

MacGregor proves most popular dorm in lottery

By Niraj S. Desai

MacGregor House was the most popular dormitory in the freshman housing lottery for the third year in a row, according to an informal survey of Residence/Orientation coordinators and deskworkers at individual dormitories.

The survey, conducted by *The Tech* on Wednesday night and yesterday, provided rough figures for the number of new students assigned to each dormitory. The Office of the Dean for Student Affairs had not released official results for the dormitory assignment lottery as of late yesterday.

The first round of the assignment lottery was conducted on Tuesday afternoon, and the second round was on Wednesday. Freshmen and transfer students may continue to accept bids from independent living groups until today, so the final numbers at each dormitory may remain somewhat uncertain until next week.

According to the unofficial survey, dormitories on the west side of campus topped the list of houses in terms of their popularity among freshmen. This was also the case last year when MacGregor, 500 Memorial Drive, Baker House were the most popular houses.

One hundred and eight men and 35 women chose MacGregor House as their first-choice dormitory, according to the survey. MacGregor was able to accommodate 59 of the men and 26 of the women.

During R/O week last year, 153 students tried for 79 places at MacGregor.

Baker House attracted first-choice rankings from 70 men and 50 women — compared to 118 such rankings last year. In the first round of the dormitory lottery, 49 men and 46 women received places in Baker. Second-round lottery results could not be obtained yesterday.

McCormick Hall did marginally better than last year, while New House did marginally worse. Seventy-nine women sought rooms in McCormick; 62 succeeded. Last year only 55 of the 63 women placed in McCormick had chosen it as their first choice. Thirty-two of New House's 45 new students listed it as their top pick. Last year, 53 of 59 did so.

Bexley Hall did about as well as last year in the housing lottery. Eleven students chose Bexley first and three transferred into Bexley;

nineteen new residents were placed there. Nineteen of the 24 students assigned to Bexley last year chose it first.

East Campus improves performance from 1988

East Campus had a considerably stronger rush than last year, according to the survey. Eighty students listed the dormitory as their first choice in the lottery, while 96 were ultimately placed there.

This relatively strong performance marked a return to the pattern of 1985-87 when the dormitory attracted 93, 93, and 75 first-choice residents in successive years. This pattern had been broken by the 1988 rush when East Campus attracted only 52 first-choice rankings among the 102 students assigned to it.

Senior House has traditionally had difficulty attracting freshmen and 1989 was no exception. It included only 25 first-choice freshmen among its 59 new residents (about 5 of these were transfers).

The language houses continued their tradition of strong showings among freshmen, though they were slightly less oversubscribed than last year. Thirteen students picked French House as their first choice, while ten received places in the house. Last year, 16 freshmen chose French house as their

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Unofficial Housing Assignments†

House	First Choices			Final Assigned		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
Baker House	70	50	120	49	46	95*
Bexley	8	6	14	12	7	19
Burton-Conner	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
East Campus	58	22	80	62	34	96
MacGregor	108	35	143	59	26	85
McCormick	—	79	79	—	62	62
New House	18	14	32	24	21	45
Next House	NA	NA	141	63	46	109
Random Hall	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Senior House	NA	NA	30	45	14	59
French House	8	5	13	6	4	10
German House	4	3	7	4	2	6
Russian House	(all first choices)			4	1	5
Spanish House	3	4	7	2	3	5
Chocolate City	9	—	9	9	—	9

†Source: Dormitory desks and house governments

*First-round only

**NA=Not Available

Tech graphic by Peter Dunn

ILG houses reap successful rush

By Annabelle Boyd

347 freshmen had pledged fraternities and other independent living groups as of Wednesday evening, according to Neal H. Dorow, advisor to fraternities and independent living groups.

The final total of freshman pledges will not be available until Monday, as new students continue to accept bids from fraternities and living groups throughout today. However, Dorow said he expected that the final count will

have risen from Wednesday's total by at least "15 or 20 more" to approximately 370.

Last year, almost 380 freshmen pledged fraternities and independent living groups.

"For the [Interfraternity Conference] system as a whole, rush went well," said IFC President Tony Gerber '90.

"Unlike rush two years ago where few houses hit their quotas, this rush most ILGs got the number of freshmen they needed to fill their houses. However, a few individual houses did do poorly," he said.

Approximately 250 women went through this year's IFC sorority rush, according to Panhellenic Rush Chairman Lisa Oliveira '90. Together, the three

MIT Panhellenic sororities extended between 95 and 100 bids, Oliveira said. *The Tech* was unable to obtain the number of women who pledged the three sororities.

According to Dorow, most fraternities, sororities and independent living groups have expressed enthusiasm about this year's rush. "Most of the groups I've talked to have been pleased with the way their rushes have worked out," he said.

Dry rush

Rush 1989 was the first rush run under the new IFC Party Policy. This policy gives IFC committees the power to carry out spot checks at independent living

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Frosh book generates discussion on homeless

By Prabhat Mehta

Four speakers offered different views on the problem of homelessness as part of yesterday's freshman book night. Members of the Class of 1993 received copies of Jonathan Kozol's *Rachel and Her Children: Homeless Families in America* over the summer for yesterday's activities, which included the presentation by the four speakers in Kresge Auditorium and individual house discussions with faculty members afterwards.

The four speakers concurred on the need for more affordable housing. "One thing we don't have, that homeless people need the most, is affordable housing,"

said Philip Mangano, who works with various agencies for the homeless.

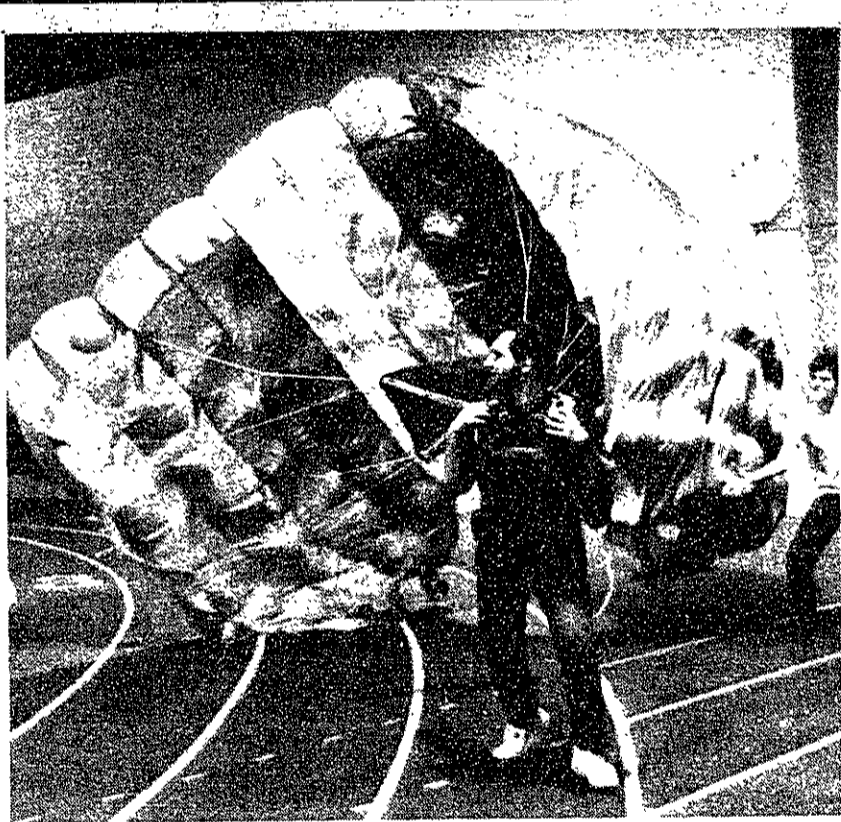
Priority should be given to increasing the number of low-income housing units rather than improving homeless shelters and other support services because the root of the problem is the housing shortage, Mangano asserted.

Mangano discussed the research of MIT's Philip Clay, who has found that while in the last ten years the number of poor people — those most dependent low-income housing — has increased, the number of available low-income units has been decreasing. This situation will result in an increase in the number of homeless in America from 3 million to 19 million in 14 years, Mangano said.

Langley Keyes, a professor in the Department of Urban Studies and Planning who is involved with housing policy for the state of Massachusetts, described the housing market as "the essence of the problem." But he also criticized the view that the homeless problem is "unidimensional" and that simply increasing the number of housing units will also do away with related problems such as mental illness and substance abuse.

In order to make more progress, Keyes said, homelessness must become more than "just an issue you feel badly about." He asked the audience to apply "analytical" thinking to this public

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Alan Feitelberg G of the MIT Sport Parachute Club runs with 350 helium balloons, lifting his parachute canopy at Tuesday's Activities Midway. See R/O photo essay on pages 10-11.

Proposition 1-2-3 wording at center of dispute

By Andrea Lamberti

The dispute over the wording of Proposition 1-2-3 continued this past week as two Democrats on the city's board of election commissioners sought to overturn an August 10 motion to reconsider the ballot question's language, according to the *Cambridge Chronicle*.

Proposition 1-2-3, which is scheduled to be voted on by Cambridge residents on Nov. 7, would allow tenants to buy their rent-controlled units under certain circumstances. The proposition's original language was modified on July 6 by the board in an effort to address some of the complaints of the proposition's opponents.

The two Republicans on the four-member election commis-

sion both support Proposition 1-2-3 and have been trying to replace the July 6 modifications with the referendum's original language. They succeeded on August 10 — when Democratic commissioner Sondra Scheir was absent — to have the commission vote 2-1 to reconsider the ballot question's language.

This vote violated commission rules, according to Scheir and Darleen Gondola Bonislowski, the other Democrat on the commission.

Scheir and Bonislowski appealed to City Manager Robert Healy to block the reconsideration, claiming that commission rules state members may only reconsider their votes up to one meeting after a motion is first

passed. Commissioner Artis Spears' motion to reconsider occurred three meetings after the original language was approved.

The proposition has three main components. The first would allow tenants who have lived in their apartment for at least two years to buy it from the landlord, with the agreement of tenant and landlord.

The second section of Proposition 1-2-3 would allow any condominium or single-family home that has been owner-occupied for two years to be exempt from rent control, if it is rented out by the owner or owner's family. The third would allocate two thirds of the higher real estate tax revenues, resulting from the conversion of apartments to condomini-

ums, to a trust fund for needy citizens.

The difference between the propositions' July 6 wording and the original wording involves whether to use the phrase "changing rent control" to describe the resolution, and whether the proposition should state that its third part (the one creating an affordable housing fund) is non-binding.

City Solicitor Russell Higley will determine whether or not the vote to reconsider was valid. If he rules that the reconsideration was invalid, then the July 6 language will appear on the ballot. If the reconsideration is upheld, the commission will have to agree on new wording for the proposition to appear on the ballot.

ILGs experience a successful rush

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group parties and to inflict penalties upon offenders. While there exist numerous rush violations, the bulk of the party policy quoted in this year's IFC rush regulations concerned the proper use and distribution of alcohol at rush activities.

All living groups who served alcohol during rush had to have at least four members trained by the Institute-sponsored alcohol management program in attendance. Alcohol could only be served to members and official guests of the fraternity or living group over 21 years old. All guests had to be checked for

identification and, if over 21, given wrist bracelets which had to be worn on the wrist in order to receive alcohol. The IFC Party Policy also forbade the mentioning of alcohol on rush posters and advertisements.

Freshmen or transfers were not allowed to consume alcohol at a house under any condition, even if they were over 21 years of age, until that house closed its desk for rush.

In order to better accommodate the new rush regulations, the bylaws of the IFC Judicial Committee were altered slightly, according to IFC JudComm Chairman Maureen Fahey '90. During previous rushes, JudComm representatives were responsible for both spot-checking houses for rush violations and for running the subsequent violation hearings. However, this year JudComm re-organized itself into a group of nine investigative members and six trial council members, so the official duties of the two groups rarely overlapped, Fahey said. This new structure allowed for greater efficiency within JudComm, she said.

According to Fahey, rush went "extremely well," with only minor violations reported.

"The new IFC policy worked fantastically. For the most part, houses followed it to the letter," Gerber said.

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policy question. "What can you [the audience], as very special people, bring to bear with this very complicated issue?" he asked.

Vin McCarthy, a lawyer who works with the Pine Street Shelter, also urged students to become more involved. "Do whatever you can do while you're at MIT," he said. "The world is looking at the major capitalistic countries — particularly the United States — to see how it is handling the homeless problem," he claimed.

Ann Roberts, a coordinator at the Cambridge Furniture Bank, described her experiences of being homeless with her family just one year ago after a series of financial setbacks. She and Mangano emphasized the need to understand the plight of the homeless. Roberts said that

MacGregor has the most first choice requests

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top pick and only nine could be accommodated.

Similarly, only two students who listed Spanish House as first choice were not among the five that were placed there. In 1988, Spanish House was picked first by 15 freshmen, while there was room for only eight.

For the first time ever, freshmen were able to designate Chocolate City, an all-black, all-male section of New House I, on their housing preference cards. In the past, students first had to select New House, and then choose Chocolate City during the dormitory's internal rush. Nine men sought housing in Chocolate City and all were accommodated.

many, like herself, have become homeless despite having had wealthy backgrounds.

People must "call the homeless by their proper name — neighbor," Mangano said.

Controversial issue at MIT

The selection of *Rachel and Her Children* for book night has received criticism as being hypocritical in light of the controversies surrounding MIT's development of University Park, but as Book Committee members Judy Yanowitz and Danielle Ford put it, MIT's problems with homelessness made the selection all the better. Their intention, they said, was to provoke thought and discussion, and their choice was based on a set of criteria ranging from quality of the book to social importance.

The events of the last two years concerning University Park had a significant impact on their decision, Yanowitz said. She specifically referred to the "Tent City" encampment, in which a group of homeless people occupied part of the MIT-owned development site between October and November of 1987. The homeless group demanded they be allowed to live on the land and in three adjacent houses.

The five people assigned to select the book — Yanowitz, Ford, and three students from the executive committee of the Residence/Orientation committee — wanted to cover an issue focusing on "the outside world, because students tend to be sheltered at MIT," Yanowitz said.

Another reason why they picked Kozol's book was the variety of other topics, including poverty, education, drug addiction, and AIDS, which are brought up by the issue of homelessness, Yanowitz added.

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World

South Africa gov't promises reforms

South Africa's ruling National Party is promising reform following a day of heavy losses in an election and political violence that reportedly claimed at least 25 lives. The National Party received less than half of the vote in Wednesday's parliamentary voting and lost nearly a quarter of its seats to anti-apartheid and far-right parties. Police used shotguns, tear gas and whips to break up crowds of blacks protesting their exclusion from the elections.

Rockets fired into Israel

Attackers fired several rockets today from Jordan into Israel. Israel radio says a PLO faction claimed responsibility. The Israeli government is demanding that Jordan do a better job of policing its border. Jordanian officials say that at least one rocket fell on their side of the border, and that they are checking the source of the firing.

Local

Telephone service disrupted

A severed telephone cable knocked out service to thousands of customers in southeastern Massachusetts and parts of Rhode Island yesterday. A spokesman for New England Telephone said the cable was cut about 2:30 am in a Bridgewater manhole. Telephone officials said the vandalism appeared to be the act of someone who knew what to do to disrupt service, and the company immediately offered a \$50,000 reward for information leading to a conviction. Long-distance telephone service was restored about 15 hours later. Leaders of striking telephone workers said the unions involved do not advocate vandalism, and company officials said they are not pointing the blame at anyone.

Frank voided aide's parking tickets

Massachusetts Representative Barney Frank said yesterday he used his congressional immunity to void parking tickets incurred by a personal aide who was also a male prostitute. Frank said he only took the action when the assistant had used Frank's car for official business. Frank said he allowed Stephen Goble to use his car for official business and also gave him authorization to drive it when the congressman was out of town. Frank branded as "lies" Goble's assertion that the lawmaker had knowingly intervened to waive tickets the aide received while using Frank's car to keep appointments for illicit sex. He said he fired Goble in 1987. Frank, an acknowledged homosexual, issued a statement on the parking tickets after a story on the subject appeared in the *Washington Times*.

Elevated cancer rates alarm officials

A state Public Health Department study has reported elevated cancer rates in the communities of Braintree, Quincy and Weymouth, and residents said rumors that the air circulating in the Fore River Basin is polluted with carcinogens have scared off potential home-buyers and raised fears of cancer risks. The study done between 1982 and 1986 grew out of a Quincy investigation which found abnormally high rates of lung cancer in Germantown and Houghs Neck neighborhoods. Researchers said smoking was to blame for many of the documented cases of cancer. The tri-town basin is home to a soap plant, oil tank farm, a hazardous waste treatment plant, and until recently, a shipyard. Plans for future industry include a sludge processing plant and a Boston Edison generator.

Rhode Island police rewarded for anti-drug work

The Little Compton police are getting more than \$93,000 from the Federal Government. That's their share from breaking an international hashish smuggling ring that imported 10 tons of hashish worth \$40 million through point Judith in 1983. US Attorney Lincoln Almond handed out that check along with several others today, bringing the total money distribution to local law enforcement officials to \$1.9 million. The Little Compton money comes from the sale of the house owned by Nicholas and Sharon Kukielski, who ran what prosecutors said was the biggest drug ring in New England. Police in Providence, Warwick, Pawtucket, Narragansett, and New Bedford also received money.

Mother Teresa in hospital

Doctors at a Calcutta hospital say Mother Teresa is in stable condition, after transferring her to an intensive care unit for a heart ailment. An aide to the missionary nun said she became ill last weekend and was admitted to the hospital Tuesday. Ten years ago, Mother Teresa won the Nobel Peace Prize for her charity work in India.

Iraqi president offers prize

Iraq is offering a reward fit for a king. Its president, Saddam Hussein, says he will give \$1.5 million to any Iraqi who solves the 3000-year-old puzzle of how King Nebuchadnezzar watered the fabled hanging gardens of Babylon. Archaeologists have long wondered how the Mesopotamians could have watered gardens that were on terraces high above the Euphrates river.

Nation

Senate uses mail funds for Bush anti-drug plan

The Senate has taken a first step toward implementing President Bush's nearly \$8 billion anti-drug blueprint. By a vote of 83-8, lawmakers approved shifting \$45 million used for congressional mailings to a drug treatment program aimed at helping drug-addicted mothers and their babies. The measure virtually eliminates the mailings often used by lawmakers to keep their names before voters. They'll keep their franking privileges for answering individual queries. The Republican-backed proposal met strong opposition from Republican Ted Stevens of Alaska. He said his constituents rely on congressional mailings for news.

Senate approves legislation for the disabled

The Senate has approved legislation that would guarantee disabled Americans' rights to employment, transportation, and access to private businesses. The bill covers 43 million Americans, including most AIDS victims. The vote was 76-8.

Supporters liken the Americans with Disabilities Act to the Civil Rights Act 25 years ago that guaranteed blacks and other minorities their right to participate fully in American society. Chief sponsor Tom Harkin says the bill is "a 20th century Emancipation Proclamation for people with disabilities." The Iowa Democrat has a deaf brother and a quadriplegic nephew.

The legislation prohibits employment discrimination by most businesses. In addition, stores, restaurants, and other businesses would be prohibited from discrimination, and existing facilities would have to make modifications to accommodate the handicapped if "readily achievable."

All new buses would have to be made accessible to the handicapped, with a six- or seven-year grace period provided for in the bill.

Congress may eliminate all smoking on airlines

A smoking ban on all domestic airline flights moved closer to reality yesterday. A Senate subcommittee voted unanimously to expand a current ban that prohibits smoking on flights under two hours. The measure is part of a \$12 billion transportation bill. New Jersey Democrat Frank Lautenberg, who sponsored the bill, predicts that it will become law this year.

Bush angry over defense bill

President Bush is accusing the House of Representatives of holding a defense bill "hostage" to \$20 billion in what he sees as unneeded programs. The House is refusing to fully fund two types of ballistic missiles Bush calls "crucial to strategic modernization" while voting to fund projects the administration wants to scrap. A House-Senate committee begins work on a compromise version Friday. The Senate version is closer to Bush's proposal.

Armored car guard killed in attack

An armored car guard was killed and two other men were wounded following an ambush yesterday at the Bank of American headquarters in San Francisco. Police said two robbers in ski masks followed a pair of Brink's guards into the building and opened fire. Both guards suffered head wounds, while a bystander was wounded in the mouth. Police have not said if anything was taken. Witnesses said the suspects fled on bicycles.

Colombian drug lord in Atlanta court

Arraignment for a reputed financial wizard of the Medellin cocaine cartel has been postponed until Monday. Eduardo Romero Martinez is being held without bail at an undisclosed site. A federal judge in Atlanta delayed arraignment because Martinez, who doesn't speak English, didn't understand the money-laundering charges he faces. Security at the courthouse was heavy, amid concerns that Martinez's extradition could spark more violence by Colombia's drug traffickers.

Those concerns aren't stopping US attorneys around the country from preparing extradition papers for the dozen most wanted Colombian drug suspects. Authorities said six fugitives on the list are with the Medellin cartel, while the other half are members of the Cali cartel.

Officials said the crackdown on cocaine cartels in Colombia is beginning to be felt. US Coast Guard officials in Miami said drug smuggling has come to a virtual standstill, and authorities said the price of cocaine is rising while the size of crack rocks is shrinking. But officials warned that might just be middlemen taking advantage of the much-publicized crackdown.

Meanwhile, a police spokesman says it was luck not more people were hurt in the latest violence in the Colombian cocaine capital of Medellin. A bomb went off tonight in a crowded fast-food restaurant, but only two people were reported hurt. Telephone bomb threats forced the evacuation of several buildings in a coastal city as well. No bombs were found.

About 500 students at the National University of Bogota, shouting "gringos, go home!"

Sports

Barry Sanders signs up with Lions

The Detroit Lions have signed top draft choice and Heisman Trophy winner Barry Sanders to a five-year contract worth \$9.5 million. The Oklahoma State product had held out through the entire training camp. The running back gave up his final year of college eligibility, and the Lions made him the number three pick in the NFL draft this spring.

Sanders says he's in good shape and could play Sunday. However, grasping the team's complicated, new "run and shoot" offense may make that more difficult. Sanders' signing leaves Miami rookie Sammie Smith as the lone holdout among the league's 28 first-round draft choices.

Deion Sanders plays football for mom

Armed with a \$2 million up-front bonus, defensive back Deion Sanders has joined the Atlanta Falcons after spending the summer playing pro baseball. The NFL contract covers four years and totals \$4.5 million. It does not prevent Sanders, who says his mother wants him to try football, from returning to the New York Yankees next season. Sanders left the Yanks abruptly last evening after his agent reached agreement with the Falcons, who chose him in the opening round of the 1989 college draft.

Weather

Gabrielle heads for the North Atlantic, milder weather returns

As of Thursday evening, Hurricane Gabrielle appeared to be on a track that would take it well east of the East Coast. The storm peaked in intensity earlier in the week with maximum winds of 135 mph. At 6 pm Thursday, Gabrielle was about 300 miles east of Bermuda with winds of 105 mph. Large swells of up to 15 feet and some beach erosion have been the only effects felt along the east coast.

Closer to home, our weather will continue to be dominated by a ridge of high pressure. A gradual increase in temperature and in afternoon relative humidity will be experienced over the next two or three days as the ridge moved east. The first significant chance for any measurable precipitation will occur on Monday.

Friday afternoon: Mostly sunny and a bit milder. A sea breeze will develop in the early afternoon cooling coastal locations back down into the 60's. High 74-77°F. Winds light and variable, becoming onshore at 8 mph.

Friday night: Mostly clear and cool. Low 60's.
Saturday: Partly cloudy and even milder. High temperatures will range from middle and upper 70's along to the coast to the lower 80's inland. Low 60-64°F.

Sunday: Partly cloudy and turning cooler late. High 75°F, low 55-60°F.

Forecast by Michael C. Morgan

opinion

Don't forget love in this temple of science

Column by Rev. Scott Paradise

These past ten years at MIT have been the happiest of my life. It has been both a joy and a privilege to have you as associates, as colleagues, as friends. You have each ministered to me in many different ways.

But I must confess that I speak to you with a little trepidation. I have always felt myself to be the priest of one religion in the temple of another. MIT is, of course, the world's preeminent temple of science and technology. This scientific and technological culture has its own world view, its own particular values and ethical standards, and even its own deeply-felt premises and beliefs. At MIT its aura feels overpowering. To a skeptic or dissenter it can be intimidating.

According to this world view science and technology constitute the only reliable path to knowledge. And new knowledge is the major legitimate source of wealth and power. And wealth and power are

elimination of them. At the end of innumerable, long, complex, discussions, I painfully conclude I cannot in good conscience and in the name of love give my approval to plan and prepare and threaten and intend to commit mass murder.

The second challenge has to do with the widening gap between the rich and the poor. It is calculated that the world spends a trillion dollars a year on the military. Some of this money is spent by the wealthy and powerful to protect their wealth and their position of privilege against the poor. The United States is a leader in this war against the Third World. MIT, far from protesting this war, remains the nation's second largest academic military contractor.

But putting militarism aside, we must address what more than twenty years ago a scientist, James Bonner, described as "the clearly predictable result of our present policies . . . the rapid development of a two culture world." The developed countries, he told us, "are now in a positive feedback loop in which technology, material wealth, and standard of living can grow exponentially for many generations to come. The rich will grow richer. Similarly, the poorness of the underdeveloped countries seems to be on the verge of a similar positive feedback loop,

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what is ultimately important. The success of science and technology in discovering new knowledge which gives great wealth and power, and the benefits that you and I and most of those we know enjoy because of that wealth and power give these beliefs great credibility.

At the time of MIT's founding it must have seemed obvious to many that the advance of science and technology would automatically improve the human condition. Indeed, if I understand Leo Marx correctly, in the mid-nineteenth century many imagined that the advance of science and technology and the improvement of the human condition were the one and the same thing.

Today this is all less than obvious. While we enjoy the security, the comforts, the conveniences of modern society, out of the tail of

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our eye we can't help noticing the prospect of nuclear holocaust or the creeping environmental disaster that science and technology have made possible. Can we be trusted not to use that means for our own demise?

For my part, while I believe in the value of science and technology, my religion is different. According to my religion love is at the heart of the universe. This love is universal, embracing you and me and everybody and everything in the world. It offers a fundamental clue about the meaning of life. In my personal life I try regularly and methodically to cultivate an awareness of this love. It helps me recognize my solidarity with all people. It sharpens my sense of relationship with all living things.

This love is not only an individual thing. It has social, political, economic, and technological implications. It is about these broader implications of love that most of my discourse with you is about. Most of the time we don't speak of love explicitly. But when we talk about justice, peace, economics, technology, education, the human future, we are talking about it implicitly.

I would like to mention what seem to me to be three of the most serious challenges facing us and hint at how this conception of love might bear on them here at MIT.

The threat of nuclear holocaust is most obvious. For forty years our nation has sought security by planning and preparing and threatening and intending, in certain circumstances, to use nuclear weapons to annihilate our adversary. We have justified this by the claim that without these plans, preparations, threats, and intentions, our adversary would annihilate or even enslave us. We have accepted as necessary the constant increase and modernizing of our nuclear arsenal. There are those at MIT who have played a conspicuous role in the debate for arms control and the reduction of our nuclear deterrent. I am grateful to them. But love demands not just the reduction of nuclear weapons but the

The United States is a leader in this war against the Third World. MIT, far from protesting this war, remains the nation's second largest academic military contractor.

in which poorness itself leads to ever-deepening poorness." Last year Willy Brandt told us here at MIT that the way our system functions, the poor nations are now subsidizing the rich nations. For many years some Third World nations have called for a new economic order which would function so as to gradually narrow the gap between the rich and the poor. These suggestions have met implacable resistance from the wealthy nations generally.

Of course the reconstruction of the world economy so as to promote more justice and equality is a daunting task. At this point it is not even clear what such a reconstructed economic order might look like. Recently MIT has received a good deal of publicity for the report its special commission on competitiveness has published on the productivity of American industry. It has been described as a bottoms-up study. Love suggests to me that MIT might do an even more important bottoms-up study on what might be needed for a more just and cooperative world economic order.

The gap, of course, widens not only between the rich and poor countries, but also between the rich and poor within countries. In the past eight years American domestic policies seem deliberately designed to transfer resources from the poor to the rich. From the perspective of love this is a scandal.

The third challenge has to do with our care of the earth. Poisoning and ravaging the earth is no way to love it and to love present and future generations. And yet a glance at the daily headlines intimate that that is exactly what we are doing. Lester Brown's annual volumes on the State of the Earth and the Brundtland Commission report, *Our Common Future*, make sober reading, but they also offer policy suggestions that might serve love and create hope

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for both economic development and environmental preservation.

If MIT gave a higher priority to addressing these three challenges, it would be serving well both this generation and the future.

It may be just possible that we can begin to help move MIT to take these social implications of love more seriously. In any case we have together through the years over and over again raised up these issues for public discussion.

It is important that we continue.

Rev. Scott Paradise is the Episcopal chaplain at MIT. This column is based on a statement he gave to MIT's Technology and Culture Seminar this past May.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fraternity poster reveals womanizing attitude

Fraternities and their treatment of women have been in the campus news lately. In their letter ["*Thistle* belittled IFC efforts on sexism, alcohol," Sept. 1] the IFC claims not to take the issues

of sexism and harassment lightly. Perhaps they'd like to consider a Nu Delta poster which was on display last weekend.

This poster depicts a man, wearing only pants, pinning a

woman up against a brick wall. Another woman, whose state of attire is unclear, stands under a spotlight above. Graffiti on the wall urges us to "GET NUD." The poster is ostensibly an invitation to a video party at 460 Beacon Street. But the not-so-hidden intent is clear: join this fraternity and a world of sexual adventure will open up to you. Women are on display and for the having at Nu Delta.

Well, brothers, get a clue! Start thinking with the part of your anatomy that got you into MIT. Women are not objects. They don't like to be forced against walls. Women are not pieces of bait. They're not to be used to lure new members to a fraternity.

This poster is blatantly sexist. It is outrageous and offensive. If this is representative of fraternities' attitudes towards sexism, then the IFC has a lot of work to do in closing the gap between its stated policy and the actual practices of individual fraternities.

Susan Dwyer G
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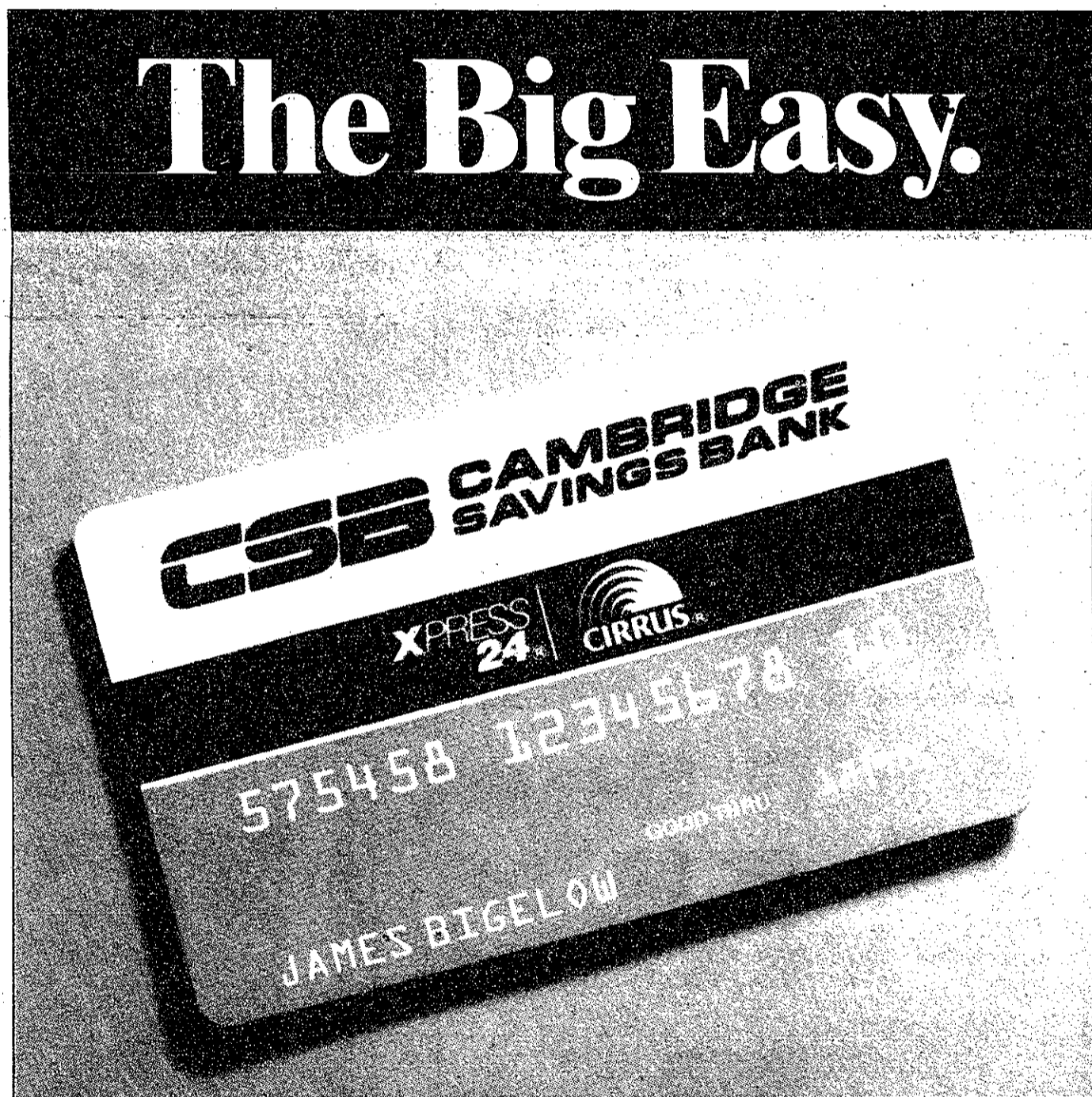
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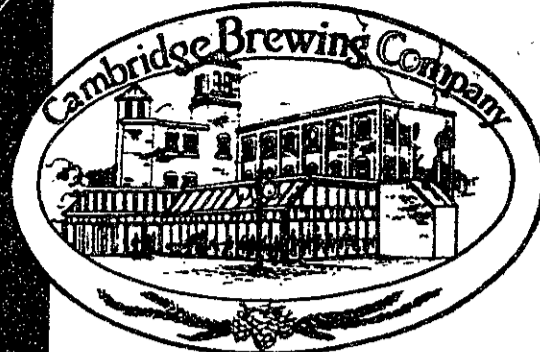
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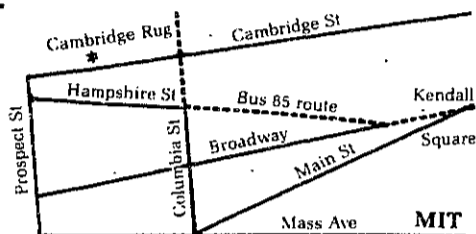
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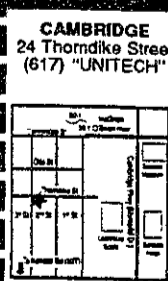
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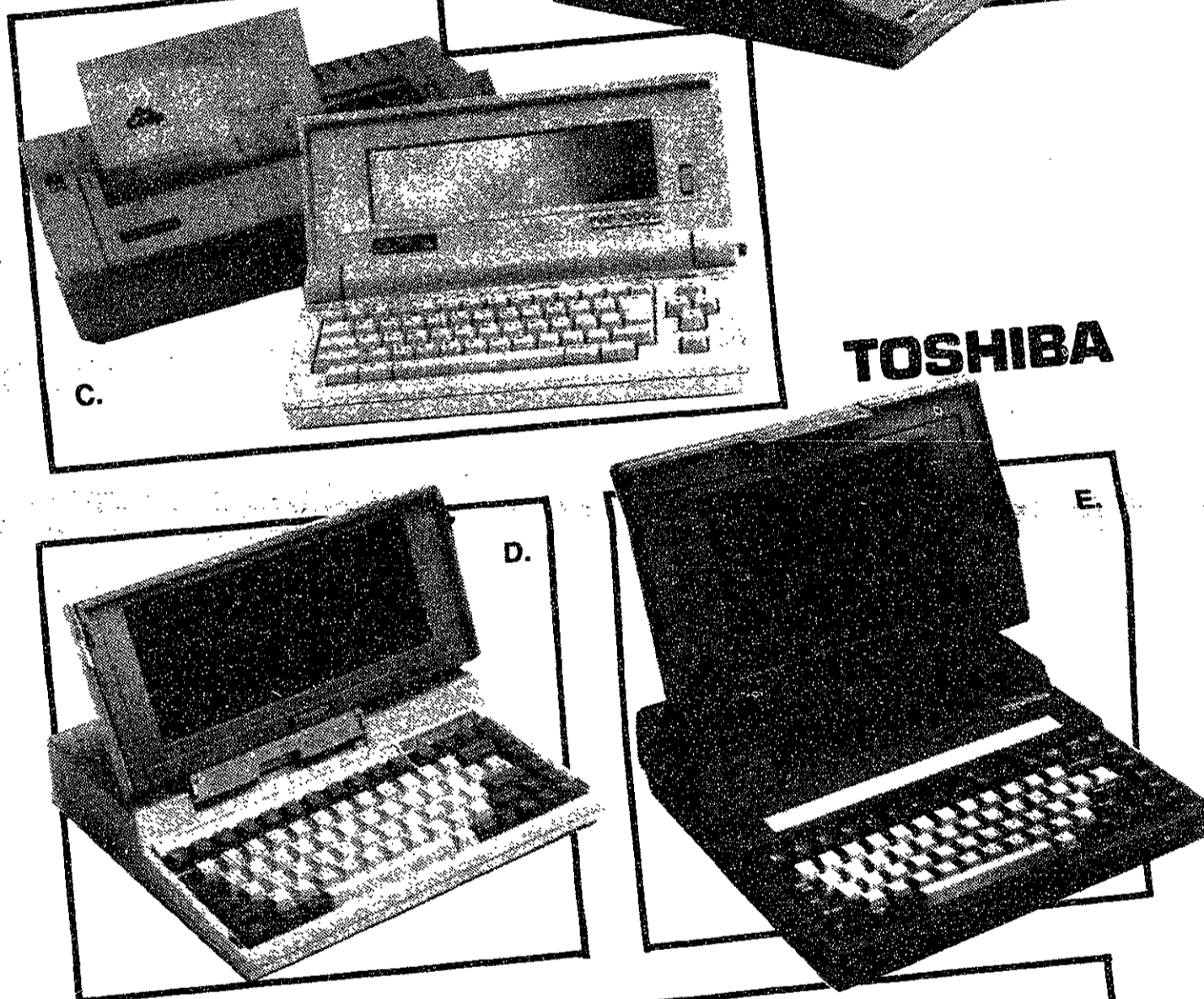
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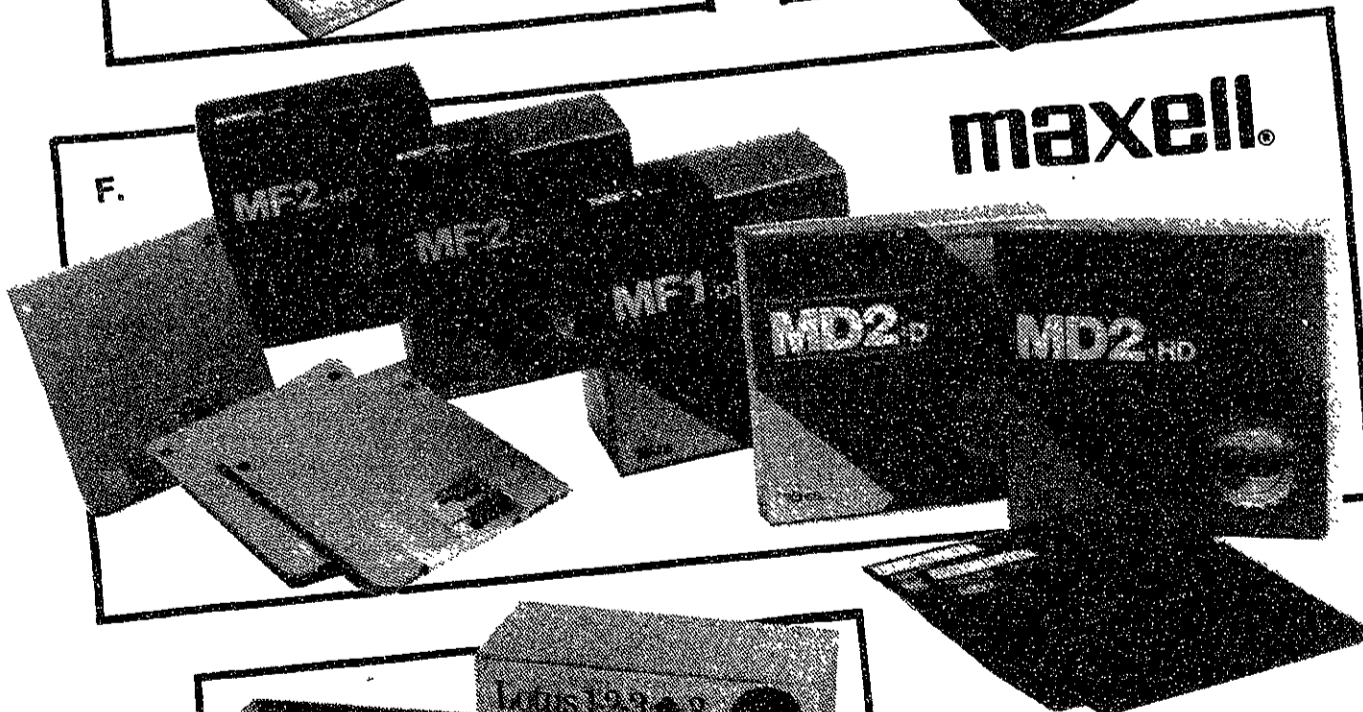


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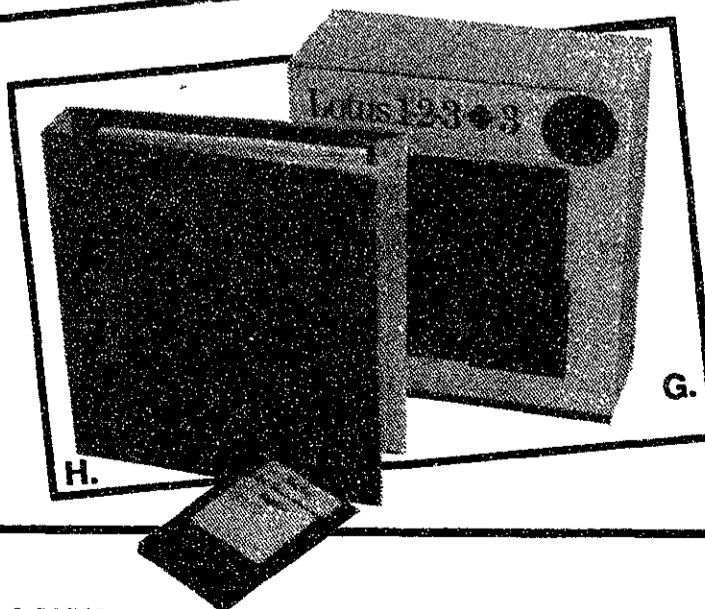


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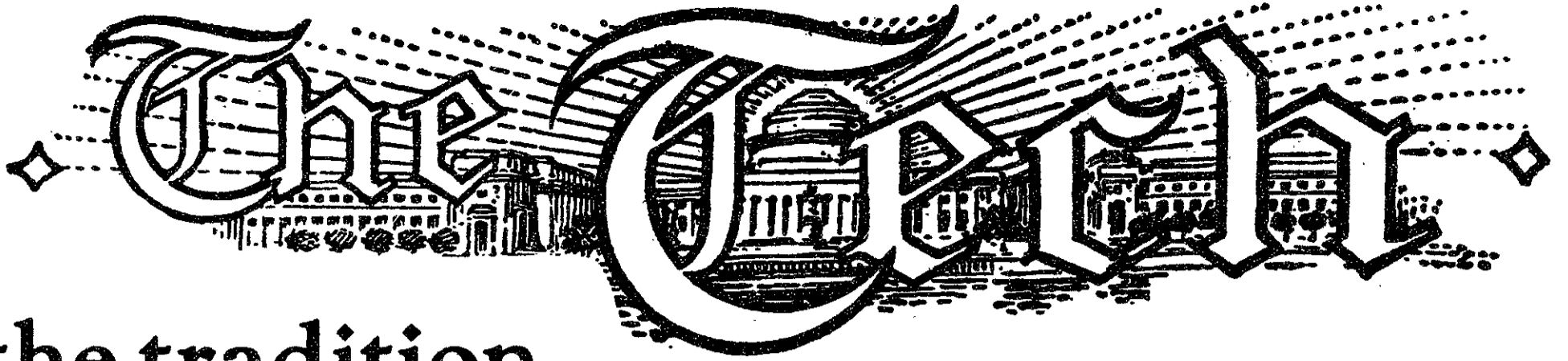


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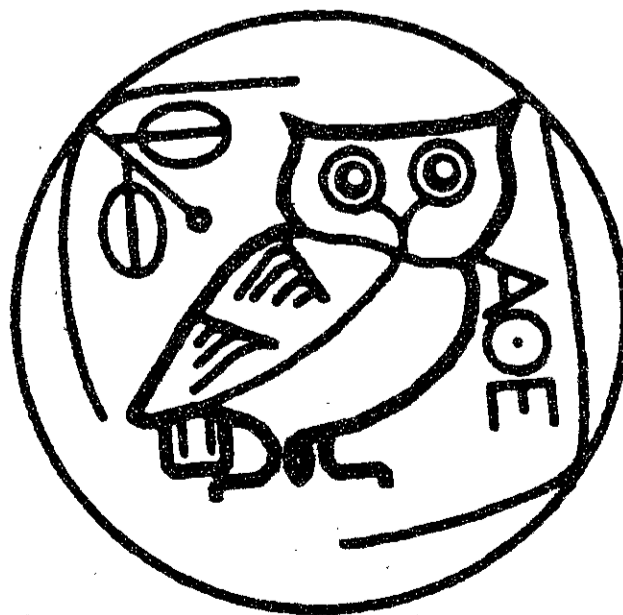
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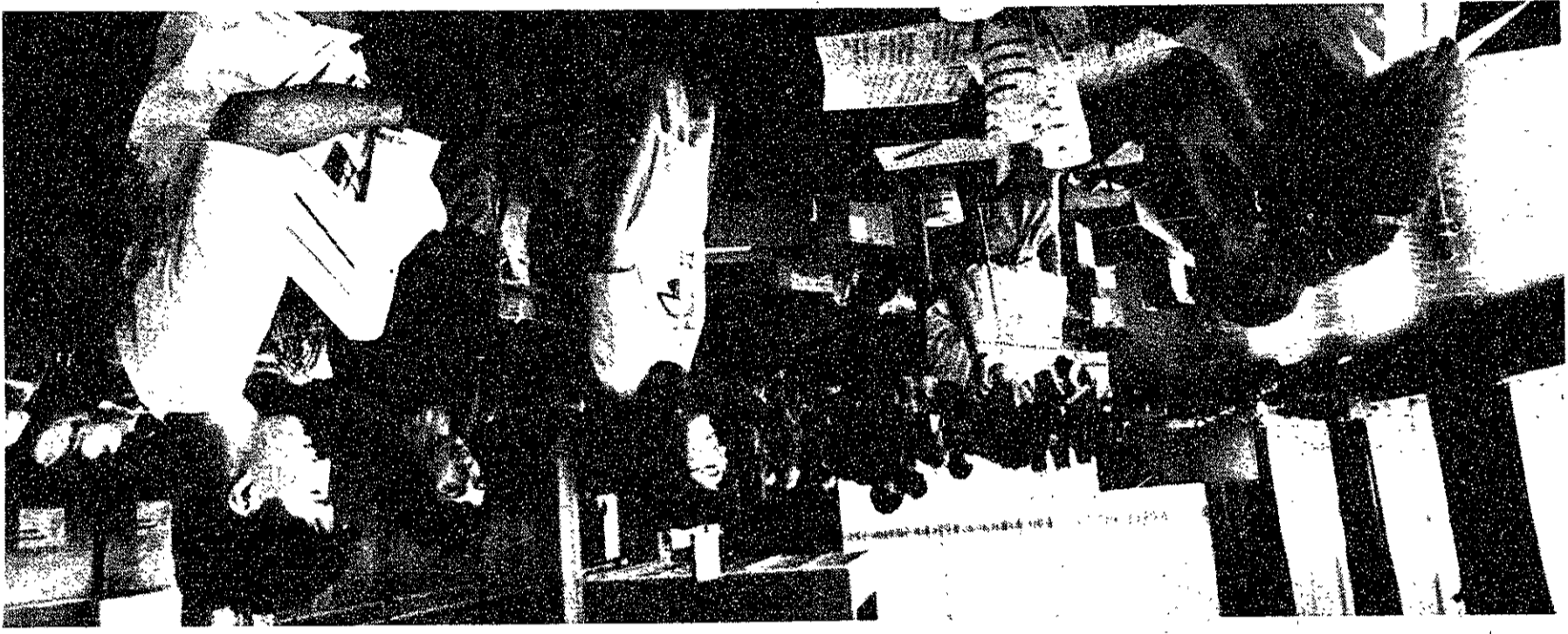


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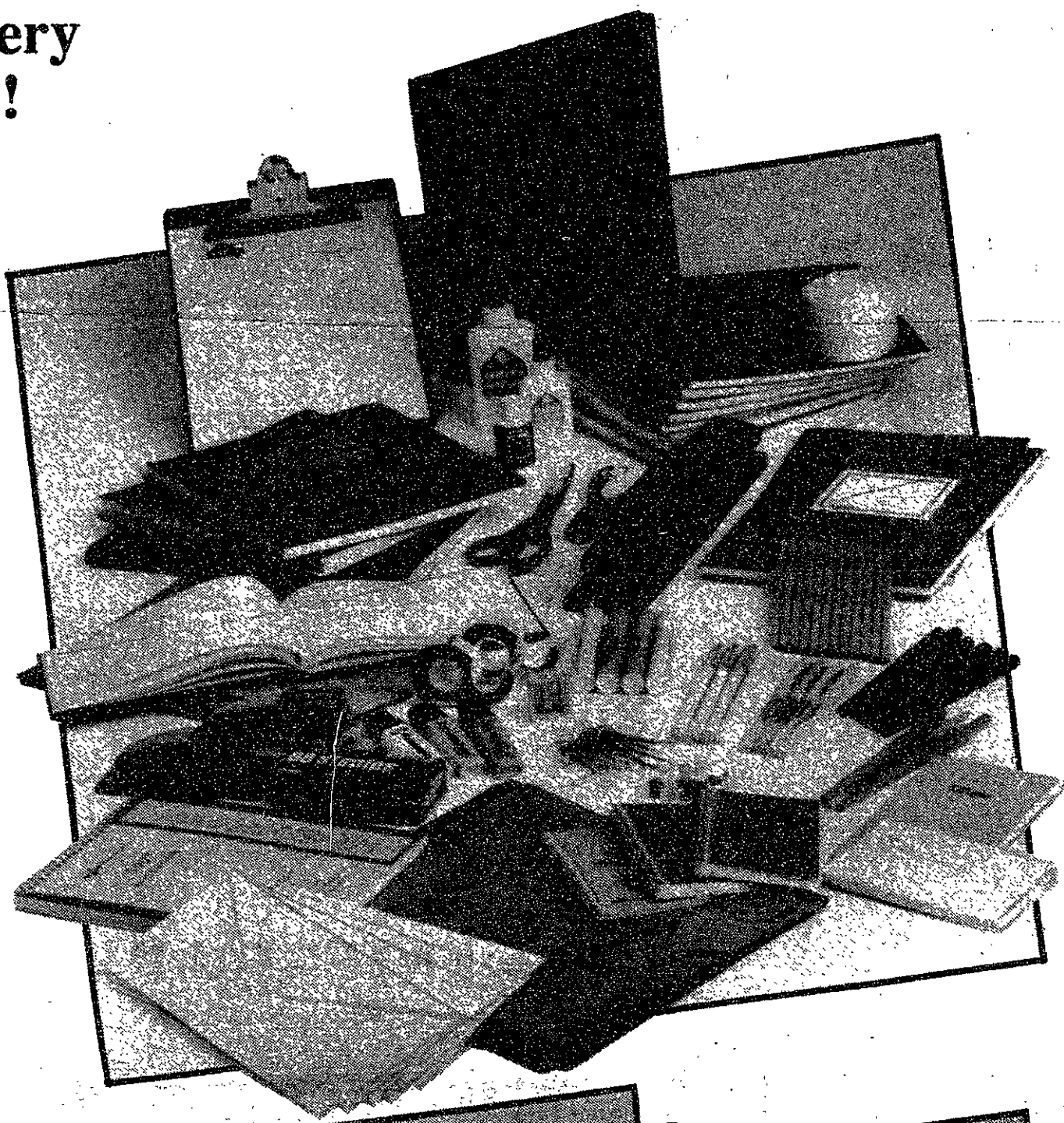
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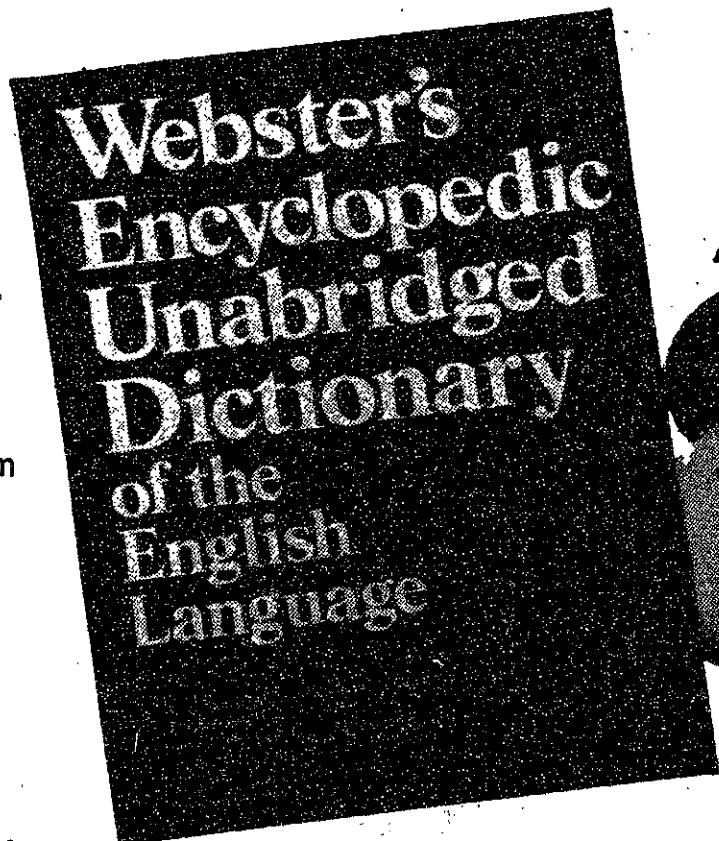
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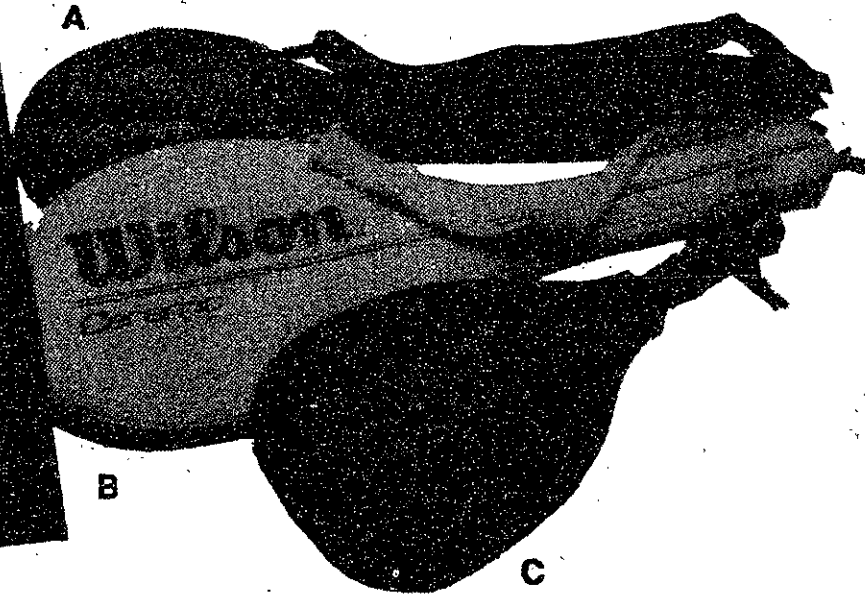
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Syd Straw's Surprise nearly spoiled by poor production

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By DEBBY LEVINSON

SYD STRAW'S BEEN STIRRING FOR quite some time. After her stint as lead singer of the Golden Palominos and as session vocalist on albums such as the dB's *Like This*, Straw has finally put out an album of her own.

Straw's studio work and association with the R.E.M.-jangly-guitar underground helped her to recruit a variety of musicians — X's John Doe sings on one track, Richard Thompson lends his guitar flourishes on two songs, and R.E.M. guru Michael Stipe contributes lyrics and vocals to "Future 40's (String of Pearls)." I expected a stellar album from such an impressive cast; instead, I found one ripe with potential, but sorely abused by over-production and unsatisfying melodies.

Part of the problem with *Surprise* is that Straw extended her guest-star approach to the album's production, bringing in no fewer than three producers, not including herself. Even Straw's own efforts are a mixed bag — of the four songs for which she takes sole production credits, only "Future 40's" is truly successful — her treatment of the country tearjerker "Almost Magic" is so layered with her own multitracked voice it tends to murkiness rather than the lush harmonies she is after.

The Anthony Moore productions fare no better. Moore drowns the country twang of "Heart of Darkness" in an echoey pop ending and brings in a funk melody on "Crazy American" that overpowers Straw's pure voice. To their credit, Moore and Straw deliver a bitter, accusatory version of the dB's "Think Too Hard" that is every bit the equal of the original.

The most disappointing part of *Surprise*, however, is not its poor production but its unfulfilled potential. Much like 10,000 Maniacs' Natalie Merchant, Straw writes lyrics that read more like prose than

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Despite talent, Syd Straw's Surprise isn't a first-rate album

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poetry and which need simple, uncluttered melodies to show them at their best. The finest song on the album is the Stipe collaboration, "Future 40's," which evinces frustration at the less-than-perfect state of the modern world:

*This isn't the way I dreamed
it would be someday (this is
what I've settled for) if I had
the chance I'd find a better way
I had some fine dreams
I traded them away
The future looked like the 40's.*

Only one other Straw composition manages to match melody to lyrics: "Sphinx," which I heard performed on an IRS Records television program several years ago and which remains as hypnotic now as it

was then. For this song, Straw is credited as storyteller, not vocalist — an important distinction. "Sphinx" is a quirky fable set to music, a tale of Straw's mythical "jinx who had too many drinks." Accented by Richard Thompson's delightful finger-picking guitar and "the yarn interlude" (a spoken-word explanation of Sphinx's conviction on charges of lustfulness), "Sphinx" is charming, a modern fairy tale.

Surprise closes with the ethereal "Golden Dreams," a tune with a haunting melody and a delicate tin whistle counterpoint. This song's simplicity points out the considerable shortcomings of its more complex, less melodic counterparts, however, and left me even less satisfied than before with Surprise. Syd Straw has the talent to produce a first-rate album; it's a shame that Surprise isn't the one.

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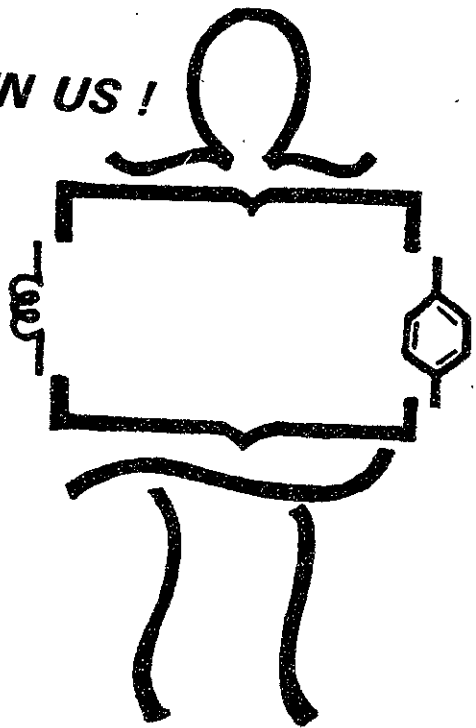
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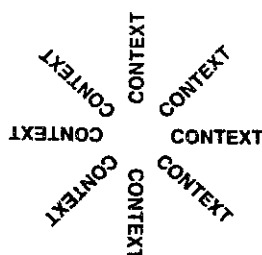
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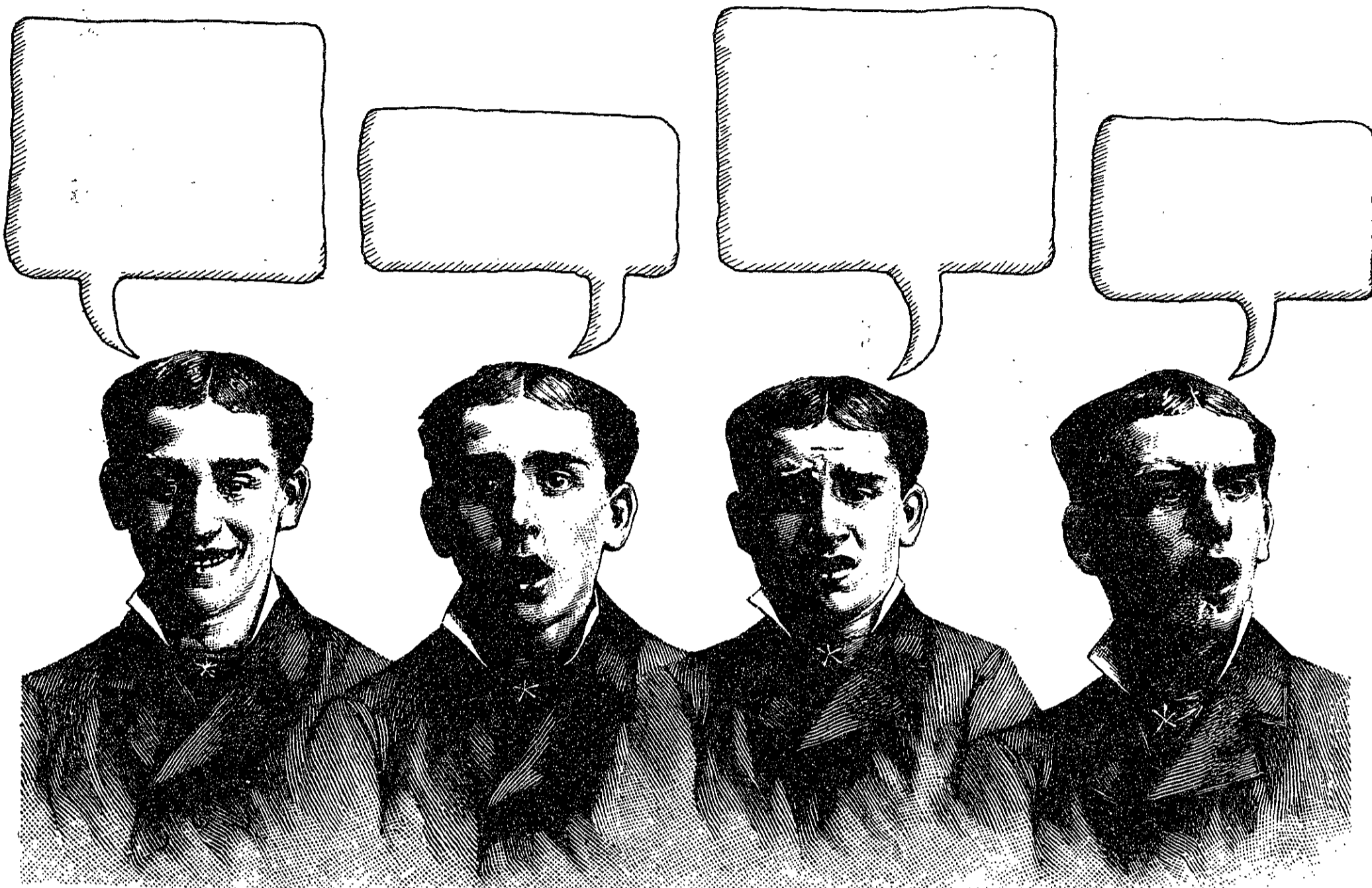
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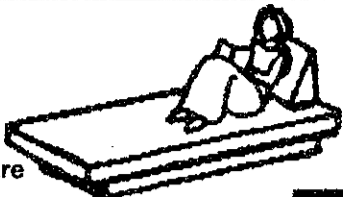


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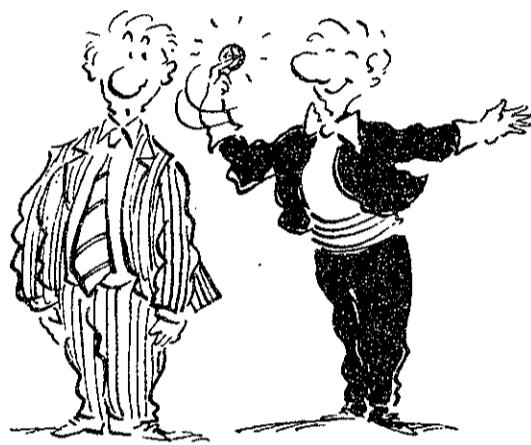


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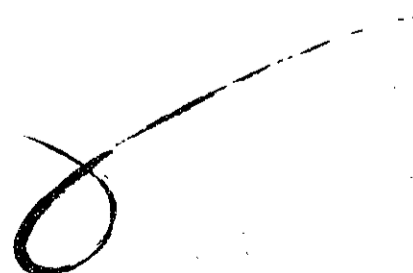
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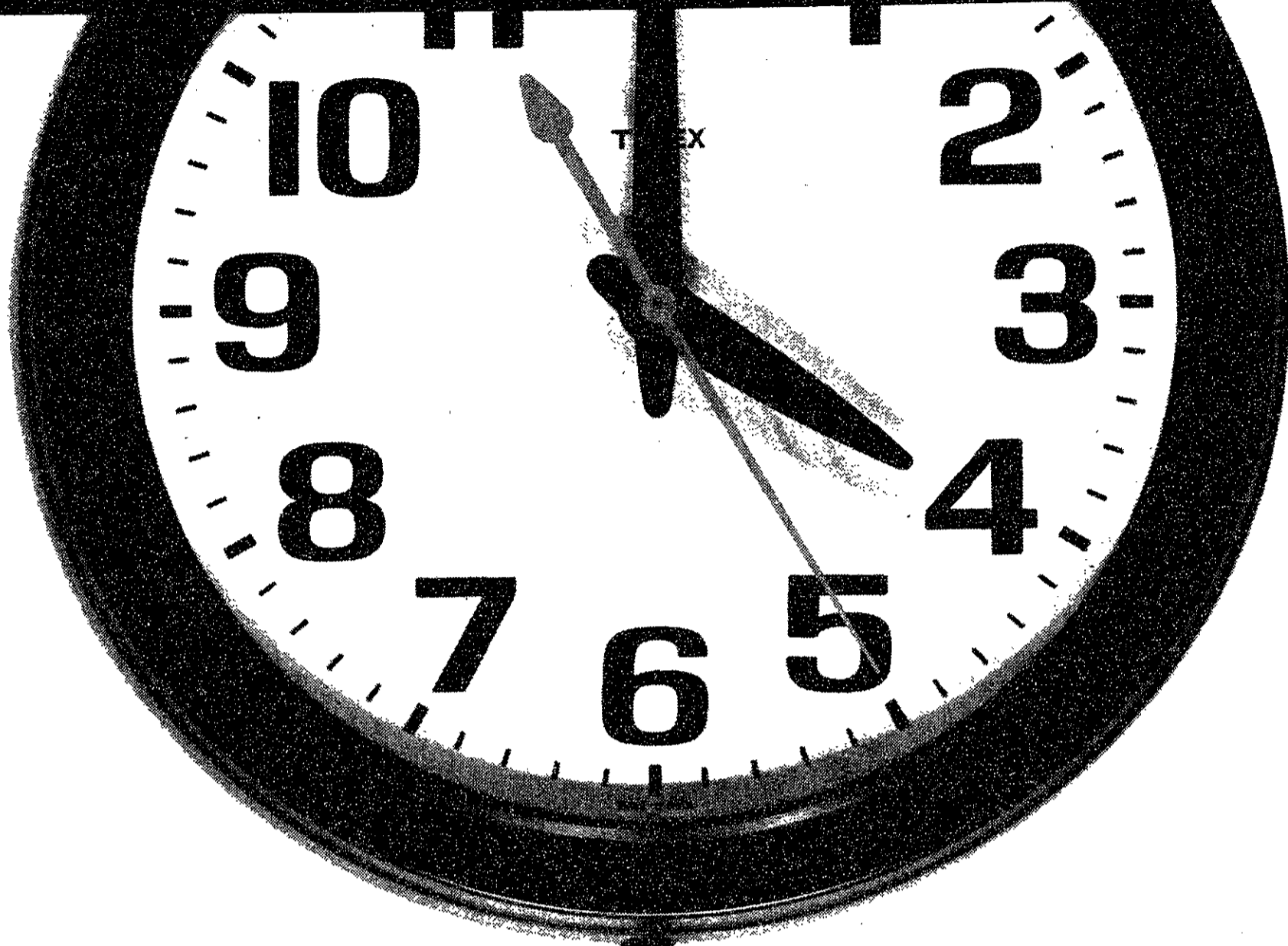


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