Rent board offers MIT deal

By Niraj S. Desai
The Cambridge Rent Control Board (CRCB) has conditionally approved MIT's request to remove five dilapidated houses from management by the Financial District Street from the rental market Wednesday night.

The MIT request was conditioned on the promise to renovate five dilapidated houses on Blanche Street, according to Director of Planning Joel S. M. Sorensen and Steve P. Margosian '91.

According to Annabelle Boyd, assistant special assistant for governmental relations and community affairs, tenant relations, the MIT offer was made to resolve the problem of the houses.

"The houses are in such poor condition that the tenants are unable to use them," said Boyd. "The MIT offer is a practical solution that will benefit both the tenants and the university."

The houses are on the east side of Blanche Street, between 11 and 13, and 15 and 17.

The MIT offer was based on the following conditions:

1. MIT will provide a total of $50,000 to be used for the renovation of the houses.
2. MIT will provide a total of $20,000 to be used for the removal of the houses.
3. MIT will provide a total of $10,000 to be used for the relocation of the tenants.
4. MIT will provide a total of $10,000 to be used for the relocation of the tenants' belongings.

The tenant group has been working with the MIT offer since last week and has been in discussion with the MIT representatives.

By Michael Gajer

Committees place limit on distribution subjects

Students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) have voted to limit the number of distribution subjects that can be taken by students.

The vote was held during the MIT Student Senate meeting Wednesday night and was passed by a vote of 119 to 96.

The resolution was proposed by the MIT Senate Committee on Academic Policy and was supported by the MIT Senate Committee on Distribution Subjects.

The resolution states: "The Senate hereby limits the number of distribution subjects that can be taken by students to two per year."

The resolution was passed after two hours of debate and was opposed by some students who argued that the resolution would limit their academic freedom.

By Darrel Tarascon

OSDA hires temporary help for ILG relations

By Annabelle Boyd

The Office of the Dean for Student Affairs has hired Virginia O. Jefferson and Steve P. Margosian '88 to handle fraternity affairs at MIT.

Jefferson, a senior at MIT, will handle the many problems that the independent living group (ILG) has faced over the past eight months.

Jefferson's role will be to help the ILG system by acting as a liaison between the ILG and the university administration.

Jefferson will also serve as a temporary advisor and will work to resolve the many problems that the ILG has faced over the past eight months.

Jefferson is a senior at MIT, majoring in computer science.

"We are very pleased to have someone who is knowledgeable about the ILG to help us with the many issues that we have faced," said Jefferson.

"I am happy to be here and I look forward to working with the ILG to resolve their many problems," said Jefferson.

Jefferson will begin her duties on September 1st.
Left students meet at regional convention

By Daniel J. Glenn and Susan Glenn

The effort to create a national leftist student movement contin-ued last weekend at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, one month after the movement's tumultuous beginnings at Rutgers University. Over 100 students from twenty New England schools gathered together in Amherst to form a regional student organization.

Saturday's events began and ended with a surprising display of solidarity, contrasting sharply with the divisive character of the Rutgers convention, in which racial and political differences nearly destroyed the movement before it began.

However that solidarity was again shaken during Sunday's session, in which heated debate developed over the political content of the organization's first two scheduled actions.

Two students from the University of Vermont organized Saturday's packed agenda, which included three hours of political discussions, three hours of debate on the organization's structure, and a series of caucuses discussing racism and sexism within society and the movement. The agenda was set by the new, nationwide committee and was approved with amendments by the body of delegates.

Voting on procedural issues proved to be cumbersome throughout the weekend but in the end effective in avoiding factional splits.

The morning began with a report from each university on recent political actions taken on campus. These included a debate series at Brandeis on the Israel/Palestine conflict, a "Peace and Justice Festival" planned at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, and South African divestment protests at the University of Maine.

Highlighting the list were dramatic building takeovers by racial minorities at UM-Amherst and Hampshire College who were protesting racism on campus, and by students protesting CTA recruitment at the Universities of New Hampshire and UVM. The anti-war protests, according to the students, succeeded in pressing their administrations to meet their demands.

At a smaller discussion group, students focused on finding the ideological roots that brought them together and on methods and tactics for developing a "movement." There appeared to be extraordinary agreement on the larger issues, perhaps because the specifics were avoided due to time constraints.

General consensus was reached that the group was forming to ex- erie social change by educating people about underlying "root causes" — class, racism, and capitalism — that link the issues of "homelessness in Boston with the death squads of El Salvador."

The slogan, "Think globally, act locally," characterizes the grassroots approach to organizing that many students advocated in discussions on methods.

The students claimed that they wanted to create a "multi-racial," multi-cultural, broad-based organi-

Leftist students met at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst to form a leftist student organization.

UROP offers program for freshmen

By Joan Bern

Last Independent Activities Pe-riod, the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program initiated a new program to give freshmen a greater opportunity to do re-

search in upperclassmen in bi-

ology labs, according to Jane Sherwin, Dean for Undergrad-

uate Research Opportunities.

This "modest pilot project" will probably continue during IAP next year and may perhaps be the forerunner of other pro-

jects helping freshmen find re-

search opportunities in fields where few existed before, Sherwin said.

The UROP office advertised the project last fall on the UROP boards and in Tech Talk. Sherwin said. About fifteen to twenty freshmen called to apply to the project, the added. Sherwin and the three upperclassmen who vol-

unteered, interviewed the stu-

dents and eventually decided on three.

The main criteria for selection to the program were "enthusiasm, energy, and the ability to ar-

culate why they were interested in the program," Sherwin said. Prior experience in a biology lab was not a factor in the decision process, Sherwin stressed.

"The purpose of the program was to let freshmen get their feet wet in the biology lab, the issue involved was not experience, Sherwin said.

Sherwin contacted a number of professors in the biology depart-

ment who would be willing to have freshmen in their labs with upperclassmen in January, and also sought their suggestions and opinions on the program.

Robert Weinberg of the White-

head Center, Irving London of the Health Sciences and Technol-

ogy Program, and Graham Walker of the biology department volunteered their labs for the program, Sherwin said.

London supported the project because "research should be done at all levels — undergraduates and graduate students, and even high school students should have the chance to work in the lab."

(There is an address for the program at the end of this story.)
Honduras attacks Nicaragua as first US troops arrive

A Nicaraguan spokesman said warplanes developed a Palestinian Liberation Organization base deep in Lebman yesterday. Police in Lebanon said one guerrilla was killed and another wounded in the raid with a 17-year-old bölüm in Nicosia, who told the Associated Press that the raid had been successful. He said that Sardanista troops fired on the planes, forcing them to turn back. A Reagan administration source in Washington confirmed Honduras launched the raid. Meanwhile, the soldiers President Regan ordered to Honduras as a show of force against Nicaragua have start-
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The US troops are more than 100 miles from the border where Nicaraguan forces and the contras reportedly have been fighting. Military sources say about 3000 Condi-

Shamin continues to refuse conference

Israel Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir is facing a difficult task in Washington with President Reagan and Secretary of State George P. Shultz PhD '49. But Shultz said the US deployment "can cause huge problems for the Arabs who have turned to us." And the Argentine minister said the US will try to prepare an application for a new trial, based on adverse evidence of perjury by a chief prosecution witness. The six were convicted of conspiracy in the murder of a black town councillor, although there was no evidence that they actually took part in the killing. The case prompted international appeals for clemency.

Israel soldiers face trial

The case of four Israeli soldiers accused of brutality against Palestinians reached court yesterday. Two pleaded guilty to murdering a Palestinian and sentenced to life imprisonment. Two others pleaded innocent in a beating of two Palestinians that was recorded by a CBS camera.

Coup attempt stabilized in Panama

Forces loyal to Panamanian military leader Manuel Noriega are being flown to Honduras and Panama's public services crippled by recent work stoppages. Several of the military press office maintained that no more than 3200 airborne and light infantry troops from Fort Bragg, NC, and Fort Ord, CA, are being flown to Hono-

The coup in Panama has been stifled by the US military intervention. The US military has taken control of major public services crippled by recent work stoppages. Several civilian employees planned for yesterday were apparent-
ly canceled as heavily-armed government troops paraded the city after the coup attempt. Many of Panama's public employees are on strike because the government, under a cash-squeeze from the United States, cannot pay its work-

IRA funeral marks St. Patrick's Day

In Belfast, Northern Ireland, St. Patrick's Day included a funeral procession for a taped funeral of a man who was killed in a clash with British soldiers. A priest blessed the body of the man, who was 24, in a moving ceremony attended by hundreds of mourners. The priest said that the man died after being shot by British soldiers. The funeral was marked by a moment of silence and the playing of the national anthem.

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Cable companies may be regulated

Senator Howard Metzenbaum (D-OH) warned yester-

day that cable TV operators may be subject to regulation by Congress if rates continue to rise and programming is withheld from competitors. Metzenbaum said that Congress is concerned that cable TV companies enjoy a monop-
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Weather

Winter's last breath (?)

Winter weather is likely to spell trouble for anyone going into the Mid-Atlantic states today or tomorrow. Low pressure developing in the southeastern United States will move to the Virginia coast later today and continue to head north-easternward over the states of New England. The result is a cold front with heavy snow expected to bring a strong wind chill.

Column/David P. Hamilton

New Right supports terror

The most insidious aspect of New Right foreign policy isn't the diffuse paranoia of its proponents, or the financial costs of the military buildup the nation has seen, or even the exaggerated sense of global American power and prestige that leads critics to claim that every Third World brushfire war is vital to our national security.

Sure, these are problems. But they pale in comparison with the rationalizations and outright falsehoods these conservatives use to justify American support for any repressive dictator or guerrilla group that tells us how they're revolting.

In this fervent search for enemies, the Right no waste time proclaiming autocrats and terrorists "democratic."

Consider the Reagan Doctrine for a moment. By offering to support anti-Marxist guerrillas anywhere in the world, the Reagan administration is operating under the same "lies" for the Soviet Union is a gain for the United States, and should be encouraged accordingly.

If the world you look like a zero-sum game of chess, this assumption makes sense. If you factor in elements of poverty, religious fundamentalism, long-standing national rivalries, under-development, and over-militarization, the foundation of this belief begins to look a bit shaky.

The reinvention of the Soviet "gain" of the past fifteen years are economic basket cases, unable to sustain themselves without Soviet aid. When the Soviets are unable to provide the price subsidies and development projects these nations need, as Mozambique has discovered, these nations will turn to the West. What kind of a Soviet gain is that? And more importantly, what is the point of supplying rebel forces in these countries when the Marxist revolts will bankrupt itself?

Ah, say the conservatives, we have also increased the Soviets' gain against vital raw materials and destabilizing surrounding regions. Usually this claim is accompanied by a repetition of some now old call the Kirkpatrick Doctrine, first uttered by then ambassador Jean Kirkpatrick.

Put simply, the Kirkpatrick Doctrine states that repressive authoritarian regimes are more easily replaced than Marxist-Leninist totalitarian regimes and that Americans should be comforted because "you sons of bitches," to paraphrase Franklin Roosevelt, are holding back the incurring commitment and thus they become democratic themselves.

Several problems with these assertions simultaneously come to mind. The first is that Marxist-Leninist nations aren't the only destabilizing influences in the world. In Africa, for example, Mozambique isn't the only country that is eroding their neighbors. Instead, both are currently facing domestic emergencies, supported by South Africa and, in Angola, the United States.

In fact, the South African regime even seems to be participating in an attack in southern Angola. What's the destabilizing influence there?

Secondly, although the literal truth of the Kirkpatrick Doctrine is debatable, even the corruption effect on American democracy of closely aligning with leaders like the figures of Marcos, Somoza, Baratia, and Noriega. The slowly emerging web of CIA connections in Central America suggests just how far our support of brutal dictators has undermined the civilian control of foreign policy.

The conservatives will argue that such problems are the price we must pay in order to stop the communist advance. It's not clear, however, that such draconian measures are necessary. George Kennan, a member of the first American diplomatic mission to the Soviet Union and a Soviet scholar of many years, has long advocated a policy of "limited containment" in which the US concentrates its effort on clearly defined security interests, rather than jumping at every Soviet threat anywhere in the Third World.

In fact, the historical verdict is not in on totalitarianism. Marxist-Leninist states are slowly facing the internal contradictions of their own systems: stagnating centrally planned economies that can only be saved by reforms that threaten to undermine the legitimate ruling party. If these nations are to keep up with the technological superpowers of the West, now including the newly-industrialized Pacific rim nations, they will have to surmount the fact of their own decline first.

Perhaps the conservatives are right. But unless they are opposed wherever it is found, regardless of the cost. If this is true, however, we choose creating our own Orwellian dilemma in which it is necessary to become like your enemy in order to defeat him. If there are other options - and limited containment appears to offer one - there's no excuse for not exercising them.

David P. Hamilton, a senior in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, is a columnist for The Tech.

Column/Mark E. McDowell

Loopy plans for spring break

Hello Spring! I want to give you some advice warning this year: I'm ready for you. You all seem to catch me by surprise. Some years you come flowing in whenever I'm ready. That's really you. This year I'm as ready and waiting. Where are you?

Hello Grosvenor! I see you every spring when I bike to Wellesley. There you are, waiting at the end of my journey with your winding, teasing slope. You come like your enemy in order to defeat him. If there are other options - and limited containment appears to offer one - there's no excuse for not exercising them.

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Do not veil education reform

To the Editor:
This letter is meant to open up a discussion on an issue which was raised without much notice at Tuesday's student-faculty colloquium on educational reform. In answering a question posed by Yoch Editor in Chief Andrew L. Fisch '88 about the administration keeping secrets from the students, Undergraduate Association President Neal Rodriquez '89 referred (perhaps unintentionally) to a "confidential report" which he received. He did not specify what this report was about, nor who or which entity had been consulted. What reason could some- one in the administration have for wishing to conceal committee reports or study? Who has the right to keep the authority to classify information, and to whom can the student hold accountable for their actions? And most importantly, what else aren't we being told?

The 1983 report of the Committee on the Changing Nature of Information condemned secrecy in scientific research, and it is MIT's stated policy not to keep any on-campus research that is classified. How can this policy be justified? This begins to remind me of recent events in Washington; did President Paul E. Gray '54 know about this report? Did he okay its classification? Who knew what and when?

It is well known that some individuals in the federal government have concealed information to protect their own interests. I suggest that we be able to see out at MIT. It has been suggested that information might be held back to prevent student protests. Such skullduggery is not new. MIT, according to Suduiko, proclaims "openness" and academic freedom. I urge those in power to find out what information has been held back and release it, while at the same time ensuring that such concealments do not occur in the future. That such a practice could go on would seem to run completely against all the precepts enunciated by the late James R. Killian Jr., '36, in whose honor Tuesday's colloquium was held.

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In addition, McDowell implies that the committee sent the warning letters "before checking to see if the student had in fact failed to complete the writing requirement." We did check our records to see if a student had completed the requirement before we sent the letters. There is, however, an inherent time lag between when a student satisfies a phase of the requirement and when that information is communicated to the committee. In some writing cooperatives, for example, lists of the passing students are not sent until two or three weeks after the end of the semester. In trying to act in due time, we must be aware that knowledge of the Dean for Student Affairs of the party is occurring will greatly diminish the potential for alcohol liability. These are issues of manifest importance to us as students, and deserve as much public scrutiny as can be brought to bear on them. What reason could someone in the administration have for wishing to conceal committee reports or study? Who has the right to keep the authority to classify information, and to whom can the student hold accountable for their actions? And most importantly, what else aren't we being told?

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To the Editor:

...the incidents and the stay-at-City Hall move were the topic of many discussions on the MIT campus. An MIT student, watching and listening to both Bostonians and the people who were campaigning for the mayor, realized that he had a ministry to some homeless people, but he also worked at MIT. He was the Institute and its people. I watched MIT act, frantically, but cooly in a complex issue that really has many answers.

I also understand where the homeless feel like women are coming from, their despair focused them not on their feelings of frustration; I kept thinking of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s statement, in one of his speeches, "How long, how long.

But the letter of Joe Woodman '90 ("Institute acted properly in arresting protesters," March 5) stirred me. You, sir, deserve an answer and a few conclusive thoughts.

I happen to know Sue Guernsey (spokesman for the Tent City). Personally, I worked in the shelter in Cambridge some years ago. Guernsey is a dedicated soul-mate of mine, and I am a better person for having known him. I may not agree with everything he says or does, but he raised my consciousness and opened up my mind and heart to "the other kind of life" as he says.

Not many people are willing to go so far on a course they believe in; Gandhi did, Milch Snyder did, and probably in susan B. Anthony did, but you did too. Am I volunteering you for a career as a philosopher? No. I am aware that that is an unenviable occupation, and I am aware that it is a life that you probably will not choose. But I am aware that you, sir, are not "a stranger."

People like Guernsey make me uncomfortable! Some of us, me included, are uncomfortable when people say things that are too long. It's very easy to see, joke, or wax-plant about homeless people when we can go home to warmth, our own bed, TV, food that we prefer, and privacy. Think about that for a minute, Woodman, privacy.

I once asked a clergyman who had said that the homeless were better than the rest of society. His name was standing atop a giant Robert S. Guernsey (spokesman for the Tent City.

Show compassion for the homeless

Another reason, which you especially and those who think like you, tend to be that once you land on the streets, getting a job is almost next to impossible. Who hires people with "No Known Address?" It is in many instances getting financial aid, food stamps, or any of the support systems that are available, become impossible to obtain. The reason? No Known Address.

Guernsey lives among these people and, with, agree with him or not, he's doing something. He isn't sitting in a comfortable easy chair, surrounded by understanding people. He's getting off his duff and doing something. He may feel you can do better - DO IT for the love of heaven. Release some suffering, please. Mother Teresa of Calcutta certainly is "doing something," and she's four times your age, and then some.

I hope that whatever do the solution is same and a more compassionate one than the one you came up with in your letter. It is obvious to me, upon reading your letter, that you know nothing about the issue of homelessness and you're shooting your mouth off on a very serious issue. There once takes, patience, compassion, but no compassion is not pity, not maudlin sympathy, but compassion from all levels of government and society.

You've never been around homeless men and women, listening, learning, to them, or eat them, or eat a meal with them. Well, I have, so do, and I've learned more from "them" than I have from me, believe me.

No one is safe from homelessness, no one. You and I are only living on the edge. All it takes is for a certain set of circumstances to occur at just the right time, and you or I could be standing with "them," not judging, but being judged.

There's an ancient American Indian saying: "Don't judge a man until you have walked a mile in his moccasins." Peace to you, Jon Woodman, once Power, judicious Luci Provost senior office assistant.

To the Editor:

Thomas Piccone's letter ("Human Rights come from Creator," March 8) was so refreshing in its objectivity. All too often, talking about yuppies existing because of Harvard - obviously an intelligent and well-informed argument - and people find themselves arguing about whether the food itself is actually a clever way for god to test our faith, or whether a "prime mover" had to be present to create the universe (when, actually, this is absurd). It is obvious to me, upon reading Piccone's discussion, that the disbelief in Creation is one of the most serious problems of our time. The authors took as their premise that God created the universe (when, actually, this is absurd).

The final atheist position is, I think, that when someone can't find an idea, it is up to them to prove it true. Failing this, they cannot expect other rational people to live in any way influenced by their ideas. Just as if a stranger assures you that you owe him a certain amount of money, you wouldn't pay without proof; now imagine the proof needed in such a demand wasn't for money, but for your freedom of thought.

However, the discussion does make me uncomfortable! Some of us, me included, are uncomfortable when people say things that are too long. It's very easy to see, joke, or wax-plant about homeless people when we can go home to warmth, our own bed, TV, food that we prefer, and privacy. Think about that for a minute, Woodman, privacy.

I once asked a clergyman who had said that the homeless were better than the rest of society. His name was standing atop a giant Robert S. Guernsey (spokesman for the Tent City. foolish. It is difficult for some for me to see that there is a different kind of person I prefer in that way; it makes life more interesting. I prefer it that it is different.

Robert S. Cruikshank Jr.'91
Cambridge Court Apartments

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Sanders Theatre, March 18 at 8 pm. **MIT price:** $8.

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The American Premiere of two works by Alfred Schnittke are performed by the New England Conservatory Chorus and Orchestra, Cathedral Choir, with The Instrumental Soloists of the Bolshoi Ballet. On the program are the Requiem Mass for Chorus, Soloists, and Orchestra, and his Symphony No. 4. Holy Cross Cathedral, March 19 at 3pm. **MIT price:** $8.

**MUSICA VIVA**

The Boston Musica Viva will give a program entitled "Jazz Accents," which includes the US premiere of War Play by Kurt Weill/David Drew, a work which retells Weill's incidental music written for the 1936 production of Paul Greene's play Johnny Johnson.

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**JESSYE NORMAN**

Jessye Norman will give a recital in Symphony Hall.

March 18 at 8pm. **MIT price:** $5.

**ANNIE FISCHER**

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**COLLAGE**

Gunter Schuller will conduct Collage in a program of new works by Schuller, Nicolas Thorne, Thomas Oboe Lee and James Primorsch.

Longy School of Music, March 21 at 8pm. **MIT price:** $4.

Tickets are on sale at the Technology Community Association, from The Tech, MIT's student newspaper, in conjunction with the Technology Community Association, MIT's student community service organization.

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LES MISERABLES
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In the not too distant future, there will be two dozen productions of Les Misérables around the world. It has been a popular explosion on a scale unknown since the international publishing sensation of Hugo’s novel a century ago. Nevertheless, demand for tickets will outstrip supply for years to come, so count yourself lucky that one of those productions is still across the river.

Come on, why all the fuss? Is it the spectacular staging? Is it the music? Or is it the BBC? It is obvious from the first few bars of “Consider Yourself” that the score is not the opera, but the grandeur uplifts the characters. This was probably a mistake. (Some cities, presumably, will not like this.)

The directors also, and less wisely, tried to duplicate the characters as well as the setting of the original casts of both the London and New York productions. But Ruffelle, a kittenish waif with a breathy pop voice, looks nothing like Veneziale, a scowling, one-eighth Irish tough guy, and doesn’t sound much like her either. Now that Veneziale (who, like Wilkinson, was head of the class in terms of improve- ments) is out of the show, the opera will be seen in its proper context. It is all of these things, I think, and one can only hope that people will come to the show now, when people have had a little time to grow into their roles and to push them in new directions.

Head of the class in terms of improve- ments is Renee Veneziale, who plays Eponine, the pint-size, street-cry gamine with whom everyone loves to identify. When the show opened in December, she could manage a whining imitation of Frances Ruffelle (who, like Wilkinson, was in the original casts of both the London and New York productions.) But Ruffelle, a kittenish waif with a breathy pop voice, looks nothing like Veneziale, a scowling and-elbows cowboy, and doesn’t sound much like her either. Now that Veneziale (Please turn to page 12)

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Featuring music and lyrics by the renowned American composer, continues through March 20 at the Lyric Stage Company. Tickets: $12.50, $25, $37.50, $45, $16 special student tickets for students. Telephone: 266-1492.

Friday, March 18

**THEATER**

The American-Soviet Festival Performance of the Moscow Theatre of Plastic Drama features a musical comedy revue, presented March 19, 25, and 26 at the Tremont Temple, 106 Boylston Street. Performances: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2 pm and Sundays at 3 pm. Tickets: $12.50 ($2 more day of show). Telephone: 356-9438.

**JAZZ MUSIC**

The Kodo Drummers perform at Alumni Auditorium, Northeastern University on Saturday, March 19.

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MUSIC

**CLASSICAL MUSIC**

Collegio Musica Sacra presents Canadian Primrose Wind Quintet, March 29. Tel: 256-3440.

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Touring Les Misérables lives up to Broadway standards

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has had the freedom to make the rôle her own, she is turning in fine performances, and her full-voiced second-act aria “On My Own” still stops the show.

The stage-clearing aria in the first act is “Stars,” a late addition to the score which will forever jar in its uncomfortable new niche, but which is nevertheless a transcendentally moving experience. It is the song in which we discover that Inspector Javert is not the one-dimensional baddie which his Napoleon-hatted silhouette suggests. Herndon Lackey is simply outstanding in the part with Andrew Renshaw under child labour laws.)

What is nice about the politics of the barricade uprising of 1832 is that no one can remember what it was all about, or who was in power at the time. We haven’t a clue which side our government would be on, and so it is easy to cheer for the underdog revolutionaries. This alone almost guaranteed the success of Les Misérables in the United States, a country forged by idealist revolutionaries, and it should play just as nicely in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe as well.

Of course, the dream is a lot deeper than politics. When you are asked “be your barricade, is there a world you long to see?” of course the answer is yes. For a moment, the family of revolutionaries, it is nice to imagine that the dream remains. Are we all, perhaps, fighting for a new world? 

If you still haven’t seen it yet, by all means go. But two pieces of advice. First, remember that they will be packing their bags and moving to the Kennedy Center in Washington (where the opera received its North American debut) in June, come hell or high water. Remember that you should still think about buying tickets a few weeks in advance.

Second, student tickets are still available, if you go to the box office in person, with a valid ID. At $16, they are a bargain; in this small house, there is no bad seat, and there is something to be said for witnessing Les Mis’ from above the action.

The dramatic assault on the barricade dominates the action of act two.

California comic Marder serves up comedy for both sides of the brain

By DAVID M. J. SASLAV

A trio of comics took the stage at Catch a Rising Star on Tuesday night — two local, one from out of town. The laughs were frequent, contemporary and evenly spaced; it was an extremely enjoyable time, and one that can be experienced again tonight and tomorrow in the Harvard-Square comedy club.

One might have expected the Californian guest, Jeff Marder, to steal the show, but Linda Smith and host Louie C. R. held their own.

C. R. griped about family, jobs, and other things mundane — he even threw in some material about Galileo and other dead scientists, then subtly segued to a joke or two about Newton (the town?)

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Rent board opposes MIT deal

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market value. This proposal would not harm the stock of housing or of rent-controlled housing in the city, according to Lewis.

But John Mason, a lawyer ar-
guing for two tenants, said that MIT's proposal was unconstitu-
tional. "Given the nature of an emergency — the shortage of housing and the cost of housing — some- one who tries to reduce the stock of housing would be a breach of public duty," MIT must realize that its action will significantly be against the public interest, he argued.

He suggested that MIT's proposal that there are any benefits that those affected," Mason said.

Lewis argued that the idea that a landlord must provide a "benefit" is arbitrary. There is nothing in the rent control ordin-
ances that specify the provision of a benefit for a removal permit, he said.

However, Ellen M. Semonoff, board chairwoman, believed a proposal to have to show "proof" of benefit for those protected by rent control laws. She said that its original proposal did not provide enough of a benefit. But it would be ac-
ceptable to her if MIT was able to make the six proposed market-
value calculations.

"In seeking the [free control] ordinance ... (by) any that is a breach of public duty," said Lewis. "MIT's Board member Sally Ackerman likened Semo-

Mason argued that the board

did not have the right to negoti-
ate with MIT. Rather, it should vote down MIT's petition out-
right, forcing MIT to submit a new proposal, he said. Such an

action would delay the process by several months.

By letting MIT revise its proposal, instead of denying the pe-
tent, "you would violate the rules of the legislative process," the board said. After

Kistiakowsky also criticized the

ongoing exhibits. The Museum is

planned that much of the work
done in ABS cannot be done to

the Department of Biology, "This
decision comes at a time when most other universities in the country are trying to build or im-
prove existing ABS depart-
ments," he said.

Deutch added that students

will not be hurt by the closings
and that he will work with the
Faculty Policy Committee in
formulating guidelines on how to
close departments.

Chairman of the Faculty Ber-
ard J. Frieden PhD '57 said that
we now guidelines currently exist
on what steps the administration must take if it wishes to close a department. "The present rules
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Stevenson agreed that the hard-
ship of having to relocate was not
sufficient reason to deny down MIT's petition.

Rushe disagreed, saying "we are underestimating the hardship. These people are being moved to

unsuitable places."

Activists criticise board

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housing," he said.

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locate the two houses to in a "less desirable" neighborhood, said Mason, was one of the reasons.

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tive decision-making body. Otherwise,
Skydiving offers unique experience

**Feature**

By Alan S. Feltham

You are sitting in a Cessna 182 that is flying over a small airfield in western Massachusetts, facing the rear of the airplane. Sitting on your right is your nervous-lookin' buddy; on your left is the door. Kneeling down in front of you is your jumpmaster.

Just a moment ago the jumpmaster hooked the bright red, eight foot cord that will deploy your parachute to a metal ring in the floor of the plane. Now the jumpmaster is opening the door through which you are about to exit, and your heart is pounding faster and faster.

The noise from the engine and the wind is so loud that you can barely hear the jumpmaster shout "OK, cue!" in the pilot. The plane slows from 120 to 90 miles per hour as the pilot then pulls back the engine.

Holding onto the strut with both hands, you try to calm yourself by thinking about everything you have learned. You try to think about falling only eight feet before the reserve canopy drops. You watch your nervous-looking buddy land just a few feet away, and you hurry over to help with the job. As your buddy sets you approach you both start to smile and then laugh.

You can't help but think what they must have thought about you. You did it! You bravely jumped out of a plane and survived.

**Some time later you are standing in a sandy circle with your parachute bundled up in your arms. Your landing was softer than expected, and you feel elated. You watch your nervously-looking buddy land just a few feet away, and you hurry over to help with the job. As your buddy sets you approach you both start to smile and then laugh.**

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**Squash team defeats SUNY - Stony Brook**

By Alan Gerstle

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