**Course XXI to designate majors on their diplomas**

By Annabelle Boyd

In order to recognize the strength of MIT's undergraduate education in the humanities, Course XXI majors are now able to obtain a degree which registers their specific designation in the Department of Humanities, according to Tracy Schor, coordinator of the Humanities, Arts and Social Science Office. In the past, all diplomas granted in Humanities had been typed "A degree in Humanities" simply because there was no suitable wording.

Course XXI have read "Bachelor of Science in Humanities" there by failing to note the sectional designation of a student. Seven sections within Course XXI have been changed to the degree designations of Archaeology/Archaeology, History, Literature, Foreign Languages and Literature, Music, Science, Technology and Society (STS), and Writing. The major in STS may only be pursued as a joint program in conjunction with another degree program in a field of engineering or science. For the Foreign Languages and Literature degree, only those students studying French or Spanish are eligible.

The primary impetus behind this change was one of "housekeeping," according to the Degree Designation Proposal, which was voted on by the faculty last spring. With the introduction of the HASS minor in a specific field of study, it became "appropriate" to ask that a major in a specific fieldield on his diploma, instead of the generic "degree in Humanities," the proposal states.

The new policy does not include a change in designation for joint majors in Humanities (Courses XXI-B and XXI-D) but is confined to full majors offered under Course XXI alone.

According to the Degree Designation Proposal, each of the seven degree designations had to be "approved for implementation and publication" by the faculty before being passed by the Senate.

- The level of competence signified by the award of the proposed degree had to be equivalent to that signified by the award of a degree in identical or closely related fields at other institutions of higher learning in the country.
- The degree had to follow the guidelines laid down by the Rules and Regulations of the Faculty.
- The degree awarded had to be consonant in structure and depth of curriculum with other degrees

**Judge settles dispute over 1-2-3 wording**

By Reuven M. Lorser

Proposition 1-2-3 will appear on the Cambridge ballot with compromise wording next month, according to the Cambridge Chronicle. State Supreme Judicial Court Justice John M. Greene said Tuesday that the referendum would "effectuate a field of study, it became "appropriate" to ask that a major in a specific field.

The House of Representatives, in the general elections held last week, Meyer wanted the suit filed by Frederick Meyer, a Cambridge resident. In response to concerns raised by opponents of the measure, the Cambridge Election Commission decided to add three phrases to mention that the commission delay the election if they could not decide on suitable wording.

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Education summit wraps up

President Bush and the nation's governors have come to an agreement to reform the nation's troubled education system. The framework of the agreement calls for restructuring of the school system to make educators more accountable for students' classroom performance. Other goals include cutting dropout rates, keeping drugs out of schools, and improving literacy. Bush has already promised to slice through government red tape so state leaders can implement changes quickly.

House rejects Democratic capital gains alternatives

The House has rejected a Democratic leadership alternative to Bush's plan to cut the capital gains tax. Conservative Democrats joined with Republicans to vote down a plan to raise taxes on the wealthy and restore deductions in the individual retirement account. Opponents of the Democratic measure had said it was a tax-and-spend approach to government. They said the Bush plan would stimulate the economy. Opponents of the Bush plan had said it would help the rich.

The vote left Bush's proposal intact. However, a final vote on the overall package—which includes other budget provisions—is not expected until next week.

FDA approves expanded use of AIDS drug

The Food and Drug Administration said it will allow expanded distribution of a drug that seems to stop the AIDS virus from reproducing. The plan is to allow more testing of the drug DDI so that its effectiveness can be compared with that of AZT, the only FDA-approved drug to combat the AIDS virus. The agency said it is the first time such a drug has made an experimental drug so widely available so early in testing. AIDS activists, who have been pushing for faster availability of drugs, applauded the FDA action.

Braniff declares bankruptcy

Braniff has filed for reorganization under bankruptcy court protection in Orlando, FL. The airline's president said the company had run into what he called "a liquidity problem" resulting from a delay in arranging financing. But airline officials said they think they can bring the ail- ing airline back as a small carrier. Braniff is cutting 2800 workers from the payroll, and reducing the cities it serves from 36 to 11.

Army accident claims two

For the second time in as many days, an Army artillery accident has claimed lives. Officials said two soldiers were killed at Fort Stewart, GA, yesterday during an exercise involving mortar fire. Three soldiers died Wednesday night at Fort Sill, OK, when a howitzer shell overshoot its target and landed among a group of trains on a rifle range. An Army official said the victims heard the whistle of the shell just before they were, in his words, "blown off their feet."

Senate passes relief bill for hurricane areas

The Senate has passed a $1.1 billion disaster relief package for victims of Hurricane Hugo. The emergency relief is meant for Punto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, and North and South Carolina.

The devastation caused by the hurricane has spurred a massive outpouring of aid. And, in Kingston, NY, fund-raising is under way to pay an old debt to hard-hit Charleston, SC. When Kingston was New York's capital during the Revolutionary War, it was burned to the ground by the British. South Carolina's governor sent the city money to help residents with their crisis.

PTL donors testify in Bakker's defense

The defense in evangelist Jim Bakker's federal fraud trial in Charlotte, NC, has been presenting his supporters as witnesses. Scores of contributors to Bakker's old PTL television ministry said they never felt mistreated. The prosecution accuses Bakker of using millions of dollars in donations to pay for his own high living.

Aquino rejects Philippine burial for Marcos

Ferdinand Marcos can't go home again, even in death. Philippine President Corazon Aquino said his funeral could inflame passions and create civil unrest. Marcos ran the country for 20 years until Aquino replaced him during a bloodless coup in 1986. He died yesterday morning in a Honolulu hospital from cardiac arrest at age 72. The Philippine vice president has asked Aquino to reconsider and allow Marcos to be buried in his homeland.

Weather

If you enjoyed the weather yesterday and you enjoy the weather today, get ready for more fine autumn weather. A cold front will cross the forecast area this evening and move offshore tonight. Following the front's passage, cool high pressure from Canada will build eastward—providing mostly sunny conditions during the day and mostly clear, cool conditions at night through the weekend.

Fridays night: Clearing with winds shifting to northwest at 15-25 mph. Low 53°F (12°C).

Saturdays night: Mostly sunny and cooler. Winds northwest 8-16 mph. High 65°F (18°C). Low 45°F (7°C).


Forecast by Michael C. Morgan

Compiled by Niraj Desai

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On October 16 - 19 the New England Association of Schools and Colleges will undertake a reaccreditation review of MIT. The visiting accreditation team will attend sessions on Project Athena, the undergraduate program review, student life, enrollment, research, the libraries, and much more.

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Question 1 threatens Cambridge grad housing

The supply of off-campus housing is threatened by the Cambridge referendum on Nov. 7, referendum Question 1.

The Freedmen's Trust students and staff live in apartments built before 1960, which are protected by the city's rent control laws. If Question 1 on the ballot passes, all of these apartments could be converted into condominiums, which would no longer be available to students.

This means that thousands of graduate students from Harvard and MIT could be squeezed into surrounding towns and newer, market-rate housing. According to one estimate by a member of the Cambridge Union, student-shared apartments that now run from $250 to $450 a month would cost $400 to $500 per person per month after Question 1 took effect. This would easily exceed the average student's yearly housing bill.

It would take three or four new dormitories to offset the effects of Question 1. So please vote against Question 1, and urge Bostonians to vote "no" on Question 1.

The encouraging experience at Cambridge was not typical. We might actually have votes to influence the outcome.

If you live in Cambridge, you may get a letter at the rate of one urging a "yes" vote for "choice to buy a condo" on Question 1. Don't let that letter sway you, for you may not have mentioned when a similar measure passed in Brookline, landlords harassed poor people, elderly tenants, and students.

Letters to the Editor

Columnist ignores desires of Third World citizenry

I suppose I'm just a disgruntled leftist intellectual. Here's why: I found Pankaj Vaish's column in this week's Cambridge Times interesting, in his lengthy piece, expressions enthusiasm for Third World countries edging toward freer markets, Sept. 23.

Vaish implies that recent world history shows a struggle between two economic systems, that of "socialism" and that of "capitalism." His analysis is flawed by an inability to separate economic from political issues. For example, Vaish cites the Tiananmen Square massacre as evidence that "the big communist countries" may not be converted into free markets. This, in itself, is not disturbing.

What is disturbing is that the people of these countries are not free. The encouraging results that Vaish presents include, inter alia, Mexico's concessions to "free market" policies and her adoption of "union-busting," authoritarian countries for going so far as to pledge the International Monetary Fund, and Veracruz oil and banking measures. Sadly, none of these are likely to improve the lives of ordinary Africans, Mexicans, or Venezuelans.

But even if that were not the case, even if these measures were to prove beneficial to the average citizen, why does Vaish feel it necessary to undermine these countries, it would still be deprecating at best, and frightening at worst, that Vaish does not seem to care. I guess nowadays everything is taken out of context after such trifles as people.

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Course XXI diplomas to list majors

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undergraduate degrees awarded by the School of Humanities and Social Science.

- The designated section had to offer a sufficient number of subjects at every level of instruction over the next five years to make likely a reasonable array of choices among restricted electives.

- The designated section had to have sufficient personnel and funds to staff the major.

Since not all sections within Course XXI are receiving designations, the generic "Humanities" degree will remain a residual category for those unspecified majors.

According to the proposal, the new degree designations are entirely consistent with the increasing autonomy and professional strength of the fields within the humanities at MIT.

Judge settles dispute over 1-2-3 wording

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cratic members, was away on vacation at the time, and the motion passed by a margin of 2-1. Since that vote, the commission has been unable to agree on a revised wording.

If it were passed, Proposition 1-2-3 would remove some of the conditions that now stop people from buying rent-controlled apartments. Currently, if someone wants to buy a rent-controlled apartment, they must obtain a "removal permit" which allows them to do so. The proposition would eliminate the need for this permit, thus allowing anyone who has lived in a rent-controlled apartment for more than two years to buy it.

Opponents of the referendum feel that low-cost housing could suffer if people were allowed to buy their apartments. Among the 38 organizations that have voiced their opposition the measure are Local 26 of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Union and the Central American Solidarity Association, according to The Cambridge Tab. Meyer said that the proposition could only help people, since it would only offer them "more options" than they currently have.

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By MANADEVRA K. THAKUR

The "people power" revolution in the Philippines three years ago has left an indelible imprint on the Filipino national consciousness. Birds of Prey attempts to address the role individuals — specifically Filipinos living abroad — have to play in rebuilding their country following the downfall of the Marcos regime.

But the film's political and social concerns have to compete for attention with a tearjerking love story and mother-child reunions. The technical production and acting quality, furthermore, keep threatening to fall below acceptable limits. It is a tannish film, but it falls short of its full potential.

The film tells the story of Cecilia Santos, who lives in New York. She receives a letter from a friend back in the Philippines saying that her husband has died in an encounter with the military. Having been pressured by her parents to leave the Philippines because they disapproved of her husband, Cecilia decides to return home to investi- rate her husband's death and to find her missing daughter. Steve, an American reporter who befriends Cecilia, comes with her. In the end, Cecilia has to decide whether to stay in the Philippines or return to her life in New York.

That central conflict — the conflicting emotions faced by those living outside of their native land — is mirrored by the con- flict faced by director Gil Portes in balancing his political and social concerns with his responsibility as an artist. The proper balance can be elusive and difficult, but as films like Spike Lee's Do the Right Thing, Victor Schonfeld's Sheltered Dreams, Ken- neth Loach's Looks and Smiles, and Shinya Tsukamoto's Birds of Prey prove, there is no particular "style" or "technique": the film wanders all over the narrative and emotional landscape. There are even two songs that suddenly begin playing on the soundtrack for no apparent reason.

Nevertheless, there are enough nuances and subtleties to make the characters interesting and bring the narrative and thematic elements to the forefront. The acting, furthermore, ranges from good to excel- lent, and is responsible for most of this film's success. Produced by a rather out- of-control directorial style, however, it exudes for some peculiar viewing. The film is hardly a milestone in Taiwanese or inter- national cinema, but it does warrant attention.

Incidentally, the English subtitles miss an important phrase written on a wall near the film's end: "If I were for real," it reads.

Banned Taiwanese film on wealth and privilege successful if peculiar

IF I WERE FOR REAL
Directed by Wang Tsum.
Screenplay by Chang Yang-hsiang.
Story by Sha Yeh-shing.
Starring Alan Tam, Nancy Hu, and Hsiang Ling.
Today and tomorrow at the Brattle Theater.

By MANADEVRA K. THAKUR

WHILE RECENT TAIWANESE cinema has generally been un- distinguished, If I were for Real — dating from 1981 — is effective enough at painting the reality of wealth and privilege in a supposedly classless society to have been banned in both China and Hong Kong.

The film tells the story of Li Hsiao-chang (played by pop singer Alan Tam), a young man assigned to work at the Tung- hai Farm near Shanghai. His girlfriend be- comes pregnant; their only hope of mak- ing a life together is if Li can get himself transferred to Shanghai. Li, the son of peasants lacks connections and resents the influential families.

Desperate, he impersonates the son of a powerful Beijing official, and is readily ac- ceded all the perks and privileges which go along with his supposed father's name. But just as his transfer to Shanghai is about to come through, he is discovered.

Wang Tsum's direction seems to have been based on tricks learned from watching old Hollywood films. The film often resorts to obvious and ludicrous construc- tions. There's no particular "style" or "techniques"; the film wanders all over the physical science, life sciences and chemical engineering

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