

Photo courtesy Phil Barber

MIT has been cited for non-compliance with hazardous waste regulations.

## MIT violates waste code Unlabeled waste drums found in Simplex garage

**By Thomas T. Huang**  
MIT stored "unlabeled hazardous materials" in a garage on the Simplex development site on the northern edge of campus, according to a notice of noncompliance which the state's environmental protection agency sent to MIT last June.

The Department of Environmental Quality Engineering said it found 150 drums of waste material stored at 31 Landsdowne Street. The DEQE's notice also stated that MIT had violated five statutes of Massachusetts' environmental law involving the storage and transportation of waste at other storage sites on campus.

The violations involved mislabeled, open drums, according to the report.

The drums on the Landsdowne site were removed last July, as the building is set for demolition, according to John Fresina, director of the MIT Safety Office. He said that the storage drums found at Landsdowne Street contained pulverized coal and perhaps a small quantity of waste oil, all

from MIT's Combustion and Propulsion Laboratory.

Coal and oil waste was being stored in and removed from the garage over the past four years, according to Fresina. He acknowledged that some of the storage drums had been mislabeled. Fresina said that the violations found by the DEQE are relatively minor and show  
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## R/O Schedule

### Friday, September 4

Academic Orientation continues.

9am-8pm: R/O Center open.

9am-4pm: Freshman registration forms may be turned in at Lobby 10.

9am-5pm: Individual meetings with Advisors and Associate Advisors (check your temporary ID for Advisor's name and office).

9am: Calculus advanced standing exams for 18.01 and 18.02 in Walker Gymnasium, Room 50-340, for students with conflicts on Wednesday (3 hrs.).

9am-Noon: Alumni Pool open for swim tests for all students with last names beginning with A-L.

9am-1pm, 3pm-5pm: Integrated Studies Program (ISP) Open House in Room 20C-117.

10am: Foreign Language Orientation for all students interested in studying foreign languages in Room 4-270.

10:30am-11:30am: Foreign language group meetings following Orientation:

French in Room 4-270. German in Room 4-159.  
Japanese in Room 4-145. Spanish in Room 4-163.  
Russian in Room 4-153.

10am-4pm: MIT-Red Cross Blood Drive in Lobby 13. For information call x3-7911. Sponsored by the Technology Community Association.

11:30am: Introduction to Freshman Academic Year for all new students in Kresge Auditorium.

Noon-5pm: Parents' Information Booth open in Lobby 7.

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## Fraternities face difficult rush

**By Akbar Merchant**  
Fraternities have had difficulty filling spaces this year because they need to attract a very high percentage of the men in the freshman class, according to Associate Dean for Student Affairs James R. Tewhey.

Fraternities had set a target of filling around 404 spaces, 390 of which would be for men, Tewhey said. This meant that fraternities

would have to attract more than half the men in the freshman class. The Class of 1991 is composed of 653 men and 360 women.

As of yesterday afternoon, 696 freshmen had been assigned housing in dormitories, according to figures supplied by Ann Braden, staff assistant for residence programs.

This total would leave the fra-

ternities approximately 90 short of their target.

"This year the fraternities were asked to do something they couldn't do," Tewhey said.

Chairman of the Interfraternity Council Paul W. Parfomak '88 declined to provide statistics since rush week does not end until today. Fraternities must honor all bids through today.

In the last two years, MIT has admitted a greater percentage of women than it ever had before. This shift in the male/female ratio has presented fraternities with the biggest problem they face, Parfomak said, because "The  
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## Final housing assignments

### Assigned (by round)

House	1		2		Final	
	Male	Female	M	F	M	F
Baker	41	37	3	1	37	38
Bexley	22	9	9	4	20	10
Burton	49	49	7	5	53	53
East Campus	61	30	9	1	64	29
MacGregor	43	32	2	1	43	31
McCormick	-	54	-	3	-	55
New House	37	33	4	0	40	33
Random	15	13	1	4	15	13
Senior	33	28	12	14	28	31
French	2	5	0	0	2	5
German	5	0	1	0	5	0
Russian	1	2	0	1	1	3
Spanish	5	2	0	0	5	2
500 Memorial	42	37	4	3	41	40
Not assigned	47	89	-	-	-	-
Assigned	687	89	696			

Tech graphic by David B. Pless

## Students arrested at sodium drop

**By Michael Gojer**  
Metropolitan District Commission police arrested two spectators on the Longfellow bridge early Wednesday morning following the annual East Campus "Sodium Drop." Daniel Fox '89 and Blaine Johnston '89 said they were arrested at about 12:30 am Wednesday and later charged with disorderly conduct and possession of fireworks. Both claimed to only have been spectators at the East Campus event, which drew between two and three hundred people.

Fox and Johnston were released on their own recognizance around 3 am Wednesday, they

said. They appeared in court at 9 am Wednesday morning for an arraignment accompanied by two MIT Campus Police officers, Fox said. The court granted the request of Campus Police Chief James Olivieri for a continuance, and the case was delayed until the first week in October, according to Professor Irwin Pless, housemaster at Random Hall, where both Fox and Johnston live.

The sodium drop was organized by a group of students residing in East Campus, but was not an official activity of the dormitory, according to Charles Whetsel '88, vice president of East Campus. "There are witnesses to testify, if it does go to trial, that Fox and Johnston were not involved in the throwing of the sodium," Whetsel said.

After talking with witnesses from East Campus and Random Hall, Pless said there was absolutely no doubt in his mind that Fox and Johnston were innocent and were only bystanders.

The Campus Police are working with the MIT legal department to arrange for the defense of the students, according to

Pless.

### Johnston, Fox arrested on bridge

Johnston said he was walking off the bridge back towards MIT around 12:15 am when the crowd from the drop was dispersing. He said an MDC police officer stopped and questioned him about who was responsible for the explosions that occurred when the sodium fell into the water.

Johnston said he told the officer that it was someone from East Campus and that he did not know anything else about the organizers of the drop. The officer then asked for Johnston's name and continued questioning him about who was responsible for the explosions, Johnston said. The officer asked Johnston to show his MIT ID, but Johnston said he asked the officer why he wanted to see it. The officer then asked again for Johnston's name.

As the crowd was leaving the bridge, Fox noticed that Johnston, his roommate, was talking to the MDC officer. Fox said he  
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## Panel advises incoming women

### Feature

**By Thomas T. Huang**  
When Mildred S. Dresselhaus arrived at MIT in the early 1960s, the men students outnumbered the women students twenty-to-one. At the time, she was a post-doctoral student at the Lincoln Laboratory. Now one of 12 Institute professors, Dresselhaus works on electronic materials and solid-state physics, on a campus

where women are fast gaining parity in numbers.

Pondering the changes she has witnessed, she developed the "Percolation Limit Theorem," in which women — or minorities — perform better academically as their numbers increase. She explained that students who feel isolated tend not to ask questions in class.

This tendency toward isolation — and the problematic distance between the sexes — were two of

many topics addressed last Wednesday by a panel comprised of Dresselhaus and three other women successful in their fields. The discussion was sponsored by the Women's Residence/Orientation group last Wednesday.

Joyce Gibson, director of the Office of Minority Education, Ruth Perry, professor of literature, and Dr. Barbara Prazak of the MIT Medical Department completed the panel.

Dresselhaus said she has been studying the issue of women's academic performance at MIT. She said that a recent ten-year study at MIT indicated that, in the sciences, women performed indistinguishably from men, while in engineering, women performed slightly better. In management, women did much better, she said.

But Gibson only had to think of her daughter's recent experiences to realize that all is not well in the women's fight for equal standing in society. Her daughter — interviewing for a job on Wall Street — had to clip her hair, wear a gray, mannish  
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## Gray meets with Lee's father

**By Ben Z. Stanger**

MIT President Paul E. Gray '54 met last Friday with Rep. Yong-Wook Lee, the father of Jae-Whan Lee G, the South Korean graduate student who unexpectedly appeared on North Korean television last month.

Lee's family has requested that Gray write directly to North Korean President Il-sung Kim and ask that Lee be able to continue his studies at MIT. But Gray said it would not be in keeping with the educational purpose of MIT for him to write an official request for Lee's return.

Gray said he may communicate with members of Congress to encourage them to arrange a meeting with Lee in a neutral setting. The evidence indicating whether Lee was a defector or was abducted is lacking, Gray said, adding that it played no part in his decision not to write directly to Kim.

The Korean Graduate Students' Association President Eui-Whan Kim G said it would be very helpful for Gray to write to Kim.

## Officials address new grad students

By Ben Z. Stanger

Dean of the Graduate School Frank E. Perkins '55, speaking to entering graduate students, stressed the need for open and free communication between graduate students and faculty. President Paul E. Gray '54 and Dean for Student Affairs Shirley M. McBay also addressed the students, who began to arrive at MIT earlier this week.

Graduate students entering MIT this year are affected by new legislation concerning taxation of graduate students and verification of employee citizenship, Perkins said.

The impact that changes in the tax law and the immigration law will have on graduate students is described in new literature being released by Perkins' office.

In addition, the draft of a new document entitled "Graduate Student Rights and Responsibilities at MIT" has been released which should help establish a spirit of communication between faculty advisors and their graduate students, Perkins said.

The document describes protocols that faculty and graduate students should use to inform

each other of conflicts or concerns, changes in the status of a research project, and opinions concerning departmental policies.

The "Rights and Responsibilities" draft states that students having fellowships or assistantships should be notified of any possible change in funding status as soon as it is known. It also states that "Full time teaching assistants should not be expected to do research unrelated to their theses, and full time research assistants should not be expected to assume substantial teaching duties."

The document, the result of a year-long project of the Graduate Student Council and the Committee on Graduate School Policy, will not become official MIT policy until approved by the CGSP. But "the ideas contained therein are so fundamental and reasonable that I am issuing the document at this time as an informal addendum to the Graduate School Manual," Perkins stated in a letter sent with the document.

President Gray emphasized the importance of the synergistic relationship between a faculty member and graduate student as

a "partnership." From the day they arrive, students should recognize that their relationship with a faculty member is "the key to graduate education," Gray said.

Gray talked about the "low threshold between fields" at MIT, which permits a larger degree of interdisciplinary study than at other institutions. The intellectual intensity at MIT "transcends" the Institute and the individual departments, Gray continued. "MIT is much more than your department or your laboratory," he said.

Dean McBay told the graduate students that demand for graduate housing is greater than the amount of space. MIT is able to house about 26 percent of all graduate students, while close to 50 percent would like to live on campus, said McBay, citing figures from a recent GSC survey. The addition of 30 new spaces in Ashdown and 18 condominiums should help alleviate the housing problem in the short run, McBay said. The planned graduate dormitory is expected to be operational in two-and-a-half to three years, she said.

## Hazardous waste regulations broken

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realistically that "we're actually doing a pretty good job" overall in waste storage.

But David E. Sullivan '74, city councillor, was not as optimistic. "It is unfortunate that it took formal legal proceedings to get MIT to be responsible citizens of this city," he said.

Despite the removal of the drums, the discovery has caused some members of the Cambridgeport community to question an environmental impact report produced by the project's developers, Forest City. The report — which included a survey of chemical and tank storage on the site — made no mention of such drums.

Drew Leff, Forest City project manager, explained last night that the environmental engineering firm that conducted the survey of the property had concluded in its investigation that the material in the drums was not hazardous. That is probably why the drums were not mentioned in the report, he said.

Yet Ross Hymen, spokesman for the DEQE, maintained that, although waste oil is not necessarily a health hazard, it is flammable, and, thus, a potential safety and environmental hazard.

Community members still appear skeptical about the environmental report. Phil Barber, a resident who lives across the street from the garage and also a member of the Green Street Tenants' Alliance, said he did not know if he could trust the developers.

Barber first noticed the drums in 1984. In January of this year, when he found that the environmental impact report did not mention them, he contacted the DEQE and set the inspection process in motion. "All we want to know is what's in there," he said. "We just want to protect ourselves."

William Cavellini, spokesman for the Simplex Steering Committee, another group that voices community concerns about the development, said that the removal of the storage drums solved the immediate problem, but made a similar claim that a lack of trust exists between the

neighboring community and MIT and Forest City.

In late January, Ardis Vaughan, an inspector for the DEQE, had discovered the drums, 14 of which were later shipped as "hazardous waste," according to the DEQE notice, sent to MIT on June 4.

In a Feb. 20 memorandum, Vaughan reported that, out of the 150 drums in the garage, she found 18 "badly rusted and in poor condition," and several drums which had "spillage of oily material around the bung." Fresina had explained to her that the garage had been used for "raw material and hazardous waste storage for the Combustion Laboratory," according to her report.

On July 14, Raymond M. Duffley, associate director of the MIT Safety Office, wrote Vaughan that MIT had taken steps to comply with all the regulations. Duffley confirmed in his letter that "petroleum oil (waste) is no longer generated or kept in 31 Landsdowne Street."

Regarding other sites, the DEQE report stated that MIT had stored waste oil in a 1000 gallon tank and three drums in Building 41A, located near the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Vassar Street. The inspector had also found solvent waste from a Superior Chemical parts cleaning unit. Finally, three drums of unknown waste were found at that site as well.

MIT had not marked the oil and solvent waste with the required hazardous waste information, nor had it completed the required documentation while transporting the waste to Cyn Oil, according to the DEQE notice. Building 12A contained five 55-gallon drums of open, unlabeled waste oil.

The statutes which MIT had failed to follow in certain instances include the requirements that:

- certain documentation records — called manifests — on hazardous waste must be completed by the institution generating the waste.
- hazardous waste containers must always be closed during

storage, except when waste is being added or removed.

- each container must be clearly marked and labeled with the words "hazardous waste," the type of waste, the type of hazards associated with such waste, and the date upon which each period of accumulation of waste begins.

- every institution generating waste should have a written personnel training plan for the facility.

- every institution generating waste should determine if that waste is hazardous.

The violations were serious enough for Steven A. DeGabriele, deputy director of DEQE's hazardous regulatory program, to warn MIT that if it did not comply, it could be "subject to legal action, including, but not limited to, criminal prosecution, court-imposed civil penalties, or civil administrative penalties assessed by the department."

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# news roundup

from the associated press wire

## World

### Iran and Iraq continue attacks on Gulf shipping

According to sources, at least 20 ships from nine countries have been attacked by Iran and Iraq in the Persian Gulf since Saturday. Iranian speedboats hit ships from Japan and Italy, sources say, while Iraq claimed to have hit a tanker yesterday. Meanwhile, the United States has delayed sanctions against Iran until United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar undertakes a possible peace mission to the Gulf region. The US sanctions were to have begun today.

The Pentagon reports that the seventh US-Kuwaiti convoy, comprised of three reflagged Kuwaiti oil tankers, is proceeding uneventfully through the Gulf. Shipping sources report that Britain has joined the effort, reflagging its first Kuwaiti tanker yesterday in the Gulf of Oman.

### Iran reported to have lost a third of export capacity

A British publication reports that Iraqi attacks on Iranian tankers may have seriously hurt Iran's crude oil exports. The *Lloyd's List* newspaper said that if Iraq's claims of tanker attacks are true Iran may have lost up to 33 percent of its export capacity.

### South Africa cracks down on AIDS

The South African government has announced measures designed to stop the spread of the AIDS virus by migrant workers. All migrant workers found to have AIDS will be deported. The government also plans isolation and compulsory treatment of all AIDS victims and carriers.

## Nation

### Former House Speaker rates Reagan last out of eight Presidents

Retired House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill spent six years battling President Reagan, and he has not stopped yet. In a *Vogue* magazine interview, O'Neill calls Reagan lazy and says he is the worst of the eight Presidents he worked with while in Congress. O'Neill says Reagan is smart but "just isn't President enough hours of the day."

### Government reports that Vietnam Veterans have higher cancer rates

A government study has found a startling number of cancer deaths among marines who served in Vietnam. The study, made public yesterday by the Veterans' Administration, found a significantly higher death rate from lung cancer and certain lymph cancers among former marine corps ground troops in Vietnam than among those who had not served in the war.

Marines who had served in Vietnam were found to have a 58 percent higher rate of lung cancer than would be expected and 110 percent higher rate of non-Hodgkins lymphoma.

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"O.K. Which one of you morons installed this?"

### Soviet prosecutor accuses Rust

Mathias Rust, the West German teenager who hedgehopped his small plane to Red Square recently, was accused by a Soviet prosecutor of seeking "cheap popularity." The prosecutor also demanded that Rust be sentenced to eight years in a labor camp for his unscheduled flight in the Soviet Union.

### Philippine rebels kill 44 people

Communist rebels in the Philippines have killed at least 44 people since last week's failed coup attempt. President Corazon Aquino, who is facing additional opposition from Moslem rebels, has ordered Congressional leaders to support Chief of Staff General Fidel Ramos. Ramos was involved in stopping half a dozen previous uprisings in the country.

### Israel faces protests on Lavi cancellation

Israel's prime minister is calling on aircraft workers to avoid violence in the wake of the decision to scrap production of the Lavi jet fighter. Eleven people were injured and nine arrested in earlier protests. Meanwhile, Minister Moshe Arens is standing by his decision to resign from the prime minister's cabinet, calling the Lavi decision "tragic."

### Junta takes over Burundi

While he was in Canada for a summit, Jean-Baptiste Bagaza was replaced as president of Burundi by a military junta controlled by an army major. State-run radio in the small east African country reported that Bagaza had been removed from power. At the time he was attending a summit of leaders from French-speaking nations. Bagaza, a socialist, has been facing tribal and political problems at home.

### Thousands flee fires in western United States

California Governor George Deukmejian has proclaimed a state of emergency for 22 counties in his state, where flames threaten the famous Sequoia redwoods. Wildfires that have charred parts of seven western states are now heading toward some rural communities, forcing thousands to flee.

Firefighters are tapping all the resources available to them, including the help of fighters from as far as New York and Maine, National Guard troops, and prison inmates. Nearly 13,000 firemen are involved in fighting the blaze. In addition to California, Oregon and Idaho have been severely hit by the fires, which have scorched more than 200,000 acres, an area larger than one-third the size of Rhode Island.

### Deadly bacteria found in Bon-Bons and Fruit Scoops

The Carnation Company is recalling all Bon Bons ice cream nuggets and Fruit Scoops fruit and juice nuggets nationwide after five lots tested positive for a potentially deadly bacteria. The company says there have been no reports of illness.

### Senate leaders warn Reagan not to redefine ABM constraints

There are new warnings from Senate Democrats that President Reagan will face political problems if he tries to accelerate Strategic Defense Initiative research by redefining the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty. Bennett Johnston of Louisiana and William Proxmire of Wisconsin have issued separate reports saying a broadening of the treaty might jeopardize ratification of a possible agreement on intermediate-range nuclear weapons.

### Montana researcher destroys project

A Montana State University plant pathologist has cut down 14 Elm trees he injected with genetically altered bacteria, saying he's leaving an image of what his research might have prevented. Gary Strobel caused a furor when he defied federal rules by launching his experiment without school or government approval. Strobel was searching for a cure for Dutch Elm Disease.

### Farmers may idle record acreage

An economist for the "Farm Journal" says the nation's farmers may idle a record 88 million acres of cropland under various government programs next year. Economist John Marten says that 88 million acres represents 22 percent of US crop acreage. He says that would far exceed the old record for idled crop acres. It was set in 1983, when the US payment in kind program sidelined 77.8 million acres normally planted.

## Local

### Police officers involved in exam-scam file suit

About 100 former and current police officers in Massachusetts have filed claims with the state alleging they were denied promotions because of the so-called exam-scam ring. Six people were convicted in May in the theft and sale of police promotional exams. Department of Personnel representative Margaret Dale said many of the claims come from departments where defendants in the exam-scam case worked. She also said that many of the officers filing claims took some of the same exams as the exam-scam defendants.

### State to enforce drunken driving laws with roadblocks this weekend

The state of Massachusetts plans to have its drunken driving roadblocks in force during the Labor Day weekend. Public Safety Commissioner William McCabe said drunk driving roadblocks will be stationed in Middlesex, Essex, Hampden, Plymouth and Worcester counties.

## Sports

### National League suspends Hatcher

Houston Astros outfielder Billy Hatcher was ejected from Tuesday night's game against Chicago when umpires discovered cork in Hatcher's bat, which broke in two on an infield grounder. The National League subsequently suspended Hatcher for ten days. Astros manager Hal Lanier has been fined an undisclosed amount because, according to NL President Bart Giamatti, Lanier was "responsible for the use of illegal equipment by members of his team." The suspension will cost Hatcher eight games.

Astros reliever Dave Smith said that the corked bat was his and that Hatcher had borrowed it. Hatcher has said that he will not appeal the suspension.

### Smith and Foster win at Rome

At the World Track and Field Championships in Rome yesterday, Calvin Smith came from behind to win the men's 200-meter dash, while Greg Foster captured the 100-meter high hurdles. Smith finished with a time of 20.16 seconds, just two one-hundredths of a second above his own 1983 record. Americans Billy Olson and Joe Dial failed to qualify for the final round of the pole vault.

## Weather

### Quiet times ahead

A large cool high-pressure center settled over New England last night. With the high in this position, the moist and quite warm air in the Southeastern United States will have a hard time reaching us. Thus, sunny warm days and clear cool nights will be the rule for the next few days. Each day the temperature will be a bit warmer than the previous one as the high-pressure center slowly slips seaward.

The remnants of tropical depression 6 continue moving westward in the Atlantic. It now appears that the remains of this depression will be steered into the southeastern coast of the US early next week. Unless the disturbance reorganizes, there is no cause for concern.

**Friday:** Sunny and mild, high 73°F. Winds light and variable.\*

**Friday night:** Clear and cool, low 54°F.

**Saturday:** Sunny and milder, high 78°F, low 58°F.\*

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny and still milder. High 81°F, low 58°F.

**Labor Day:** Partly cloudy with showers and thunderstorms. Especially likely south and west of Boston. High 79°F.

\* Temperatures on these days could be cooler because of a sea breeze.

Forecast by Michael C. Morgan

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# opinion

Column/Thomas T. Huang

## On gun control and troubled minds

From his tan trenchcoat, he pulls out a Uzi semi-automatic machine gun and opens fire.

He feels the gun jerk back as the bullets find their mark. His family scatters out the front door, fleeing. The gunshots resound, popping like firecrackers, through the hallway, then out into the open streets of the Dorchester neighborhood, breaking the silence of the holy day.

He tracks the moving targets, the clay pigeons, the bull's-eyes: his aunt, his uncle, his cousins and their wife and girlfriend, a baby. He thinks that the blood that flows can wash away the pain and the frustration — all validated by a gun permit handed to him by the state's Department of Public Safety.

His aunt and uncle had helped him immigrate to the United States from a refugee camp in 1981, but he became angry when his relatives accused him of stealing money from his aunt's bank accounts. With a gun, this 23-year-old man now hopes to save face.

Something has cracked in this life. As Minh Le falls into the American nightmare of his own making, caressing the machine pistol he has fashioned into a rifle, he views the kill. His cousin's

girlfriend lies dead on the neighbor's porch across the street. The 3-year-old baby daughter of another cousin lies on the concrete sidewalk, bleeding, still.

He walks over to the prone body of the mother, Tru Vo, at the corner of Newport Street and Crescent Avenue. She has somehow survived the gunfire, lying there, wounded. Standing over her, Minh Le pulls the trigger at point-blank range.

Perhaps he has seen this all before, in a war movie, or in street fighting in the fallen city, Saigon, gutted by roving, gun-toting soldiers of different races and nationalities, all this now somehow reincarnated in the southern section of Boston. Cold-blooded cruelty brought there like a tide, not by a young Vietnamese immigrant, but by a young criminal who has learned the American way of domestic violence — a violence facilitated by soft gun control laws.

In May, 1986, he told the Boston police and a couple of federal law enforcement agencies that he had uncovered a Libyan plot to kill the president, evidence of his instability. Yet, on June 16, 1987, he was able to obtain a gun permit from the Department of Public Safety. Nine days later, he

bought a machine gun at Roach's Sporting Goods in Porter Square, in our very own town, Cambridge, MA.

A cursory check into his background came up with nothing that indicated he had been unstable in the past. He was given a special alien permit to possess and buy a rifle or shotgun, one of 7000 permits given out in Massachusetts alone.

But the fact that it was a permit for resident aliens is irrelevant. The point is that anyone and his mother can get a permit and buy a Uzi from a sporting goods store. For this young, trou-

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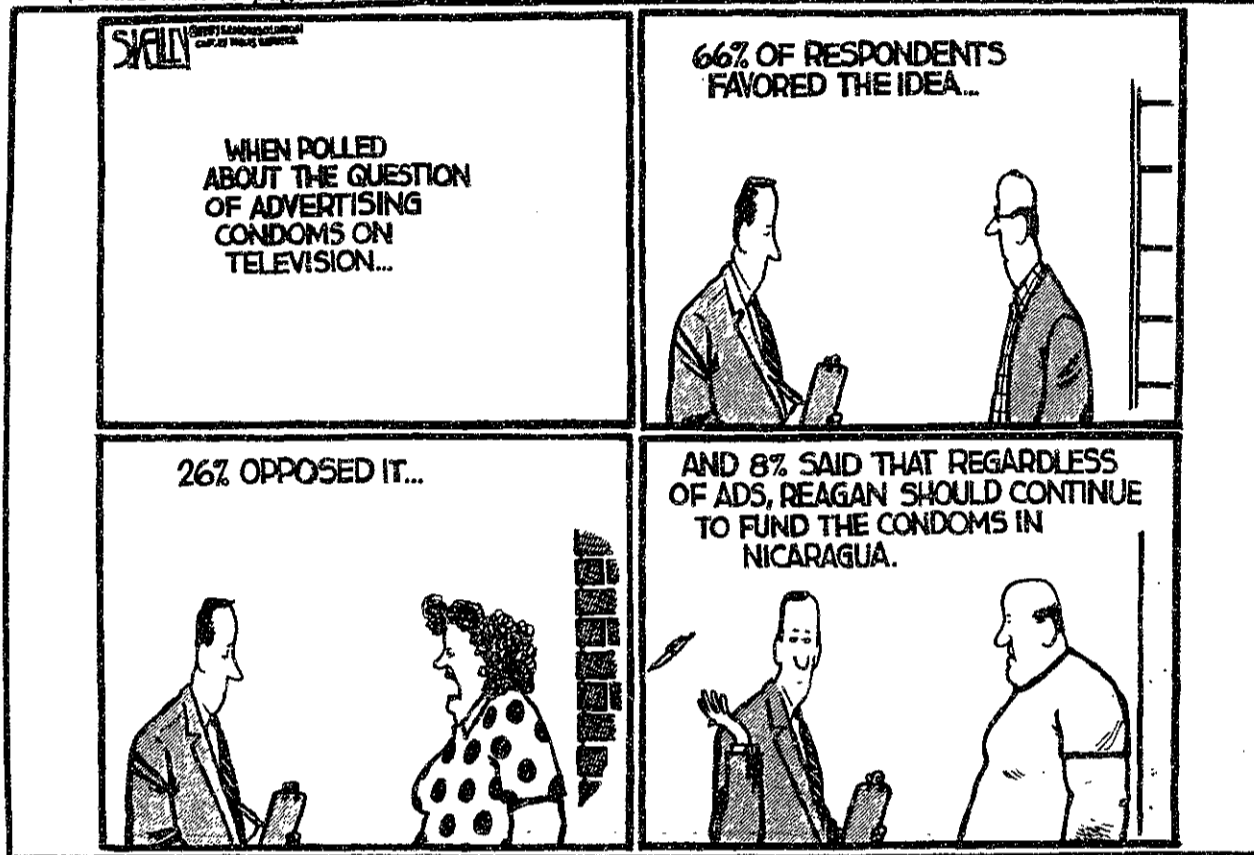
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Column/Michael J. Garrison

## Boston seen through west coast eyes

To all freshmen and incoming students: Welcome to The Hub. The Hub of the Universe, that is. If you don't know, I'm talking about Boston. Even newspapers like the *Boston Globe* seem to think "Hub" is an appropriate headline abbreviation for "Boston."

Does this strike you as slightly egotistical? Closed-minded? The funny part of it is, a lot of the people you will meet here in Boston actually don't seem to realize that the rest of the world doesn't hold the largest city in New England quite so dear to their hearts.

Perhaps you have seen, and laughed at, the poster titled "The Bostonian View of The World." This poster shows everything west of Harvard Square as "Indian Country" and labels Faneuil Hall as the center of all life, or something equally silly. Unfortunately, I think some of the Boston residents I have met wouldn't get the joke.

I was in a class last term when the professor asked us if we thought "The Duke" — Gov. Michael Dukakis — could win the presidency in our home states. One student responded, "I thought John Wayne was dead." Dukakis may yet win, but he certainly does not have the sort of national stature that fellow Democrats Mario Cuomo, Diane Fienstein, and the late Richard Daley have achieved in their local positions.

But from the moment Gary Hart dropped out of the race, a large number of the Massachusetts residents started thinking that Dukakis — who was referred to by the *Globe's* columnists as "The Last Honest Politician" — will win the election easily since he will storm through the New Hampshire primary. New Hamp-

shire is the state whose Seabrook nuclear power plant has been, almost single-handedly, kept out of operation by "The Duke."

The actual truth, and I was very surprised to see that the *Globe* actually printed this (once) several months ago, is that a Dukakis win in New Hampshire will be somewhat discounted nationally because it's his home territory. A loss, or even a close race, will be seen as devastating.

Why am I going on about this? It's just that I get annoyed when I realize that I seem to be moving further and further from the real world. I hear over and over again about the trials and tribulations of Mayor Raymond Flynn and his garbage burning plant, but I didn't hear anything about the MX missile malfunction until editorial comics about it showed up in our office.

You will notice a tendency in the local papers to rank national

and international news below local news. Not that this is surprising or indeed different from anywhere else. What is surprising, however, and what you may not notice, is that they sometimes tend not to report outside stories at all.

The front page of Wednesday's *Globe* had five local stories, one national story (about the Pope), and one international story (about the Persian Gulf war). On the same day, the *New York Times* had seven national or international stories, including three that were not in the first section of the *Globe* at all.

It's no secret that the out of state edition of the *Times* is a national paper and the *Globe* is local, but the fact that many Boston residents don't seem to realize this is indicative of the general attitude in the region.

It gets worse when you look at

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# opinion

## On lives and gun control

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bled man, it was all too easy. After all, it's a free country.

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For Minh Le, the war started when he was an 11-year-old boy in Saigon. The city fell to the Viet Cong in 1975, and in the ensuing chaos, he was separated from his family, making his way to a refugee camp in Thailand.

On a Sunday afternoon, twelve years later and 5000 miles from the war-torn country that was his home, he is seated in the small first-floor living room of the Dorchester apartment. In the hallway lie the bodies of his aunt and uncle. In a bedroom nearby lies a dead cousin.

Down Newport Street, the killer had followed his cousin, Tri Huynh. This is what he remembers. He was a hunter pursuing his prey. The bullets flew fast and true. As he returned to the brown, six-family, three-decker apartment that is now a massacre site, police sirens wailed in the distance.

Ninety minutes have passed since the first gunshot.

Outside, the Boston police wait, rifles and pistols in hand, behind vans, at a stand-off. They are securing the building and removing the dead and wounded.

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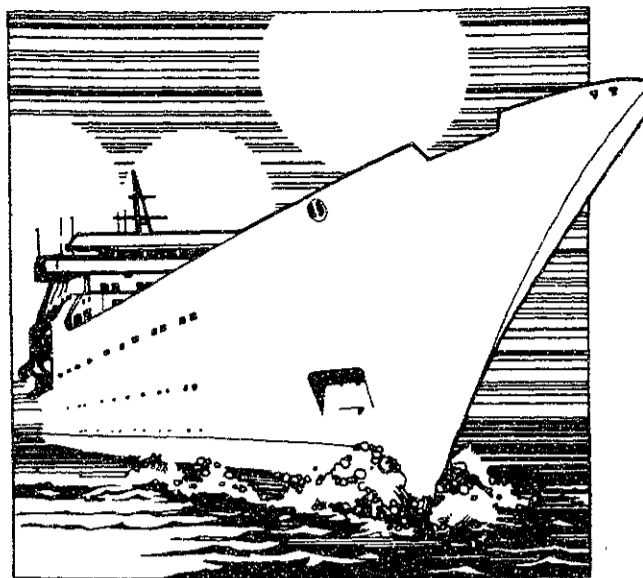
But for Minh Le, the war is about to end. Images of his life come to him now like morning sparrows flitting at sight's periphery, blurring his vision. Somewhere, lives had been destroyed. Somewhere, those who had sought the American Dream instead found a graveyard.

His eyes settle on the fine, jagged cracks that run from the bullet-hole in the shattered glass of the front door, the afternoon sunlight refracting. At some point in time, a hole developed in his life, yes. The glass that was once so smooth and clear now stands like a mirror cracked from side to side. What is inside is also outside.

Minh Le, seated on the living room floor, raises the gun barrel to his right front temple. His finger moves slowly to the trigger.

In the land of the free, the home of the brave, let madness reign.

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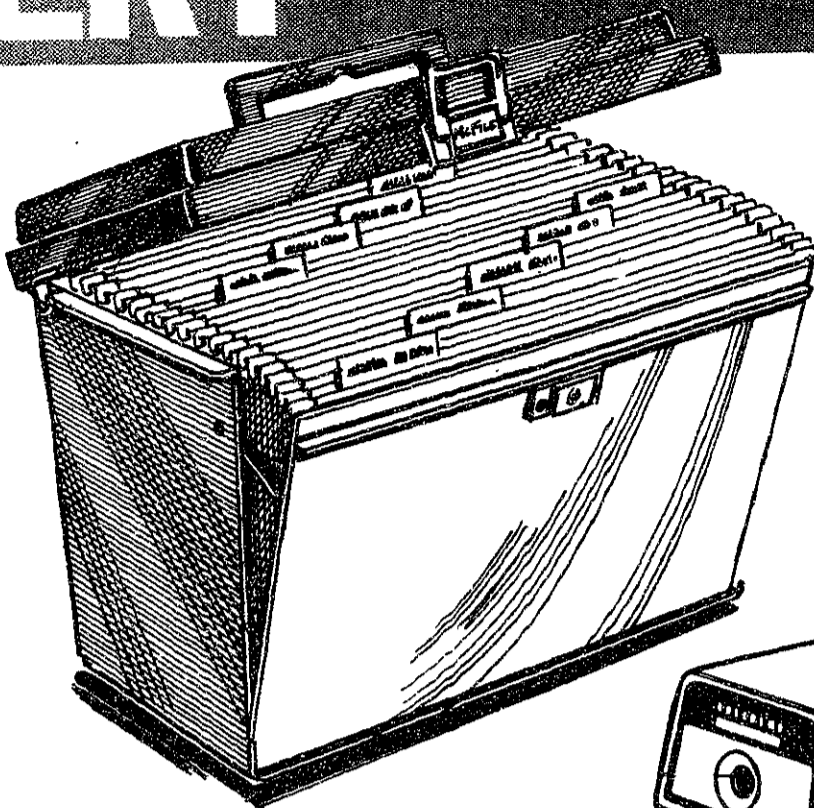
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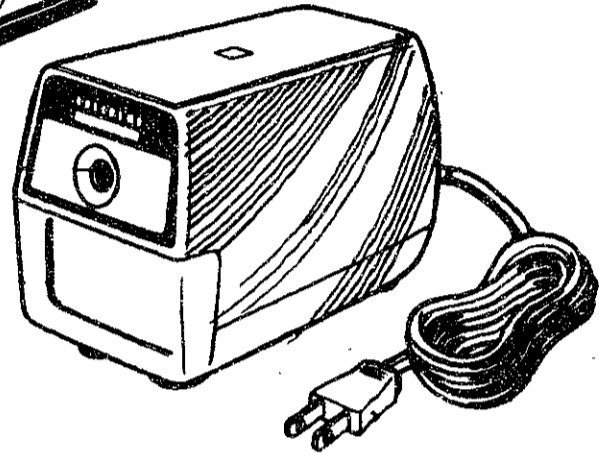
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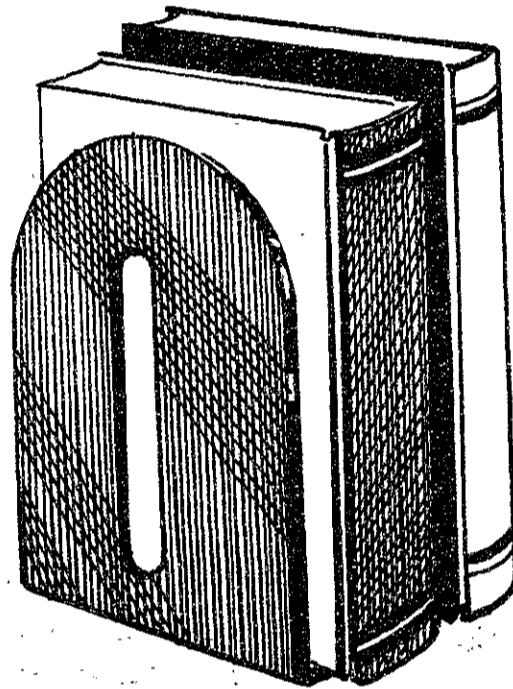
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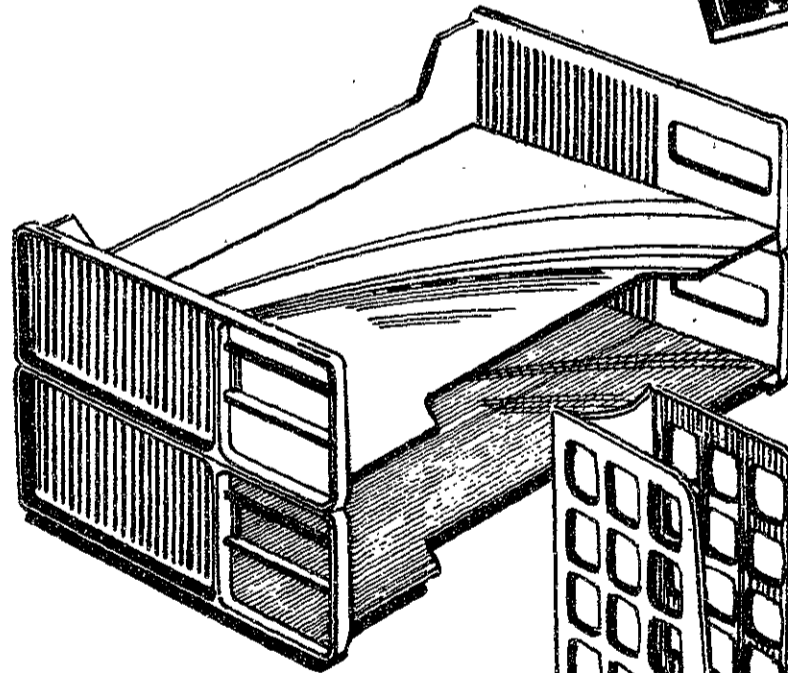
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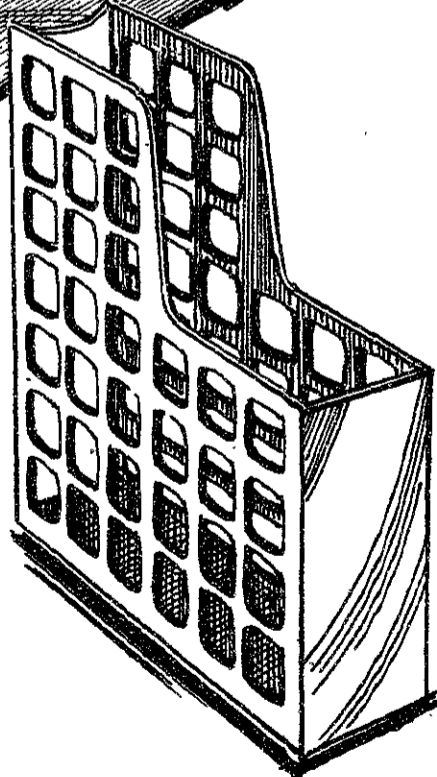
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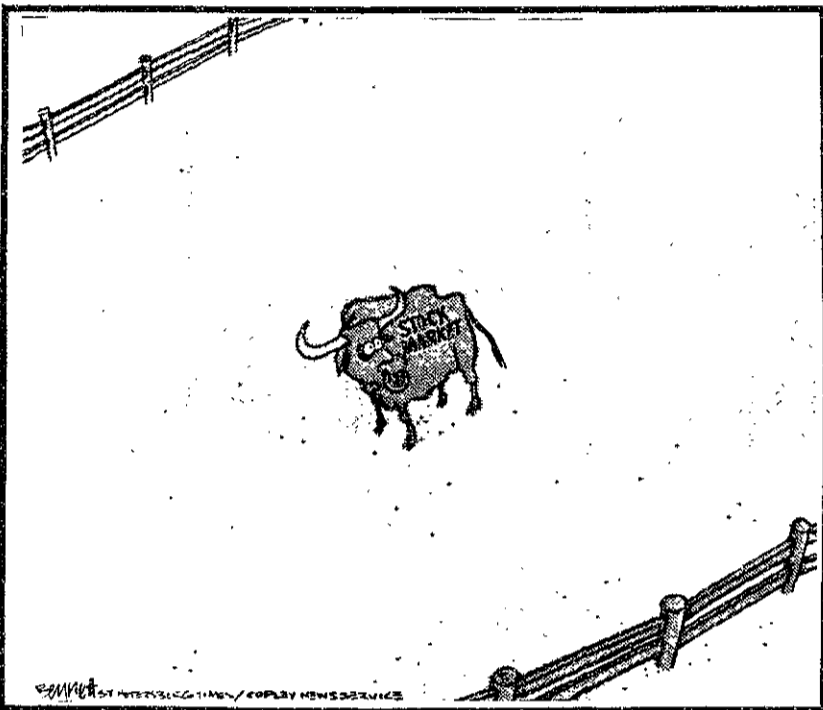
other sections of the paper. The *Globe* has four pages for college football each Sunday. Two for Boston College, Boston University, and the Ivies. The other two for the box scores from the rest of the country.

Of course, it's not just the *Globe* that does this. On the morning after the deciding seventh game of hockey's Stanley Cup finals, WBUR, the BU radio station that carries National Public Radio, had two sports items. "The Red Sox lost last night to Detroit 14-7. The Celtics will play the LA Lakers in game three of the NBA playoffs in the Garden

tomorrow night."

I won't even start on the Boston Celtics' play-by-play "reporter" Johnny Most. I'll let you listen for yourselves. Just be prepared to wonder who let the cheerleader into the booth, the one with the raspy voice who sees only flagrant fouls by the opposing "vicious, badmouth, punks" who are beating up on delicate, finesse players like Kevin McHale.

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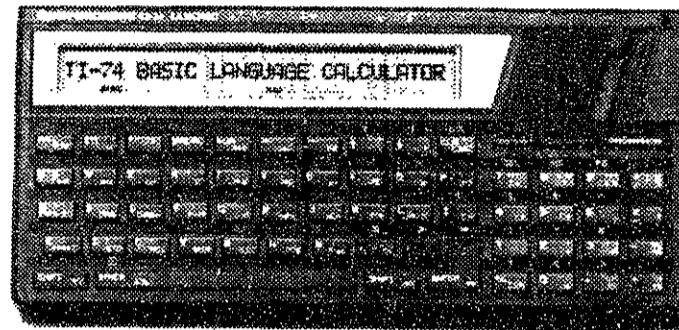
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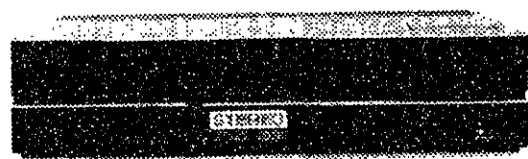
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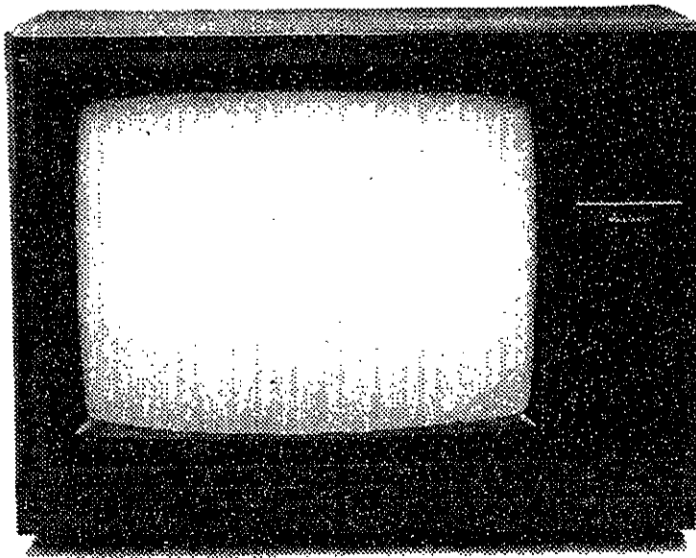
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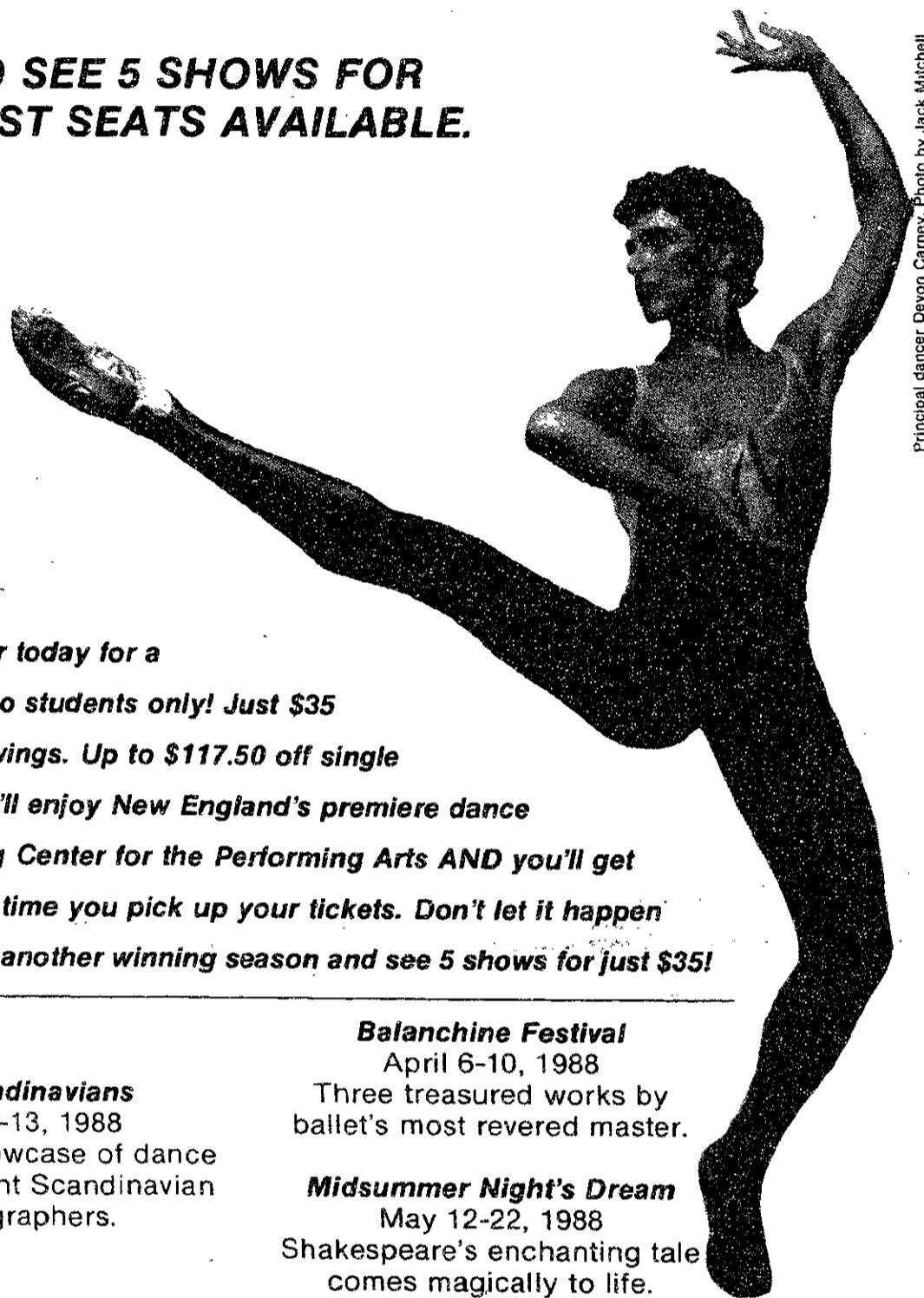
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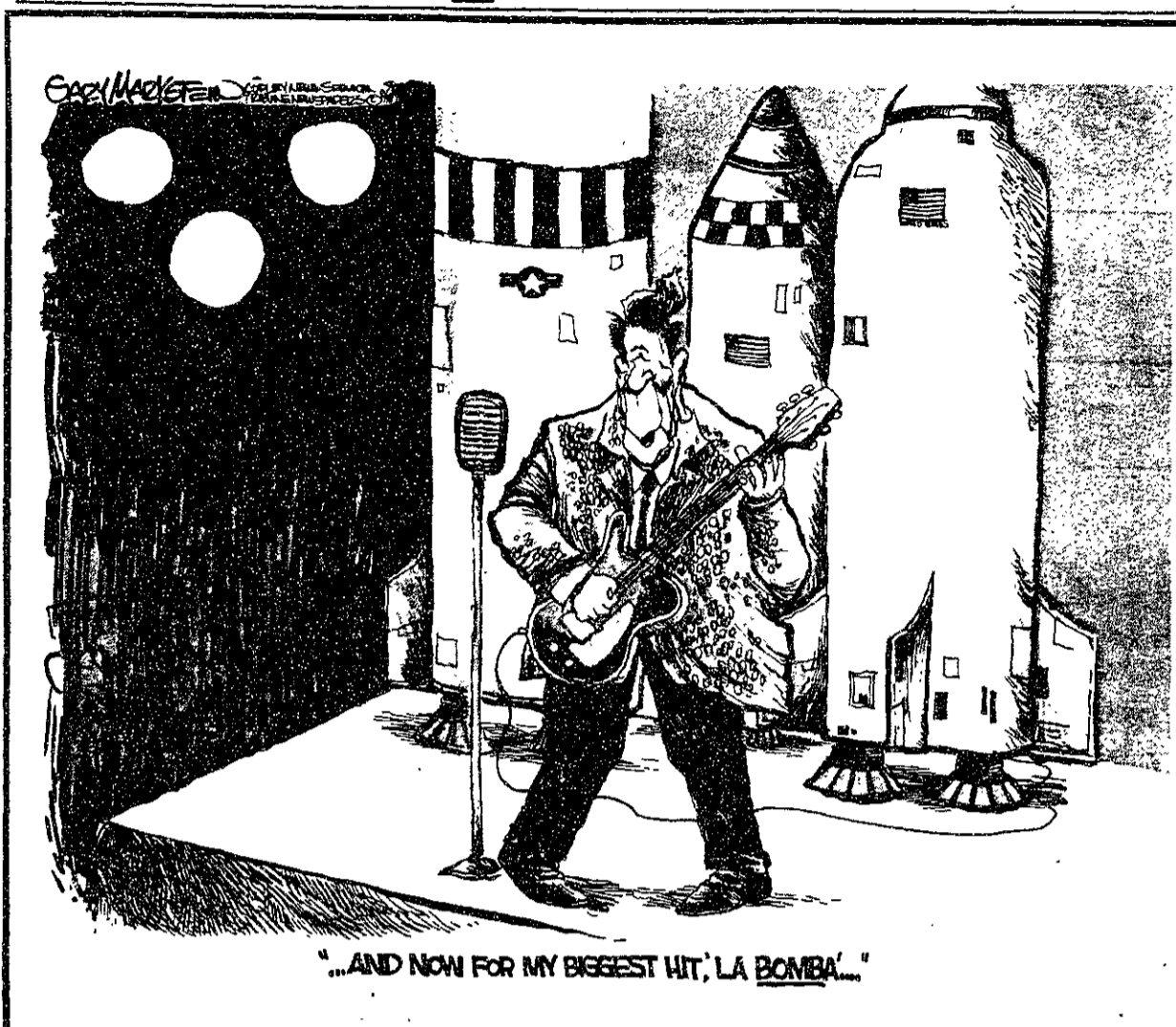
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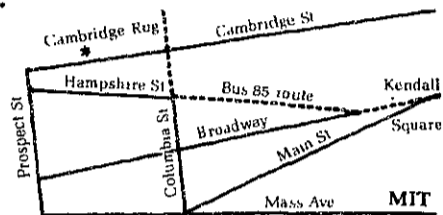
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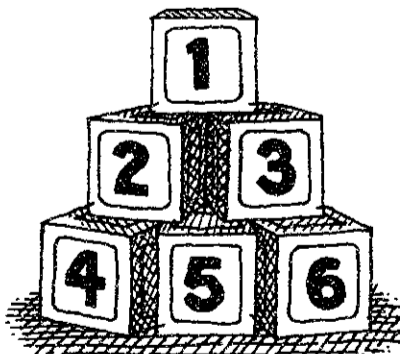
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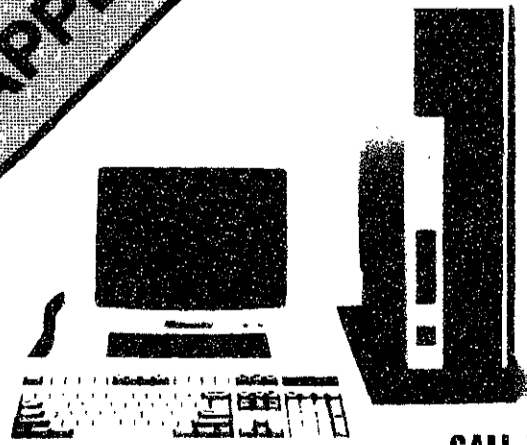


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**B**OND IS BACK, and it's about time. After far too many creaky re-treads, perennial Bond film producer Cubby Broccoli has made a fresh start with Timothy Dalton as the new 007. Dalton, who was actually considered to replace Sean Connery at the tender age of 28 before Roger Moore got the nod, makes a promising start in the latest chapter in the James Bond saga, "The Living Daylights."

Although practically anyone would be an improvement on Moore, Dalton gives us a Bond who is not only reinvigorated but intriguing and different. He is the handsomest 007 yet, without Connery's effortless sex appeal but with a darker magnetism of his own. This Bond has lived through a lot and learned a lot; he is reflective, even cynical, without having lost any of his force or drive. Dalton's achievement in projecting this is all the more impressive because of the inferior script he had to work with.

With the exception of gadgetmaster Q, who is showing his age, the rest of the cast is also new. M is gruffer and Moneypenny is much younger and prettier, but, alas, still not James's type (he declines her invitation to come over and listen to her Barry Manilow albums). Bond's main antagonists this time are Jeroen Krabbé as the KGB "defector," General Koskov, and Joe Don Baker as the international arms dealer Brad Whitaker.

Unfortunately, much of the promise of this movie is thwarted by an uninspired script and an idiotic plot.

After the traditional, irrelevant opening sequence (an incomprehensible battle on the Rock of Gibraltar, in which Bond yet again parachutes off a cliff and lands on a boat with a beautiful woman) and a te-

dious title sequence with a forgettable song, the movie begins in earnest with Bond in the town of Bratislava, Czechoslovakia smuggling General Koskov out past the watchful KGB. The KGB "sniper" ready to shoot the fleeing Koskov is the beautiful cellist Kara Milovy, played by Maryam d'Abo, who resembles a sophisticated Rosanna Arquette. Bond senses that Kara is an amateur and shoots her rifle out of her hand despite his shoot-to-kill or-

ders.

General Koskov is taken to a safe house in Britain, where he asserts that the KGB is about to revive the dreaded SMERSH, thereby triggering a bloody intelligence war in which no one will be safe from assassination. He is then "kidnapped" from the safe house, severely embarrassing the British secret service and conveniently removing him from further interrogation.

It turns out that Koskov is really in the

employ of the arms dealer Whitaker, who is trying to destabilize US-Soviet relations to create a greater market for his high-tech goodies. Bond, who hasn't figured this out yet but smells a rat, goes to Czechoslovakia to help Kara defect to Austria. She was Koskov's girlfriend, helping him stage the defection so it would appear real to the British, and is being questioned by a suspicious KGB.

After some adventures and a very funny scene at the border, Bond and Kara go to Tangier for some sort of international arms trade show. Bond has orders to kill the KGB head Pushkin and stifle SMERSH, but since he doesn't believe Koskov's story, he gets together with Pushkin and launches his own plan.

At this point the plot gets out of control. It would be hopeless to summarize further, because it is impossible to render consistent. The action moves to a Soviet military base in Afghanistan, to a *mujahdeen* rebel camp, to an airplane over Pakistan, and back to Tangier, getting more complicated and more impossible every minute. Throughout the remainder of the film the characters all behave like idiots, and the plot leaves many gaping holes.

It is true that the plots of the Bond movies are supposed to be preposterous, with the emphasis supposedly on the acting and the gadgetry. But the cardinal rule is that although the plot may be *implausible*, it must *not* be *impossible*. If you have to keep asking "now why did he (she, they) do that (stupid thing) rather than that (sensible thing)" every 90 seconds or so, it becomes impossible to keep your disbelief suspended.

The actors do a good job with what they have, but the dialogue gets them when the plot does not. The inevitable romance between Bond and Kara is horribly scripted but at least the chemistry is there. Dalton is by far the best actor in the bunch; his Bond has a lot of potential.

The producers have gotten halfway out of their rut by getting good, new actors. If they wake up and get good, new writers as well, the series can be better than ever.



Timothy Dalton and Maryam d'Abo in "The Living Daylights."

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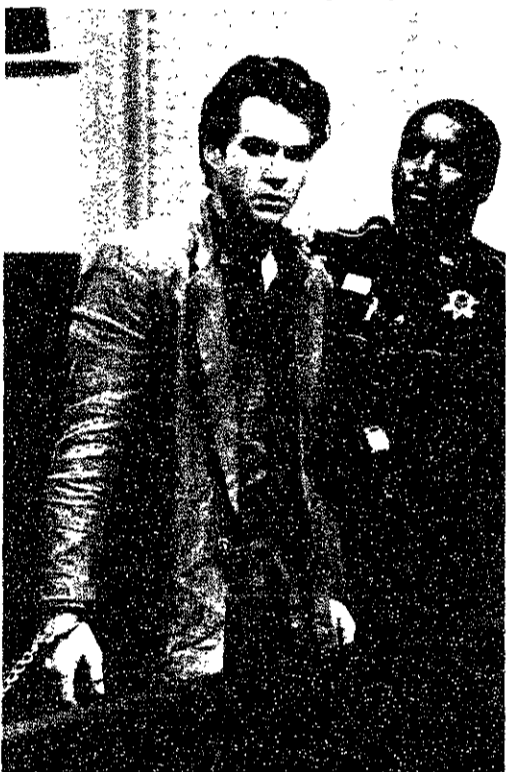
**Love and principles do battle in spicy, sad New Orleans****THE BIG EASY**

Directed by Jim McBride.  
Produced by Stephen Friedman.  
Starring Dennis Quaid, Ellen Barkin  
and Ned Beatty.

BY BEN Z. STANGER

**M**OVIE AND TV RELATIONSHIPS often seem to work best when the couple has opposing agendas. Frank Furillo and Joyce Davenport had a steamy affair when they weren't battling each other in court. And we know that Ralph Kramden really loved Alice despite all outward appearances. The most recent addition to these belligerent duos is featured in "The Big Easy" with Dennis Quaid as a corrupt New Orleans cop and Ellen Barkin as the investigator from the DA's office who threatens to destroy him.

The real star of "The Big Easy" is New



Dennis Quaid in "The Big Easy."

Orleans itself, a city portrayed with so much character in the film that it may leave its northern brother, "The Big Apple," looking somewhat drab. The New Orleans of this film is a lot more than the *Mardi Gras* festival — it is a spicy-sad town, filled with *cajun* conversation, porchside dances, and melancholy.

The movie opens with Remy McSwain (Quaid) driving to the scene of a midnight gangland hit, music blaring on his car radio. He is the youngest member of the New Orleans Police Department to make lieutenant and his skill as a detective becomes apparent all too soon. He identifies the victim and quickly tells one of his colleagues to pick up Vinnie "The Cannon" Di Moti for questioning.

Anne Osborn (Barkin), a northern lawyer sent to investigate corruption in McSwain's precinct, takes an interest in the murder case, and McSwain becomes suspicious. After his interview with Vinnie "The Cannon" — a "wise guy" in New Orleans parlance — Barkin accuses him of being "obsequious" with a prime suspect. As he reaches for his dictionary, he asks her out to dinner so they can discuss the case further. He is a smooth operator, winning and dining her at Tipitina's restaurant, in an attempt to win her heart and keep her from looking into his soul.

"We do things differently down heah," says McSwain. "This is 'the big easy.'" But the ease with which he runs red lights and gets free meals at restaurants is unsettling to Osborn. Nonetheless, the two are drawn together in a way which transcends their jobs and their principles, and she spends the night at his apartment.

Daggers begin to fly when Osborn discovers that McSwain is on the take, and she must prosecute him. Her confusion turns to rage when a critical piece of evidence is mysteriously destroyed in a police holding room. Quaid leaves the courtroom victorious along with his family and Lamar, the lawyer whose motto is, "Everyone is entitled to the best defense they can afford."

McSwain continues his pursuit of Os-



Ellen Barkin as Anne Osborn in "The Big Easy."

borne, unhindered until she tells him that whatever his intentions were when he became a cop, he is no longer one of the "good guys." McSwain is transformed. He goes into the station, gets himself taken off the "widows and orphans" fund — a somewhat dubious front for a payoff fund — and begins investigating possible police complicity in what has become a rash of mob killings.

The film is honest and violent. It implies that everyone in the police precinct is corruptible, and it delivers powerful messages about where cops draw the line between right and wrong and what happens if they do not.

Quaid gives a high caliber, original performance. His Brooklyn-Bayou accent is particularly enticing and well-rehearsed. Barkin's appearance is excellent as she fights to reconcile her love with her principles.

Other notable supporting performances include Ned Beatty as Jack Kellom, the

cop in charge, and Charles Ludlam in the small part of Quaid's suave attorney. The language and music of the film are both also especially enjoyable. The screenplay is fast and fearless, yet witty and subtle.

In the end, though, it all comes back to New Orleans. Only in "the big easy" of the city could you fight with your enemy one minute and dance with him the next. The New Orleans of "The Big Easy" is a sad city, retaining the homey atmosphere of a small town within the superstructure of a major industrial center. (Half of the police force, it appears, is composed of McSwain's relatives.)

As the film's main characters come to realize, happiness often has a cost. In McSwain's case, the cost is facing the truth about himself, while in Osborn's case it means swallowing some of her principles. Sometimes, the realization that the piper must be paid comes too late. But, as they say in downtown Louisiana, "c'est la vie ..."

**Members of the Classes of 1988, 1989, 1990:****From the Office of the Dean, School of Humanities and Social Science**

Undergraduates who wish to take a subject listed in the 1986-87 *Bulletin* as a HUM-D but which, as of 1987-88, has become a HASS-elective may petition to take that subject for HUM-D credit. The right to petition is available only to undergraduates enrolled at MIT before the 1987-88 academic year and must be completed by the fifth week of the term in which the subject is taken.

**For further information please contact Ikey Spear, 14N-409. x3-4443.**

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4.635	21.233	21.290	21.635
11.005	21.241	21.300J (SP 434J)	21.637
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17.103	21.249	21.310	21.717
17.549	21.250	21.315	21.718
17.585	21.256	21.377	21.930J (STS 223J)
21.103J (STS 601J)	21.263	21.409	24.02
21.203	21.268	21.410	24.03
21.209	21.270	21.435	24.04
21.217	21.278	21.451J (17.551J)	24.05J (STS 205J)
21.218	21.282	21.513	STS 102
21.224	21.284	21.523	STS 320
21.225	21.286	21.542	STS 321
		21.621	STS 511

## R/O Schedule

### Friday, September 4 (continued from p. 1)

- 1pm: Tour of the Boston Aquarium leaves from Kresge steps (bring money - 4 hrs.).
- 1pm-3pm: Academic Midway in DuPont Gymnasium.
- 1pm-4pm: Alumni Pool open for swim tests for all students with last names beginning with M-Z.
- 2:30pm, 3pm: Tours of Boston leave from Kresge steps (2.5 hrs.).
- 2:30pm: Physics advanced standing exams for 8.01 and 8.02 in Room 4-370. Call the Undergraduate Physics Office (Room 4-352, x3-4811) at least one day in advance (3 hrs.).
- 3pm-5pm: Experimental Study Group (ESG) Open House in Room 24-612.
- 5:30pm: Tours of the best of Boston: the restaurants leave from Kresge steps (2 hrs. - bring money for dinner).
- 9pm-1am: R/O Party for all new students in Burton Dining Hall. Sponsored by Minority R/O.

### Saturday, September 5

- Parents' Orientation begins.
- 9am-5pm: R/O Center open.
- 9am-5pm: Parents' Information Booth open in Lobby 7.
- 9am, 12:30pm: Tours of MIT leave from Kresge steps (1 hr.).
- 10:30am: Panel Discussion chaired by President Gray for parents and all new students in Kresge Auditorium.
- Noon: Trip to Museum of Fine Arts leaves from Kresge steps (4 hrs. - free admission).
- 12:30pm-2:30pm: Informal luncheon for parents and all new students in Morse Dining Hall in Walker Memorial Building (\$9.00 per person).
- 2:30pm: Tour of MIT leaves from the Great Sail, the sculpture near Walker Memorial Building (1 hr.).
- 3:30pm-5:30pm: President's Reception for parents and all new students at the President's House (111 Memorial Drive; rain location: Special Events/Athletic Center).

### Sunday, September 6

- 9am-5pm: R/O Center open.
- 10am: Bus Tour of Cambridge and Boston leaves from the front of McCormick Hall (4 hrs. - \$8 per person, bring money for lunch).
- 11am, 1pm: Tours of MIT leave from Kresge steps (1 hr.).
- 12:30pm-2pm: Luncheon for minority students and parents in Ashdown Dining Room.

### Monday, September 7 (Labor Day)

Most businesses in Boston and Cambridge will be closed, as will MIT offices.

- 1pm-5pm: Activities Midway on Kresge Oval (rain location: DuPont Gymnasium).
- 7pm: Video party for minority students at New House 1.

### Tuesday, September 8

Fourteen separate Freshman Explorations take place today. For details, consult brochure in Freshman packet, or check the Freshman Exploration Center in Lobby 7. All explorations leave from Lobby 7.

- 9am-2pm: Integrated Studies Program (ISP) Open House in Room 20C-117 for students with conflicts the week before.
- 9am-3pm: Freshmen may return registration material to Lobby 10. After 3pm, forms may be turned into the Registrar's office (E19-335) until 4pm only.
- 9am-3pm: Individual meetings with Advisors and Associate Advisors.
- 11am: Tour of the Freedom Trail leaves from Kresge steps (6 hrs.).
- 11am-1:30pm: Barbecue for women and minority students at the Athletic Center barbecue pits (Rain location: Lobby 13).
- 1pm, 1:30pm: Tours of Boston leave from Kresge steps (2.5 hrs.).
- 1pm-3pm: Alumni Pool open for swim tests for all students with conflicts on Friday, September 4.
- 3pm: "The Right-Handed Freshman Walked Past Walker Left: Some Pages from the User's Manual for the Human Brain." A lecture/demonstration by Professor Jeremy Wolfe, Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, in Room 10-250.
- 3pm: Freshman registration due in Lobby 10.
- 8:30pm: First Annual R/O Ice Cream Social for all new students in Morse Dining Hall (Walker Memorial). Sponsored by the R/O Committee.

### Wednesday, September 9

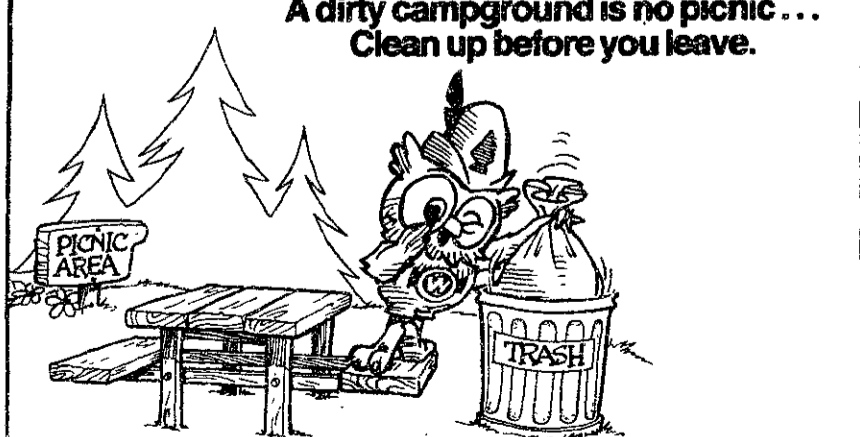
#### Registration Day

- 9am-5pm: Registration for Fall Term in DuPont Gymnasium. Freshmen should register by 11am to allow time for corrections.
- Noon-1pm: OME Open House for minority students in Room 7-143.
- 1pm-4pm: Physical Education Registration in Rockwell Cage.
- 4pm-6pm: Administrator/Faculty Reception for minority students in the Marlar Lounge (Room 37-252).

### Thursday, September 10

#### First Day of Classes

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## notices

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Do you have something to offer the public school students of Boston? Nearly all college students do, and many are now sharing their talents as S\*T\*A\*R volunteers. School volunteers also offers internships in Publicity/Marketing, Community Organizing and Recruitment. For more information, call 451-615, or visit the School Volunteers Office at 25 West St., between the Park St. and Washington stops on the MBTA.

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The "Statement of Registration Status" is still required of all male students who are expected to register for the draft, if they desire to receive federal financial aid.

The following students do not have to file statements: women, underage students and those who have completed the statement in previous years.

MIT requires male students who have completed the statement by indicating they are "underage" to submit the statement annually until they have registered.

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

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The Peace Corps is offering skill-training for programs utilizing the backgrounds of college graduates with mathematics and science minors. Peace Corps volunteers serve for two years. During their service they receive a

generous living allowance, paid travel, training and health care. A post-service readjustment allowance of \$175 per month is paid to each volunteer. For information on Peace Corps service, call 223-7366, or write PEACE CORPS, 150 Causeway St., Room 1304, Boston, MA 02114.

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Volunteering in the Boston or Cambridge public schools offers an opportunity to learn about urban education and multi-cultural environments. Volunteers work with elementary, middle or high school students during or after the school day, for long or short-term assignments.

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A new Pentagon Audit Project provides detailed listings of military contracts awarded to local companies and colleges across the United States. The system can help requesters determine what weapons systems are made or based in their area, or find out whether companies in which they own stock are doing military-related work. For more information contact Paul Brink at (215) 241-7060.



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### Tuesday, Sept. 8

Boston University's Center for the Philosophy and History of Science will begin its 28th annual Boston Colloquium for the Philosophy of Science 1987-88. The first lecturer of the year-long series, David Zeilicovici, Bar-Ilan University, Israel, will speak on "Temporal Becoming Minus the Moving Now." Free and open to the public, the lecture will begin at 8 pm in the Terrace Lounge, George Sherman Union, 775 Commonwealth Ave., Boston. For more information call 353-2604.

### Monday, Sept. 14

"Healing Yourself During Separation and Divorce" is the title of a free lecture/discussion to be held at 7:30 pm at the Riverside Family Institute, located at 259 Walnut Street, Newtonville, Room 14. The lecture will be given by Harry Keshet, PhD. No pre-registration necessary. For more information, call 964-6933.

### Monday, Sept. 21

Life in the stepfamily is the topic of a free lecture, "Discussion on Life in the Stepfamily," to be given by Martin Zafran, LICSW, a family therapist at Riverside Family Counseling Center. Sponsored by Riverside Family Institute, a non-profit organization, the lecture will be held at 7:30 pm in Room 14 at 259 Walnut Street, Newtonville. For more information, call 964-6933.

### Monday, Sept. 28

Jan Hoyt, MA will explore what alcoholism is and its impact on the individual and other family members. The free lecture, entitled "Alcoholism in the Family," will begin at 7:30 pm at the Riverside Family Institute, 259 Walnut Street, Newtonville. Available treatment and supports to sobriety will also be discussed. For more information, call 964-6933.

### Announcements

#### Ongoing

A Divorce Support Group led by Marcia Ullian Jackson, LICSW, will begin on Sept. 16, 1987 at Riverside Family Institute, 259 Walnut Street, Newtonville. The group will meet on Wednesday evenings for ten weeks in Room 14 from 7:30 to 9 pm and is designed to help people overcome the social and emotional impact of separation and divorce. Call 964-6933 for more information. A fee will be charged.

CALL, a toll-free telephone service, is available throughout Massachusetts and provides free information about colleges, graduate schools, financial aid sources, and career opportunities. CALL counselors can also refer callers to other sources such as schools, training programs or other education-related agencies available in specific areas. CALL operates Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 9 pm; Friday and Saturday 9 am to 5 pm; and Sunday 2 pm to 6 pm at 1-800-442-1171. Counselors are also available on a walk-in basis at the Higher Education Information Center located at the Boston Public Library, 666 Boylston Street, next to the Copley Plaza.

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.

The Foreign and Domestic Teachers Organization needs teacher applicants in all fields from kindergarten through college to fill over six hundred teaching vacancies both at home and abroad. Should you wish additional information about our organization, you may write The National Teacher's Placement Agency, Universal Teachers, Box 5231, Portland, Oregon 97208.

The Off-Campus Housing Service welcomes any member of the community who either has available housing or who is searching for housing to contact our office in Room E18-301, ext. 3-1493.

The professional tutor staff of the MIT Writing and Communication Center (14N-317) will be glad to consult with you on any writing or oral presentation project (papers, theses, letters, etc.) from 10-6 Monday thru Friday. You may either phone for an appointment (x3-3090) or just drop in. In addition, workshops for those for whom English is a second language are held in the Center on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15. All services are free.

The Samaritans — someone to talk to and befriend you, are available on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The center, at 500 Commonwealth Avenue, Kenmore Square, is open from 8-8 every day for people to come in and talk. Service is free and completely confidential. Call 247-0220.

Explorer Dr. Barry Barker of the National Institute for Exploration is organizing a series of expeditions during 1987 in an attempt to discover the hidden answers of mysterious and strange happenings in Peru. The results of these expeditions will be a full color book representing the best journalistic and photographic efforts of more than 100 individuals. For further details, call or write Dr. Barry W. Barker, Director, National Institute for Exploration, 111 N. Market St., Champaign, IL, 61820, 217-352-3667.

The Science and Humanities Libraries (Hayden Building Libraries) are now open from noon Sunday to 8 pm Friday — 24 hours a day — and from 8 am to 8 pm on Saturday. From midnight to 8 am access to the libraries is limited to members of the MIT community. Circulation and reference services are not available during restricted hours.

The MIT Museum has many ongoing exhibits. The Museum is located at 265 Massachusetts Ave., and is open Monday through Friday, 9-5, Saturday 10-4. Admission is free.

The Integrated Studies Program invites you to attend the Spring 1987 ISP Speaker Series, Friday afternoon talks by distinguished speakers. On April 24, Professor MacCormac will speak on the clash of values between Indian tradition and modern science and technology. On May 1, Bob Christgau, music critic for *The Village Voice*, will talk about the effects of new technology in popular music. On May 8, Professor Jeanne Bamberger talks about 'truth' in music. All talks will be held in 20C-117 at 3:15PM, and will be followed by refreshments, with time for conversation and questions.

The Student Conservation Association (SCA) is providing opportunities for about 150 students to obtain expense-paid volunteer positions in conservation and resource management. Volunteers this winter and spring will serve in such areas as: the Virgin Islands, San Francisco, Florida, Arizona, Idaho, and Hawaii. Telephone the SCA at (603) 826-5206/5741 or send a postcard to: Student Conservation Association, PO Box 550C, Charlestown, NH 03603.

Parenting is a tough job. If you need help surviving the parenting experience, the Family Support Network and Parents Anonymous are co-sponsoring a support group for isolated or overwhelmed parents. Every Tuesday night from 6 pm to 8 pm at Roxbury Children's Service, 22 Elm Hill Ave., Dorchester.

The Family Support Network is also sponsoring a support group for teen parents, every Thursday night from 6 pm to 8 pm at Roxbury Children's Service.

Getting High? or Getting Desperate? If drugs are becoming a problem, call or write: Narcotics Anonymous, 264 Meridian St., East Boston 02128, (617) 569-0021. Local meetings held at the MIT Medical Department, E23-364, on Mondays from 1-2 pm.

The Cambridge Dispute Settlement Center has announced that it is making its service of mediating disputes available to roommates in the Cambridge area. Those interested in using CDSC's service to resolve a roommate dispute or any other dispute should contact the mediation center at 876-5376.

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- Chamber Music Society:** Wednesday, September 9, 7pm, Room 4-156. Sightreading and prepared contrasting pieces. Further info: 253-3210.
- Concert Band:** First meeting (without instruments) Monday, September 14, 5:30pm, Kresge Rehearsal Room B. First rehearsal September 16, 8:30pm. Further info: 253-3210.
- Festival Jazz Band and Concert Jazz Band:** Call the Music Office at 253-3210 for information.
- MIT Choral Society:** Open rehearsal, Monday, September 14 at 7:30pm in Room 2-190. Auditions will be scheduled at this rehearsal. NOTE: On Thursday, September 17, there will be separate auditions for a student choir. Only those students who have been selected for the MIT Choral Society will be eligible to audition. For further info: Alan Barnett: 253-2354.
- MIT Symphony Orchestra:** Thursday, September 10, 8:30pm, Walker Memorial. Further info: Mary-Lynne DiCenso, 253-2826 between 1 and 5pm, Monday - Friday.

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## Panel discusses women's education

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suit, but she still encountered sexist — and racist — questions. One male interviewer asked: "Can you cook? What . . . African lasagna?"

Gibson recommended that students should explore their interests while in college, but also keep some long-term goals in mind. She stressed that women should not compromise their goals — that they should not, for example, allow partners to hinder their careers.

For Prazak, the warmest memories of college revolve around the people that she met there, not from the classes that

she took. Her four closest friends, she said, were people she met on the first day of school. Fifteen years later, they still support each other.

Some of her favorite experiences included working at a job packing hair-dryers and taking a cross-country trip in a station wagon with her friends. She said that college could be a very isolating experience, but that the individual can grow by talking to others, and respecting and caring for others.

Meanwhile, Perry warned that society tends to undervalue women, and that some women have come to undervalue themselves

— a kind of "cultural absorption."

To avoid this pitfall, Perry advised women to get to know and support each other, describing the importance of "survival relationships" between women, in which they nurture, listen and talk to each other. "At present, women are better at intimacy," Perry said. "If all your friends are male, you will end up lonely."

To combat this undervaluation in public, women should learn to speak for themselves and other women, Perry said. The problem is, most students — including women — do not think that women do as well as men in the classroom. "Fight it," she said.

Much of the undervaluation of women comes from the fact that men are still in the majority at MIT, Perry said. "Beware of the democratic ideal," she warned, for it will lead to a tyranny of the majority. If allowed to, the majority will silence and assimilate to itself the minority, she explained.

## MDC police arrest two MIT students after sodium drop

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proceeded down the bridge towards MIT but decided to return after about 50 yards to see why Johnston was still talking with the officer. Fox asked Johnston what was going on and was then questioned by the officer.

The officer asked for Fox's name, where he lived, how he knew Johnston, and who was responsible for the explosions, Fox said. Fox told the officer that all he knew of the "Sodium Drop" was that it was organized by some people from East Campus. At that point, both Johnston and Fox were placed under arrest, handcuffed, and then driven to the police station, they said. The MDC police station clerk identified the arresting officer as Michael Rubino.

Despite questioning the officer frequently during the ride, Fox said, he and Johnston were not told of the charges against them until they arrived at the station. Fox said both he and Johnston were cooperative and polite with the police during the whole incident.

As the crowd of students was walking from East Campus to the Longfellow Bridge for the sodium drop an MDC officer in a car stopped traffic on Memorial Drive, according to Mark Virtue '90. The arresting officers did not arrive until after the sodium drops were finished, according to Virtue.

"Most of us had assumed that the police knew about it," Fox said. He added that he had heard rumors that there were some people in the area who were playing with firecrackers.

Fox said an officer told him that he had learned "a valuable lesson": that friends aren't very helpful. In response to a comment Fox made to Johnston about alcohol not being served at Random Hall earlier that night, an officer told him, "See, it would have been better if you had gotten drunk," Fox said.

Johnston said that while in the police station he heard one officer make a comment like, "In protests you have to arrest somebody."

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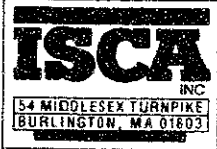
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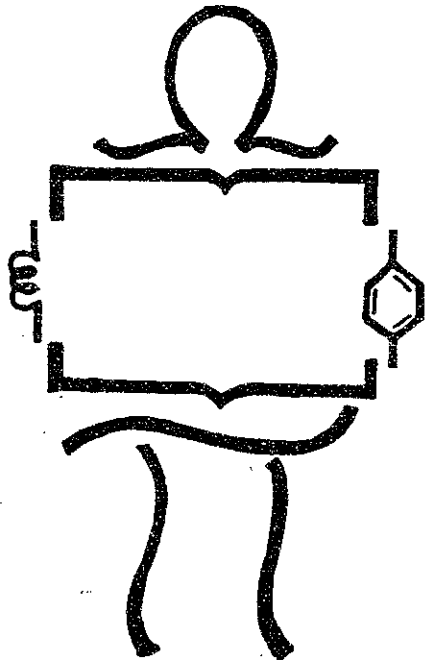
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# Fraternity rush hurt by lower number of men

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number of spots [for males] in fraternities is the same."

Parfomak added that the fraternities have no answers right now, but they hope to work with the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs in resolving the problem. "It is in both our [the IFC's and the ODSA's] interests to make sure the fraternity system remains strong," he added.

### Third round eliminated

This year's housing lottery consisted only of two rounds, as opposed to three in previous years. In the first round, 687 freshmen received housing assignments, leaving 47 freshmen without assignments. Of those receiving assignments, 87 percent received their first choice. Thirty-five students, or five percent, were unhappy with their assignments and voluntarily placed themselves in the second round.

The great advantage of eliminating the third round was that everyone was housed within 30 hours, Tewhey said.

Statistics detailing how many freshmen were assigned to each of their first choice houses have

not been compiled because the two rounds were done in a short time span, Tewhey explained.

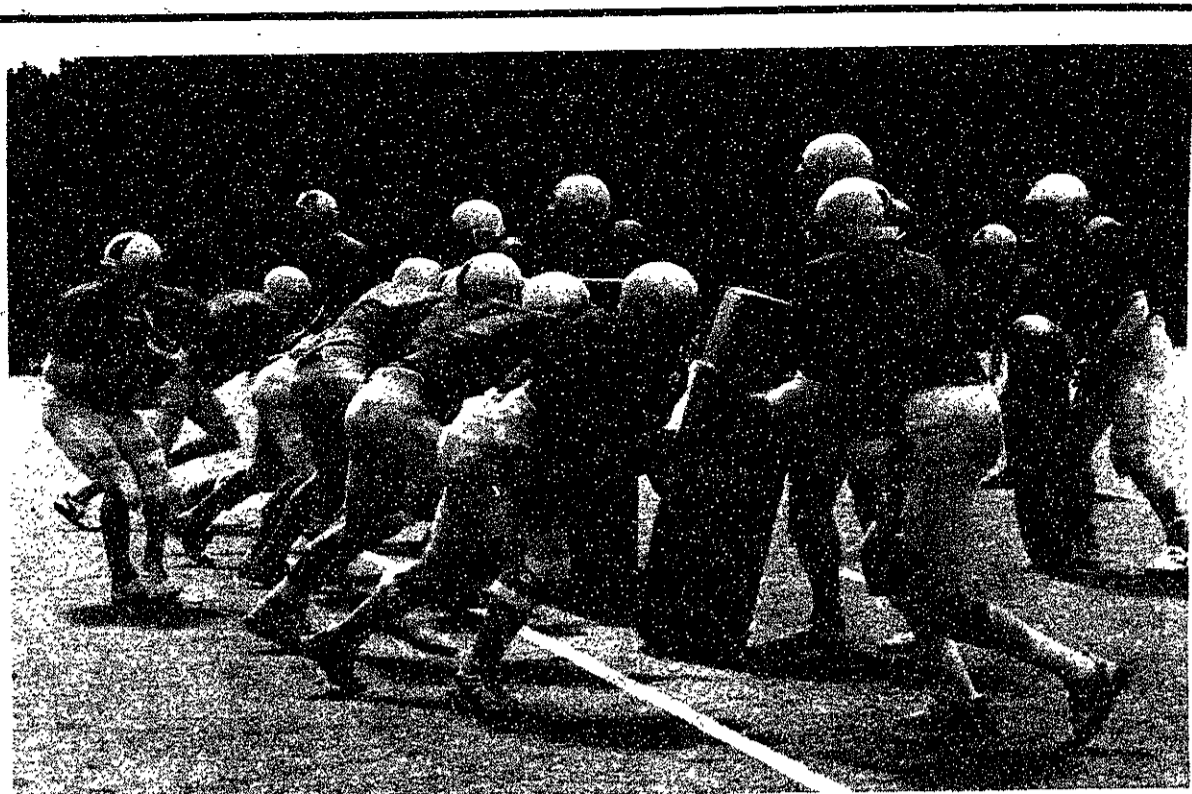
He noted that McCormick Hall and MacGregor House were both oversubscribed this year.

### MacGregor oversubscribed by both sexes

MacGregor House went coed this year by opening up several all-female suites. In the first round, 59 women and 83 men listed the dorm as their first choice. MacGregor had 32 spaces for women and 43 for men.

Tewhey said that two factors — allowing women listing MacGregor as a first choice to list an additional first choice and permitting MacGregor an early women's rush — helped the dormitory attract enough women.

Last year, the ODSA had required that all coeducational dormitories have at least 30 percent women residents. In order to fulfill this requirement, the housing office filled spaces first with women and then added men to the lottery. No such formula was necessary this year because of the greater number of women at MIT, Tewhey said.

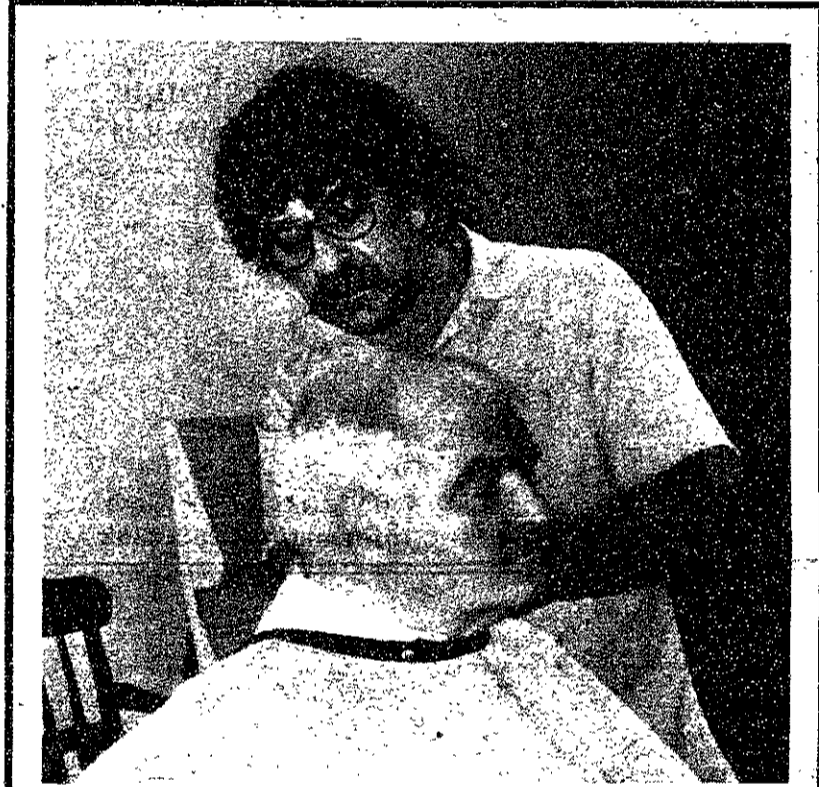


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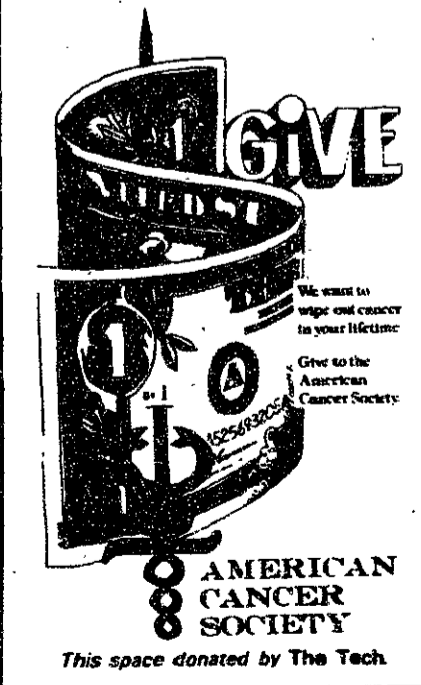
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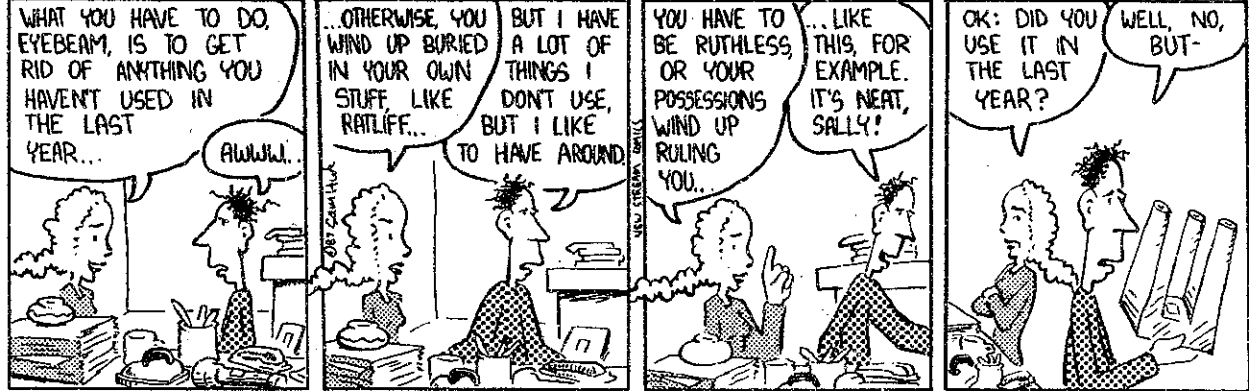
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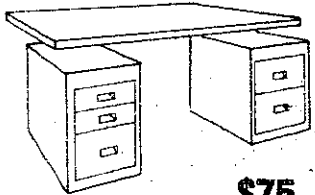
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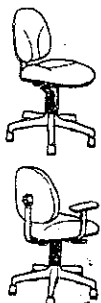
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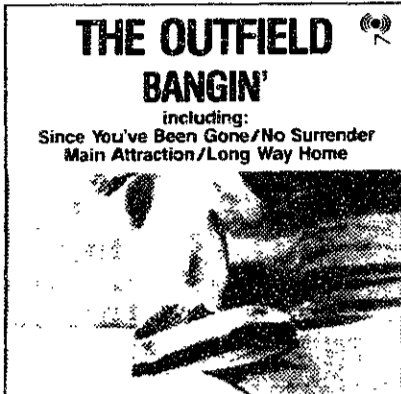


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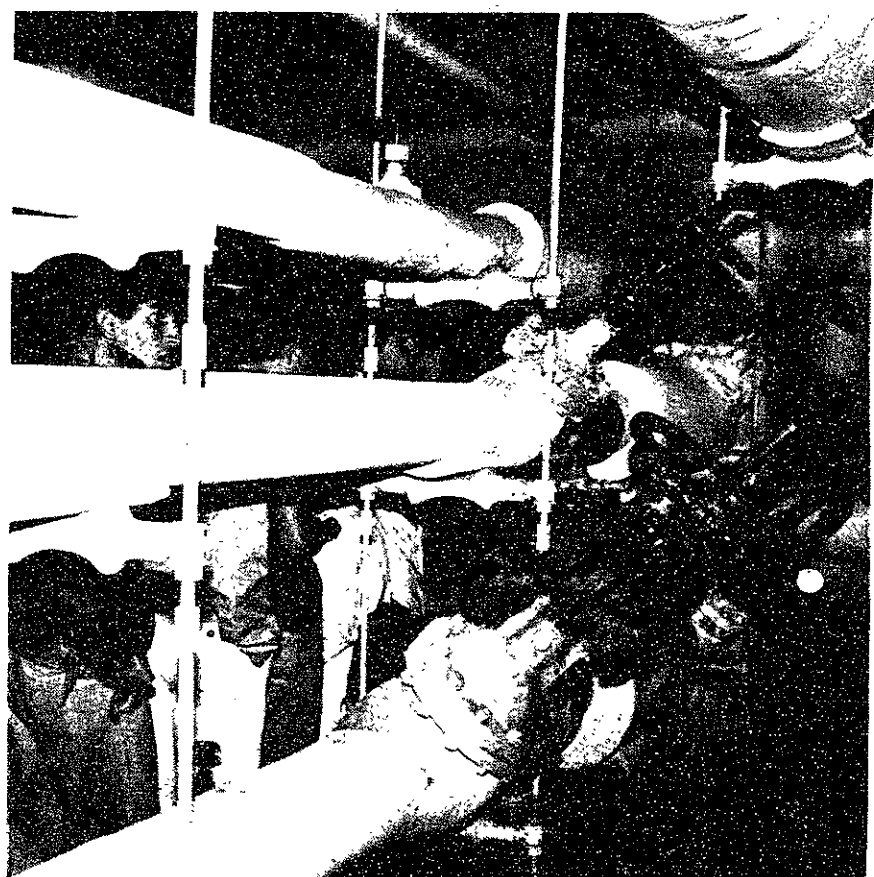
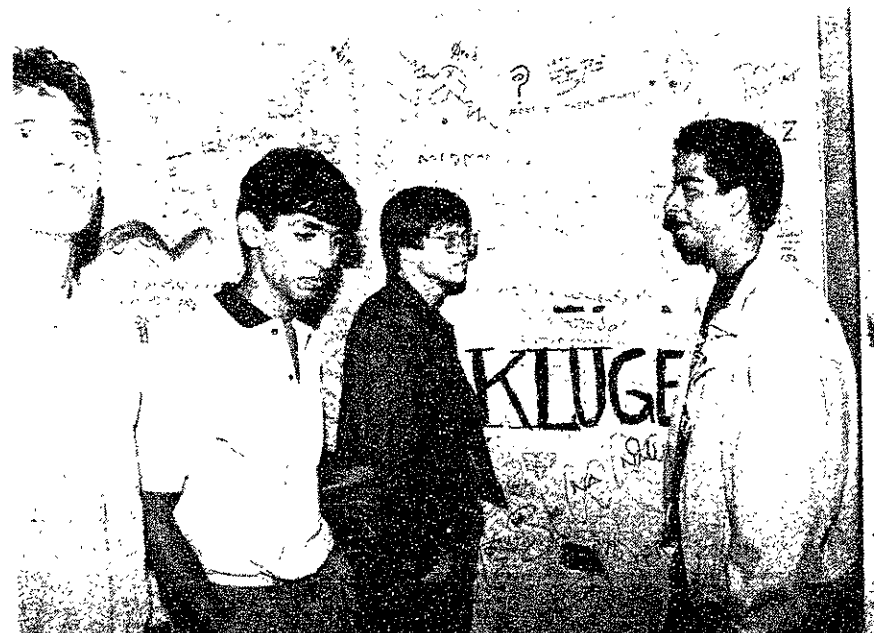


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