great deal (from an already low participation rate). This would merely cause a very limited donation from the class, and would bury our class' gift in a pile with all other mediocre class gifts.

In addition to limiting the total donation from the class, the lowered participation among class members would destroy the opportunity for the class gift to act as a unifying force for the class. In addition to "promoting campus life," the Senior Class Gift should play the important role of pulling the class together prior to our graduation. When the class acts as one to attempt to raise enough money for a particular gift, there is instilled a sense of class unity rarely achieved at MIT. Choosing a donation to EFD as the class gift would remove one of our few opportunities to achieve such unity.

A third point to be examined is

the effect the gift will have on MIT and its community. Tavarez suggested that the class gift could be used to display to the community "just how committed we were to the values presented in the referendum."

Such a donation would do little more than repeat what has been suggested by the UA referendum, the shantytown construction, and other protests which have been held at MIT — that a portion of the MIT population favors divestment of MIT funds from companies doing business in South Africa.

It would be extremely naive to think that even a comparably generous donation from our class to the EFD would provoke the Corporation into divesting. Assuming MIT does not divest by 1994, the Senior Class Gift would become a donation to the United Negro College Fund and Amnesty International — a donation which would do little in the way of having the Class of 1987 remembered.

Terry Clancy '87

Donation to EFD would be a meaningful gift

To the Editor:

I agree with Marino D. Tavarez '87 ["Class gift should make a statement," Nov. 21] in that a donation to the MIT Endowment for Divestiture would be a very meaningful and important Senior Class Gift.

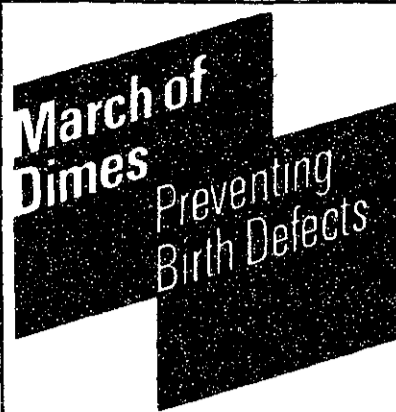
A gift to the EFD is a concrete expression of distaste for the Institute's policy of investing in corporations doing business in apartheid South Africa. As such, it would tell the MIT Corporation that there can be "no business as usual" with Class of 1987 alumni until MIT responds to the MIT community's clearly expressed pro-divestiture sentiment by divesting.

I disagree, however, with Tavarez on one point. A gift to the

EFD is a "material" gift to MIT. MIT can claim the EFD funds at any time, simply by divesting its portfolio of South African holdings. The Senior Class Gift would then become part of the MIT general fund — material by any standard. Only if MIT does not divest by 1994 will the EFD be donated to Amnesty International and the United Negro College Fund.

The Endowment for Divestiture is the way by which alumni are showing their support for MIT while also demonstrating their disapproval of its investment policies in South Africa. What more worthy Senior Class Gift could be found?

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Apartheid will not end gradually

To the Editor:

Two months before I left South Africa to come to MIT, I walked up to a door on Loop St., Cape Town. It was the door to the Security Police offices and I was there because I wanted a permit to visit my sister.

She had been detained in a church on June 16, after attending a service to commemorate those who have died opposing apartheid. Apartheid is not about sharing beaches, trains and buses. It is about laws like the Internal Security Act which allow a person to be detained indefinitely without a trial, and it is about the power to make such laws and enforce them.

Most South African whites think that change should come slowly and that Botha has already begun to reform apartheid. Two years ago "non-whites" were introduced into parliament. They are elected in the ratio 1 "Indian": 2 "coloreds": 4 "whites". Being MIT students we all realize that one plus two will never equal four.

Prime Minister P. W. Botha claims that trains in South Africa are no longer segregated. It used to be illegal for whites to ride in the black section of the trains and for blacks to ride in the white sections. Now it is legal for whites to travel with blacks, but not the other way around. These are Botha's "reforms."

Blacks have been struggling for change since the whites arrived in 1652 and the African National Congress has been opposing apartheid since 1912. How long are the people of South Africa supposed to wait, another 350 years?

On the 142nd day of the State of Emergency, Minister of Law and Order Louis le Grange refused to release the names of the number of people detained under the Emergency. The Detainees Parents Support Committee estimates that 22,000 people have been arrested since June 12th. Eighty-one people have died while being held in police custody or detention for their political activities.

My sister was 17, in her final year of high school, when she was detained. She was not the youngest person ever to be detained. Children as young as 11 are being held. She stayed for 40 days in the same prison they are holding Nelson Mandela. She was charged three months later

for possessing subversive literature — three pamphlets handed out at a church service. The charges were dropped.

My sister is one of the lucky ones. She was not held in solitary confinement for months on end. She did not die or end up in a psychiatric hospital.

Our family was one of the lucky ones. We knew where she was and when she had been detained. We got to visit my sister after three weeks; some never do. Families are often not informed of their children's detention.

So don't tell me to wait and take it slow. I want to be free from apartheid, and I've been waiting 19 years. My mother has been waiting 54. I don't want to have to worry about my family and friends at home.

I want my children to know the children of other races. I don't want to have to feel guilty because my skin is white. I want to be able to be proud to say that I come from South Africa.

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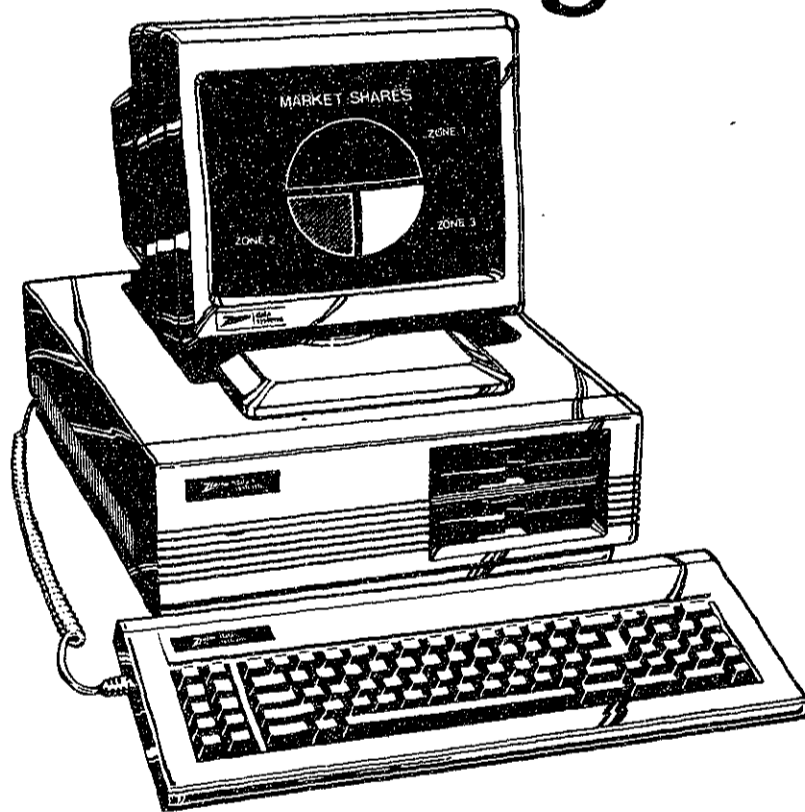
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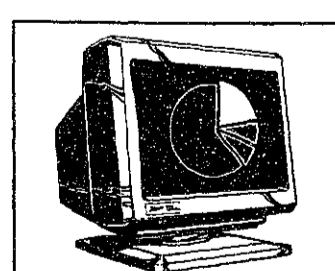
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We too easily forget the past

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burning, as the black man and woman, trapped in the dirty ghetto, the crumbling housing project, the inner city school and the unemployment line, exploded in frustration and rage. After reading the new history, will our children understand the importance of civil rights, desegregation and affirmative action, and that we still have a long way to go?

And then there was Richard Nixon. Will we remember what it meant when our president abused his power, led a disinformation campaign, said one thing and did another? Ronald Reagan refuses to answer these questions. It's as if he's just recently come out of a political and cultural hibernation.

For if he were to look back at those years through which he seems to have slept, he would ask: Who were those long-haired people who spoke of flowers and peace, who participated in Acid Tests and Love-ins? Who were those college students who burned their draft notices and died at the hands of the National Guard? And who were those women who made their own decisions about their bodies and their sexual behavior?

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We are about to embark on the seventh year of our new lives, but the past six years haven't really been a new beginning, only a farcical attempt to return to the 1950s.

It has been more than ten years since the United States has openly been at war. The impact of that war has faded. We are content to watch our government increase its military spending and increasingly interfere in the affairs of foreign governments.

Young urban professionals with their short, styled haircuts and conservative business suits know where they're going, it's Michelob. For them, culture means fitness centers, VCRs, CD players, trendy Cajun food and light beer.

College students, too, have become complacent. We are more career-oriented, less concerned about learning for the sake of learning, less concerned about what is going on outside our classrooms. As long as we remain so focused, we will continue to misinterpret the day's events. For example, we are proud to have been "Born in the USA," but that's not what Springsteen's song was about, was it?

Even our pop culture seems to be regressing, instead of progressing. Robert Young and Hugh Beaumont have been reincarnated as Bill Cosby, while reruns of old television shows have become popular. "Classic rock" stations are in vogue.

Must it take the prospect of dying in a bloody war to make us start sweating and start protesting what we feel is wrong? It will happen all over again if we are caught sitting still.

History insists on repeating itself, its movements falling in cycles. In rewriting our history, and ignoring the tragedy of the past, we allow the record of events to play over and over again. We keep on building a weapon that revolutionizes warfare, the state-of-the-art in death, until the next invention comes along. Moreover, we keep on believing that there is such a thing as invulnerability, whether it's Troy or Achilles or the Titanic or the shield in space.

Are the cycles of history inevitable? Probably. Yet we can fight the tide by looking squarely at the horror, at the assassinations, at the wars, at the riots, at the cultural revolutions. Unfortu-

nately, in our revisions, we choose to forget that in the interchangeable words of history books lies the blood of millions that cannot be washed away.

As revisionists, we also leave ourselves wide open for history to strike back hard. The hostage crisis in Iran helped Reagan oust Jimmy Carter from office. But in the six years that have passed, Reagan seems to have forgotten how dangerous and complex it is to deal with an unstable government, particularly one guided by religious fanaticism. Now it is a secret arms deal with that same country that threatens to weaken his own political health. Close the circle.

It's not only the United States that suffers from this forgetfulness. Austria recently elected a president who was once a Nazi soldier, while last year the German chancellor invited the American president to the gravesites of Hitler's soldiers.

There are those who argue that we must forget the hatred, for we cannot move forward unless we absolve ourselves of the hatred among people long dead. It's true that we shouldn't bear grudges. But that doesn't mean we should, for political purposes, hastily set aside horrible acts that took place six years ago, or 40 years

ago. It takes a long time for wounds to heal. And overcoming hatred and forgiving nations doesn't mean forgetting pain and erasing history.

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As hard as it is, we've got to try to understand history, to remember what the context of certain actions was, to judge the significance of events.

It is, however, becoming all too apparent that our penchant for reliving the past stems not from a desire to remember it with accuracy, but from the fact that we too easily forget the past and embellish it in our nostalgia.

The 1950s, after all, hardly comprised a golden age. The United States and the Soviet Union were involved in a Cold War, while McCarthy led his inquisition. Teenagers were smoking and drinking and taking drugs behind closed doors. White supremacists were lynching blacks and tying them to trees. Young women were dying from botched, illegal abortions.

Reagan's version of the 1950s, then, is like the bastard colorization of a black-and-white film. There are no utopian golden ages. Moving in vicious and upheaving cycles, history's images are far too stark and gritty to allow for such monotony.

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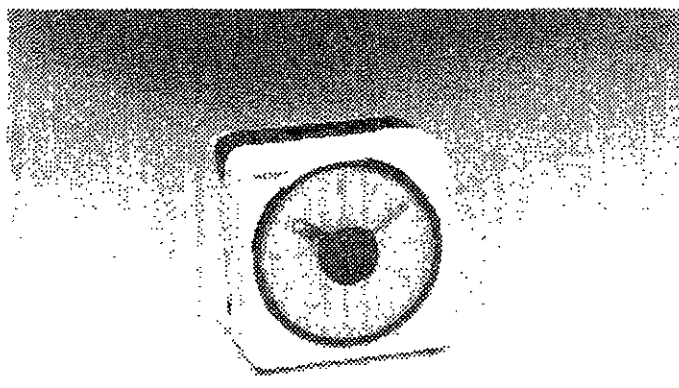
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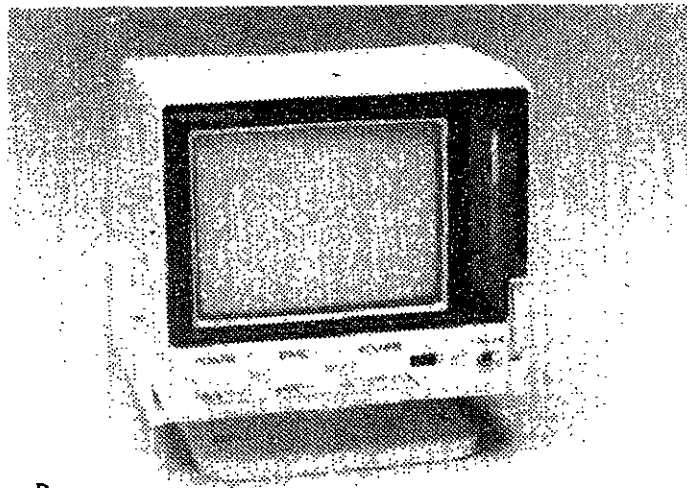
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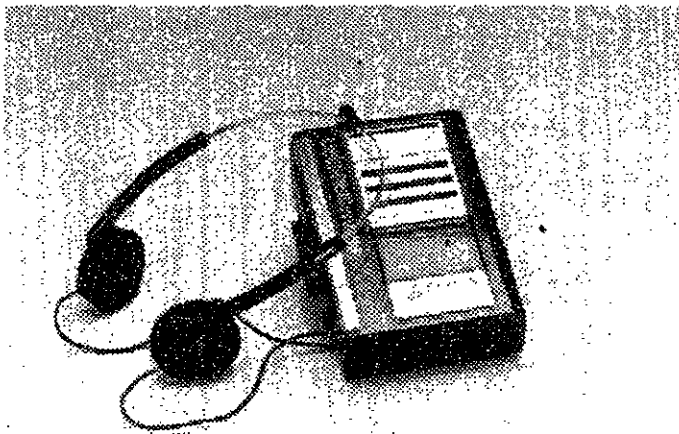
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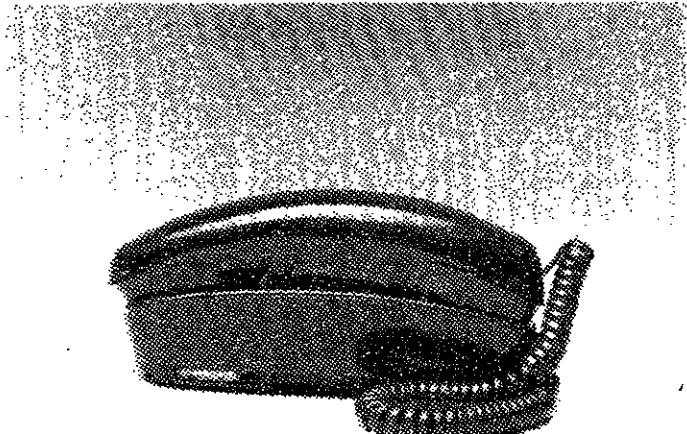
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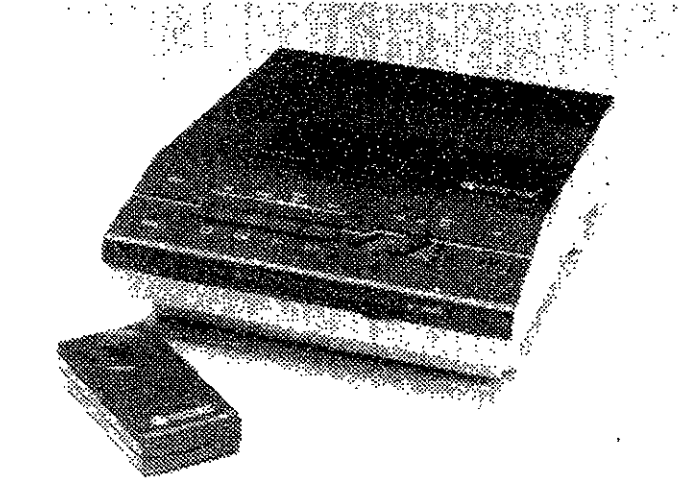
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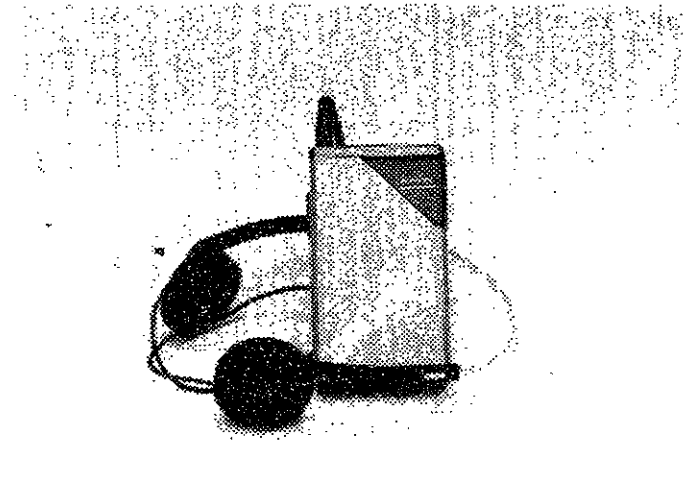
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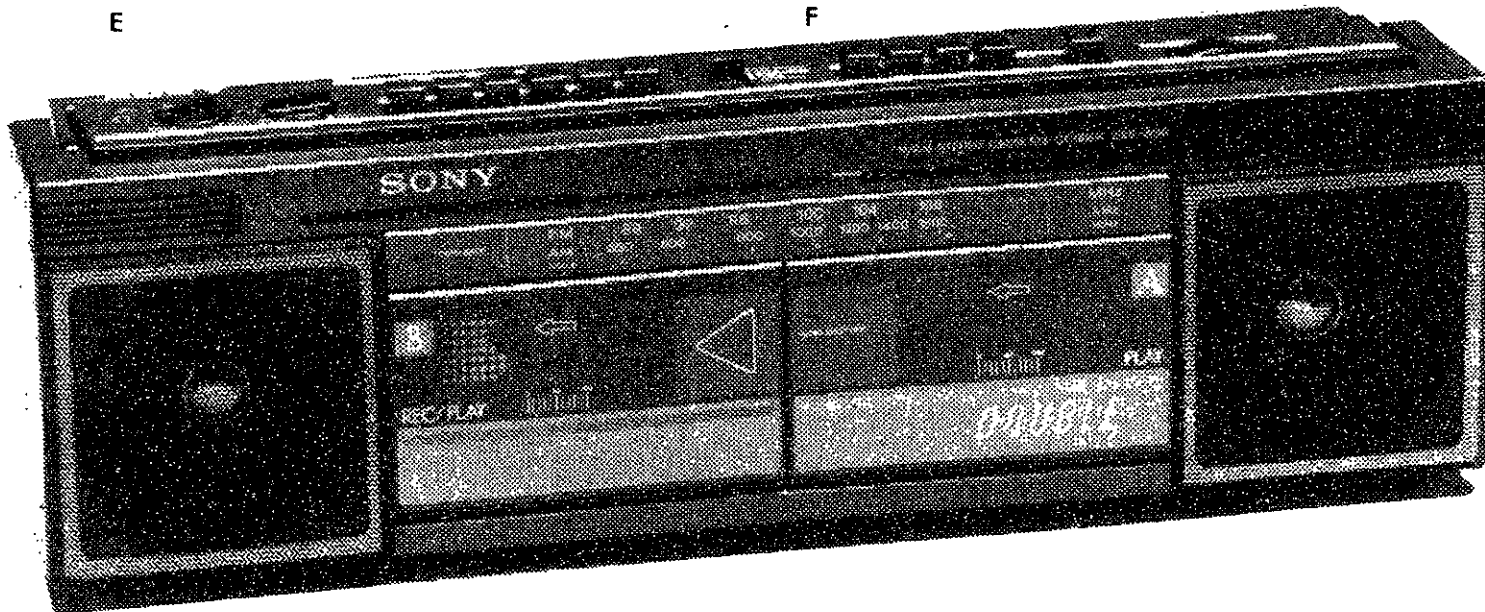
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The final report of the **Institute Committee on the Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Requirements**, the first report of the **School of Science Education Committee**, and the first report of the **Commission on Engineering Undergraduate Education** are being distributed by the Committee on the Undergraduate Program. Members of the MIT community can find copies at the following locations: the Information Office, 7-121; the Student Center Library; the Reserve Book Room, Hayden Library; Dewey Library; Barker Engineering Library; the Rotch Library of Architecture and Planning.

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Do you have questions about **Distribution subjects** and fields, **Concentration requirements** or procedures, what are **HASS Elective subjects**? Come to the Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Office, 14N-409 for help with anything to do with the HASS Requirement. We are open 9-5. Stop by or call us at x3-4441.

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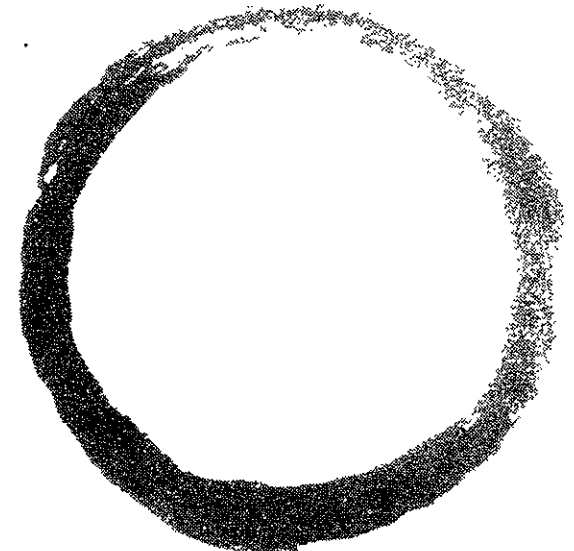
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Movies on the town

★★ **Blue Velvet** — David Lynch's weird tale of sexual perversity is interesting in its presentation of the darker side of life, but the humor flaws the film in its incongruity with the serious subject matter. At the Nickelodeon and Harvard Square.

★★★★ **Children of a Lesser God** — A beautiful, moving love story between deaf pupil (Marlee Matlin) and teacher (Wil-

liam Hurt) with fabulous acting performances by the principals. At the Cheri and Harvard Square.

★★★★ **The Color of Money** — Scorsese directs and Paul Newman and Tom Cruise star in this excellent sequel to the 1961 "Hustler." Cruise is a hotshot pool shark being stakehosed by Newman but the film is less about pool than it is about deception and personal redemption. At the Charles, Circle Cinema, and Assembly Square.

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Former slave trader Rodrigo Mendoza experiences a cathartic moment of spiritual conversion at the side of his confessor, in a scene from "The Mission." Robert De Niro and Jeremy Irons star in one of the best movies on the town.

★★ **Crocodile Dundee** — Paul Hogan is likeable as the Australian from the Northern Territories and the scenes in the outback are gorgeous. However, the story bogs down once it moves to New York. At Cinema 57 and Assembly Square.

★ **Jumpin' Jack Flash** — Whoopi Goldberg's talents are wasted in this silly tale of a computer operator who finds herself immersed in international espionage through her terminal. Her romantic involvement with an invisible spy is even less believable. At Pi Alley.

★★ **Menage** — Gérard Depardieu and Miou-Miou star in this bizarre French film chronicling a trio's journey of damnation into the underworld. This film refuses to be taken seriously and ultimately defies classification. At the Nickelodeon.

★★★★ **The Mission** — Jeremy Irons and Robert De Niro star in this film about the transferral of South American land between Spain and Portugal and its affect on a Jesuit mission above the Iguazú waterfalls. Splendid location photography and excellent character acting. At the Cheri.

★ **The Name of the Rose** — Umberto Eco's book about the importance and beauty of books is reduced to nothing more than a detective story set in a monastery in 1327. Sean Connery stars as the sleuth, William of Baskerville. At Harvard Square.

★★★ **Peggy Sue Got Married** — Kathleen Turner and Nicolas Cage star in a Francis Ford Coppola film about what a woman wishes she had done when she was eighteen. At the Cheri and Assembly Square.



Clint Eastwood stars as Marine Gunnery Sergeant Tom Highway in "Heartbreak Ridge," a controversial film about the involvement of Highway's platoon in Grenada. "Heartbreak Ridge" opens today at the Cheri, the Circle Cinema, and Assembly Square.

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★★ **Rouge Baiser (Red Kiss)** — Nadia is a young 15-year-old growing up in Paris whose idols are Scarlett O'Hara, Rita Hayworth, and Joseph Stalin. Meeting a photographer at a communist rally, she comes to grips with her leftist beliefs and with her own emotional awakening. At Copley Place.

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Movies



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★★★★ **Round Midnight** — Great bebop jazz in Paris during the late 50's is the theme of this wonderful film, an uplifting story of a jazz saxophonist's rise from secluded, lonely greatness to eventual fulfillment. At Copley Place.

★★★★ **She's Gotta Have It** — Sex, that is. She's pretty and has three lovers who jealously stumble over each other while vying for her attentions. A delightful comedy of sexual manners. At Copley Place.

★★★ **Sid & Nancy** — About the life and times of Sid Vicious, bass player for the Sex Pistols, and his groupie girlfriend, Nancy Spungen, this film manages to rise above the standard "docudrama" genre in presenting an emotional account of an unusual romance born of the destructive punk culture. At the Nickelodeon and Harvard Square.

★★ **Something Wild** — Melanie Griffith is the hot vixen decked out in black and Jeff Daniels the square, boring vice-

president of a tax consultancy waiting for the rebel within him to emerge. The two make for a fun-filled weekend but the film drags when it tries to get serious and violent. At the Paris, Circle Cinema, and Assembly Square.

★★★ **Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home** — All your favorite space voyagers return, all with gray hairs, quite a few more pounds around the waist, and many years the wiser. Not all of the magic of the television series is there but, unlike the three previous movies, this film takes a much lighter approach to the subject matter. At Cinema 57 and Assembly Square.

★★★★ **True Stories** — David Byrne's funny and absurd vision of life culls unlikely stories from a weekly tabloid to deposit them in the town of Virgil, Texas. The black and white characters from these stories are molded into real, likeable people. At the Nickelodeon and Harvard Square.

Compiled by Peter Dunn from *Tech* reviews

New Foxfire book reveals a lost age before Pizza Hut

FOXFIRE 9

Edited by Eliot Wigginton and Margie Bennett.

Anchor Press/Doubleday, 493pp., \$21.95 hardcover, \$12.95 paperback.

By V. MICHAEL BOVE

FOR 20 YEARS, Eliot Wigginton's high school English students in Rabun County, GA have been interviewing and photographing the people of the southern Appalachian mountains in an effort to document and perhaps preserve a way of life threatened by the coast-to-coast homogenization of American culture.

The results of this pioneering educational program have gone into the best-selling series of *Foxfire* books; the latest of these, *Foxfire 9*, begins with a discussion of the phosphorescent fungus by a self-proclaimed "foxfire expert." Later chapters take the reader through the process of constructing a horse-drawn wagon (a much more advanced technology than one might suspect), introduce some remarkable "just plain folks," and document the disassembly-for-moving of a log cabin, thus

revealing the structural details.

A chapter on general stores features an attempt to reconstruct the lives of individuals from 140 years ago through their credit records from a general store ledger. The result is fascinating on two counts: first, the records are much more detailed than those from modern-day credit card transactions (that right-to-privacy advocates get so worked up about), and secondly the society described was virtually cashless — if one person provided another with a few hours work, the compensation could take place simply by having debt transferred from one account to another in the store's ledger.

Inasmuch as the contents of this book were written entirely by high-schoolers and Wigginton's editing is not of the heavy-handed variety, the writing is rough in places. This is not necessarily a bad thing, though it can be jarring to those not already familiar with the *Foxfire* series. But the most inspiring parts of the book are those which merely record the words of the locals themselves — a segment of true America which we can hope won't be lost to cable television and Pizza Huts.

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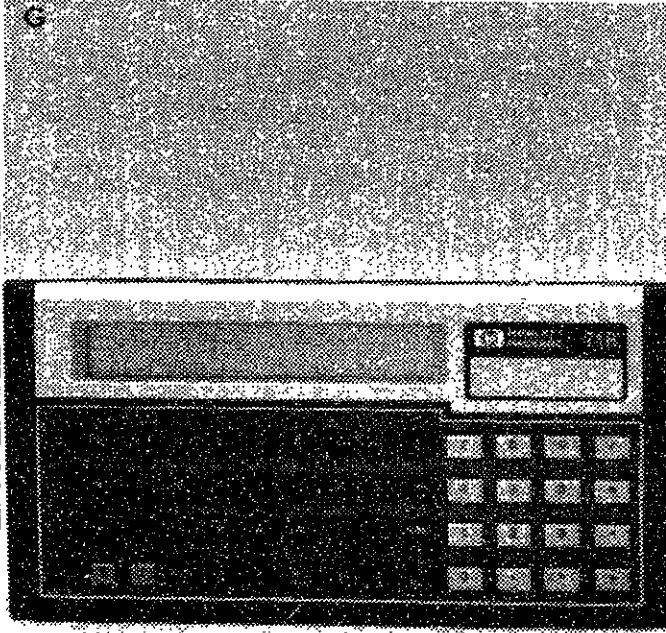
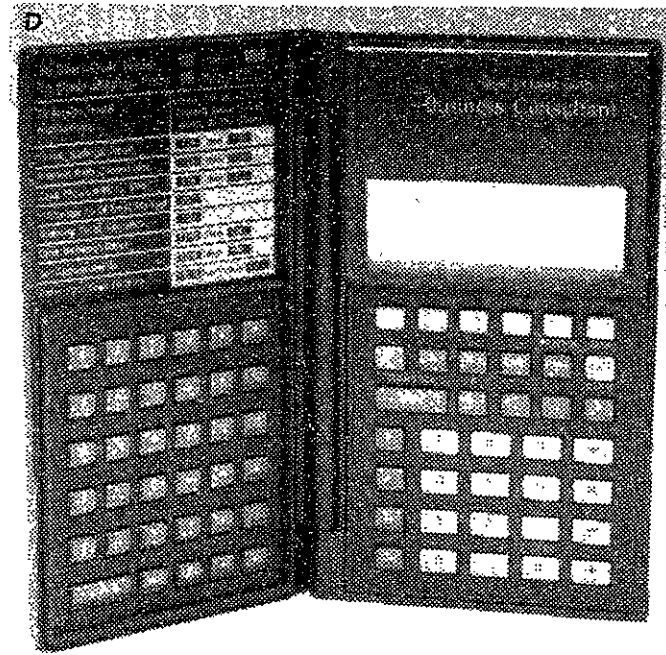
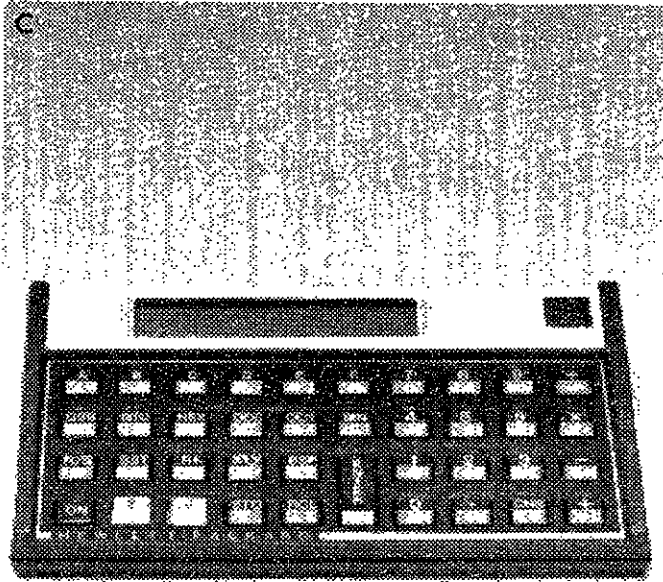
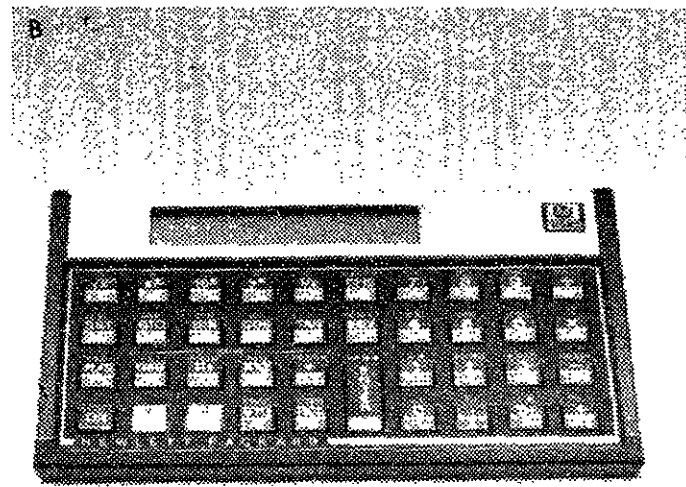
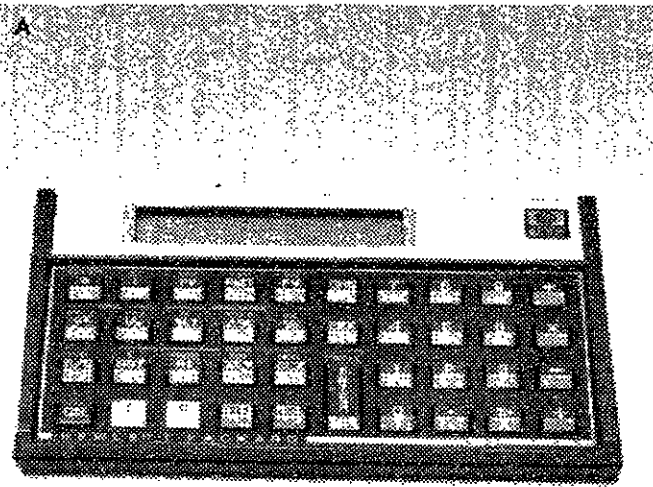
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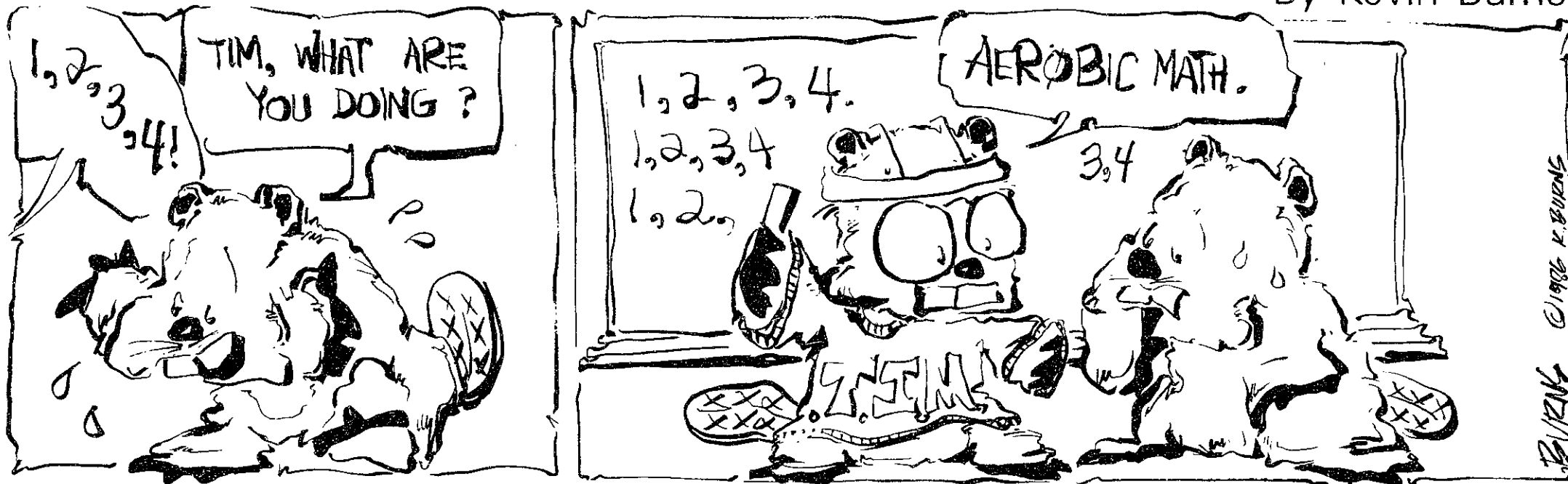
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