

## National discharges 45 MIT brothers of AEPi

By Linda D'Angelo

The national organization of the Jewish fraternity Alpha Epsilon Pi, in an attempt to reorganize its MIT chapter after three breaches of policy, has invited only 10 of the chapter's 55 members to remain in the house after this term.

According to Richard P. Wong '91, an InterFraternity Council cabinet officer and former AEPi vice president and rush chair, "the basis for people being asked to leave is religious discrimination." While less than 20 percent of the house was asked to stay by the national organization, four of the six or seven Jewish members were asked back, Wong noted.

Wong was one of the 10 brothers invited by the national organization to remain.

Representatives from the national organization could not be reached for comment.

The other 45 members who have not been directly contacted by the national organization "are still officially members of the fraternity," Wong said. However, he expects that they will receive eviction notices effective at the end of this term. These members will be made "immediate alumni and will not be allowed to associate with the chapter for the next year," Wong added.

The impetus to the reorganization efforts by the national was the chapter's violation of the Fra-

ternity Insurance Purchasing Group risk management policy. The FIPG is a "collection of national fraternities who pool their resources to buy liability insurance at competitive rates" with the understanding that their chapters will follow a risk management policy, Advisor to Fraternities and Independent Living Groups Neal H. Dorow explained. The policy includes provisions for alcohol and drugs, hazing, sexual abuse, education and safety.

While the MIT chapter of AEPi buys its insurance through the MIT Alumni-InterFraternity Council Program, they are obliged by their national organization to follow the risk management policy, Dorow noted.

There are discrepancies between this policy and the MIT policies, according to Wong. Thus practices which follow MIT's "common sense policy" are violations of FIPG guidelines, Wong said.

The first of the chapter's three violations occurred in February 1989, at AEPi's initiation. "One of the national representatives (a director of expansion) came to the house for initiation and there happened to be a keg in the room," Wong explained. The keg was a "violation of the FIPG's provision against open parties," and the chapter "got a warning,"

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The brothers of Alpha Epsilon Pi

## Candidates offer views at forum

By Andrea Lamberti

The Freshman Housing Committee proposal, relations with MIT's next president and ARA were some of the issues discussed at the Undergraduate Association candidate forum Wednesday night.

The three teams for UA president and vice president presented their platforms and took questions from the audience. The

candidates are Thomas S. Kang '91 and Jon D. Strizzi '92; David W. Hogg '92 and David M. Stern '91; and Manish Bapna '91 and Colleen M. Schwingel '92. Class officer candidates also spoke.

### Kang/Strizzi: streamlining the UA

The Kang/Strizzi platform is a series of proposals to improve the UA and the quality of life at MIT. Central to the platform is a "list of what we think are major concerns facing the undergraduate body right now," Kang said.

In order to "make the UA a more publicized and efficient organization," Kang and Strizzi said they would increase publicity through a biweekly UA publication and create the position of a UA publicity chair.

The two also said they thought the UA should work with class representatives to help them get funding for activities. One of their proposals, Strizzi said, was to allot "each individual class council . . . its own budget. It is a much more effective way for them to put out the publications they need and to sponsor the initiatives they want. Strizzi added that their goal was to "streamline the way the UA operates," which would improve funding obstacles.

The Kang/Strizzi platform also lists possible ways to "get more funding for student activities."

These include a line item in the MIT budget — not associated with tuition — that "assigns funds directly to the UA," and "more permanent fund raising schemes for each class." They would also create a UA Fund Raising Chairman, and search for alternative funding sources outside of MIT.

### Bapna/Schwingel look to next MIT president

One of the main concerns of the Bapna/Schwingel platform is the incoming Institute president and new administration. There is an opportunity for "a new relationship" with the next administration, Bapna said. The next UA president and vice president will be in a unique position to build a relationship with the new president of MIT, and the Bapna/Schwingel team would focus on strengthening that relationship, they said.

To build a strong undergraduate rapport with the new administration and with the faculty, Bapna and Schwingel proposed monthly dinners for faculty and students. They also wanted to see the UA president and vice president increase their voice at faculty meetings, Bapna said.

Many new issues have been passed, Bapna said, and "student opinion has not been reflected"

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## UAC adopts harassment proposal

By Katherine Shim

The Undergraduate Association Council adopted a proposal last night mandating the formation of a student task force to address harassment problems. The proposal emphasizes the concerns of individual students.

The council also passed a proposal denouncing the tuition increase for the 1990-91 academic year, and announced a spring break shuttle bus service to Logan International Airport for Friday, March 23.

The harassment proposal cites specific problems with current system, such as the large number of reported incidents of harassment, the inadequate distribution of information on the Institute Policy on Harassment and accompanying procedures of action,

and the inadequate counseling and information services available for students who have been harassed.

The proposal mandates the formation of a student task force which will investigate the degree of harassment on the MIT campus over the past five years and will report the results of its findings to the students and the Dean for Student Affairs by May 1, 1990.

The responsibilities of the task force will also include ensuring the effective distribution of information on the current harassment policy, developing a set of formal procedures that will address specific complaints and grievances, and proposing improvements to existing support and counseling services at the

Institute.

The student task force will report periodically to the UAC on its progress. Choice of a task force chairperson will be subject to approval by the UAC Executive Board, and the task force will dissolve at the final council meeting of the 1990-91 school year.

"It must be stressed that this student task force should be representative of the entire campus, including minority groups and any other group that may in any way be subject to some type of harassment," said Baker House Representative Allison D. Hochstein '90, one of the authors of the proposal, at the council meeting. "We are not trying to redo the current Institute policy, but

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Jacques-Yves Cousteau, National Geographic editor Wilbur E. Garrett, and President Paul E. Gray '54 were among the many who filled Kresge for the "Doc" Edgerton celebration on Wednesday.

## Friends celebrate life and work of Edgerton

By Katherine Shim

On Wednesday, the Institute came to terms with the death of Harold E. Edgerton SM '27, Institute professor emeritus of electrical engineering, with a day-long celebration of his life and accomplishments. The events of the day were marked not with solemn mourning, but with happy reminiscences, a chuckle and a joke. It was a tribute to the vibrant personality of "Doc" Edgerton.

Edgerton, born in Fremont, NE, on April 6, 1903, first came to MIT as a graduate student. He remained at the Institute for 60 years, most of them spent as professor of electrical engineering. He was known worldwide for his invention of the stroboscopic

light, his stop-action photographs, and his work in ocean research. Edgerton died of a heart attack on Jan. 4 at the age of 86.

The events of the day officially began with a gathering of Edgerton's friends, colleagues, students and admirers at 2 pm in Kresge Auditorium. The event was run entirely by members of the MIT community. Colleagues of Edgerton in the Department of Electrical Engineering served as ushers, while the lilting folk music that Edgerton himself had loved was played by Professor of Electrical Engineering Alan J. Grodzinsky '69, Senior Library Assistant Forrest W. Larson, and Scott L. Garland '90.

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# AEPi members question release of 45 brothers

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he added.

The second violation involved publicity for an AEPi party. The FIPG risk management policy states that "open parties where alcohol is present, meaning those with unrestricted access by non-members of the fraternity, without specific invitation, shall be prohibited." The national organization obtained a copy of an AEPi poster and judged this to be a violation of the FIPG guideline, Wong said.

"Based on the keg incident — which was dubious to begin with because it was empty — and because of postering we were put on probation some time last March," Wong said.

After a "completely dry" rush, in which "there were no problems," the third violation occurred, Wong said. During a fall trip to a college in Ohio, some freshmen pledges stole a sign. This "was a mistake," Wong said. The chapter "returned the sign, and thought that the issue was over."

But, late in January, the na-

tional organization notified chapter members that "these violations were so flagrant and so bad" that reorganization was necessary, Wong said. A representative of the national organization contacted them to say that he "was coming in February to audit the chapter and to reorganize it based on the three very serious FIPG violations," he added.

## Punishment is too severe, brothers say

Like most AEPi members, Wong admitted that the national organization had cause to act. "We were definitely wrong in not complying to the letter with FIPG," he said.

But the majority of them also felt that the severity of the action was not justified. The response of national was "too severe based on our efforts to respond to their concerns," Wong contended. The chapter "no longer has kegs and no longer posters," he noted.

Dorow, too, felt that the national organization was right to act on the chapter's risk management violations. "Fraternities na-

tionwide are facing serious problems and, to various degrees, different nationals have aggressively fought to reduce risks presented by chapters who misuse alcohol or participate in hazing activities," he said.

While Dorow "respects the actions that nationals have taken to aggressively address these very serious issues," he felt "discouraged by the actions of the national organization as they pertain to this chapter."

The actions of the national organization also seem out of place when considered in comparison to the actions taken against other AEPi chapters, members said. "Based on people I know in other chapters, and the kinds of things they do, there is no way we deserve this," AEPi brother Paul J. Deitel '91 said.

According to Wong, the Boston University chapter of AEPi was recently reorganized by the national organization due to infractions of the risk management policy. But only eight brothers were released at BU, Wong said.

Reorganizations on the scale of MIT's took place at Brooklyn

College and Cornell, Wong said. But these chapters "were reorganized due to alcohol-related deaths."

Many members felt that the violations were simply a mechanism for the national organization to act on other concerns, specifically concerns that the chapter had lost its Jewish identity. "Any national fraternity cannot afford to have a chapter violate its risk management policy, but what the national did does not seem to be based on our violation of FIPG," AEPi President M. Travis Stier '91 explained.

The questions asked by the national representative in reviewing the chapter focused more on AEPi ideals and principles than FIPG guidelines. This was evidence of an ulterior motive, according to Wong. "In interviews, some brothers were not even asked about FIPG," he said.

Instead, members were asked why they joined AEPi and what they felt about the fraternity's commitment to principles of Judaism, Wong said. The "content of the interview questions and the posture which national has taken leads me to question" what the real reason for the reorganization was, he added.

"No one in the first two days was asked about the insurance policy," Deitel said. "In my interview, in particular, [the interviewer] never once asked if I would follow the insurance policy." Instead, Deitel explained, "he focused on my feelings on being in a Jewish fraternity."

"If FIPG was so important you would think they would want to find out who would comply and who would not," Stier said. "What they asked in interviews, however, was not congruent" with this, he added.

It is a common practice for national fraternity organizations to monitor their chapters, according to IFC President Miles Arnone '91. "Every national has field officers that visit every chapter about twice a year, so in that sense chapters are being evaluated all the time" he noted.

Reorganization, even to the point of 45 out of 55 being asked to leave, is also "not uncommon," Arnone said. "For a restructuring, they consider that more than a majority of the



Kristine AuYeung/The Tech  
AEPi brother Richard P. Wong '91

members are not following something that they want followed," he explained.

As a national, "AEPi aggressively reorganizes chapters that it thinks is not functioning up to their standards," Dorow said. Wong, too, felt that "AEPi inspects its chapters more closely than other nationals." However, the MIT chapter "is scrutinized even more closely because of our membership and because we are not following national's implied policies," he commented.

## A history of problems

A long history of antagonism between the national organization and the MIT chapter of AEPi was also cited as a factor in the decision to reorganize. The national acted on "a very complex set of motivations, encompassing some bad feelings extending over a period of 10 or 15 years," Stier said.

As recently as five years ago, Stier said, the president of the MIT AEPi chapter sent a letter to an MIT administrator (which ultimately got back to the national organization) inquiring into "options for going local." This move was the result of a strong anti-national sentiment within the chapter, Stier added.

Since then the chapter has reversed its feeling, and a strong effort has been made to improve relations with the national organization.

The initiation ritual, which had been modified by the chapter, (Please turn to page 19)

# UAC forms task force on harassment

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we are upset and concerned about the students. We have to provide answers to questions like where to go, what is available, what are the hot lines, and how should they be improved. We want to address the problem with the student viewpoint in mind," she added.

William B. Buckner '91, a representative of one of the student groups providing input to the task force, expressed a desire to see education addressed by the task force. "Many times," he stated, "acts of harassment are performed without any malicious intent. Some people just don't realize they are harassing someone. It is important to educate these people."

Baker House Representative Ephraim P. Lin '90 addressed this suggestion, stating that the

absence of specifics in the proposal was intentional. "We did not want to mandate specifics. We would rather leave the students the flexibility to make suggestions."

Other UA representatives expressed concern that the Institute was developing a hypersensitivity toward harassment. Council members voiced the need of the task force to walk the fine line between discouraging hypersensitivity and being sensitive to harassment.

The proposal was passed by a vote of seven in favor, five opposed, and one abstention.

## Tuition increase denounced

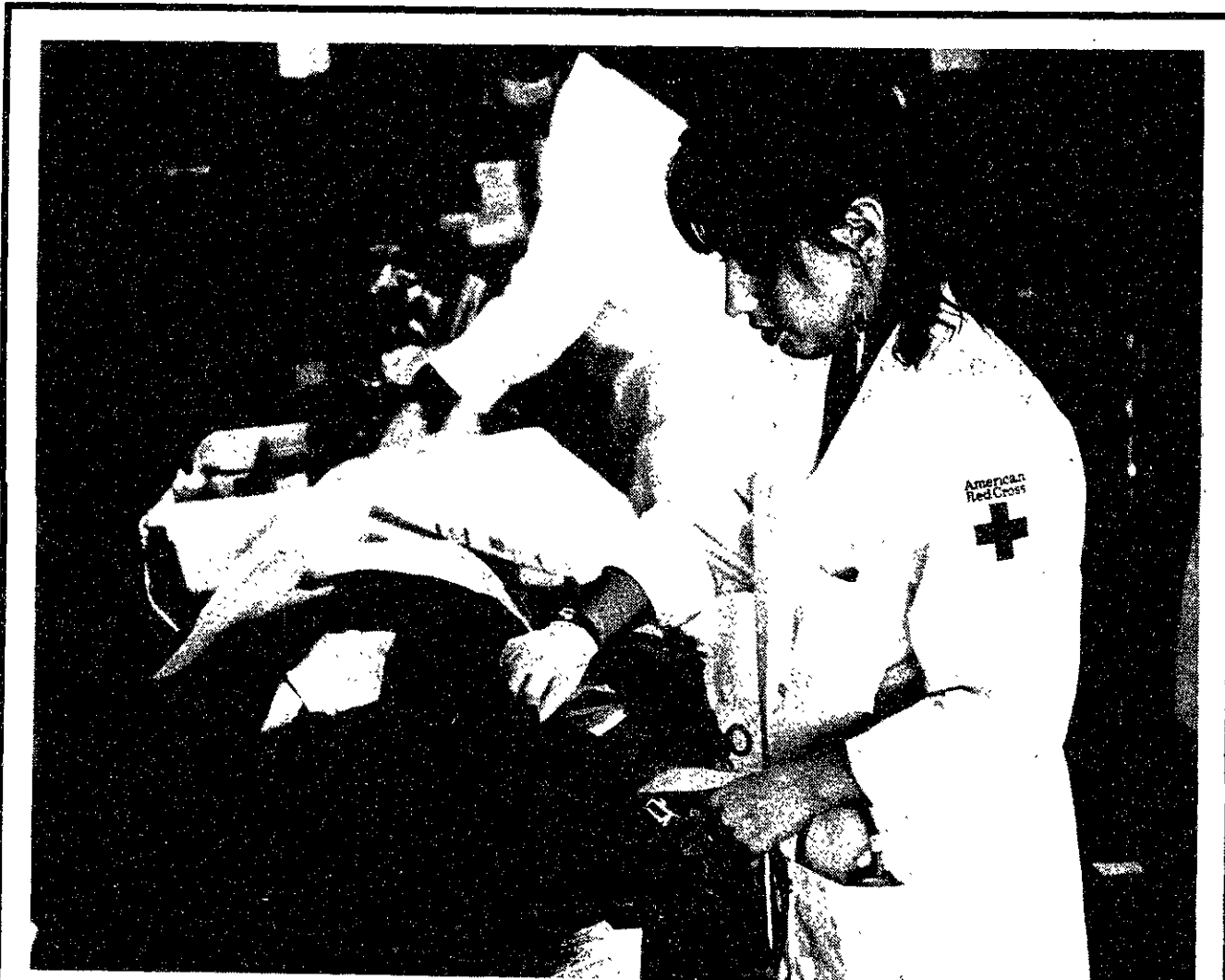
The UAC denounced the 7.6 percent tuition increase for 1990-91 announced last Friday, citing the fact that the increase in tuition was greater than inflation.

The council also noted that the Institute has not specified the allocations of the increased tuition and that the Institute has not shown the benefits of past increases in tuition.

Other business at the meeting included the announcement of a shuttle service from MIT to Logan airport for spring break. The service will run on Friday, March 23 from 8 am to 8 pm. The three bus stops will be located at East Campus, McCormick, and New House.

Funding for the project will come from the UA Finance Board, and cost per ticket will be \$5. The project will break even if 324 people use the service.

Results of student surveys on proposed changes to the academic calendar were also discussed. No overwhelming consensus was reached, however.



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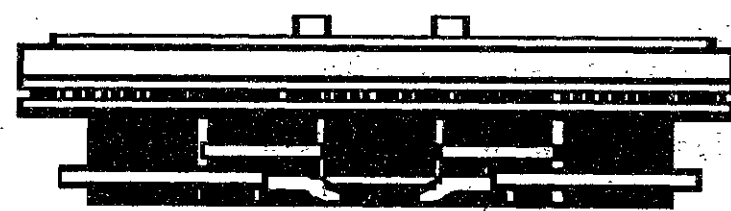
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## Nation

### Poindexter accused of lying

Prosecutor Daniel Webb said in his opening statements on Thursday that former National Security Advisor John M. Poindexter lied and ripped up a key presidential document during the Iran-contra affair. Webb also plans to have Poindexter's former aide, Oliver L. North, testify that he was encouraged to lie as well.

The judge in the Poindexter trial is questioning the veracity of the prosecution's lead witness. Judge Harold Greene said North has changed his story in an attempt to help his former boss. At his trial, North testified he saw Poindexter tear up a presidential finding concerning the sale of arms to Iran. But the judge said that, in pre-trial testimony, North said he did not find out what the document was until Poindexter testified before Congress. Information derived from Poindexter's immunized testimony before Congress cannot be used in his trial. North is supposed to testify today.

### Scientists develop anti-AIDS gene

California researchers say they have developed an artificial gene that produces a substance that effectively battles the AIDS virus. The doctors have tested the gene on human cells in test tubes and say it acts as a "molecular scissors". It blocks aids cells from reproducing.

### Administration defends transport policy

The Bush Administration yesterday defended its new transportation policy from charges that it avoids federal responsibilities. Transportation Secretary Samuel K. Skinner said suggestions to pay for transportation maintenance by increased user fees is in line with polls showing that the public is willing to pay more.

Gov. Michael S. Dukakis (D-MA) said the policy would break a longstanding state-federal partnership in building and repairing roads. Dukakis said Thursday that the easing of tensions between the Soviet Union and the United States should result in savings on military spending. He said the United States could concentrate on making better roads, highways, and improve deteriorating bridges with the savings.

### Cal. officials seize cocaine

Officials in Orange County, CA, arrested three people and seized more than two tons of cocaine worth an estimated \$153 million. Eight vehicles, including a motor home, were confiscated along with \$20,000 in cash.

### West Virginia teacher strike spreads

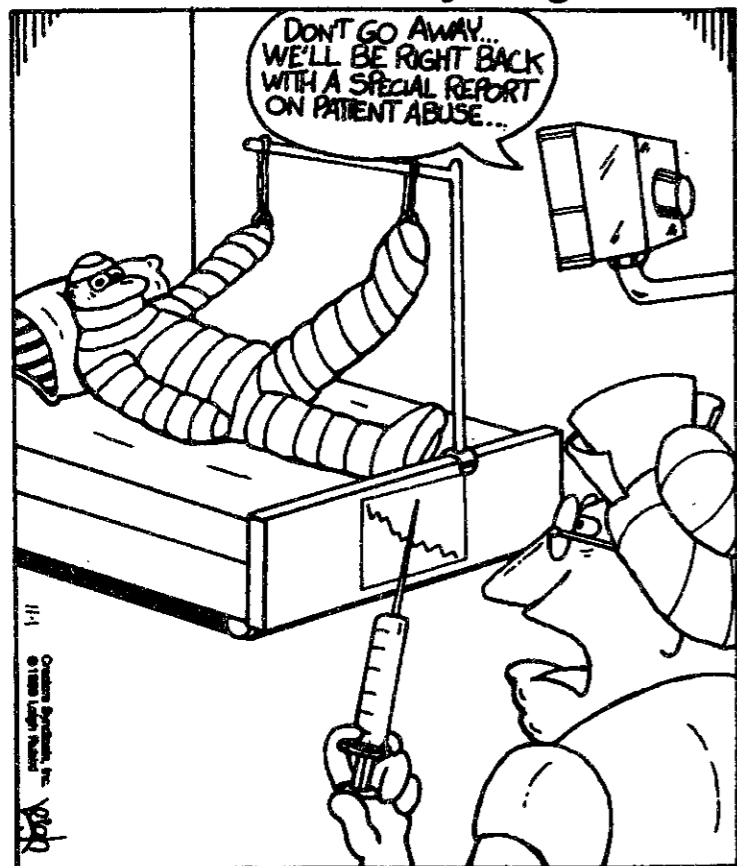
A West Virginia teacher's strike has spread to more than half of the state's schools. One striking teacher in St. Albans said he is fed up with the governor and legislature for refusing to negotiate until classes resume. Police said five pickets were arrested north of Charleston on Thursday for allegedly blocking a school bus.

### Twelve escape in Cal. prison break

Twelve inmates remain free after a dramatic escape from a Chula Vista, CA, prison Wednesday night. Fourteen prisoners used hacksaws to cut window bars, kicked out a plexiglass window and then lowered themselves to freedom using a rope made of knotted bedsheets. Two of the escapees were captured shortly after the jail break.

Rubes

By Leigh Rubin



"Shame on you, Mr. Johnson! You know the penalty for watching unauthorized programs!"

### Clean Air Bill amendments unlikely

Several senators unveiled proposals to strengthen the compromise clean air bill, but one senator acknowledged the odds are heavy against the changes. The White House and many senators oppose the amendments. The clean air measure represents the first tightening of federal air pollution control laws in 13 years. It calls for sweeping curbs on smog-causing pollution from automobiles and industrial plants and, for the first time, requires cuts in acid rain pollutants from coal-fired electric power plants.

### Forbes leaves bonus

Employees of Forbes, Inc., have received a gift from beyond. Malcolm Forbes' son and successor said in accordance with the late publishing magnate's wishes, workers are getting an extra week's pay. Debts from loans from the company are forgiven up to \$10,000.

### Number of babies with low birth weights increases

A new report from the National Centers for Disease Control says that the number of infants born at less than 5½ pounds rose two percent between 1985 and 1987. Officials also warn that the proportion of low-weight babies among blacks is more than double the proportion among whites.

### FDA bans prostate drugs

Within six months, all non-prescription drugs used to treat enlargement of the prostate gland will be off the shelves. The Food and Drug Administration says it is banning the sale of the products because there is little evidence that any of them treats or eliminates the condition. The agency says the drugs can relieve some of the symptoms but lulls users into a false sense of security.

### Storms hit Midwest

A storm that socked-in parts of the West and Midwest pulled down power lines that serve more than 90,000 people in Des Moines, IA, Thursday. In Wyoming, some major highways remained closed a third day by deep snow.

### Quayle visits Latin America

Vice President Dan Quayle heads to Latin America today to help usher in new presidents of Chile and Brazil. Quayle said one focus of the trip will be economic development in Latin America.

Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA) plans to join Quayle at the inauguration of Chile's first freely-elected president in nearly two decades. Kennedy is set to leave today on a four-day trip to the Caribbean and Latin America. The inauguration is scheduled for Sunday. Kennedy said that for Chile, the United States cannot be considered the sole source of economic aid. He said Europe should help Chile and other newly-formed democracies to grow economically.

### FCC to loosen controls on AT&T

The Federal Communications Commission declared Thursday that it is ready to loosen its regulation of the American Telegraph and Telephone Company, declaring the onetime phone monopoly now faces "significant competition" in the interstate long-distance marketplace. The commission has adopted a staff proposal that, if approved, would give the company some of the freedom it maintains it needs to maneuver against competitors such as MCI Communications and US Sprint. The FCC says it will study competition in the interstate long-distance arena and adopt necessary regulatory reforms.

## World

### Lithuania must pay for secession, Gorbachev says

Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev is raising the stakes for possible Lithuanian independence by demanding the republic pay the Kremlin more than \$30 billion if it goes ahead with its plan to secede from the Soviet Union. Gorbachev said the money must be paid in hard currency, not rubles. Gorbachev's call for compensation came in a meeting with Lithuania's president on Wednesday. Lithuania's parliament is expected to vote for secession this weekend.

### Violence erupts in Haiti

In the capital of Haiti yesterday, thousands of people streamed into the streets and set up burning barricades to protest the army's killing of a schoolgirl. The girl was shot Monday by a soldier breaking up an anti-government protest.

### HUD investigation continues

House investigators looking into the activities of one-time Housing and Urban Development Secretary Samuel J. Pierce say they are seeking immunity for a former top housing official. The investigators are hoping that Dubois Gilliam can provide testimony about housing agency grants and contract procedures under Pierce. Gilliam is already serving a prison sentence for a conviction in another HUD-related case.

## Local

### Fire victims die

A mother and her three children died Thursday after a fire spread through their Worcester home Wednesday morning. A supervisor said the children's mother, 28-year-old Ethel Baisden, died at 4:30 Thursday afternoon. Her two-year-old son David and four-year-old daughter Frances died Thursday morning. Her seven-month-old son was found in the remains of his charred crib. Fire officials think the fire started when a baby blanket caught fire and ignited the crib which had been placed near a portable gas heater.

### Some drug stores may drop out of Medicaid

State officials have been warned that some drug stores may be forced to drop out of the Medicaid program. Pharmacists say some drug stores have to wait weeks for payments that used to be made in 10 to 20 days. The Medicaid program pays for health care bills for the poor, including many elderly people in nursing homes. It is scheduled to run out of money on April 15. Pharmacists took their worries about the lack of money to state officials on Thursday.

## Sports

### Raiders to decide on home

Officials in Oakland, CA, and Alameda County, CA, are demanding an answer on whether the Los Angeles Raiders will move back to the Bay Area. The package for the Raiders includes \$53.5 million for improvements to the Oakland Coliseum. Meanwhile, private sources in Los Angeles have offered money to keep the Raiders in Los Angeles.

### Baseball strike begins fourth week

Baseball Commissioner Fay Vincent struck out on Thursday in his bid to end the owners' 22-day spring training lockout. A proposal to open the camps in return for a no-strike pledge from the players met with a swift rejection from the union. Management approved the plan from Vincent, who has the power to start spring training but remains hesitant to do so without approval from both sides. Player's Association chief Don Fehr responded to the proposal by saying a no-strike pledge would give management another season to underpay players while the clubs make \$1.5 billion.

## Weather

### Spring — New England style

A high pressure center will dominate our weather for another day. Then a low will pass to our south, bringing cloud cover Friday night. A brief period of clearing will follow Saturday, with more warm temperatures. Another light storm center will pass Sunday morning, bringing a chance of light rain. It will pass quickly, leaving clear skies behind. A prevailing southwesterly flow will keep temperatures above normal during the period and into the beginning of next week.

**Friday:** Clear. High 52°F (11°C). Light westerly winds.

**Friday night:** Clouding up with a small chance of light showers. Winds light from the south. Low 35°F (2°C).

**Saturday:** Mostly clear with high near 50°F (10°F). Increasing clouds late Saturday night or early Sunday morning. Low 40°F (4°C).

**Sunday:** Light rain and showers in the morning followed by clearing in the afternoon. High 54°F (12°C). Low 42°F (6°C).

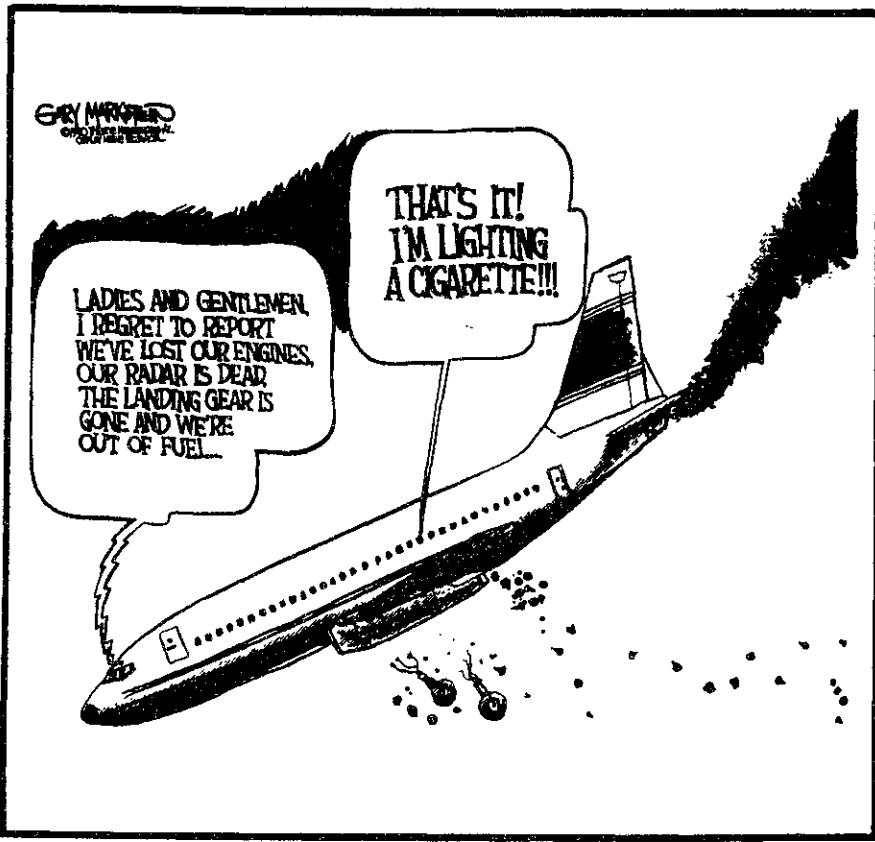
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## A dog who humanized the Institute

Column by Bill Jackson



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Beau Moriarty died last Saturday. Beau was well known around the Institute, especially in some of his favorite courses, including 6.041, 18.03, and 18.01. Beau also worked closely with members of the electrical engineering department in Building 35. Beau was a golden retriever.

Beau's owner, Ed Moriarty '76, said that his sister brought the dog up from Washington, DC, seven years ago, just as Ed was starting out as a faculty liaison for Project Athena. Beau's owners had been looking for a golden retriever to play with the kids. According to Ed, Beau "wasn't that kind of dog."

Ed agreed to keep Beau, but this immediately became a problem when Ed found himself in between apartments for a month. He had no place to leave Beau during the day, "So I just started bringing him to work with me."

Almost immediately, Beau became better known than Ed. "Everyone always said hi to Beau. No one ever said hi to me!" he remembered. "Crossing campus took a long time with Beau. Everyone always wanted to stop and see him." Beau also made Ed's life easier. "One of the complaints people had . . . was that nobody could yell at me. They'd come into a room, say hi to Beau, pet him, and then they had no choice but to be civil to me."

Beau would follow Ed around the Institute faithfully. Once Ed was working in Building 4, and a group of people left the room. Beau followed, unaware that Ed was staying. When Ed realized Beau was missing, he went looking for him. He looked all over the main Institute buildings. Then a complete stranger walked up to him and asked, "Are you looking for Beau? He was in the basement of Building 10 a half hour ago heading toward Mass. Ave." Ed had no idea who the man was or how he knew Beau. He simply thanked the man and kept looking.

"That happened a few times. If Beau wasn't with me, people I didn't even know would walk up to me and ask where he was." Ed eventually found Beau in Building 35, eating pizza with some graduate students.

Ed and his colleagues are filled with stories about Beau, like the time Beau cleared a conference room with a sudden attack of gas, or the many times Beau sat in 6.041 lectures and paid more attention than the humans in the audience. Ed would be there to observe for his project and Beau, of course, would follow. In his early years "he would just watch that lecturer, back and forth, like a tennis match," Ed says. As Beau got older, he had heard it all before and just slept through the lectures like the

rest of us.

Ed said that Beau was an intellectual, a Cambridge dog unfit for playing or fetching. He told people that Beau had earned his Dog-torate. "I guess now he's a post-dog," he said with a little smile.

The many secretaries and administrators in the Institute with Milk-Bone stashes in their desks have also been saddened by the loss of Beau. He was Ed Moriarty's shadow, always with him, always there. He was also the official bat dog of the Laboratory for Computer Science's softball team.

"That's why I keep coming back here," said Moriarty, who graduated from the mechanical engineering department in 1976, returned for some graduate work, and now works with the electrical engineering and math departments on courseware. "MIT always has a real feeling of family. Of course, because of Beau, people may have been more friendly to me than most."

You don't have to know Ed Moriarty for very long to see how special Beau was to him. "Friends, you have a certain part of the day. Family, you have a certain part of the day. Beau was always there," Ed told me as he fought back a tear. Looking down at his young son, he said that he "had been hoping that 'Beau' would be the first word Pete would say."

Beau had been ill for some time. "I sat down last Saturday with Beau on my lap and fed him some turkey (his favorite). I knew that I was taking him to the vet at

noon, and that would be it."

"I asked the vet if I could give him the injection. The vet was a little surprised at this, but Beau and I could handle it. We had shared so much in our lives, I couldn't have had someone else do it."

"People can talk — that's a real limitation. Dogs just know. They communicate what we can't say in words."

Why all the fuss over a dog, you ask? Because of one thing Ed Moriarty said to me: "When someone would be walking around here in a daze, suddenly I would walk by them with Beau, and they would snap out of it. They would become human again."

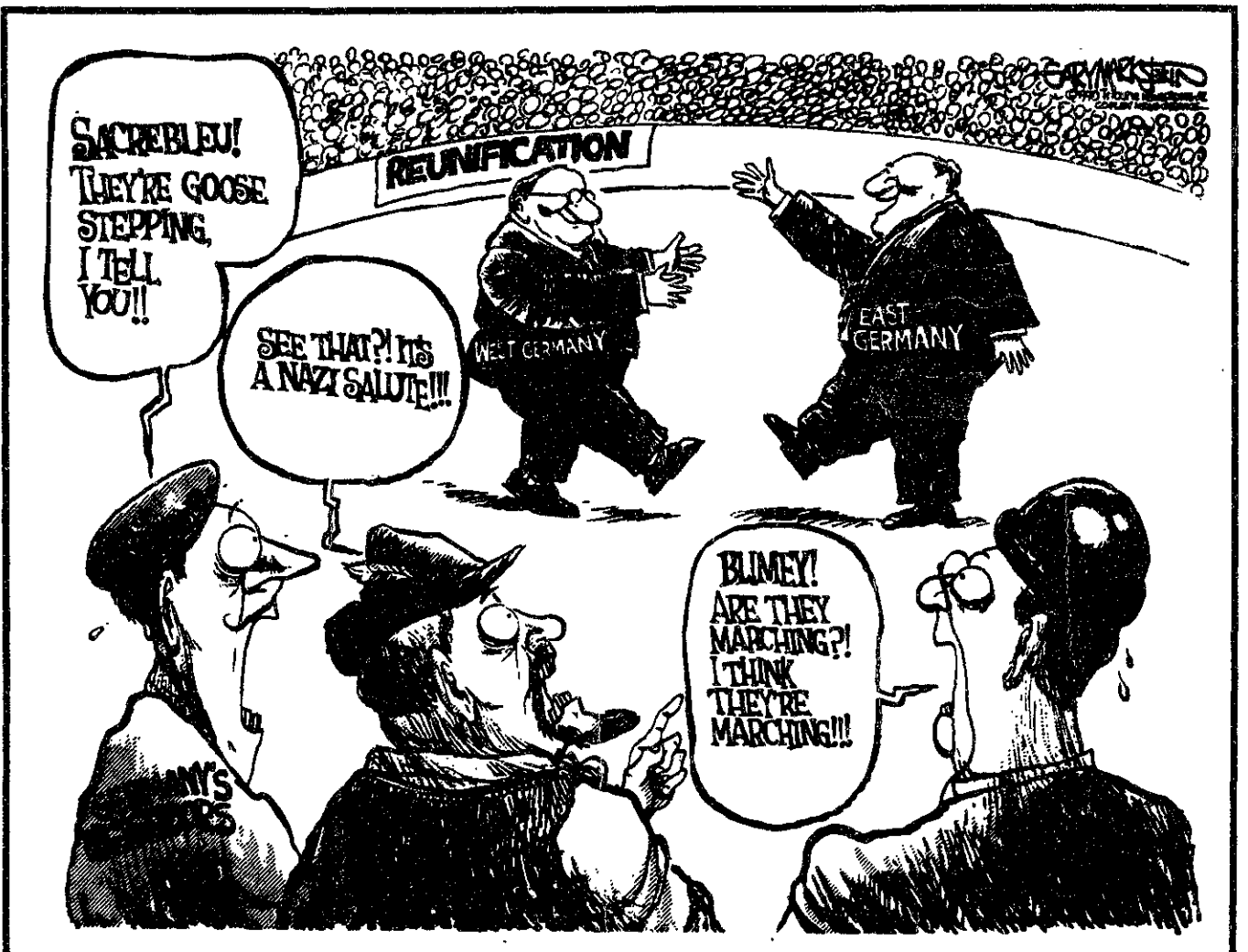
Anyone that can humanize MIT like that deserves to be remembered.

Beau Moriarty died peacefully on March 3, with his family by his side and his belly full of turkey. He is survived by Emily, Alix, Peter, Ed, and all of his MIT family and friends.

*Bill Jackson, a freshman, continues to write for The Tech despite the advice of doctors, friends and newspaper lovers everywhere.*



Beau Moriarty



# opinion

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Columbus on class ring demeans Native Americans

(Editor's note: The Tech received a copy of this letter addressed to Aileen W. Lee, president, and other members of the Class of 1992 Council)

We, the members of the MIT

Native American Student Association and the members of the MIT chapter of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society, are writing this letter to protest the commemoration of Christopher Columbus on the 1992 class ring, more commonly

known as the Brass Rat. 1992 will be the 500th anniversary of Columbus coming to America, and the members of NASA and AISES do not see this event as something to be celebrated. One half of all Native Americans at MIT are in the Class of 1992,

and although the honoring of Columbus might be trivial to some people, it is extremely offensive and demeaning to us. It is yet another sign of the ignorance of the majority of people in this country toward the plight of the aboriginal people

were not born citizens of the United States.

Another example of the ignorance of many people in this country is seen in the names of sports teams such as the Cleveland Indians, the Atlanta Braves, and the Washington Redskins. It is appalling that such blatant racism goes ignored. Many people claim that such names honor Native Americans. To be stereotyped, dehumanized and cartooned is not an honor. Names such as the Washington Negroes, Jews or WASPS would be unheard of, yet the Redskins is seen as socially acceptable, even "honorable." To Native Americans, there is no name more derogatory for their people.

To say that Columbus discovered America implies that the 75 million Native Americans in the western hemisphere were either unaware of their own existence, or that their history is unimportant. The aboriginal peoples of the Americas were here thousands and thousands of years before Columbus was ever born, and to imply that Columbus "discovered" their native homeland is insulting.

Columbus began a holocaust that drove Native American tribes to the edge of extinction and beyond. Before 1492, when the "New World" was opened to immigrants from the East, there were over 5 million natives in the United States alone. By the late 1800s, that number had dropped to 250,000. Today, there are slightly over one million Native Americans left in this country, half of which live on reservations where poverty, teenage suicide and alcoholism are 100 percent higher than the national averages.

The indigenous peoples of this country, whose laws and customs set the standards for the American Constitution — a model for governments throughout Eastern Europe today, did not themselves gain US citizenship until 1924. Our grandmothers and grandfathers, whose ancestors had lived on this continent for millennia,

Ignorance is what allows racist names for sports teams to continue, and we believe that it is what lies behind the honoring of Columbus on the Brass Rat. Many members of the Ring Committee were probably unaware of how offensive and demeaning the commemoration of "the 500th Anniversary of the founding of America" would be to some people. It was however, their duty as representatives of the Class of 1992 to solicit the opinions of members of all ethnicities seen at MIT. It is inexcusable that the Native Americans — the first peoples of this country — were ignored. We suggest the 1992 class ring be altered to remove the symbols of the "discovery of the New World."

Columbus began a cultural genocide that continues to this day. We do not see him as someone to be honored.

Stefanie Lawson '92  
President

Native American  
Student Association  
Frederick Jay Bennett '90  
President  
American Indian Science  
and Engineering Society  
and others

(This letter received the support of Office of Minority Education Director Judy Jackson Pitts and Coordinator of Minority Admissions Eduardo Grado; the Black Student Union; and the presidents of the Association of Puerto Ricans and the MIT chapter of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers.)



## Campaign poster insulted blacks, trivialized Holocaust

Recently, campaign posters of a few of the candidates for Undergraduate Association offices have been brought to our attention as being offensive and inappropriate. These posters represent the views of these individual candidates for election.

While it is necessary and important that candidates take responsibility for their words as well as their actions, it is not appropriate that the UA Election Commission, or any body, censor candidates' written material. The role of the Election Commission is not to pass judgment on candidates' views, but to allow all candidates the opportunity to present their views to the undergraduate community. Undergraduates, through their individual and collective votes, hold the power to reject or accept candidates.

Just as those who have been offended have the right to make their voices heard, the candidates also have every right to say what is on their minds. Censorship of these posters would keep voters from fully knowing their choices — the candidates. It is better to know of a candidate's opinion before the election rather than after that individual has been elected.

Another suggested option for dealing with offensive, written material is the removal of the candidates' names from the ballot. This would not resolve the issue, but instead fail to address it properly.

Requesting that an individual be removed from the ballot substitutes the will of the majority with the request of a vocal minority. Democracy protects free — even offensive — speech. The

ultimate authority to accept or reject the positions of candidates resides with the voters. It is thus the responsibility of the community to respond to these issues.

The UA Election Commission will maintain every candidate's right to be heard, and it also encourages all undergraduates to address their concerns through their votes.

Christine Coffey '93  
UA Election Commission

Once again, an ignorant member of the MIT community has found a way to publicly insult his peers. This time, however, MIT claims to be powerless in addressing the situation.

This week's racial slur can be found on the original campaign posters of Mark M. Lee, a candidate for freshman publicity officer. The poster asks Lee's classmates not to vote "blindly" and to listen to the "representatives from around the world [who] have the same opinion." We see Abraham Lincoln, a Chinese panda, and an Australian kangaroo all asking us to vote for Lee. The problems arise when Lee uses Adolf Hitler as his European representative and some unidentifiable creature to speak for Africa. The Hitler image's insulting nature is self-evident but the African depiction needs further description.

Lee shows a person with an inflated jaw, expansive nose, and a small head (implying small brain). Whereas everyone else in the picture can speak English, the African is quoted with a jibberish made up of x's, parentheses, and periods. Finally, the inscription

below the monkey-man reads "Africa/We are the world." Bargain shoppers should take note that Lee is offering three insults at the price of one.

I heard of these posters from a non-black, non-Jewish friend who also found them quite offensive. I immediately called the appropriate Undergraduate Association officials who must have alerted Lee to the situation, because he quickly changed his poster. The new advertisement retains the Hitler image but changes the African to a narcissistic lion with a mirror and hairbrush. If anything the members of the black community were more insulted by this feeble attempt to change. If Lee knows so little about the peoples and the cultures of our homeland that he must insult us, or patronize us, I recommend that he quickly educate himself.

This act demonstrates so much ignorance and insensitivity that one wonders from what sort of mind such thoughts could flow. Doesn't Lee recognize that Hitler represents the attempt at the annihilation of a people, and that his playful receipt of this endorsement trivializes Hitler's acts? Doesn't Lee know that his African drawing is reminiscent of negative depictions from the 1930s, 1940s and sometimes today, of the mythical, animalistic African savage? Africa is full of great historical figures from Adam and Eve to Nelson Mandela, whose endorsements would have meant infinitely more than that of a lion. And every American knows that Europe offers more great people to our collective history than just Adolf Hitler.

The UA claims that it cannot do anything to censure Lee so that they may continue to foster freedom of speech. But this tired scenario of insult, letter to *The Tech*, and apology has played itself out too many times. Isn't it apparent to the UA that many people here will take this right to speak freely and use it recklessly? The UA's silence is a passive endorsement of this, and similar acts. The UA currently has no sort of policing agent to prevent incidences like this and I hope that one day they will take positive action towards ending this sort of offensive public behavior.

Jason Vickers '90  
Political Action Committee  
Black Student Union

In the last few days an unfortunate incident has occurred on campus. One of the candidates running for an Undergraduate Association class office insulted many members of the MIT community through offensive posters. While we believe that the candidate's intentions were not to harm anyone, we understand the seriousness of this action and firmly disapprove of this — or any — form of harassment. We hope that the members of the MIT community will take this as an opportunity to learn that while their actions may not be intended as harassment, caution and good judgment must be shown at all times.

Paul Antico '91  
President  
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Jonathan Lee '93  
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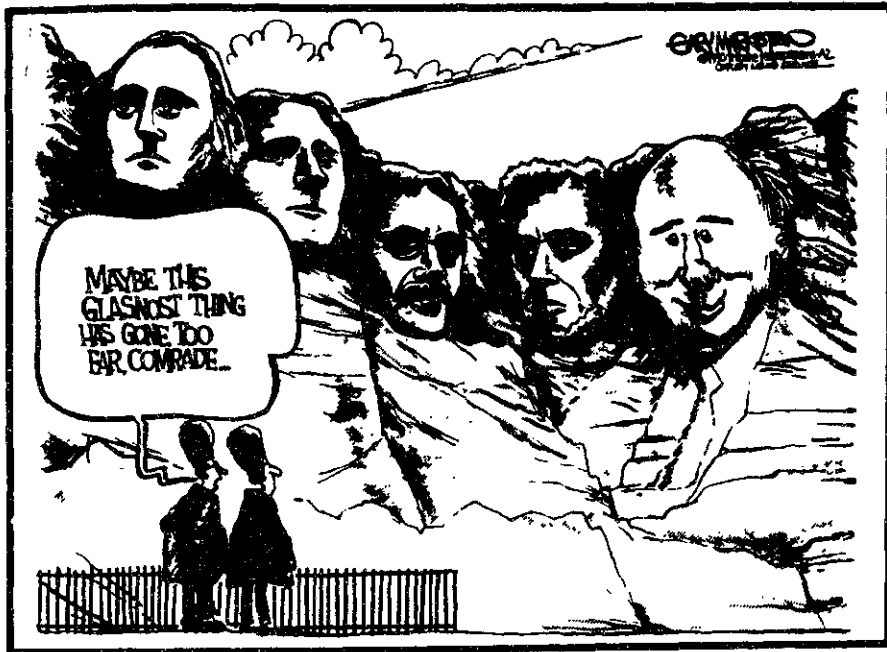
(Editor's note: The Tech received a copy of this response addressed to the North American Student Association, the American Indian Science and Engineering Society, and "other concerned members of the MIT community.")

The members of the Class of 1992 Ring Committee would like to apologize formally for any offense caused by this year's ring design. We realize that our reference to the symbol of Columbus in the 1992 ring is due to our ignorance and oversight regarding the plight of Native Americans. The reference was intended to embody the spirit of exploration and discovery, which is a central theme of an MIT education. Unfortunately, such symbols are institutionalized and result in unintentional forms of racism. We support your efforts in bringing these misconceptions to light and hope it results in increased awareness in the MIT community. Please accept our apology.

Cindy Evanko '92  
Class of 1992 Ring Committee

# opinion

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



### ARA should reform its policies on charitable donations and leftovers

Several articles and letters have appeared recently in *The Tech* concerning the expiration of ARA's contract and its possible renewal [most recently: "MIT likely to renew ARA," March 2]. The MIT community has brought up many problems with ARA. We as members of MIT Hunger Action Group would like to add two of ours: the unfairness of ARA's charitable donation policy, and its treatment of leftover food.

Every November, the week before Thanksgiving, the MIT Hunger Action Group hosts a week-long Hunger Awareness Week for Oxfam America, a non-profit organization that helps combat world hunger. For the annual Fast Day, we ask people to donate the amount of money they would spend on one day of food.

Response at MIT has always been strong: Many people give more than they would spend on

food in a day, and last fall we collected \$1700. A large part of these donations are collected through the meal card plan. The vast majority of students who donate money for Fast Day do not fast, or even skip a meal; the donation is a gesture of solidarity, not a contract.

ARA, however, keeps 55 cents of every dollar donated. They claim this outrageous amount is needed for "overhead expenses" such as cafeteria maintenance and staffing. Even though ARA loses no business on Fast Day, they appropriate more than half of all donations to justify "overhead," which the students then pay for a second time when they eat ARA food on Fast Day. Many students have expressed anger about this profit-seeking policy.

Where does this ARA "overhead" go? Part must go to the color TV and VCR in McCormick Dining Hall which cycles

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### Divestment advocate failed to back position

Joel J. Gwynn's letter [*Nermal* shows insensitivity to the reality of apartheid," March 2] does nothing to abate my belief that the Coca-Cola boycott is an excuse for some to funnel moral emotion into any cause presentable. I am not denouncing the notion of a boycott itself; the boycott is a legitimate stand on beliefs, regardless of whether or not I agree. What I object to, and what I was trying to highlight in *Nermal*, is the smug ignorance of some of its supporters.

I have spoken to people actively involved in the boycott as part of researching the boycott itself. The Coke boycott is about divestiture, not trade sanctions. Friday's letter not only misses this completely, but assumes they are the same thing. This is not surprising. Not including my sources, I have spoken to only one supporter of the boycott who had any clue as to what the boycott was really about.

Mr. Gwynn, you say that "doing business in South Africa means reaping the benefits of the barbaric social and economic segregation that exists there." Some companies do exploit segregation. Does Coke? Have you even checked an independent source? I have. What do I think black Coke employees in South Africa are paid? My sources say they are paid comparably to whites. Your letter offers nothing to contradict this claim. I will believe a well-researched reference over your single, unsupported sentence.

I do not pretend to believe that Coke is a benevolent shelter to poor blacks, but think about this: If Coke left South Africa, its subsidiaries there would no longer have any incentive to treat their black employees well. The

same taxes would go to the South African government; the same products would be produced. The difference? Black employees would no longer be working for a company trying to be morally responsible. Any protection they had would be gone. This is certainly worth taking into account, yet most boycott supporters ignore these considerations. These employees are real people; let's not "try it out, and see what happens."

None of Mr. Gwynn's arguments offer any proof. The entire

article is an emotional argument. Yes, numbers and facts are less exciting than grand, tear-wrenching speeches, but they carry the weight of reason.

Mr. Gwynn, may I request that you research your stand before you argue it. When you replace fluff phrases such as "lame rationalization" with facts, I will be happy to have an open-minded conversation on the topic. I'll certainly change my stand if you can show me I'm wrong.

C. M. Montgomery '93

### Evelyn Murphy's absolutist abortion stand is untenable

Recently Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Murphy issued a campaign letter arguing that she is the only Democratic gubernatorial candidate who supports abortion rights. She asserts that abortion should be legal at any point in a pregnancy. I consider this position morally repugnant, to say the least, but what is most upsetting is that she identifies this position as having special credibility. She implies that those who see a need for compromise are insincere and not to be trusted.

I called the lieutenant governor's office to express my dismay. I was connected to a member of Murphy's staff who began lecturing me about how the people who are against abortion are also against birth control. Then the staffer attempted to intimidate me with incorrect statistics and confront me with the uncontested case of a seven months' pregnant woman who will die without an abortion. At that point I hung

up. Murphy defends a "right" to choose a third trimester abortion on the grounds that only a few will occur. I find this argument morally vacuous. Moreover, I question moral arguments for her position that emphasize self-ownership and individualism. Human beings flourish only in community with each other; we each have an interest in each other's lives.

Slavery is wrong because human beings should not be treated like property. "My body, my life, my right" also treats a person as something you might own — like a television set.

Such a view leaves little room for us to have a moral conversation on the morality of a person choosing to abort an unborn child a month from delivery. I think third trimester abortions are morally wrong and that we should act as a community to prevent them.

Douglas Galbi G

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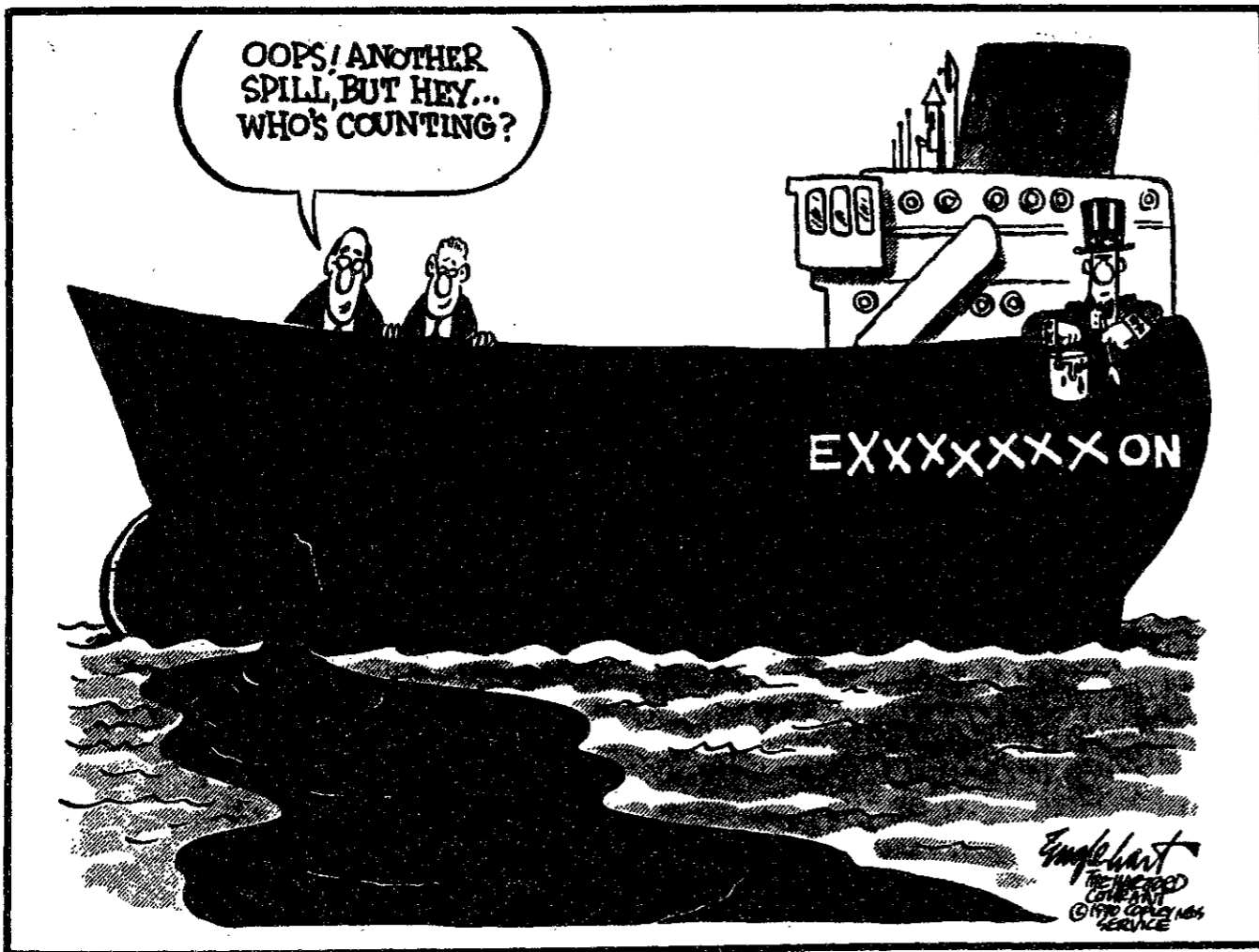
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### Students ought to express views through open debate, not vandalism

I'm confused. When I picked up the March 2 copy of *The Tech* and saw a picture of 500 copies of *The Thistle* adorning the interior of a latrine ["*Thistle* distribution hit by another attack"], I didn't know how to respond. Had the architects of this foul deed published their views in a letter, even a poorly written one, I could have responded in a similar fashion. Or, if their powers of articulation are beneath *The Tech's* lofty standards, they could have at least scrawled graffiti on the bathroom stall. A toilet is hardly an ideal seat of discourse.

I agree that *The Thistle's* comments are often biased and sensationalist. As a past rush chairman, I bristled at their attacks on fraternities when freshmen were the most impressionable. Steven D. Penn's remark that a sorority member "was leading a troop of women to get the paper" sounded like a paranoid delusion. But let's not stoop to that level.

Censorship is not the answer — and if chucking newspapers in a john isn't censorship, I don't know what is!

MIT is a place with many opinions and perspectives. Instead of shredding posters which advertise lectures by Israel Shahak or burning Pro-Life drop posters, we should be talking about these issues and learning from each other. When *The Tech* or *The Thistle* prints an article you don't like, reply to it with a letter. Instead of writing "Israel is Apartheid" on posters put up by MIT Students for Israel, write complete paragraphs explaining your view. As long as we resort to Neanderthal tactics, free speech and debate will give way to narrow-minded intolerance.

Groups ranging from the Coalition Against Apartheid to the Undergraduate Association do not hide behind anonymous vandalism to express themselves. They believe in their ideas and they're not afraid to speak out. Instead of hiding in bathroom stalls, they collect signatures, speak with MIT officials, and protest in Lobby 7. MIT benefits greatly from students who express themselves openly and responsibly.

Matt McCluskey '91

### Send the UA a message: vote for none of the above

We represent a group of students who have grown fed up with the annual tradition quaintly known as the Undergraduate Association elections. To be brief, we feel that the UA does not represent the undergraduate students of MIT, but is merely a small group which has managed to garner a plurality of votes in poorly-attended elections.

We have decided that rather than throw away our votes on hack or non-existent candidates, we will work to convince other students to write in "None of the Above" on their ballots next week. We challenge the UA Elections Board to tabulate these protest votes and release an honest count of how many students feel disenfranchised by the UA.

If we are correct, a large fraction of students will register their disgust for the current system. We urge our fellow students to consider: *Is the UA really better than nothing?*

Andrew Marc Greene '91  
Students for None of the Above

### Remembering Doc Edgerton: an act of kindness

The loss of Harold E. "Doc" Edgerton, Institute professor emeritus of electrical engineering, has caused great pain not only to the MIT community, but also to the thousands of people around the world who had a chance to be associated with him during his life. His admirable work is well known and respected, but I am not sure how well his charming, warm personality is known. He was one of the most warmhearted people I have ever met, and I would like to share my memory of him.

On a late May afternoon two years ago, I was walking on campus, crying. I was very upset over something and was taking a walk alone. Suddenly, someone stopped right in front of me. I looked up and saw a smiling face — Dr. Edgerton was there. He asked me if I was okay, I nodded still in tears. Then he started walking, pulling my arm. I was surprised and asked him where we were going, and he said we were going to his house.

When we arrived, he introduced me to Mrs. Edgerton and told her that we were having dinner together. Again, I was surprised. I didn't want to cause any trouble for her, for I was sure that she had prepared the dinner just for the two of them. But she smiled and divided the dinner into three. The meal for each seemed small, and I kept worrying if they would be hungry later

on. As for me, it was enough then because their warm-heartedness had already filled my stomach full.

After the dinner, he went under the dining table and asked me to come under as well. I wondered if he liked to rest under the table after meals, but I soon found out why. There were a lot of writings on the reverse side of the table: many of them were the signatures of people who had visited, some with greetings. He gave me a pen and I wrote my name in Japanese.

After he showed me his "kitchen" filled with films, I found out that he was also a good guitarist and a singer. He took his guitar and sang a song for me. The song was called *You are my Sunshine*. He taught me the lyrics and I wrote them down. Then he said that sunshine was not supposed to cry, I was very moved by his warmth and his way of cheering me up.

Dr. Edgerton and Mrs. Edgerton then took me to my dormitory. I still remember them walking slowly back to their place together, holding hands.

After that day, they invited me over several times. Sometimes, they would give me take-home food so that I could have it for breakfast. Dr. Edgerton told me that I was his first Japanese granddaughter and when he called me, he would say, "Hi, this is Grandpa Edgerton calling."

I had been on leave for more than a year working with my mother in Japan when I heard the news of his death. I could not believe it since he sounded happy and healthy in November when I called him. In February, I came back to my Boston house and found his voice on my answering machine. It still remains on my tape.

In our lives, we seldom meet people who really touch our heart. And to me, he was one of the few. I greatly miss my beloved "Grandpa" Edgerton, like those who were also touched by his warmth during his life.

Yu Hasegawa '89

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### Anti-homosexual stand encourages oppression

In response to junior Gregory S. Richardson's letter ["GAMIT should accept the views of anti-homosexuals," March 6], I would like to say I wholeheartedly agree that any individual has a right to choose his/her own morality and to hold any opinion that might arise from that morality. GAMIT has never said anything to the contrary nor would I support it if it had. However, what must be condemned are the hurtful consequences of expressing and enforcing certain "moralities" whose basic premise is the condemnation of other groups that do not fit within their ideology.

GAMIT is not denouncing the right to be homophobic, but is affirming the right to be gay and will always struggle to keep those who are homophobic from harming our community and encouraging bias and ignorance in others. Richardson feels that "such accusations cannot be reconciled to an ideology that espouses the celebration of diversity as a virtue," but his logic falls short. If he truly does not condemn or support hatred toward any community, he has a right to his views. However, saying that GAMIT is in violation of its own "motto" is nonsensical.

By denouncing racism, homophobia, sexism, anti-Semitism, and other forms of prejudice — whether they be on the grounds of morality, biology, religion, or personal belief — we are working to create an environment where everyone can BGLAD they are themselves without fearing persecution from the moral majority. Richardson's morality is one where judgment is passed on a group which is promptly labeled as "unacceptable."

GAMIT does not condemn Richardson for not being able to accept homosexuality, but does condemn the results that his oppressive mode of thought encourages. He does not seem to realize the ramifications of holding such a "morality" and how it infringes upon the rights of others when they are forced to conform to his way of thought in contrast to their "celebration of diversity."

It is because of this moral and societal condemnation that 40-50

percent of all gay teenagers try to kill themselves; it is because of this morality that gays and lesbians are seven times more likely to be beaten and killed every year as victims of hate crimes; it is because of this morality that the church forbids safe-sex education and inadvertently causes thousands of AIDS deaths; and it is because of this morality that we are unable to choose who we can love.

### Freedom of the press does not include the freedom to slander

Initially, I did not feel it was necessary to respond to the ludicrous accusations made by Steven D. Penn G in the March 2 issue of *The Tech* ["*Thistle* distribution hit by another attack"]. However, I do feel that it is my responsibility to inform readers of the unprofessional and malicious tactics utilized by "journalists" such as him.

On the day the Residence/Orientation Week issue of *The Thistle* came out, I happened to be walking through Lobby 7. A group of women and men, a few of whom I knew, were gathered on the side. I joined them and proceeded to listen to their complaints against the *Thistle* articles which they felt were offensive and sexist. They were so angered that they felt the issues should be taken off the stand. Individuals proceeded to dispose of the paper of their own volition, but I neither supported nor encouraged such a demonstration.

I did not think twice about the incident until six months later when I was dragged out of bed around 1:30 am Friday morning to answer a phone call from *The Tech*. They informed me of the story they were printing and asked me for my comments. I was shocked that anyone could fathom such actions from me. I realized, as most people did, that I was singled out as a result of the person I was dating at the time. Furthermore, I and everyone I knew was disgusted by the sexist implication that my actions could ever be dictated by my

Everyone does have the freedom to an opinion and to respond, but not when that opinion or response wrongly harms others simply because of who they are. Even though Mr. Richardson may not personally act from his prejudice, his support of such views does encourage those who take their hatred further.

Jason Satterfield '90  
General Coordinator  
GAMIT

boyfriend.

*The Thistle* claims to be a legitimate paper trying to broaden the horizons of the MIT community by informing them of what's really going on. Yet, if Steve Penn's accusations are any indication of the manner in which *The Thistle* reports its stories, then I truly feel sorry for him and the audience he reaches. I believe in freedom of speech as guaranteed by the Constitution; however, the right to express one's opinion's does not in any way include the right to print outright lies. Rather, Penn's accusations fall under the definition of slander — a false report maliciously uttered intending to injure the reputation of a person.

The author from *The Tech*, Prabhat Mehta '91, is not exempt from criticism either. His willingness to print an unsubstantiated story based on one person's opinion is inexcusable. As a journalist, he has a responsibility to his audience to investigate his stories and present the truth so as to allow people to make their own intelligent decisions about them.

I adamantly believe, as *The Tech* so eloquently states, that "MIT must be a forum of ideas," and that we should take a stand against intolerance. Unfortunately, malicious and false stories such as this one fail to convince anyone of these principles. They only demonstrate the lack of respect people have for their fellow students. I hope incidents such as this one will be avoided in the future.

Maria Trinidad Arriola '90

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### MIT should demand ARA change donation policies

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through a four-minute summary of the four food groups. And how much goes toward the glossy ARA brochures and posters? It is sad to think that money that students wish to direct to Oxfam America ends up fueling expensive propaganda from which students rarely benefit. (Have you seen the authentic ARA T-shirt on display at McCormick?)

Our second point of conflict concerns ARA's policy regarding leftover food. Being inspired by working systems at both Boston

University's ARA service and Harvard University's food service, MIT Hunger Action has been trying, over the past two years, to initiate a system at MIT through which much leftover food from ARA would be donated to neighboring soup kitchens and shelters. MIT Hunger Action would arrange for the pickup and transport of all food. Under the Good Samaritan Law of 1985, ARA has no legal responsibility for any food given in good faith.

ARA has refused to donate any food, claiming that absolute-

ly no food is ever wasted at MIT. No system of this size can realistically make such a claim, and evidence to the contrary can be seen at any of the dining halls. ARA does recycle leftover hot dishes, as has been described in a past letter to *The Tech* ["ARA food still substandard despite claimed reforms," March 6]. Nevertheless, perishable items such as bread, salad, and many cooked dishes cannot be safely recycled. ARA prefers to hide all signs of inefficiency rather than donate leftover food to people

who direly need it.

MIT needs to insist that its food service be more receptive to the needs of both the students it serves and the community within which it operates. ARA must make some basic policy changes before it can claim to fulfill such a role. Furthermore, MIT needs to make a greater effort to investigate alternatives to ARA. Time is short before ARA's contract expires.

Anuradha Vedantham G  
for the MIT Hunger Action Group

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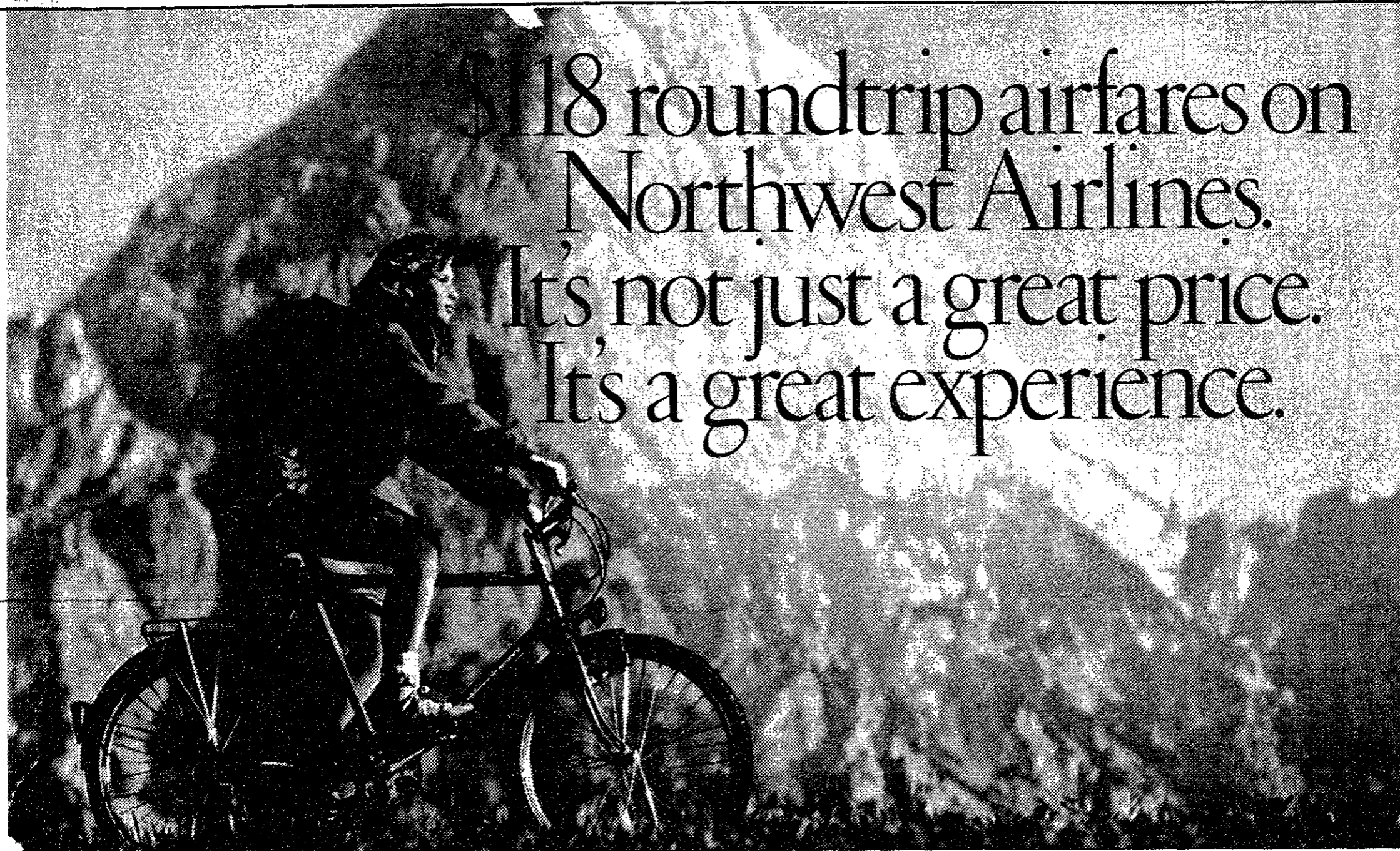
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By NEIL J. ROSS

**T**HE HUNTINGTON THEATRE'S production of *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, under the direction of Edward Gilbert, is a delight to watch, with a nice balance of farce and wit. The weave of plots is deftly managed and the characters interact well on stage.

Jack Aranson's imposing figure immediately reinforces the traditional view of Sir John Falstaff, the dissolute knight, as a robustly healthy man, while clearing the way for his endurance of the hardships into which his lasciviousness leads him. His drinking companions don't seem to be the sort of people you would like to meet outside the theater after the show. They exude the sort of blatant opportunism summed up in Pistol's words, "The world is mine oyster which I with sword shall open."

Tanny McDonald and Robin Moseley, as the merry wives (Mrs. Page and Mrs. Ford, respectively), infuse a little impish mischief into their early dealings with Falstaff, neatly presaging Falstaff's final ordeal in the wood.

The contrast between Munson Hicks' easy-going Mr. Ford and John Henry Cox's distrustful Mr. Page is made visible in the contrast between Ford's light beige and brown rustic clothes and Page's black and dark blue costume. When confronted with the news of Falstaff's activities, Page is rightly played as the contemplative man who only gradually succumbs to the jealousy which his wife predicted.

Sandra Shipley's Mrs. Quickly is superb, capturing the essence of a working class, practical cockney woman who, like the merry wives, is capable of assessing other characters with penetrating insight. Among the wealth of her other acting de-



Slender (Eric Swanson) and Anne Page (Tara Stewart) in *The Merry Wives of Windsor*

tails, her well-observed hand and arm gestures are a pleasure to see.

The Welsh parson, Sir Hugh Evans (Tony Aylward), is especially good as the leader of the children at the end of the play, where he naturally captures the kindergarten teacher manner.

Just as Aranson's Sir John is buffered from his misfortune by his physical bulk and his inflated opinion of himself, so Slender (Eric Swanson) — being out of

touch with romance — and Dr. Caius the French physician (Gary Sloan) — being unable to speak English properly — are cushioned against their misfortune, allowing us to thoroughly enjoy the antics. Swanson's Slender is wonderfully childish, naive and inarticulate while Sloan's Dr. Caius is effete and foppish, making him an ideal target for the mockery the script provides.

Frank Groseclose's Justice Shallow

mixes staidness, a certain boastful reminiscence, and a little reprehension to make a convincing old country gentleman.

John Fabella's set and Mariann Verheyen's costumes carry us to a pre-Tudor time as the connections of *The Merry Wives of Windsor* to Shakespeare's *Henry V* plays require.

Overall the careful attention to acting and staging details of the play make this production well worth going to see.

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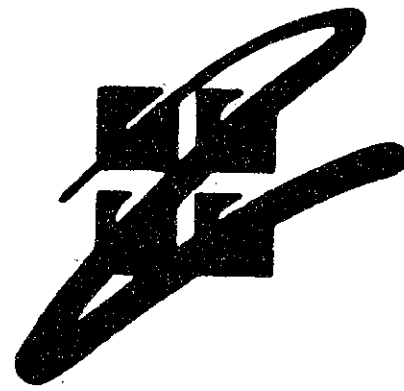
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# Christopher Lloyd spirals into despair in *The Father*

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By ELIZABETH WILLIAMS

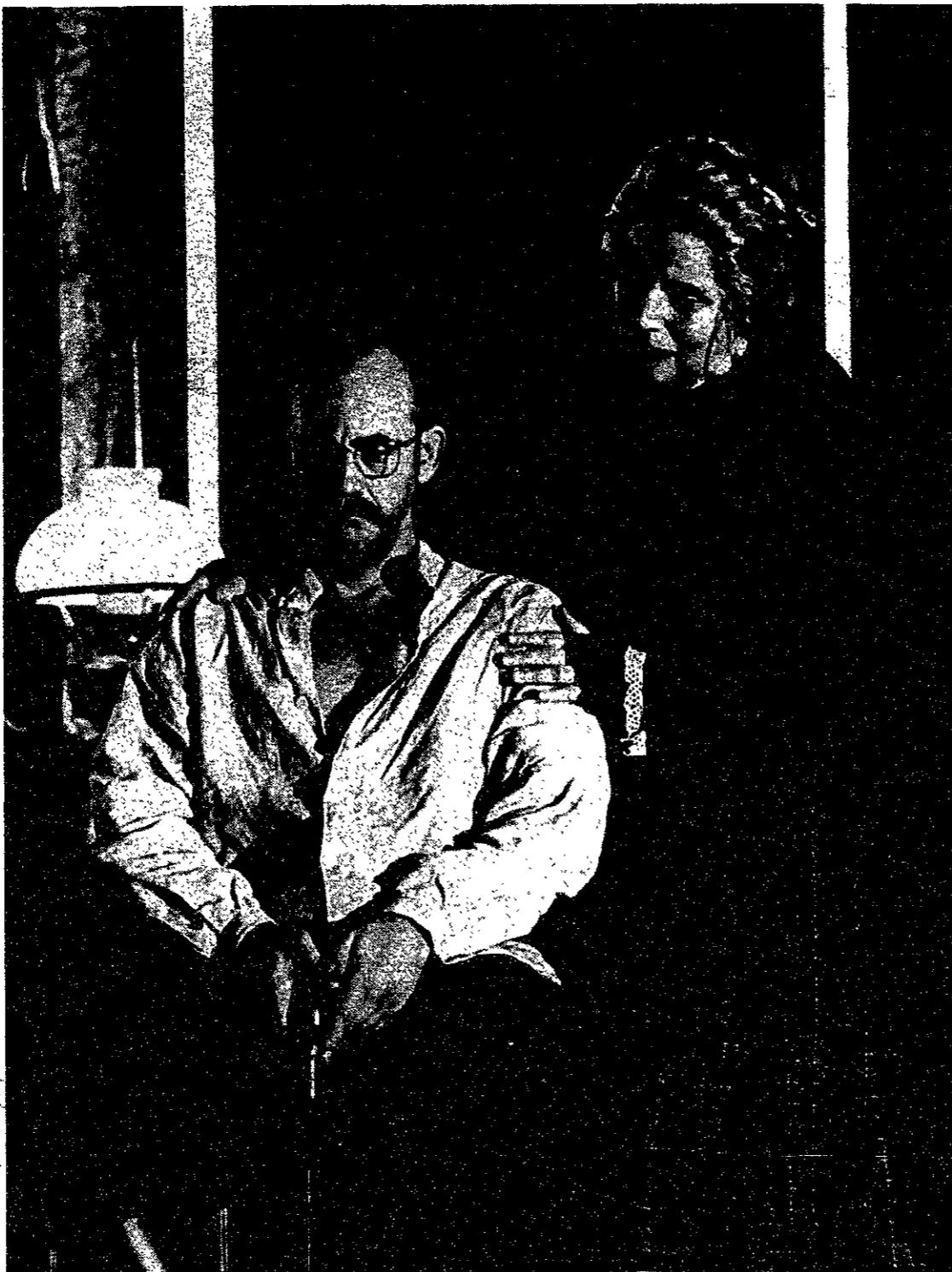
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Written by August Strindberg, a Swedish contemporary of Ibsen, *The Father* treats an issue not quite in vogue today. The play is a challenging piece for modern viewers: In it Strindberg portrays the male, not the female, as the persecuted sex.

*The Father* is about an army captain's conflict with his wife over where to send his daughter to school. He is an arrogant, intelligent man who pursues meteorologic research at home and loves his daughter Bertha deeply. He is vehemently against letting his wife have her own way because he feels she wants her own way all the time, which is driving him crazy. Resorting to the Swedish law which states that the father is the head of the household and has legal control of the child, he demands Bertha be sent to school in town and not stay in the country as her mother wishes. Laura, in return, questions his position as father.

This brings up the central issue of the play: the question of fatherhood. The captain realizes that a man can never be sure he is the father of his child. He sees that only the woman can know a child is truly hers. This gives women, in his eyes, an ultimate power, for they can take away from a man his only assurance of an afterlife — his progeny.

Here begins the whirlpool of the cap-



Christopher Lloyd and Bronia Stefan Wheeler in *The Father*

tain's frenzied quest to understand women, fatherhood, and the battle of the sexes

for power. Laura, having planted the seed of doubt in her husband's mind, continues

her quest for power over her daughter's future by plotting to drive her husband insane. She uses a young doctor who is staying with the family to verify the captain's condition so she can have him put away. Laura stops at nothing to gain her ends, frustrating her husband purposefully, interfering with his work and spreading rumors about his mental condition.

As the captain spirals downward into despair and anger, he feels that only in woman-as-mother can he find comfort and sympathy. This he finds with the old nurse and, briefly, in a revealing scene with his wife. However, with woman-as-lover he sees only pain and strife.

The play is a tug of war between two people for both a man's mind and his daughter. It hurtles to a climax which is heightened by the haunting music of Philip Glass and with surrealistic lighting.

The acting of Christopher Lloyd as the captain was flawless. He effectively brought out both the sensitivity and arrogance of the character. Candy Buckley played the conniving wife with skill, showing her heartlessness. The old nurse was realistically and sympathetically played by Bronia Stefan Wheeler.

The actors playing the doctor and the daughter were not as convincing. As the daughter, Daria Martel seemed less of a character and more merely a prop for her parents' feud. Dean Harrison played the doctor stiffly — perhaps this was because he was the understudy filling in.

Strindberg's frustration and confusion with women and women's rights comes through with power and aggression in ART's production of the play. The conflicts he shows can be found to be almost autobiographical. Strindberg, as proponent for women's rights, was disillusioned by female aggression against males, and he has been labeled a misogynist for his view of the aggressive feminist. Nonetheless, he makes pointed observations about male and female roles in *The Father* which will still be of interest to viewers, now 100 years later.

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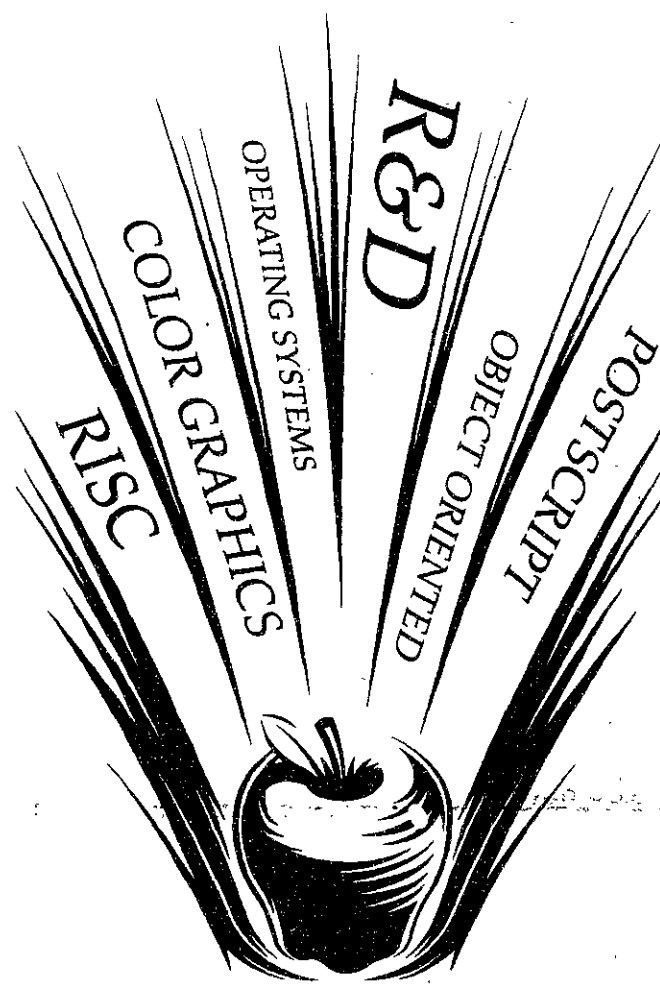
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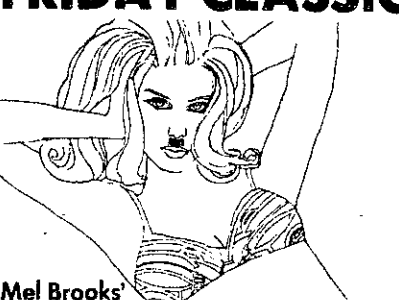

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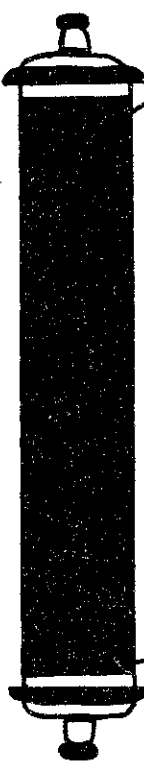
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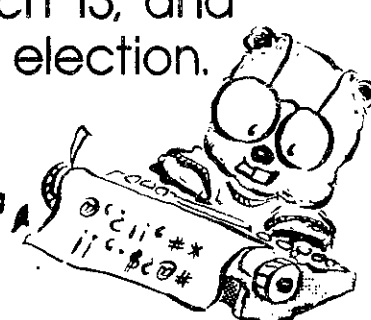
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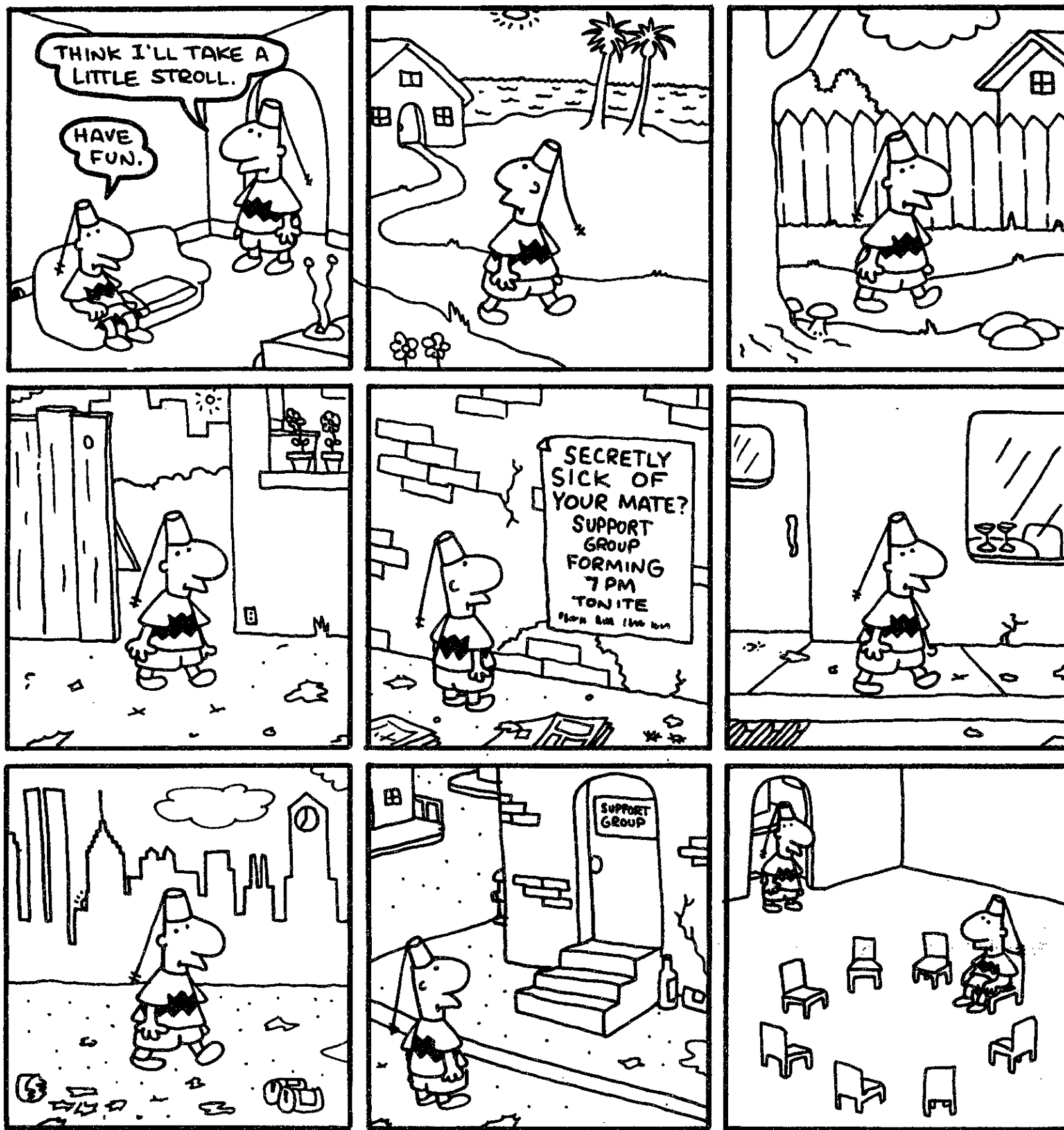
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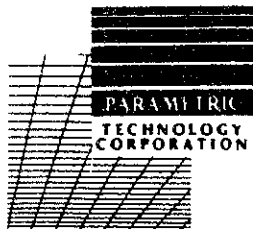
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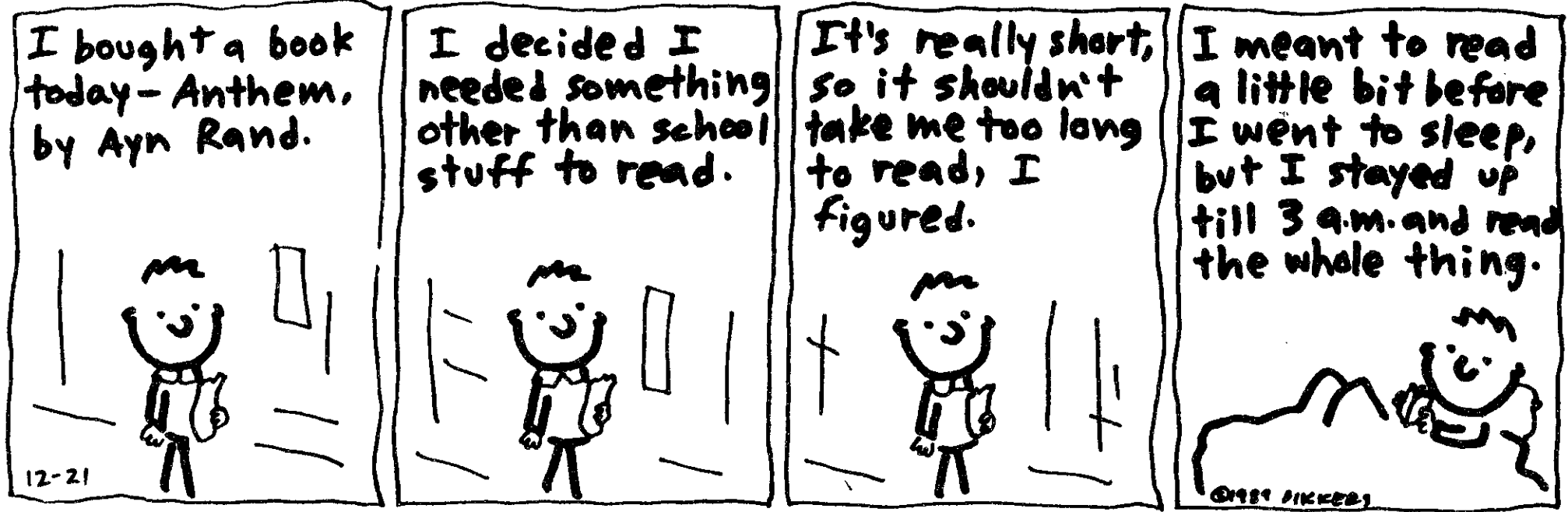
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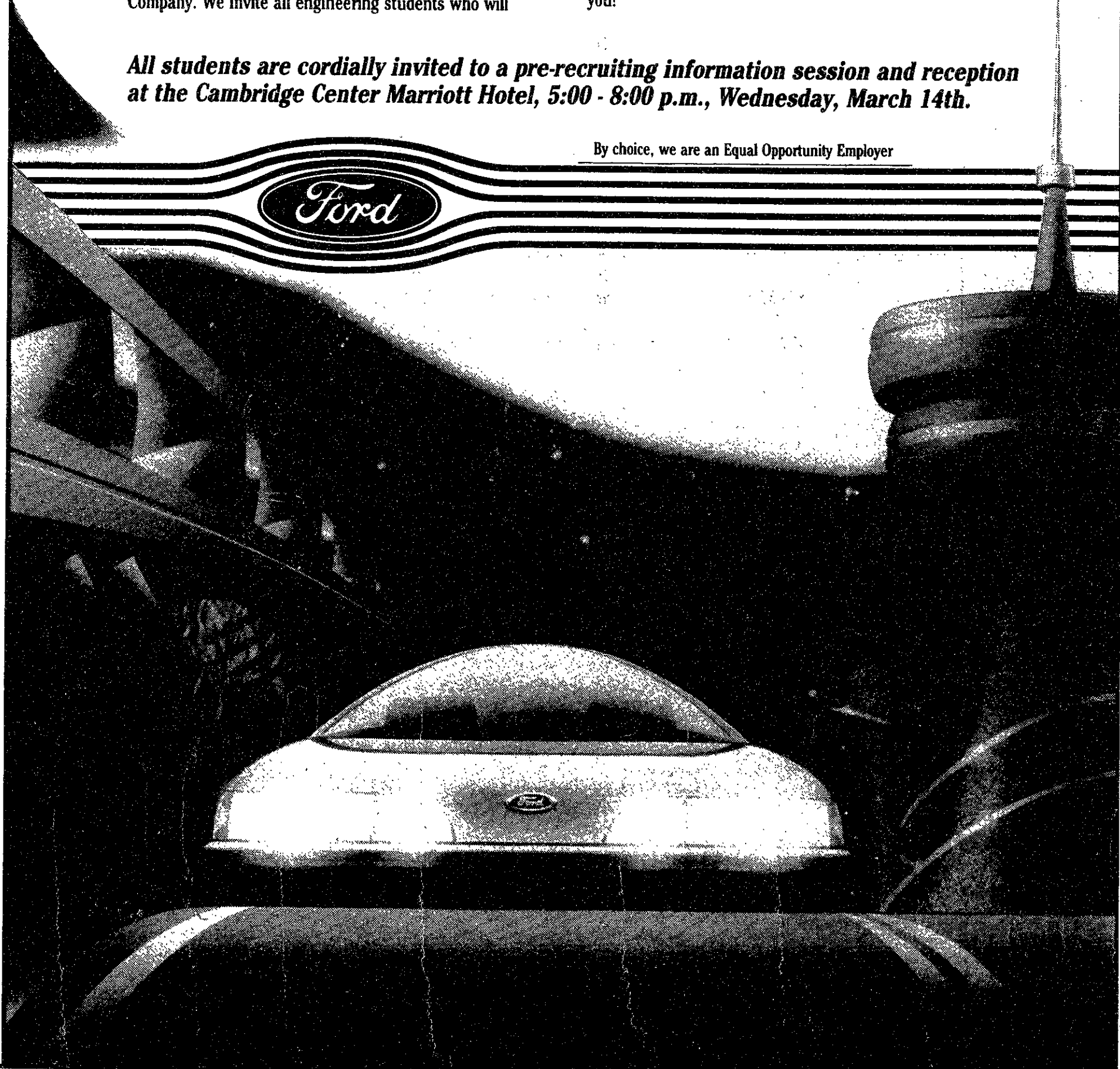
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# Friends, students celebrate Doc Edgerton's life

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## "A perpetual dreamer"

The program consisted of eulogies given by five friends of Edgerton — President Paul E. Gray '54, Herbert E. Grier '33 of Edgerton, Germeshausen, and Grier (EG&G); Truman S. Gray SM '29, professor emeritus of electrical engineering; Wilbur E. Garrett, editor of *National Geographic Magazine*; and oceanographer Jacques-Yves Cousteau.

"It's been an honor to be associated with Doc," Grier said, "to just have his guidance, his friendship. It, well, made the whole thing worthwhile."

In all of the eulogies, not only were Edgerton's scientific accomplishments stressed, but also his warmth and tremendous impact as the teacher of thousands.

"In all great teachers there is that impulse to share, to share the wonder and excitement. . . . Doc Edgerton reached out [to his students] across the skepticism and doubt, drawing them in," said Gray.

"Doc was a teacher from the beginning — not a scientist but a teacher and a humanist. All the honors he got were as much for his ability to motivate people to do things than anything else. That was perhaps greater than any of his scientific accomplishments. . . . Remember the influence of Doc and keep trying to do better all the time," stated Grier.

The filled auditorium was an

intimate gathering where members of the audience remembered together, chuckled at the pranks and warmth of Edgerton together, laughing with tears in their eyes.

Garrett said, "He never lost the fun of the Nebraska boy. He never lost the childlike wonder. At the same time that he was a scientific and intellectual giant, he was a living elf."

Cousteau, the last to speak about Edgerton said, "I first met Harold at the time he was making drops of milk into royal crowns. He was the only human being I ever met that met life with as much enthusiasm. . . . He was a perpetual dreamer. He was at the same time solidly anchored in the real world. He was a hard-working gentle wiz, and he is cherished [by my family]."

Cousteau, speaking of the premature deaths of both Edgerton's son and his own, described how he and Edgerton found empathy and understanding in each other. He closed by stating, "Born in tragedy, our friendship will survive both of us."

The program ended with a video tribute.

Following the Kresge program, there was a jubilee in the Sala de Puerto Rico of the Stratton Student Center featuring exhibits of the Double Hydraulic Happening Machine, or "Piddler"; a collection of internationally acclaimed photographs by Edgerton; music lead by Associate Provost Samuel J. Keyser; and a photo opportu-

nity entitled, "You + Balloon + Pin = POP!" run by Charles E. Miller SM '66, technical instructor and lecturer in the Department of Electrical Engineering.

At 5 pm the Lecture Series Committee presented its Edgerton Memorial Lecture in which

Kjell Sandved, a research photographer at the Smithsonian Institution gave a slide presentation entitled "Beyond the Oceans," followed by the film *Curious Creatures*.

Other events of the day included the continuous showing of a video on Edgerton's life and

work in Lobby 7. Sign-up sheets were also circulated for the Friends of Doc Edgerton Club. The purpose of the club has not yet been defined, but organizers hope to distribute a newsletter with news of Edgerton's former students and organize an annual meeting on his birthday.



Harold E. Edgerton SM '27

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## Other motives for discharge, AEPi claims

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was returned to national specifications, Wong said. This change, and others like it, were made in a conscious effort to "try to conform to national," he added.

Because of these efforts "communications had been much more close with national this past year and a half," Stier said.

### A "Jewish chapter"

The interviews during the reorganization process, which focused on the Jewish principles of AEPi, has led many members, like former AEPi and IFC Rush Chair Sean R. Findlay '90, to conclude that the national organization "wants an all Jewish chapter."

As stated in the mission statement, which was distributed to AEPi members at the start of the interviewing, the purpose of AEPi is to "develop leadership for the future of the American and Jewish community."

This goal is to be carried out without any type of discrimination. While "AEPi is a Jewish fraternity," the statement reads, it is must be "non-discriminatory and open to all who are willing to espouse its purposes and values."

Wong and other AEPi members worried, however, that this non-discriminatory policy has been violated. "In my opinion, the basic underlying reason they have been scrutinizing us is because of the composition of our membership," he contended.

"I believe that discrimination was part of the re-evaluation process itself," Wong said.

While "AEPi national is historically Jewish, they don't discriminate on the basis of religion

today," Dorow said. In this specific case "we're not sure there was any discrimination on the basis of religion, in fact most of our information points to the contrary," he added.

Arnone also saw no evidence that discrimination was a factor in the national's actions to reorganize.

In fact, Arnone said, "National has experienced this before and, with their stated goal, when they take an action like this" they expect discrimination to be suspected. But "there has never been an accusation of discrimination with any AEPi chapter that was found to be valid that I am aware of," he contended.

Arnone did note, however, that "if it was proven that a living group was acting in a discriminatory manner, the IFC could take actions that would affect their rush privileges."

These privileges include "access to clearinghouse, the ability to have a sign at the freshmen picnic" and "freshman preferred housing," he said. If the national organization were to lose this latter privilege, "and I'm not sure if this is even a remote possibility, then they could not house freshmen there," Arnone explained.

As far as regaining their active membership within the chapter, the released members of AEPi have "no avenues to correct what has happened," Dorow said. "Rightly or wrongly, the action that national has taken, as I understand it, is irrevocable," he commented.

However, the Dean's Office is in contact with the national organization in an effort to support the MIT chapter members. "National has yet to give MIT or us

concrete reasons why they kicked people out on an individual basis," Stier said. "They say this is a private issue, but MIT (specifically Dorow) is pressuring them to justify what they did," he explained.

Regardless of whether or not discrimination was a factor in the reorganization, Dorow said his office "would help the students." A "relatively informal" meeting has been scheduled for Monday "to discuss what has happened and where to go from here," Dorow said. The meeting will involve Dorow, AEPi chapter members, representatives from IFC and the Dean's Office, and, possibly, the national organization.

### Staying together

The formation of a new fraternity is one option which the members of AEPi are now considering, Findlay said. "People are looking at opportunities to stay together as a frat, hoping to start another local fraternity if that is necessary," Wong said.

Members are also "trying to look into buying another space, maybe to block space in a dormitory," he noted. "We would like to see MIT help us acquire these houses, other houses, or dormitory space," Wong added.

There is also a sentiment among members that "AEPi national should be kicked off campus, and have their freshmen housing privilege revoked," Findlay said. "I do not think other MIT undergraduates should be subjected to what we've been subjected to," he reasoned.

According to Wong, the national chapter is planning to rush this spring. Dorow, however, said that "nothing has been decided."

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