



Students slept on the sculptures and enjoyed the last days of Indian summer this week. William Chu/The Tech

## Faculty discusses report on housing

By Reuven M. Lerner

The faculty discussed possible changes in freshman housing and a proposed pornography policy at their monthly meeting on Wednesday.

Professor Mary C. Potter, who chaired the Freshman Housing Committee, summarized her committee's report for the faculty. She said that the "residential experience is essential" for a full undergraduate educational experience, and described the present system of assigning living groups as "exciting, but chaotic."

Potter said that under the new program, all freshmen would be pre-assigned to dormitories before arriving at MIT, and would live there for at least one year. Instead of the current Residence/Orientation Week, freshmen would participate in "Orientation Week," during which freshmen would participate in "more effective" orientation activities than presently exist.

Faculty reactions to the proposal were generally negative. Associate Professor James L. Kirtley '67 said he was "caught by surprise" by the housing report, and called it a "lousy idea." He also disputed the committee's opinion that foreign and minority students are underrepresented at ILG's. Kirtley said that while this might have been true in the past, it is no longer the case.

Undergraduate Association President Paul Antico '91 said that while freshmen might be unhappy with the residence choices they make, "choice based on limited knowledge is better than no choice at all." He encouraged the faculty to "attack student housing problems directly," rather than overhauling the entire process. Antico added that "if the problem with R/O is O, why change R?"

Dean for Undergraduate Education Margaret L. A. MacVicar '65, a member of the committee, supported the policy, saying that it was unfortunate that the summer mailing to incoming freshmen was a "combat manual" about "how to survive the [R/O] week," and asked, "What kind of signals are we sending?" She said that another problem is that women do not "participate in the ILG selection process."

Professor Lester C. Thurow said that the housing system puts freshmen under unnecessary stress, and noted that university life teaches people to live with people who "are not just like you." He added that he might very well discourage his son, a junior in high school, from applying to MIT, because of the stresses of R/O week.

The faculty next discussed a proposed new policy on the showing of pornographic films. Professor Henry D. Jacoby, a member of the group that had drawn up the policy, explained the differences between the present and proposed policies. While the current rules require permission before showing an unrated or X-rated film, the new policy would require students to file a complaint to the Committee on Discipline if they felt that a film had been pornographic or offensive.

Professor Paul C. Joss, who chaired the COD when it unanimously (Please turn to page 2)

## Keyser compiles harassment report

By Annabelle Boyd

In response to concerns about harassment on the MIT campus, the Associate Provost's Office is compiling a report which will detail by category the formal harassment complaints issued in each department over the past year, according to Associate Provost S. Jay Keyser.

In addition, the Committee on Sexual Harassment at MIT has been formed to evaluate the strengths and deficiencies of

## Project to replace lights nears end

By Michael Schlamp

In cooperation with the Massachusetts Public Utility Commission's plea for energy conservation, MIT's Physical Plant has nearly finished installing hundreds of fluorescent lights in buildings around campus, according to George H. Kilmarx, MIT's engineering projects manager.

The Cambridge Electric Light Company, which supplies the Institute with its electricity, agreed to award MIT a \$4.3 million rebate as part of a five-year electricity conservation program. (Please turn to page 14)

current MIT harassment policy.

According to Keyser, the purpose of the report on harassment at MIT is twofold. First, it will act as a means of raising awareness within the MIT community about the types of harassment which occur on campus. Second, it will provide data which can be used by the new sexual harassment committee and other groups to evaluate the current MIT harassment policy. Presently, no data on harassment at MIT is made public to the MIT community.

Keyser maintains that the key focus of the report is not the ha-

arrassment statistics which will be generated, but the rational analysis of those statistics. Since department heads and deans can only turn in the harassment complaints of which they have some record, the harassment statistics alone will not be an accurate account of harassment at MIT.

"My worry is that these statistics are inherently misleading since many cases of harassment are not reported," Keyser said. Therefore, the statistics will be used more to "inform the MIT community" and less as a "basis for policy."

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Tech File Photo  
Associate Provost S. Jay Keyser

## Dukakis outlines economic strategy

By Andrea Lamberti

Biotechnology will be at the center of economic success in Massachusetts in the 1990s, said Governor Michael S. Dukakis Tuesday in a speech at MIT's Bartos Theater.

Outlining his economic strategies for the 1990s, Dukakis said that he will spend the next 14 months "laying the foundation we will need to make the '90s every bit as good as or better than the 1980s." He also presented five major components of an economic blueprint for the '90s that he will unveil in January.

Dukakis called the biotechnology initiative one example of

"how we're going to fashion a winning strategy for the nineties — together." For the past two months, the governor has been meeting with leaders from the Massachusetts economic community. Together they "identified five basic economic problems facing this commonwealth," he said.

Dukakis mentioned the loss of manufacturing jobs in both traditional industries and in the mini-computer industry. The Northeast did not see the same resurgence in manufacturing that the rest of the nation enjoyed in 1987.

Certain areas of the state, labeled by Dukakis as "targets for

opportunity," have lost economic momentum. The economic gap between these areas, such as the Berkshires, Southeastern Massachusetts and Greater Roxbury, and the rest of the state "is growing again."

There is concern among the political and economic leaders of Massachusetts that the number of skilled and trained workers is on the decline, and that the region may lose growth to other parts of the country with labor surpluses. Dukakis recognized that the "sky-high housing prices" present in the state do not help attract work forces.

The "white-hot" economy of (Please turn to page 2)

## 7 from MIT arrested at Kerry protest

By Sean Dougherty

On Tuesday afternoon, six MIT students and an MIT lecturer were arrested for trespassing during an exercise in civil disobedience held in the Boston office of Sen. John F. Kerry (D-MA) to protest military aid to El Salvador's right-wing government. Six Harvard students and a Tufts student were also arrested.

Most of the students arrested were affiliated with the Central American Solidarity Association, MIT Committee on Central America, or Harvard COCA. Mary Baxter '93, Seth Gordon '91, Ron Francis G, Joshua Freeze '93, Steve Penn G, David Stern '91, and Louise Dunlap, an MIT lecturer in the Department of Urban Studies and Planning, were all released on \$25 bail per person. They were all arraigned on Wednesday, and their trial

date was set for Jan. 23. All pleaded not guilty. According to Gordon, the protesters may try to prove that their action was necessary to prevent violations of international human rights law, though a legal strategy for the group has not been formally discussed.

The protest started at 4 pm with as many as 100 street demonstrators carrying signs and chanting slogans such as "Death squad violence, just say no."

The demonstrators demanded that Kerry issue a statement calling for no more US military aid to El Salvador's government and a halt to government bombings near civilian areas in El Salvador. Last year, Kerry supported a bill through the Senate which guaranteed \$85 million in US military aid to the Salvadoran government for the current fiscal year.

The arrested persons refused to leave Kerry's office until he made such a statement. Gordon later explained, "The Salvadoran death squads are operating with our money — US money — and in our name. We must show Senator Kerry, Congress, and El Salvador that we will not tolerate this misuse of our tax dollars."

At least 30 police took the protesters away in police vans. Most of the demonstrators were cooperative during the arrests, but Freeze had to be carried out by police.

Protesters also voiced concerns that the war in El Salvador will become another Vietnam, that death squad violence will continue and likely increase, and that the rightist government does not represent the people's views.

The demonstrators initiated the (Please turn to page 2)



Gov. Michael S. Dukakis

William Chu/The Tech

# Salvador protest leads to 14 arrests

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protest in response to an anticipated emergency military aid bill to assist El Salvador's government in its fight against the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN), an alliance of leftist rebels. Recent reports from the *New York Times* have indicated that this military aid will most likely be expedited because of calls from the El Salvadoran government to replenish arms supplies.

The United States already gives \$1.4 million a day in economic and military aid to El Salvador, and has 55 military advisors

stationed there.

The FMLN launched its largest offensive in the decade-old civil war on Saturday night. Rebel forces took large areas in San Salvador and other cities. President Alfredo Cristiani declared a state of siege Monday night, which suspends most personal liberties and gives the government vast powers to detain citizens.

The organizers of the protest, citing the *New York Times*, the British Broadcasting Corporation, and the Red Cross, say that the Salvadoran military is straf-

ing civilian neighborhoods, on the grounds that these neighborhoods are housing the rebels.

Associated Press reports indicate that the government has reclaimed a significant portion of this area, although rebels are still entrenched in some areas of the country. Observers say the rebels have underestimated their civilian support.

Nearly 70 thousand Salvadorans have been killed since the civil war began nearly a decade ago. Many of these deaths have been attributed to the military and government.

# Governor discusses priorities for '90s

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the 1980s encouraged real-estate development, and now much of the state is overbuilt. There is "too much of everything, construction is down, and built space is moving very slowly," Dukakis said.

Finally, Dukakis said that at the state level, "tax revenues are way off." The problem of revenue shortfall creates "a sudden instability to invest in our economic future" as well as fiscal instability.

### Planning for the next decade

Despite these problems, Dukakis is starting now to plan for the next decade. The "fundamental strengths" behind the Massachusetts Miracle still exist, Dukakis claimed: daring entrepreneurs, productive workers, great universities, and great hospitals.

"If the the economic leaders I've been meeting with have told me one thing, it is that the Massachusetts economy has plenty of life in it."

Dukakis' economic blueprint will be based on a commitment to "growth and jobs in every region of the commonwealth," and to biotechnology and education.

The governor asserted that

there are "tens of thousands of jobs in the high-technology industries," and Massachusetts must get these jobs. Biotechnology is one of these industries, and it is "exploding" across the state and the country.

"We're going to make Massachusetts the world's preeminent center for biomedical research, development and manufacturing," Dukakis said, emphasizing aid the state has given to entrepreneurs, to biotech developers, and to larger companies in bypassing red tape in Washington.

The emergence of biotechnology as a major industry in Massachusetts indicates that the number of jobs requiring more than just a high-school education is decreasing. In the next 10 to 20 years, 85 percent of new jobs in Massachusetts will require at least a community college education, according to a recent MIT study, *Made In America*.

The study placed education and training at the top of the list of national priorities. "We've got to educate the workers and innovators of tomorrow," Dukakis said. He admitted that cuts in education spending are "a terrible mistake. . . we must continue to invest in quality education in

Massachusetts."

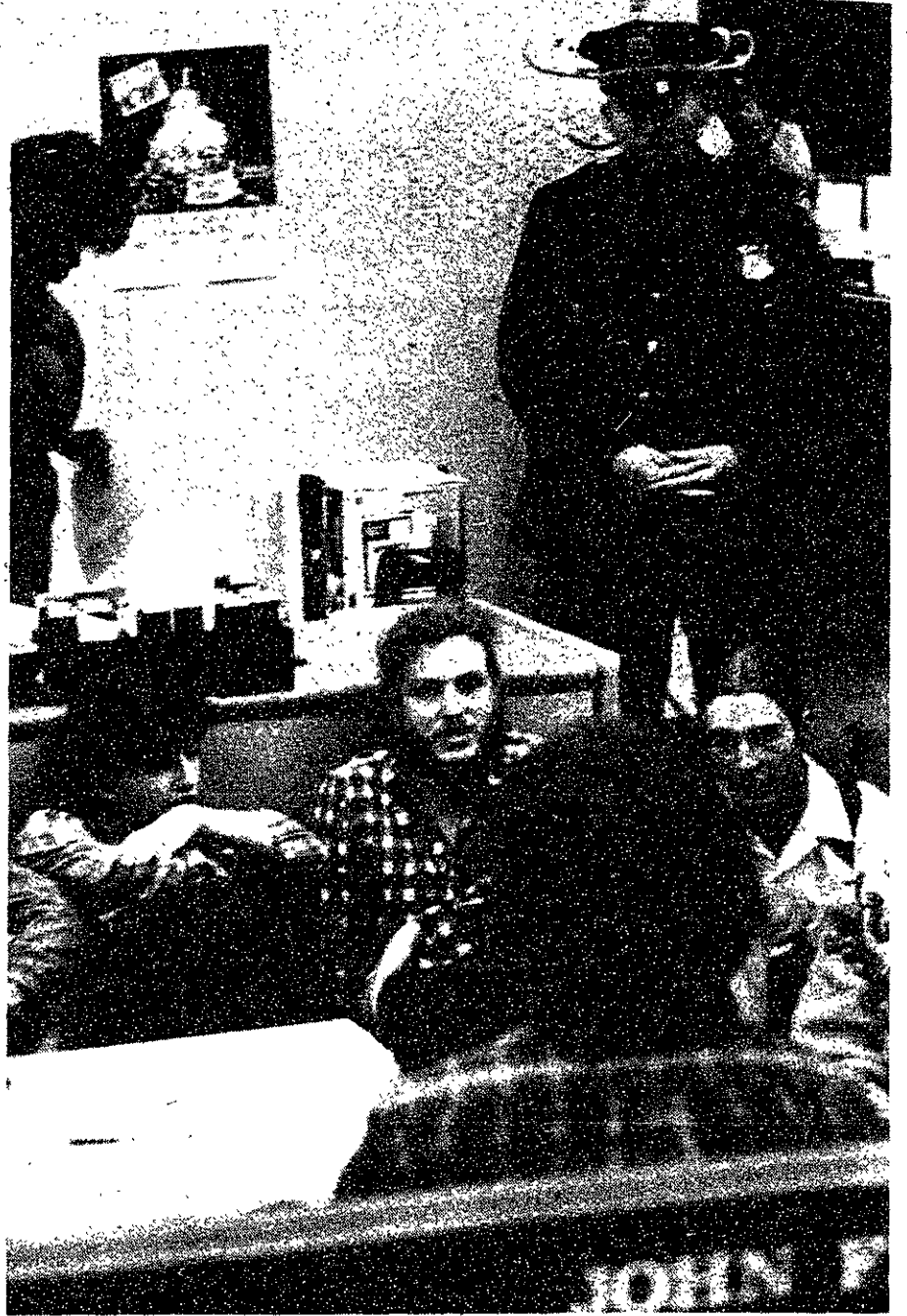
Another facet of the plan to improve the state economy includes the "Mega-projects" — five large-scale public investments in the greater Boston area. "The Harbor clean-up and the artery tunnel project will provide tens of thousands of jobs for the next ten years," Dukakis said.

The artery project will build a new central artery highway below the existing one downtown, add a harbor tunnel, and then tear down the existing central artery. It is part of Dukakis' plan to make Boston "the hub of an expanding New England economy."

The governor also intends to attain the necessary federal support for a high-speed rail system between New York and Boston to eliminate overcrowding at Logan Airport.

Outside of Boston, Dukakis said he plans to restore the Old Colony Railroad and rebuild the Massachusetts Turnpike.

The final element of the economic strategy is for Massachusetts to "go international" and be a primary force of the "Atlantic Rim." Dukakis said he would try to help companies begin exporting to Canada and Europe and take advantage of Massachusetts' location.



Students protest increased military aid to El Salvador with a sit-in at Sen. John F. Kerry's office on Tuesday.

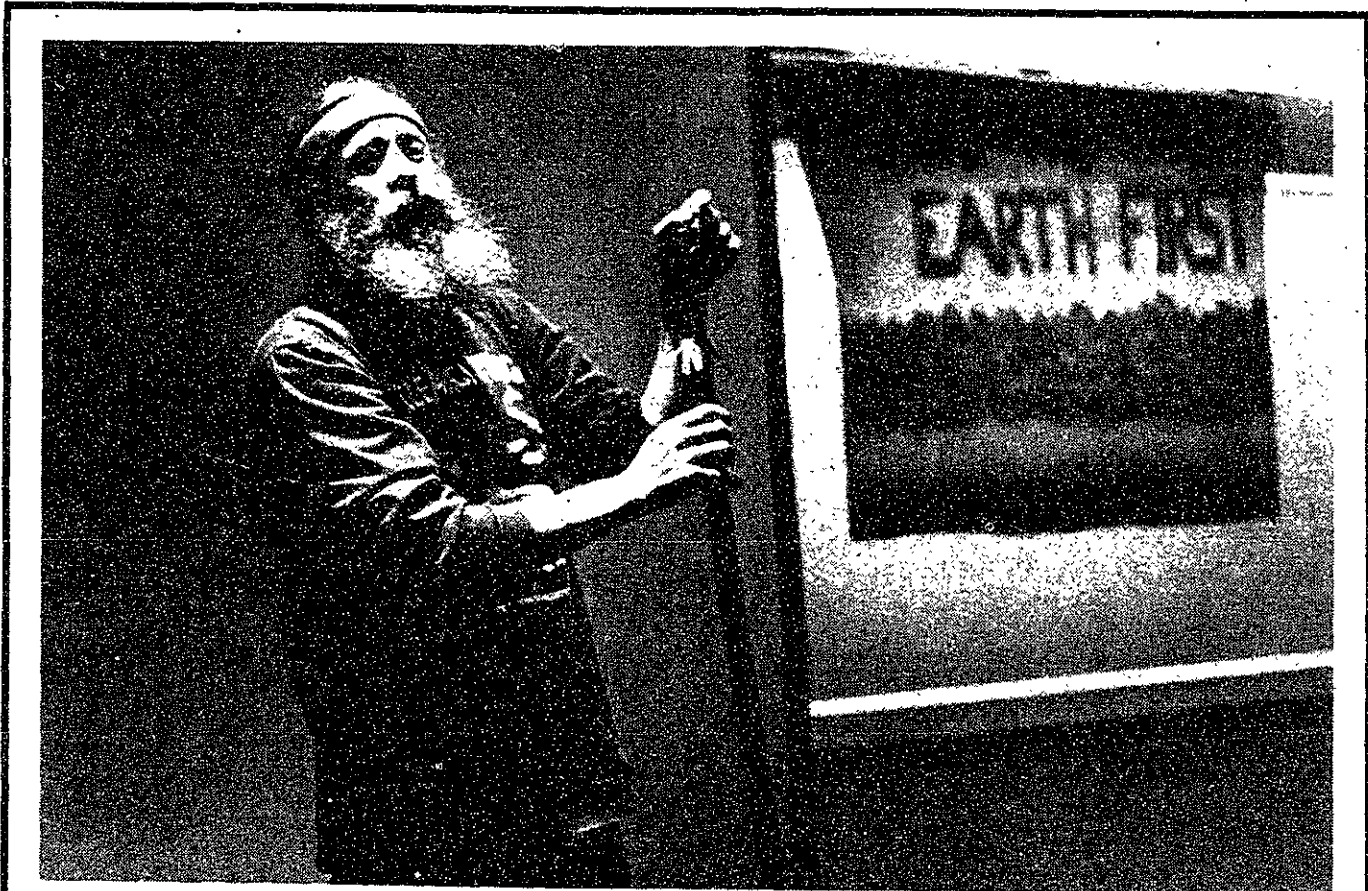
# Housing, porn policy discussed by faculty

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decided that Adam L. Dershowitz G was allowed to show pornographic films on campus, said that the "crux of the rationale for having a policy of this kind" is the "emotional disturbance" that some people have felt. He compared the proposal to laws against flag burning which Congress passed in the wake of a Su-

preme Court decision allowing the act. Joss said that just as people are now burning flags to test the law, the faculty is "inviting people to violate this policy."

Dershowitz, speaking at the meeting, criticized the faculty for trying to define pornography — something which the Supreme Court had decided was a nearly impossible task.



Lou Gold addressed environmental concerns, such as clearcutting national forests, at a Monday lecture sponsored by student group SAVE.

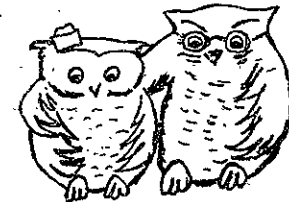
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## World

### El Salvador denies involvement in massacre

The government of El Salvador says its forces had nothing to do with a massacre at a Catholic university in San Salvador yesterday. Six Jesuit priests were tortured and killed as fighting between government troops and rebels raged for a sixth day. One priest said a witness saw uniformed soldiers entering the priests' residence before the shooting began.

### East German communists said to loosen grip

Sources within East Germany's small Liberal Democratic Party say the communist leadership has agreed to grant non-communists a greater role in the new government. Cabinet negotiations are underway in East Berlin. The Liberal Democrats said they will ask Parliament today to strike down a constitutional provision guaranteeing the supremacy of the Communist Party.

### Three deny kidnapping reports

An American woman and two West German friends have left Beirut for Cyprus — a day after a previously unknown group claimed it had kidnapped them. Deborah Fahrend of San Francisco and the Germans refused to talk to reporters as they boarded a boat bound for Cyprus yesterday. Earlier in the day, they turned up at the West German Embassy in Beirut and denied they had been kidnapped. There are conflicting reports about whether they were robbed.

US consular officials want to question Fahrend. A State Department spokeswoman pointed out that it is against the law for Americans to travel to Lebanon without a special permission because it is too dangerous.

### US-Soviet trade barriers may fall

Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher predicts the Kremlin's move to ease travel restrictions will lead to the removal of US trade barriers. Soviet lawmakers are nearing final passage of legislation once the new law takes effect, it is likely the United States will grant the Soviet Union most favored nation trade status.

## Local

### Gay rights law opponents seek repeal

One day after Massachusetts enacted a gay rights law, opponents are launching a drive to repeal it. They filed petitions yesterday with the secretary of state seeking a referendum on the law, which forbids discrimination against homosexuals in housing, employment, and credit. Wisconsin is the only other state with such a law.

### Seven children killed in elementary school disaster

High winds blew down a wall of an elementary school cafeteria near Newburgh, NY, as students ate their lunch yesterday. Authorities said at least seven children are dead, and 18 youngsters injured. Rescue workers rushed to the scene and pulled children from the debris at East Coldenham Elementary School. One six-year-old student said it looked like a tornado struck. He said "I saw everything falling down . . . all kinds of glass fell down."

### Reagan ordered to produce Iran-contra documents

Former President Ronald Reagan has been ordered to produce Iran-contra documents for the trial of his former national security advisor, John M. Poindexter. Federal Judge Harold Greene is giving Reagan until next Wednesday to comply with the subpoena. Poindexter's lawyers want to see portions of Reagan's diaries and notes he took at key meetings with Poindexter. A lawyer representing Reagan refused to comment on yesterday's order.

### Weather impedes hurricane cleanup

In the Huntsville, AL, area, wind-driven rains and pounding hail complicated the cleanup job yesterday. Rescue workers continued digging through mountains of debris, search for possible victims of Wednesday's tornado. The storm killed 17 people and injured more than 460. One thousand have been left homeless, and Huntsville's mayor said federal disaster aid will be sought.

### House approves pay raise

The Senate is expected to take up a bill today which raises the pay of House members and some top government officials. The House approved the measure yesterday, granting its members a pay hike of more than 30 percent. It also boosts the salaries of federal judges and high-ranking members of the executive branch. The legislation approved by the House also toughens ethics rules by placing new limits on outside earnings.

### Trade picture improves

The US trade picture brightened considerably in September. The merchandise trade deficit dropped to less than \$8 billion, as imports declined and exports increased. September's trade imbalance was the smallest in almost five years. It was 21 percent less than in August, when the trade gap was bigger than it has been all year.

The trade report had little effect on the stock market. The Dow Industrials wandered up and down all Thursday, closing up about three points at 2635.66. Declining issues ran slightly ahead of gainers.

### Tarpley suspended from NBA

Roy Tarpley's pro basketball career received a jolt yesterday when his drug counselors ordered his indefinite suspension from the National Basketball Association for failing to comply with his after-care program. Dallas police arrested the Mavericks forward last night on charges of driving while intoxicated and resisting arrest. Tarpley has broken NBA drug rules twice before.

### Bad back sidelines Redskin Williams

The Washington Redskins have named Mark Rypien to start at quarterback next Monday against Denver in place of Doug Williams, whose back is acting up. Williams has played two games after spending the first eight weeks of the season recovering from back surgery.

### SF Giants sign Kevin Bass

Following eight seasons in Houston, free agent Kevin Bass has signed with the San Francisco Giants. Bass, who is slated to play right field in San Francisco, agreed to a three-year contract at close to \$1.8 million annually.

## Weather

### Flaky future?

Colder weather will be the rule for the next several days as northwest winds bring cold air from central Canada. Tomorrow a vigorous upper air disturbance will approach the area from the west spreading snow over a widespread region. As this disturbance will be starved for moisture, the snow it produces will be light. It appears as if the beginning of next week will be cold with more precipitation in store.

**Friday afternoon:** Mostly sunny and cold. Winds west-northwest 10-15 mph diminishing. High 43°F (6°C) with temperatures steady or slowly falling by midafternoon into the middle and upper 30's (2-4°C).

**Friday night:** Cold and clear. Winds light. Low 29°C (-2°C).

**Saturday:** Diminishing sunshine with light snow or flurries arriving by late afternoon. Snow ending late at night. Winds southwest 10 mph (16 kph). High 39°F (4°C). Low 26°F (-3°C).

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny and cold. High mid 30's (1-3°C). Low around mid 20's (-5 to -2°C).

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# opinion

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### "Kiss-in" critic misunderstands gay rights

Will Scruggs' letter ["Lobby 7 'kiss-in' offends some heterosexuals, Nov. 14] is a beautiful example of the ignorance, heterosexism, and hateful tolerance that sexual minorities must strive against daily. He claims to support gay rights and quickly points out that he is not homophobic, but then tells how disgusted he is by something as simple as a kiss or a hug. His entire tone suggests that explicit and perverse sex acts occurred in Lobby 7 which disturbed the MIT community so greatly that gay rights has suffered because of the demonstration. He seems to have missed the entire purpose of the demonstration and willfully misinterpreted the participants' motives. Such a reaction can only be explained by his intolerance and internalized hate toward gay men and women.

Homophobia means more than "fear of homosexuals" in the simple semantic sense. It has many more manifestations which are just as phobic — such as disgust, repulsion or hate. The "inappropriate display of physical attraction" and "the blatant homosexual contact" was mostly hugging within a large sampling of the MIT community. Over 10 student groups attended, fraternity and sorority members attended, as did MIT staff, and others. It was an act of live, unified, and shared support between homosexuals, bisexuals, and heterosexuals, not a wicked, gay orgy that defiled Lobby 7 as he seems to imply.

Scruggs professes to champion gay rights, but seems to have no

understanding of them whatsoever. He claims that heterosexuals are tired of reading gay signs and posters, but what about the vastly larger barrage of heterosexual life that is forced upon us daily? You cannot walk to class or eat lunch without being reminded that you are in a straight world. You cannot watch a movie or read a book without being reminded that you are in a straight world. The few reminders that homosexuals exist, too, should not tip the scales so drastically that heterosexuals become "belligerent" toward gays, unless they have some originally deeper-rooted problem with homosexuals. Gays have a right to hold hands, and to kiss, and to love whomever they choose without being harassed or condemned. The attitudes that Scruggs supports in his letter are in condemnation of gay rights, not in support. Why does he see this as "forcing heterosexuals to see blatant homosexual contact" when we are "forced" to see the same contact between non-gay couples dozens of times each day?

Scruggs graciously offers to be tolerant toward gays if they keep to themselves and "try not to offend heterosexuals." This oppression is worse than any other kind. I know many that support black rights, but don't want blacks to move into their neighborhoods or work in their jobs. Differences should be accepted and enjoyed, not merely tolerated if the oppressive majority approves of the way those differences are expressed. No group

that is fighting for equality and acceptance should strive to offend as few people as possible. It is those that take offense at the least provocation that should logically examine their own beliefs and why they are offended.

Jason Satterfield '90

### "Kiss-in" letter exposed author's real viewpoint

I think that Will Scruggs might understand the reason behind the 'kiss-in' that he attacked ["Lobby 7 'kiss-in' turned off some heterosexuals," Nov. 14] if he considers his own statement, "I personally left Lobby 7 not only because public displays of affection bother me, but also because guys kissing other guys offends me and makes me sick." Clearly he means by this that heterosexual displays of affection simply bother him while homosexual displays offend him and make him sick.

Although we can blame Scruggs for the objectionable prejudice and insecurity evident in his letter, I think his words are indicative of a malignant aspect of our entire society, a society in which the sight of members of the same sex kissing "gave many heterosexuals very belligerent feelings towards homosexuals." In fact, I think that we should thank Mr. Scruggs for giving us such a candid insider's view on the antihomosexual elements of our community.

David Hogg '92



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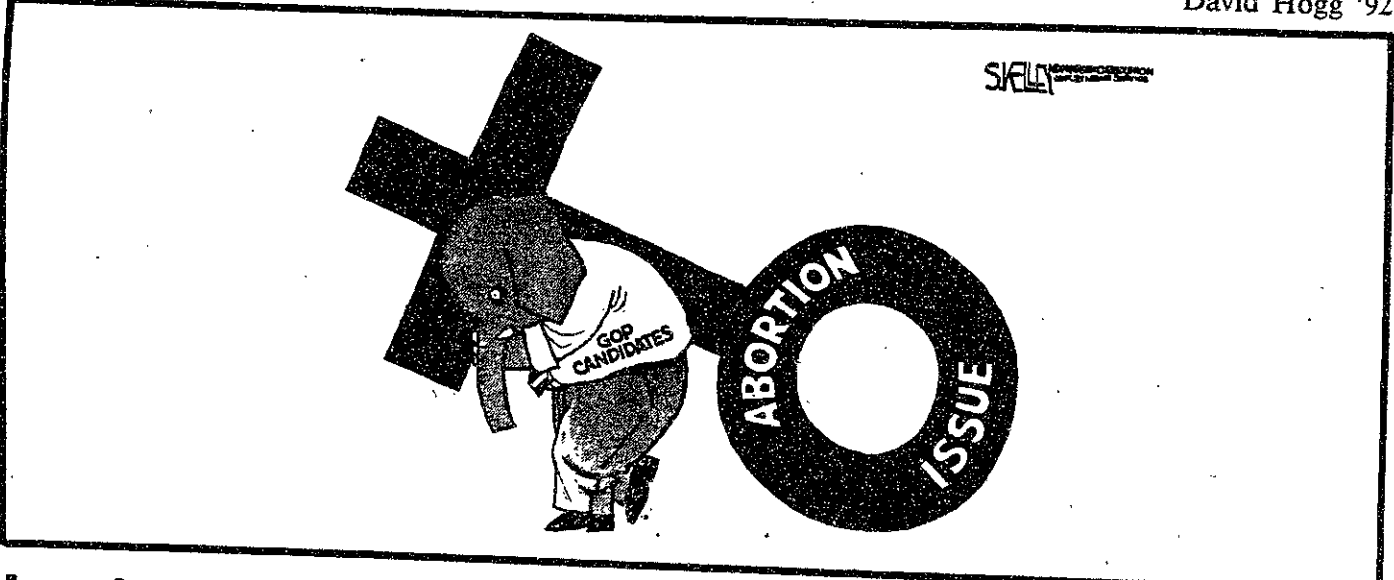
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### Institute should offer Chinese language courses

We are a group of students who would like MIT to initiate Chinese language and literature classes on campus. There are many students who are currently taking Chinese classes at Wellesley College and Harvard University through exchange and cross-registration programs. Many students also register for the intensive Chinese language course offered at Wellesley during Independent Activities Period. On a campus where the Chinese (and Asian) student body comprises one of the largest ethnic groups, it is important not to neglect subjects on Chinese and other Asian cultures.

Many more MIT students would register in these courses if the additional paperwork and extra time needed for traveling to the other campuses were eliminated. Since language courses usually meet four times a week, in addition to laboratory assignments, the tight schedules of most students do not permit the extensive travel time required. Informal verbal surveys show a large number of students who want to take a Chinese language course as well as students who desire a concentration in Chinese culture, but who are deterred due to inconvenience of time and

location. Undergraduate and graduate student bodies, both Chinese and non-Chinese, have shown a large interest in Chinese language classes in the recent past. From 1976 to 1980, Chinese language courses were offered as an exchange program in which a professor from Wellesley College traveled to the MIT campus. Two courses were set up initially but were expanded to four by 1980. These courses were very popular and were filled to "overflowing" during those years, according to the 1976-77 *Report of the President*. We would like to see Chinese courses reinstated on the MIT campus — this time as part of the formal curriculum.

On the international scale, the Far East is a significant factor in world affairs. Many Chinese-speaking regions, such as China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Singapore, are emerging in the world arena, especially in the areas of manufacturing, manpower, natural resources, and technology. A knowledge of the Chinese language and culture would benefit those who want to understand and participate in these affairs. With over one billion people in the world who speak Chinese,

MIT students and graduates can effect a greater impact on these events if they understand Chinese.

MIT has been enhancing its role in cultural education through new requirements for the study of humanities, arts, and social sciences. China possesses a unique and long-lasting culture with a history of 5000 years. Colleges and universities all over the United States offer language and literature courses for studying Chinese culture. As one of the top universities in the world, MIT draws students from every nationality. An international university with such a diverse population, including a large percentage who are of Asian descent, should not fall behind in its teaching of Asian studies, in this case, Chinese language and literature. We believe that the addition of Chinese classes to MIT's curriculum would further these improvements by offering a fresh perspective in language and cultural studies.

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# opinion

## Is the "Soviet threat" worth \$300 billion a year?

Column by Rev. Scott Paradise

For forty years, the United States has armed itself to counter the Soviet threat of world domination through military conquest and subversion. Our leaders have warned us that no sacrifice is too great to pay to preserve our freedom. In the past forty years we have indeed paid a great price and maintained a huge military establishment capable of fighting wars in all part of the world and created a nuclear arsenal to deter any Soviet attack on us or our allies. Our leaders contended that the reality of the Soviet threat made this military preparedness necessary.

In the past four years the Soviet empire has shown every sign of disintegrating. The Soviet army has withdrawn from Afghanistan in defeat. Eastern Europe, as the tumultuous events of the last two weeks show, is in ferment with declaring their independence. The Baltic States and other Soviet Republics are agitating for self determination. Miners in the Urals have struck against the government and won. The Soviet economy is in deep trouble. The government is in disarray. The doctrines of Marx and Lenin no longer have the power to win hearts and minds as they once did. Instead of predicting that the Soviet system will bury us, President Mikhail Gorbachev makes conciliatory speeches, offers a bewildering succession of disarmament proposals, and tries to stave off disaster by imitating Western economic and political practices.

Where is the Soviet threat against which we appropriate \$300 billion a year for defense?

Potential answers are forthcoming:

"Gorbachev will not last. He will soon be replaced by a successor who may well be as aggressively anti-West as Stalin."

In response we might note that Gorbachev is not only intelligent and skillful but

is playing the only cards the Soviets now have. Is there any more credible policy a successor could adopt? Evidence piles up that not only do the Soviets not want to threaten the West with war, but they could not get themselves together to fight such a war if they did. Their failure to subdue a small primitive country like Afghanistan does not bode well for their success in a major drive into Western Europe. Such a venture would be foolhardy unless the Soviets could count on an efficient economy to support it, a willing people to back it, and allies which could be counted on to



protect their supply lines in Eastern Europe. The Soviets have none of these assets. And how would such an enterprise improve the position of the Soviet government or solve the problems the country now faces?

"But," say some, "the Soviets are even more dangerous now that they are weak than they were when they were strong. Nothing is more dangerous than a wounded lion."

In response we might note that the Soviets are not wounded but very sick. No foreign power is attacking the Soviets. That country's problems are internal.

Those urging that we continue the Cold War are trying to claim both sides of an argument. For forty years they insisted that we needed to maintain a huge military establishment because the Soviets were strong. Now they are arguing that we need

to maintain that same military establishment because the Soviets are weak.

Some persist in pressing the argument even further. "The weaker the Soviets become the more dangerous they will be," they maintain. "If their domestic situation becomes totally unviable, they may believe they have nothing to lose and may be willing to risk an all out war and even a nuclear exchange."

In response we might suggest that if the Soviets are in such desperation that they are ready to engage in reckless military adventures and risk nuclear holocaust against all reason, the strength of our military will not deter them. For forty years our whole deterrence strategy has rested on the assumption that our adversary was rational. For us to reverse ourselves now and maintain a huge deterrent because our adversary might become irrational leads one to question even our rationality.

Like the Soviets our problems today are internal. Although our system is not yet collapsing, in many respects our society is gradually deteriorating. We feel we cannot afford adequate resources to protect our environment, educate our children, rebuild our decaying infrastructure, construct affordable housing, combat drug addiction, provide basic health care for all, care for the mentally ill, the disabled, the elderly, children in poverty, and reduce the deficit. And yet our government is determined to expand and modernize our nuclear arsenal and military establishment.

The threats to our society and the world's future seem less likely to come from the Soviets and more likely to come from our neglect of the needy, our devastation of the environment, our indifference to justice, and our unwillingness to invest in our long-term economic future.

And still, new Trident submarines slide down the ways at Groton, CT, and new missiles are tested at Cape Canaveral and the Nevada Test Site. Congress debates whether to invest in mobile MX missiles or new Midgetman missiles, or whether to modernize our biological and chemical weapons capability, or whether to buy a fleet of Stealth bombers.

There seems to be no correlation between the magnitude of the military threat and the amount we are willing to spend to

Where is the Soviet threat against which we appropriate \$300 billion a year for defense?

defend ourselves from it. In an encouraging moment of sanity, the House voted to cut the money to be appropriated for the Strategic Defense Initiative. In a dismaying response, the Senate voted to restore those funds. The Senate leadership did not defend the restoration of those funds on the grounds that we needed SDI to protect us against the Soviet threat. They did not even primarily argue that we needed SDI to demonstrate our resolve or to use as a

bargaining chip in negotiating with the Soviets. Instead, Armed Services Committee Chairman Sam Nunn is reported to have said that the Senate needed to support SDI as a bargaining chip for use in the conference committee against



the House.

How long do we need to continue the arms race when we are the only ones running?

How long do we need to continue the Cold War when we are the only one fighting it?

How long before reason will prevail?

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## Some of my best friends are lesbians, but . . .

Column by Seth Gordon

Last week, to show our resolve in the face of harassment, supporters of gay, lesbian, and bisexual (hereafter, "gay") rights staged a "kiss-in" in Lobby 7.

Will Scruggs '92 ["Lobby 7 'kiss-in' turned off some heterosexuals," Nov. 4] argued that although gay people have rights, the kiss-in inflamed hostility between them and heterosexuals, because some straight people think kissing in public is offensive.

Many people, in and out of the MIT community, support gay rights with their brains, but reject them with their guts. This column is especially for those ambivalent straight people.

Our culture influences our attitudes toward alternative lifestyles. A nineteenth-century observer of the Crow Indians remarked, "Strange country this, where [some] males assume the dress and perform the duties of females, while women turn men and mate with their own sex!" In the late 1500s, a Jesuit missionary reported that Japanese men and boys would brag shamelessly about their gay relationships.

In our mainstream American culture, though, images of gay people are few and far between. If an evening sitcom shows a man and woman making out, hardly anyone bats an eyelash. If it shows two gay

AIDS, for example.

Gay and straight, we conform, in part, to "prove" our heterosexuality. Few schoolyard insults are more severe than "faggot." American college women are afraid to call themselves "feminists," for fear that men would call them lesbians.

Many gay people want to support their peers in the closet, announce gay-oriented events, express their own sexuality, and strike back against heterosexual propaganda. In the process, they give the larger society positive and concrete images of homosexual love.

Such images contradict the model of sexuality that the mainstream media have constructed around us. They can help some people learn a more realistic and balanced model of sexuality. Others react with fear or resentment, asking why gay people must "flaunt their homosexuality."

I assume \* \* \* \* \* are against heterosexual violence. Such violence would include fag-bashing, police harassment, imprisonment, castration or electric-shock "therapy," rape, and burning at the stake.

Heterosexism takes other forms, though. Sexual minorities are subjected to a barrage of low-key hostility and suspicion, just as racial minorities, unpopular

Imagine that your lover is a member of a different race than you, and interracial romance is as socially unacceptable as homosexual romance. (For some people, this is not far from the truth.) All of the pressure against gay people mentioned above, the denial and the demonization, is exerted against interracial couples — against you. In recognizing your love for a member of a different race, you have to fight against that pressure within yourself.

Whenever you meet someone new, in the back of your mind, you wonder what they would think if they knew about your lover. Will they avoid, lecture, or patronize you? Will they be less inclined to be your roommate, give you a job, or grade your paper fairly? If you talk about your lover the way they talk about theirs, will they change the subject? Will they say, "white guys kissing Asian gals offends me and makes me sick?"

Every few months, you hear a story of thugs beating, sometimes killing, an interracial couple. You know that in the past, thousands of such couples were ostracized completely, or executed.

You are afraid to touch your lover in public.

In judging the kiss-in, we should be careful not to exaggerate it. It was less a homosexual French-kiss-in than a bisexual hug-and-smooch-on-the-cheek-in. In three years at MIT, I've seen plenty of heterosexuals display this G-rated affection, and nary a letter to *The Tech* in complaint. Gay people deserve the same standard of tolerance.

Granted, when straight people kiss in Lobby 7, fifty of them don't do it at once. Mass action, though, is the essence of many demonstrations. In such action, protesters can feel that they are taking power from the forces they protest, and simulta-

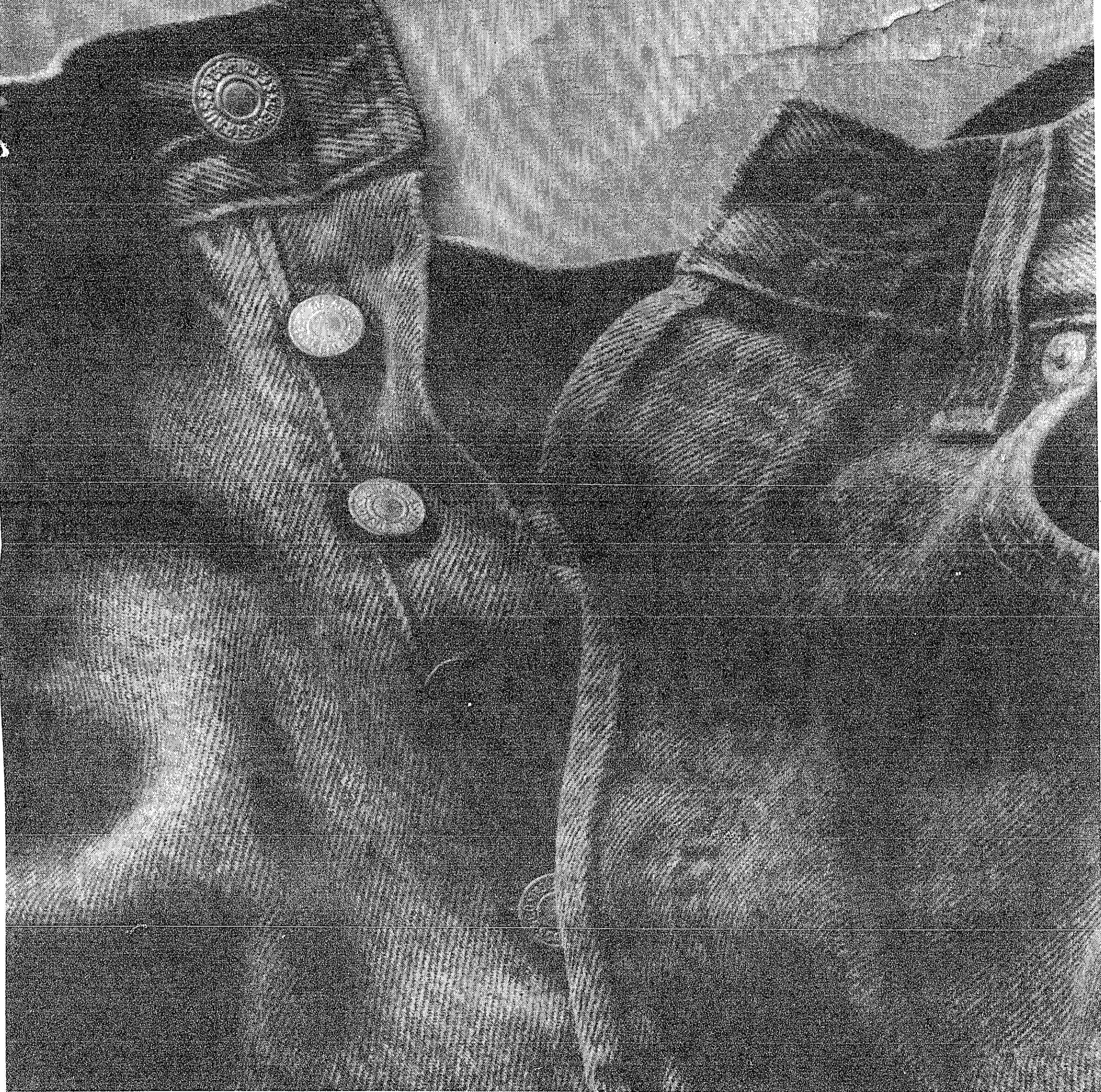
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men in the same bed, the network loses \$1 million of advertising. When we do see references to gay people, they are often degrading. Too many people assume that all gay men, lesbians, and bisexuals carry

religions, and women are. Discomfort with homosexuality — the gut feelings referred to above — is a primary cause of this low-key hostility. I fear that readers underestimate its cumulative effects.

Seth Gordon '91, a junior in the Department of Political Science, is a former associate news editor of *The Tech*. He minors in the Women's Studies Program and is a member of Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, and Friends at MIT.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### One student recounts college experiences of sexual harassment

Before I graduate and leave MIT, I wish to recount the incidences of sexual harassment and violence that have affected me during my undergraduate years. These incidences were so powerful and frequent that they played a larger role in defining my education than my desires or talents did. My impression is that many people do not understand the devastating consequences that chronic exposure to sexual harassment has on many women.

Before I transferred to MIT, I attended another technical school. The male-female ratio there at the time was 7 to 1. During my first week, a man raped and beat a female student behind the gymnasium. Her skull was cracked and she remained in a coma for several days before her death. The campus police officer who witnessed the crime thought it a lovers' quarrel and did not want to interfere. In the following months two women were raped in an all-male freshman dormitory. The university T-shirt for this dorm for the past 20 years portrays two large men wearing executioner's masks dragging a passive half naked woman by her wrists. A fraternity bashed a group of blacks from a neighboring college. A male student walked down Main Street during the day and began to hit and punch women joggers.

During my last months there, the harassment worked its way into my life. While watching a late night movie with some friends, I heard screams outside. When we checked outside, a student was beating another student he later identified as his girlfriend. Some of us went to restrain him while others called for help. I received anonymous rape threats over the computer net that the deans thought were "just the man's way of expressing interest in me." I was told to think his attention flattering. Three weeks before graduation a friend was found at the bottom of the river. He had committed suicide due to sexual harassment from the university president. After the incident, other male students came forward and the president was forced to resign. It became obvious to me that it would be in my best interest to leave. I asked an English instructor to write me a recommendation. After agreeing, he asked when we could start taking our clothes off. I stopped laughing when I noticed that he was not. I left. Needless to say I was not accepted at any of the schools for which I had given him forms, which left me with MIT and a couple of other schools.

Once at MIT, I enjoyed the relatively less blatant sexist environment for a while. I declared a

new major and approached school with more enthusiasm. Then, the teaching assistant for a class came up to me after class to ask me if something was on my mind. He then grabbed me and kissed me, after which he reminded me to do my homework in a voice used to speak to three-year-olds. I could no longer stand spending 6+ hours a week with this person and developed an aversion for the subject, so I changed my major.

Back in the dormitory, men on the floor seemed to be friendly at first. Then they became intrusive. They would walk into my room without knocking or knock and walk in without my approval. Even after I objected and several embarrassing incidents, they still assumed this access to my room. I did not lock my door while I was around because I felt I should not have to lock myself in my room in a place I considered "home," nor should it be my responsibility to prevent others from invading space that was clearly mine. One night, one of them tried to force me into sex while I was sleeping. Awake and upset by this, I was crying in my room when another walked in and began kissing me and trying to initiate sex. I was extremely disgusted by this especially since I had told him why I was upset in the first place. Then another guy

on the floor started inviting himself into my room. When I refused to answer the door, he began to call. I refused to answer the phone and he resorted to slipping notes under the door. Living there became unbearable so I talked to the Dean's Office and moved to the other side of campus.

I was in such a hurry to move, I moved into the room as the person leaving was packing to go. He sat and spoke to me a while. He then said something was wrong, shut the door, turned off the lights and started masturbating. I sat on the other side of the room totally shocked and paralyzed and later angry.

These were the major incidences of sexual harassment. I have made most of the decisions on my education by taking the path of least threat rather than greatest promise, although at times I confuse the two definitions. Academic freedom became an oxymoron.

During times when I decide to speak out against sexual harassment I encounter verbal and intellectual harassment, provoked not by any mention of personal experiences but by my involvement in activities that focus on women's issues. I take women's studies classes and participate in groups that support women at MIT. I do not hide my view or my activities. I am proud of them. Others around me harass me in a variety of ways about my focus on women's issues. One person, whenever I was present, would raise his hands and exclaim, "Don't worry, I'm not harassing anyone!" usually followed by a round of laughter.

An ex-friend of mine suggested I be sterilized because my ideas and experiences may be genetic! He thought that I would instill unnecessary fears about masculinity into my children and God forbid, they may grow up thinking women should be treated equally! His comments imply that the sexual harassment was brought on by my genes and aggravated by my feminist views, both of which may be unjustly passed on to my children. No one suggests to people with sexist or racist ideas that they be sterilized. What makes equal rights and opportunities for women so hideous an idea that it needs "genetic" elimination?

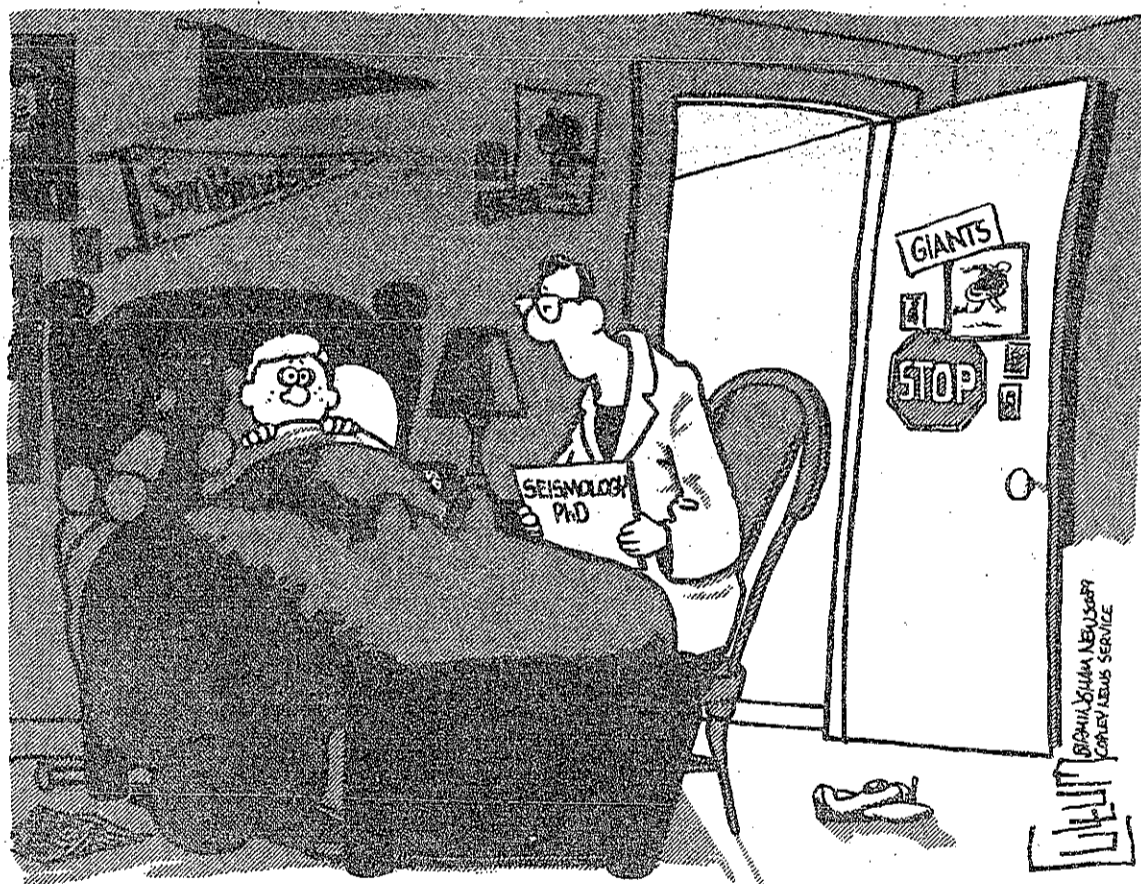
Most of the time, the harassment occurs in the form of continual questions about the purposes of my activities. Implicit in all this doubt is that my experiences were imaginary and that sexual harassment does not exist or should be tolerated. My views are not considered legitimate because of assumptions like "Well, you've never been raped" or "You haven't been sexually ha-

arrassed here, have you?" If I answer with examples of harassment that I have seen or experienced, this response then reduces my credibility rather than validating my stance. Obviously these "freak accidents" have made me "oversensitive and thin-skinned" about the issue and have warped my perceptions of reality. My activities are then merely over-reactions due to past traumatic experiences with men who in no way represent the average man. Sometimes people make recommendations for psychiatric help with the idea that if only my point of view were altered, then I would feel no need to raise fuss over the issue. After all, sexual harassment is only a problem if one looks at it as such. Any way I argue, my ideas are wrong and sexual harassment should be tolerated. This no-win argument is often an effective method for silencing women.

Lastly, I am often accused of acting out of pure personal anger. This becomes another tactic to reduce the legitimacy of fighting sexual harassment. Confusing my motivation for justice with motivation by personal anger, others turn my attempts to correct situations involving unfair treatment, or my participation in demonstrations against harassment into merely selfish and violent acts rather than a struggle for equality. My favorite attack is "Why, that's like blacks being angry at whites for racism! If you're going to be angry about sexual harassment then don't expect any sympathy from the rest of us!" This statement clearly defines those who have power. The harassed, if they ask nicely, may get some sympathy (but not justice) if "the rest of us" happen to be merciful that day.

Sexual harassment is an abuse of power by those in power. Enforcing an explicit and well-publicized policy on sexual harassment would serve to defend those with less power and enable them to escape situations of harassment with minimal loss of time, energy, academic work, and self esteem. Those harassed need the support of the community, the law and the Institute. MIT women today reap benefits from the efforts of women before them who refused to accept conditions of inequality. Everyone must work to create a future environment at MIT where both women and men can develop their skills and function productively. Many barriers still exist which must be torn down. Women today must also refuse these conditions of inequality and work for a better environment for future MIT women.

(Editor's note: the author of this letter wished to remain anonymous.)



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### FHC plan would raise costs for poorer students

The recent Freshman Housing Committee report recommending the elimination of off-campus housing for the freshman year would, if implemented, undermine a significant means of support for financially needy students. The proposal will in fact place the existence of MIT Student House in serious jeopardy. It would also restrict the development of student body diversity which the Institute seeks.

MIT Student House exists to provide undergraduates with extraordinary financial hardship a means of attending the Institute when they would otherwise be unable to attend, even with financial aid. Student House is a non-profit, off-campus coeducational cooperative living group. Because of our non-profit status, we can offer housing costs substantially lower than any other

living group or dormitory at MIT.

By depriving freshmen of the possibility of living off-campus, the proposal would drive away those financially needy students who would otherwise be unable to attend MIT without Student House.

If a student can afford the dormitories for the freshman year, it is safe to say that she/he does not need to live at Student House. If a student cannot afford to live in the dormitories (which would be required under the proposal), she/he will not attend MIT.

If such students do not attend MIT, how does this help encourage diversity among the student body at the Institute?

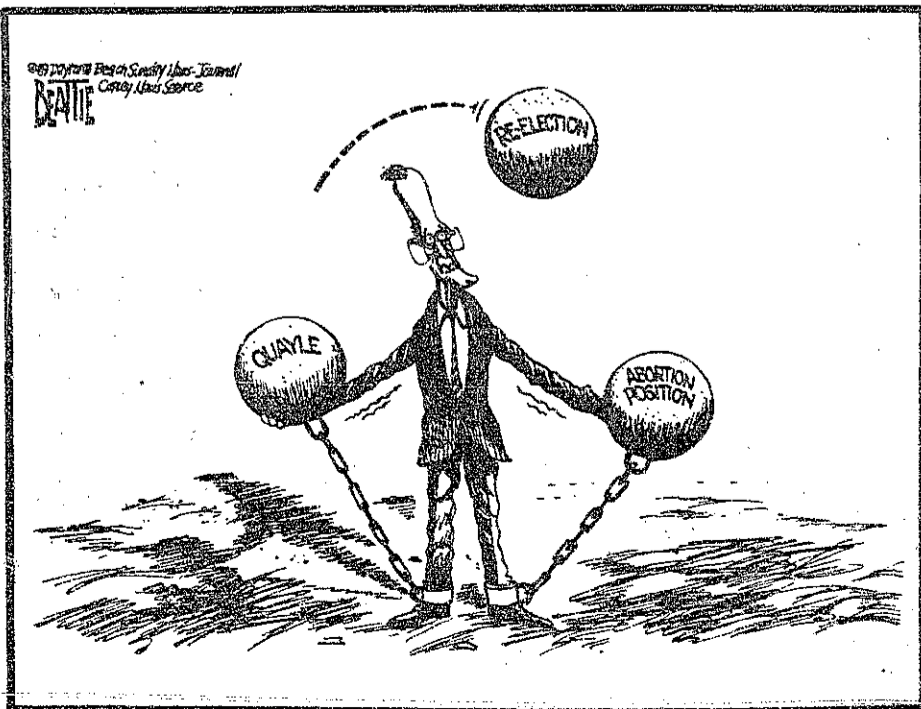
Those who now live at Student House, for the most part, came to live as freshmen. It is doubtful

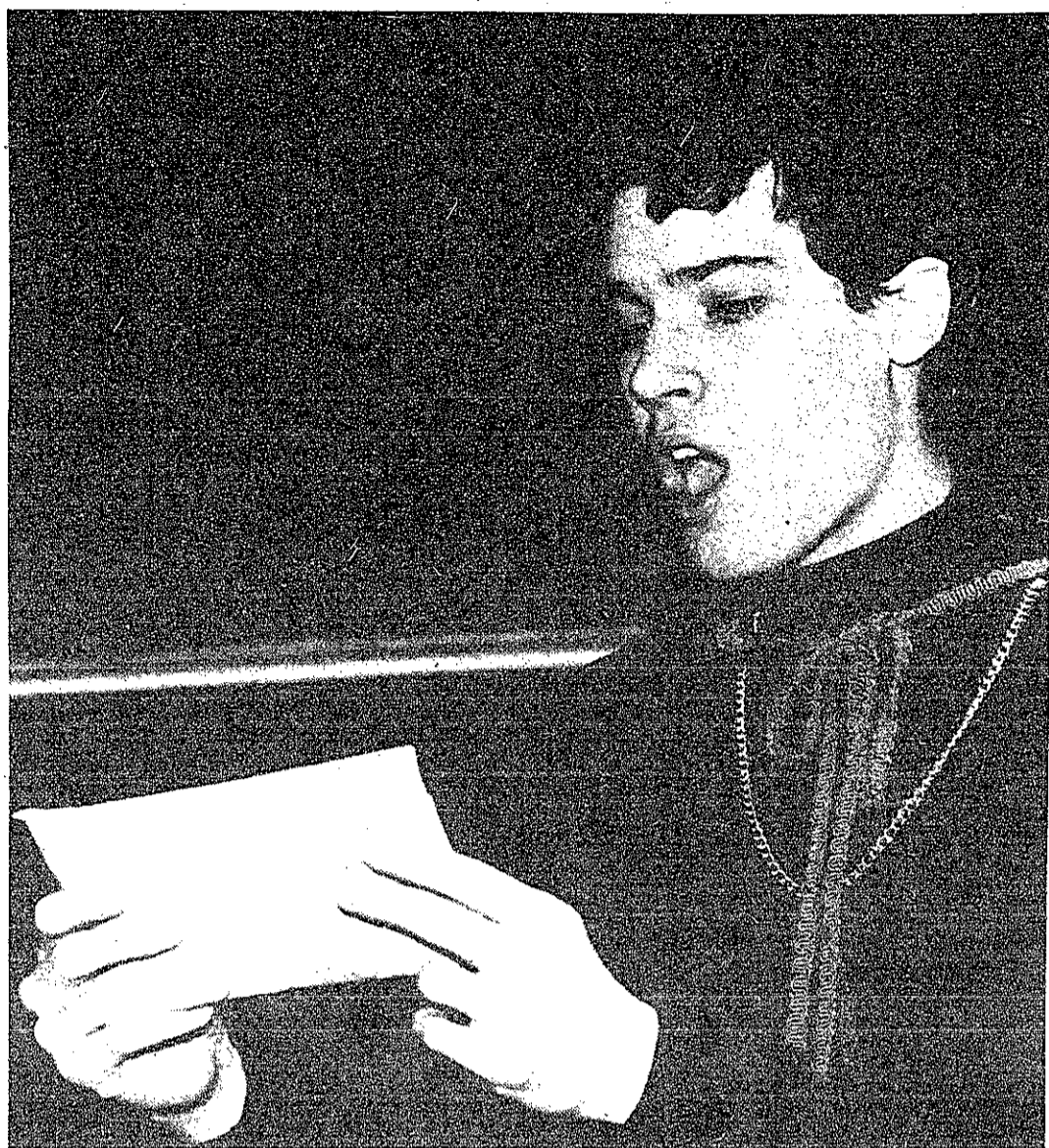
that seven or more upperclassmen or transfers could be admitted to the house every year to maintain the house's population (30).

Under the proposal, the only freshmen (and later, upperclassmen) who attend MIT would be those who could afford the dormitories. Student House, therefore, need not exist if the committee's recommendations are implemented.

This would be a substantial loss to both financially needy students and to the Institute. There exist other means of broadening the freshman year experience without threatening this means of assisting the financially needy at MIT.

Won-Suk Cho '90  
President of Student House,  
residents of Student House,  
and others





Mauricio Roman/The Tech Malvolio (Harry Teplitz '91) reads the false love letter planted by Maria, Fabian, Sir Toby, and Sir Andrew in the Shakespeare Ensemble's production of Act II, Scene V of *Twelfth Night*. The scene is part of the ensemble's *Heroes, Bastards, and Fools*, a collection of six works in progress continuing through Saturday in 10-250 at 8 pm.

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## An evening of folk inaugurates Music for a Small Space

### MUSIC FOR A SMALL SPACE

Featuring various performers, including Orrin Starr and Friends. Monday night, Lobdell.

By DAVID STERN

**M**USIC FOR A SMALL SPACE, brainchild of graduate student Kevin Gurney, had its premiere this Monday night, featuring a variety of performers, including MIT students, staff, and local stars. Monday night's music was mostly in the folk vein, ranging from bluegrass to folk/rock to Irish folk. The performers were generally good, but there were a couple of problems.

For one, the music was very quiet for Lobdell, discouraging people from talking or moving around during the sets, so there was the feeling that it was a formal concert, which is what the event was trying to stray from. And, although the music varied between different kinds of folk, it was all folk, and it seemed that its appeal, judging from the turnout, is narrow. Gurney says he was cautious for the first night to make sure everything would go smoothly, but will deal with some of the problems for future nights, and feature more music outside of the "folk" label.

*Music* began with an open mike section. Rachel Pearl, an administrative assistant, played some bluesy folk guitar and sang with her very sweet voice. Paul Resnick G and Jonathan Amsterdam G played guitar and fiddle. They played some English tunes as well as some country. They were good musicians, but it seemed, except for a few hot moments, that they could have let more rosin fly.

John Hanekamp G was next, playing guitar, joined by Gurney for a couple of songs. Hanekamp was confident, and he had some strong songs. Last in the open mike section was Eric Kupferberg, also a student, who played strongly rock-influenced folk (on guitar again), and also

had some good material.

The headliner of the evening was local bluegrass flatpicking celebrity Orrin Starr and Friends. Starr played guitar mostly, except for a beautiful mandolin duet. The mandolinist, who is also in the group Northern Lights, was thoroughly hot. They played some bluegrass, some coun-

try, and some folk. Occasionally they were a little slow, but it was made up for by the breathtaking bluegrass vocal harmonies they did on a few songs.

Overall, although the performers were adequate, it was mostly the concert-like atmosphere that dulled the evening. This

will hopefully change in the future, as *Music For a Small Space* becomes better known around campus, and more eclectic performers play. *Music* is a great idea, considering that concerts played at MIT have generally excluded a large genre of music, which *Music* will hopefully offer an informal opportunity to hear.



Orrin Starr and Friends were the headlining act at the premiere of *Music for a Small Space*.

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She was angry, and talked to the driver. I took the long way home from work. She called the distributor. I was a pleasant walk.

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Today Steve said he needed to buy a winter coat. I wasn't doing anything else so I went out shop-ping for one with him.

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We went to a few stores and Steve tried on a whole bunch of coats. He didn't like any of them and said he'd have to go looking some more later.

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I was trying to memorize some french words today. I got sick of it so I watched TV.

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I told Tony I didn't like learn-ing french. "Are you nuts? Think of all the girls you could pick up speaking french!" he said.

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by Jim

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**Squeeze's new LP Frank is danceable, but mostly mediocre**

**FRANK**  
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By SANDE CHEN

**T**HE POP BAND SQUEEZE has been around for a long time — 12 years — and as would be expected, they have several distinctive qualities. They crank out endless love songs and their lyrics try to reflect the nuances and actions of everyday life. Their music, light and danceable, consists of running rhythms and pleasant-sounding melodies.

Their newest album *Frank* is no exception. It contains a string of love songs, from the very first single, "If It's Love" (not to be confused with "Is That Love"), to the last song on the album, "Is It Too Late." The range of topics runs the gamut from menstruation in "She Doesn't Have to Shave" to infidelity in "Rose I Said." Yet *Frank* disappoints; it lacks the intensity that was so notable in earlier hits like "If I Didn't Love You" or "Pulling Mussels (From The Shell)," both from *Argy Bargy* (1980).

*Frank* also marks a slight change from their last album, *Babylon and On* (1987). There seems to be more of an emphasis on keyboards and jazz influences. In fact, keyboardist Jools Holland's song, "Dr. Jazz," is a tribute to goodtime New Orleans jazz. However, "Melody Motel" just sounds like a mimicry of country music.

*Frank* definitely has several good songs. "If It's Love" was a good choice for a single. The style is signature Squeeze and showcases what they are very good at, namely sentimental love songs. Driving tunes — "Rose I Said" and "(This Could Be) The Last Time" — are the true highlights of *Frank*. "Rose I Said" tells the story of infidelity, betrayal, and guilt with a passion that proves that this was actually the band that wrote "Cool For Cats."

"(This Could Be) The Last Time," discordant and slightly reminiscent of "Another Nail in My Heart," describes the euphoria of finding Miss Right. "Peyton Place" and "Love Circles," two love songs, are also good.

In "She Doesn't Have to Shave," Squeeze tackles the agonies of menstruation. The music is decent and fine, but the constant choruses of "She's so lucky she doesn't have to shave/I'm so lucky I'm not doubled up in pain" is enough to make one want to throw the album out the window, down a deep shaft, and smash it. The attempt to depict the perfect sympathetic thirty-something husband comes off as smug and condescending, and the song just does not work.

Another song, "Slaughtered, Guttled, and Heartbroken," a travel into darkest misery, ironically is very upbeat, a sort of simplified Morrissey with a jazzy kick. It seems curious that lead vocalist Glenn Tilbrook could sound so happy singing lines like:

*Slaughtered, gutted  
and heartbroken  
With no spirit or no soul  
My emotions have been stolen  
Love has left me with this hole  
Now my heart's a deep dark cavern  
Emptiness is all I feel*

The remaining songs, "Melody Motel," "Dr. Jazz," "Is It Too Late," and the melancholy "Can of Worms," are simultaneously enjoyable and forgettable.

To be sure, loyal Squeeze fans will be absolutely thrilled with the release of *Frank*, but to anyone else, this album is bland and mediocre, even though some songs have merit. For those interested in seeing Squeeze live, the band will be playing two shows at the Orpheum on Nov. 29 and 30 with musical guests Katrina and the Waves.



Pop band Squeeze: (clockwise from left) Keith Wilkinson, Gilson Lavis, Chris Difford, Glenn Tilbrook, and Jools Holland.

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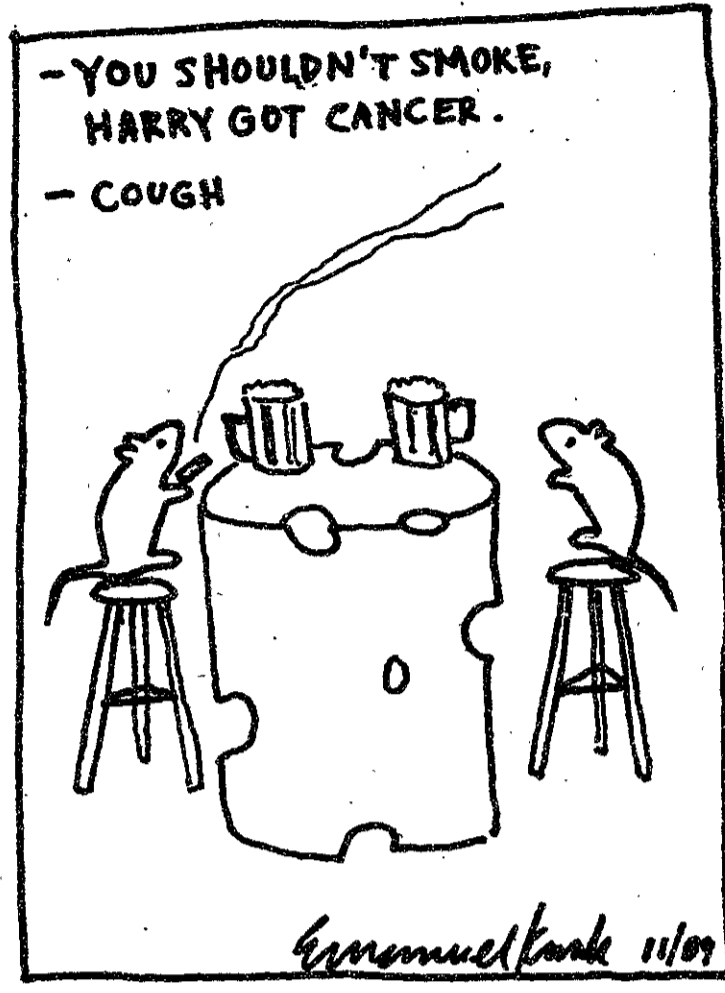
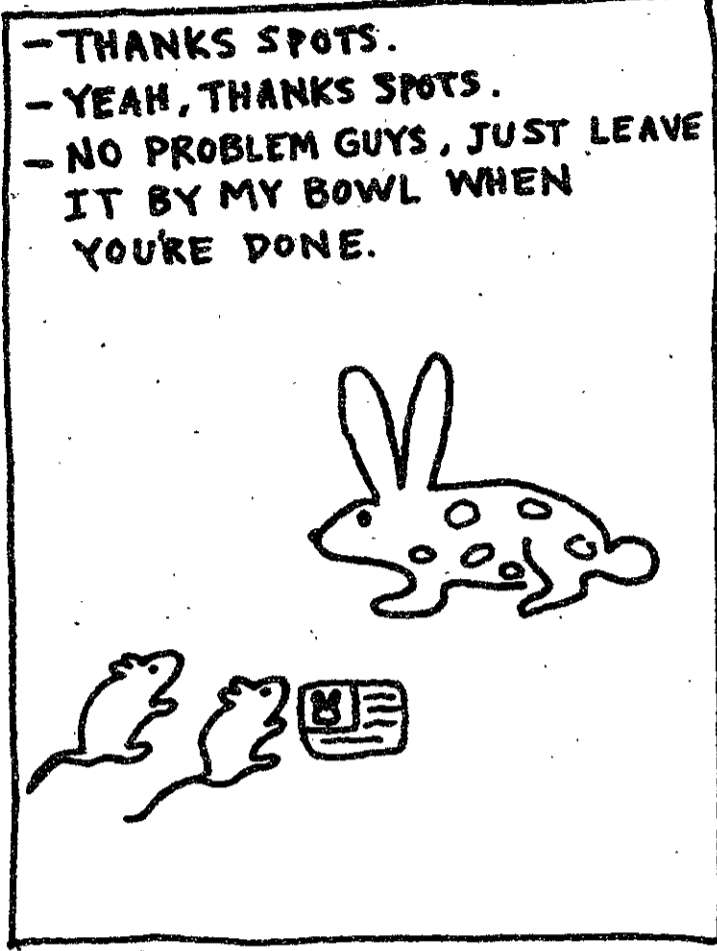
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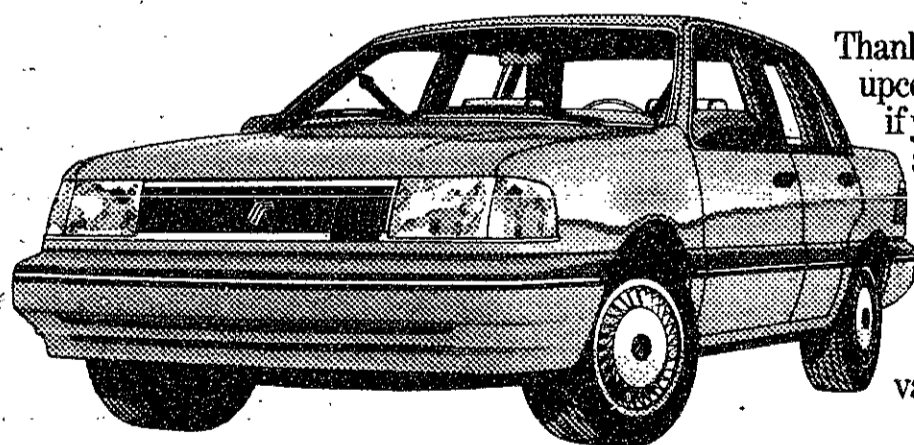
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# Physical Plant installs energy-saving lights

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which began in August 1988. The total cost to MIT for the program will be approximately \$5.25 million, but this is easily offset by the rebate and the anticipated yearly electricity savings of \$1.25 million, Kilmarx said.

So far, the main thrust of the five-year program has been the replacement of incandescent lights, operating at 100 watts and lasting about 1000 hours, with fluorescent lights, which operate at 15 watts and last up to 10 times longer. According to Kilmarx, the fluorescent lights supply the 50 foot-candles of illumination that MIT requires, and in several instances provide greater illumination to suit specific needs.

In addition to changing the bulb type, the Physical Plant has

## Institute forms committee on harassment

(Continued from page 1)

The Committee on Sexual Harassment at MIT has been created not just to study how harassment affects women, but also how it affects gays, lesbians, ethnic and religious groups at MIT. In addition, the current penalties for harassment will be examined.

According to Keyser, the committee's ultimate aim is to investigate a policy which would safeguard the cultural and intellectual differences within the MIT campus from the negative impact of harassment.

"MIT has a diverse community, both in terms of culture and in differences of opinion. When you have such a complex culture, in an Institute whose place it is to expose conflicting ideas, you need to make sure that you have a humane and sensitive environment," he said.

also reduced the number of lights, installed electronic ballasts, and attached reflectors and mirrors to improve illumination and conserve electricity. While most buildings on campus have undergone some improvement, the bulk of the renovation has occurred off the main campus, where more sophisticated electrical systems allow for greater savings, Kilmarx said.

"Although most of the first year of the program has focused on conservation through lighting changes, there are many other areas in which to conserve electricity, and new projects will be implemented as the program continues," Kilmarx said.

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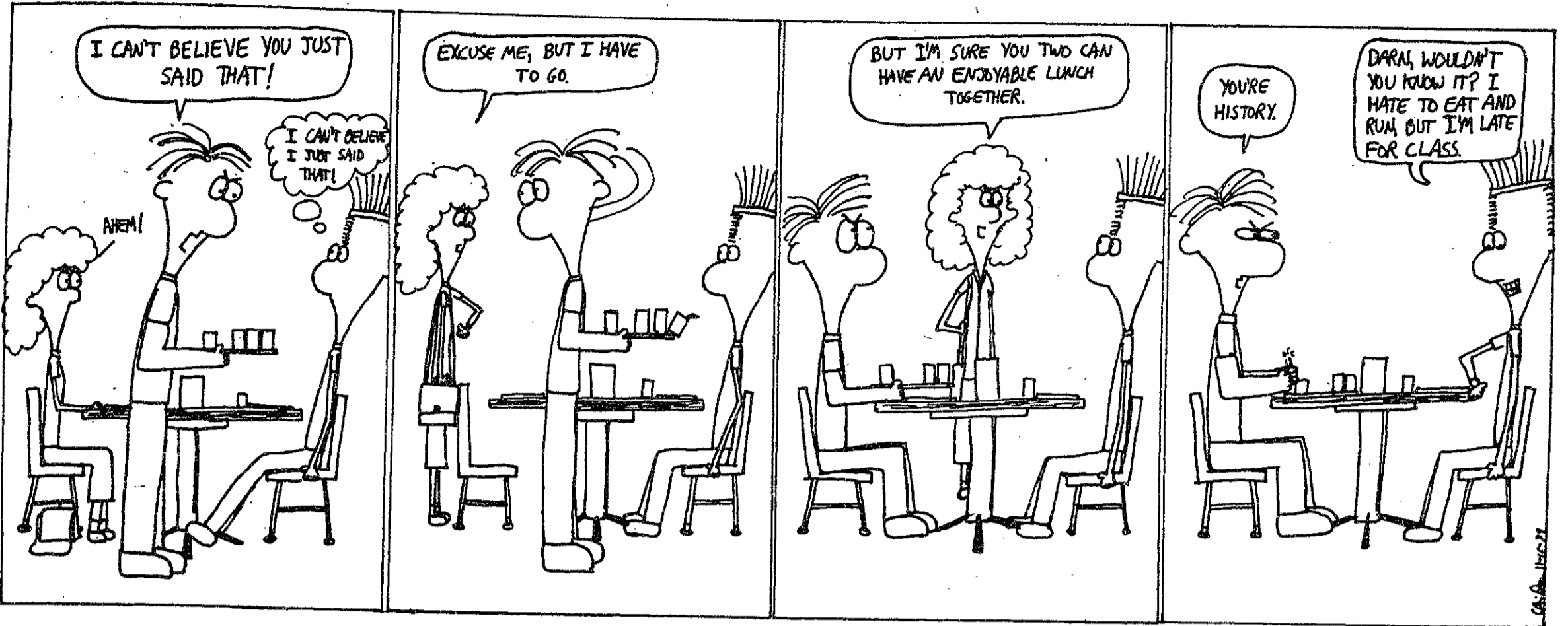
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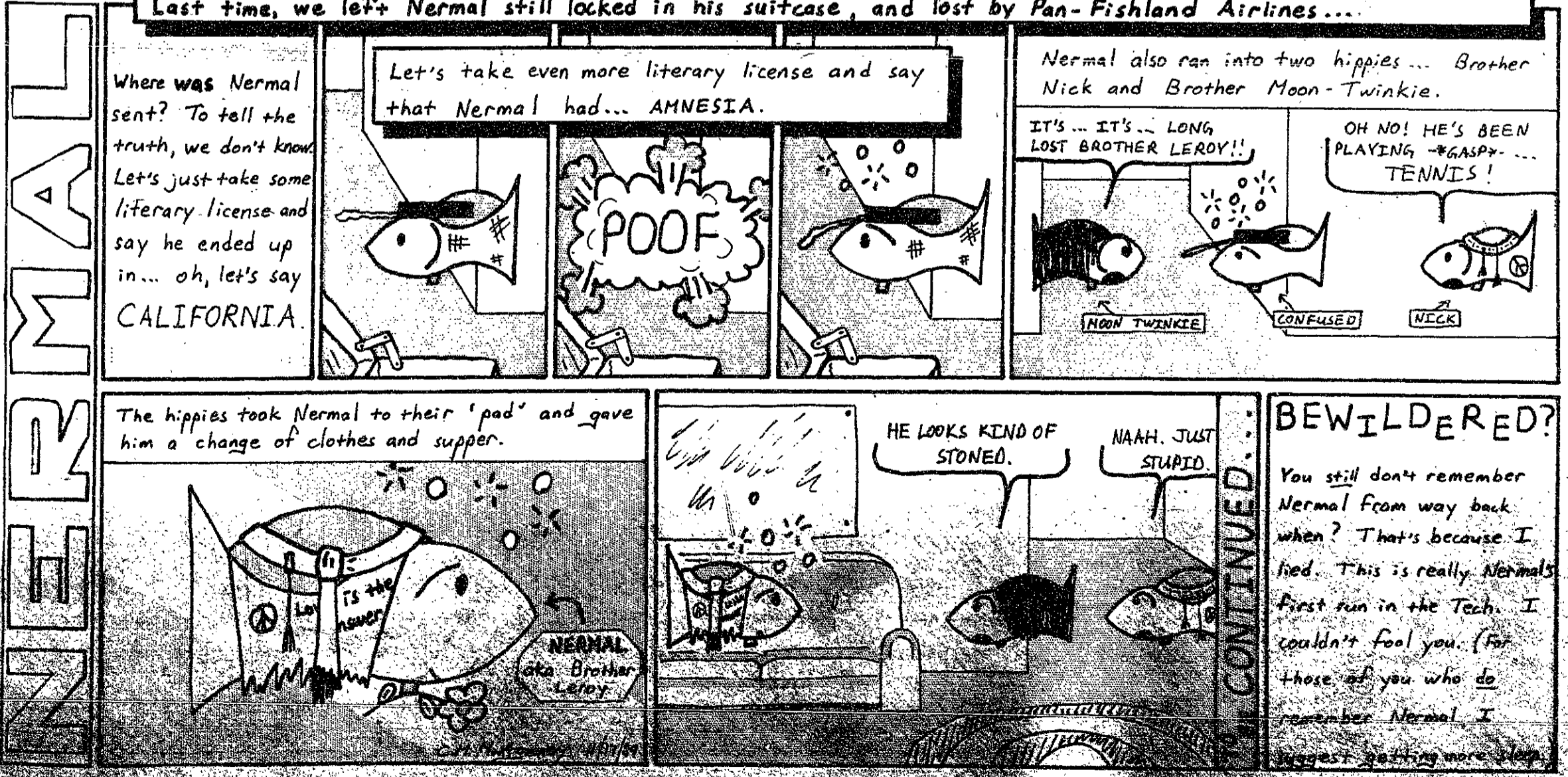


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# sports

## MIT rugby finishes fall season with 3-3 record

By Cliff Federspiel  
and Marthinus Van Schoor

As the fall season comes to an end, MIT rugby is again looking back on a successful season. The team completed the season in the New England Men's Maxwell Division with a 3-3 record during a growth season in which many players were new to the game.

Wins this season included a thorough thrashing of Springfield 34-4 and Seacoast 39-4 and an exciting, close match against the Harvard Business School in which MIT won 14-9. The defeat of the Harvard Business School will guarantee that MIT will represent New England in the Graduate School Eastern Division championships next year. MIT will conclude their season at the New York seven-a-side tournament in New York City on Nov. 25.

This season Inpachelvan Vithiananthan G was named team Most Valuable Player and Safroadu Yeboah-Amankway '93 was named Rookie of the Year.

Ten teams entered the yearly MIT Rugby Club's seven-a-side intramural tournament this semester. After a lively day of matches, the Technology Policy Program's team defeated the team from the Space Engineering Research Center in the finals.

MIT rugby has begun plans for a rugby tour of Japan during spring break. Waseda University has invited MIT to come to Japan to play three games, one against Waseda, during the 10-day tour.

(Cliff Federspiel G is vice president of the MIT Rugby Football Club. Marthinus Van Schoor PhD '89 is the club's coach.)



MIT rugby team fights for ball in a narrow loss to Portsmouth.

## Women's crew places well at regatta

By Laura Opsasnick  
and Becky Dumas

The women's crew team ended their fall racing season on a high note placing well amongst the competitors in the Foot of the Charles this past Saturday and Sunday. Since novices are not able to participate in the Head of the Charles, the Foot of the Charles serves as their major head race of the season. Varsity teams are allowed to enter fours; the MIT varsity entered two fours, an open four and a lightweight four. The varsity races took place on Saturday and the novices raced on Sunday. The novices entered four eights into a field of 38 eights.

Saturday's rowers met a slight headwind but good racing conditions. The MIT open four of Barb Sigmund '92 (coxswain), Laura Opsasnick '90 (stroke), Becky Dumas '90, Wendy Rowell '90 and Beth Jones '90 (bow) started first with Boston University's first four starting right behind. The lightweight four of Liz Yap '92 (coxswain), Lola Matysiak '91 (stroke), Laura Beecroft '91, Cynthia Holcroft '92, and Amy Bowen '92 (bow) began sixth and were the only light-

weights in the race. The open four fought BU the whole way, gaining and losing distances throughout the entire powerhouse stretch; but, with the help of skillful steering and inspiring coxing from Sigmund, the four senior rowers rowed one of their best races of their careers and finished second to BU by only 5 seconds over the 2.5 mile course. Their finish time was 16:11, BU's was 16:06. The lightweight four bravely battled the other larger crews and rowed their best within the powerhouse stretch. Their finish time was 18:08. Ten crews raced on Saturday including four BU fours, two Simmons fours, a Tufts four, and three MIT fours. Four coxswains rowed in the third MIT four and finished with a time of 19:28.

The novices entered four crews into Sunday's race. Because of the severe winds and whitecaps in the basin, the starting line was moved to the BU boathouse instead of MIT's boathouse, and the finish line was extended past the traditional Newell (Harvard) boathouse finish. The first boat of Ann Ray '93 (coxswain), Stefanie Spencer '93 (stroke), Bethany Foch '93, Sasha Wood

'93, Laura Fleming '90, Jennifer Bittner '93, Miriam Lawler '93, Jackie Moore '92, and Heidi Gibson '92 (bow) finished in seventh place with a time of 15:34.

The large field of crews and terrible conditions created a coxswains nightmare — especially for the second boat coxswain whose boat's rudder became loose and resulted in very little steering control. Nevertheless, the second boat finished in 24th place. The third boat also had its difficulties — the 5 seat rigger broke preventing both the 5 and 6 seat rowers from rowing at all. The third and fourth boats finished 36th and 37th respectively.

This race marked the end of the fall racing season. The crews will continue to row on the water until it freezes and forces them inside for the winter, during which time they will be thinking ahead to their first race the third week of March.

(Laura Opsasnick '90 and Becky Dumas '90 are captains of the women's varsity crew team.)

## Rifle falls to Norwich, but beats Penn State

By Ann Perry

The MIT varsity rifle team placed a close second in a three-way match against Norwich University and Pennsylvania State University last Saturday. The smallbore scores were 4268 for Norwich, 4252 for MIT, and 3604 for Penn State. In the air rifle competition, Norwich again won over MIT. The scores were 1411 for Norwich, 1370 for MIT, and 1174 for Penn State.

The smallbore match was a full course, which consists of 40 shots each in the prone, standing, and kneeling positions. Chandra Bendix '90 led the team with a score of 1137 out of a possible 1200. The other scoring members were Sei Young Sohn '91 with a 1034, John Piatkowski '93 with a 1061, and Gail Benson '90 with a 1015. Also shooting were Kai Chiang '92 with a 920 and Miguel Perales '93 with a 926.

The air rifle competition was 40 shots in the standing position. Bendix again led the team with a score of 374 out of a possible 400. Sohn followed with a 349,

and Benson and Piatkowski shot 327 and 319 respectively.

The rifle team also competed in a three-way match with Kutztown University and the US Military Academy at West Point on Nov. 4. The final scores were Army with a 4506, Kutztown with a 4175, and MIT with a 4135. Competing for MIT were Piatkowski, who led the team with a 1049, Sohn with a 1037, Benson with a 1036 and team captain Ann Perry '91 with a score of 1013.

MIT also lost to West Point in air rifle. The scores were 1520 to 1364. Ann Perry led the team with a score of 350. Piatkowski scored a 349, Sohn a 342, and Benson a 323.

While most of the team was at West Point, Bendix was shooting at Prado Tiro, the Olympic shooting facility near Los Angeles, CA. She shot well in the women's three position smallbore competition, placing eighth overall, which secured her a place in the shoot-off.

(Ann Perry '91 is captain of the varsity rifle team.)

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