

MIT withdraws AEPi recognition

By Linda D'Angelo
and Annabelle Boyd

MIT will no longer recognize the national organization of Alpha Epsilon Pi as an independent living group, Associate Dean for Student Affairs James R. Tewhey confirmed yesterday. As a result, freshmen will no longer be able to reside there. The decision echoes a unanimous recommendation to President Paul E. Gray '54 passed by the Interfraternity Council at a meeting Wednesday night.

The action is in response to the reorganization of the MIT chapter by the national organization, which is Jewish. After a series of individual interviews at the beginning of the term, the national discharged 45 of the 55 MIT Mu Tau chapter members.

The 10 members invited to remain in the fraternity have since declined the offer, leaving AEPi national with no MIT brothers.

The national's abrupt discharge of the majority of its members was a major factor in the decision to withdraw Institute recognition, according to Gray. "Even if all 10 [of the invited members] had said they would come back [to AEPi], one would still ques-

tion if that was a sufficient kernel to assure that the house would be a satisfactory ILG."

The alleged reason behind the national's reorganization efforts was the chapter's violations of the Fraternity Insurance Purchasing Group risk management policy. But fraternity members have charged the national with attempting to re-colonize the chapter as a Jewish fraternity.

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.

Richard P. Wong '91, an IFC cabinet officer and former AEPi vice president who was invited by the national to remain in the house, felt the decision to withdraw recognition was the appropriate response. "AEPi is inherently discriminatory and does not deserve a place on this campus," he said.

Many of the former AEPi

brothers had prepared a resolution calling for the expulsion of AEPi from the IFC to be presenting at the Wednesday meeting. This measure was later found unnecessary, since the chapter had become "inactive," according to IFC President Miles Arnone '91. Once a chapter loses all its members, the "inactive" status is automatically conferred, Arnone explained.

If, in the future, MIT students wish to re-establish an AEPi chapter at MIT, they will have to present a request to the IFC. The council will then take a vote, and if favorable, the MIT chapter will be put on a six-month, probationary membership in the IFC without vote. At the end of this period, the IFC will vote on whether to recognize the chapter as a full voting member.

Discharged brothers look to form new fraternity

Both those members who were discharged and those who declined an invitation to remain in the house, plan to start their own fraternity, Delta Pi. According to discharged brother and DPi organizer Sean R. Findlay '90, this is a "golden opportunity for the discharged AEPi members to be able to form a frat from the ground up based on what we believe in . . . unity, mutual respect, diversity. We've been kicked out because we believe that you shouldn't base your rush on race, religion, ethnic persuasion."

Delta Pi has no national affiliation. "We're a local, independent organization, starting from the ground up," Findlay explained.

According to IFC Vice President Dawn L. Mitzner '91, "the IFC executive committee is meeting with former AEPi members on Wednesday as if they were a totally new fraternity." The council should vote on recognizing the new fraternity at its April 25 meeting, she said.

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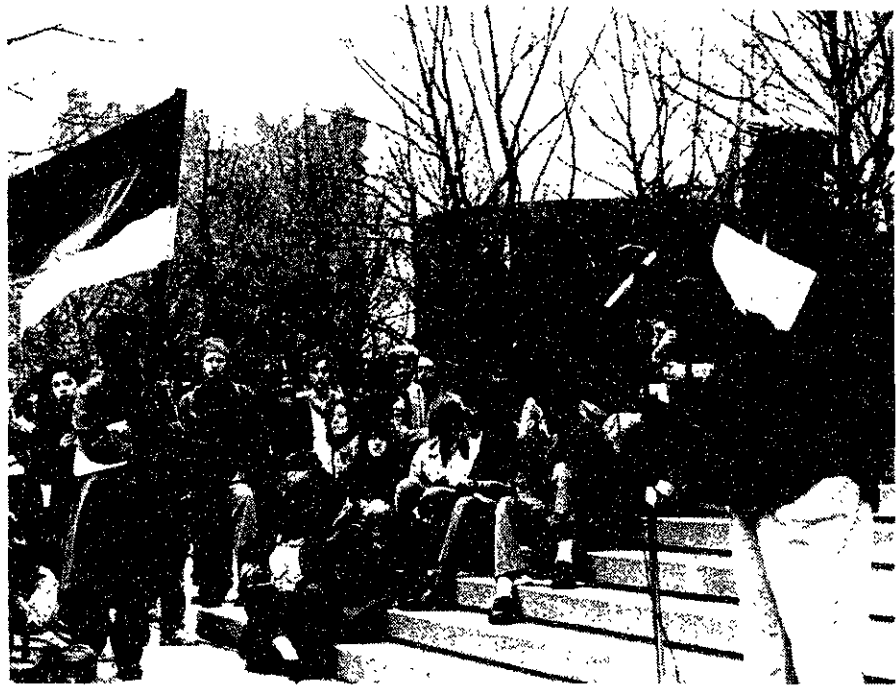


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Associate Dean for Student Affairs James R. Tewhey



IFC President Miles Arnone '91

Gray to allow shanties in apartheid protests



Chip Buchanan/The Tech

Professor Melvin H. King addresses Tuesday's Coalition Against Apartheid rally.

By Niraj S. Desai

President Paul E. Gray '54 on Tuesday agreed in principle to allow the Coalition Against Apartheid to erect a pro-divestment shanty provided the CAA removes it the same day.

The promise came during a two-and-a-half hour meeting between Gray and 14 coalition members arranged to ease campus tensions following 32 arrests at CAA rallies on Friday and Monday.

"I agreed that a portable shanty would be acceptable, one that

would be taken away at the end of the day," Gray said in press release from the MIT News Office.

The coalition's attempt on Monday to bring a lightweight, portable shanty onto a lawn adjacent to the Student Center was thwarted by Campus Police officers, who dismantled the structure and hauled it off in individual sections.

On Friday, the coalition built a heavy, wooden shanty on the Student Center lawn. After four hours of discussions between the CAA and administrators, the Campus Police and Physical Plant workers moved in to arrest the protesters and destroy the shack.

Gray said he wanted to talk with others at MIT and elsewhere before deciding on whether to allow a long-term shanty.

CAA member Ronald W. Francis G said he did not know if the coalition would try to erect another shanty in future.

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IFC votes to change Greek Week

The Interfraternity Council has decided to limit funding for its fall Greek Week to \$1000, converting it into a "Greek Weekend." The council felt Greek Week was contributing to a negative image of fraternities and losing too much money.

By a vote 28-0, with one abstention, the members of the council voted Wednesday night to scale down the October events to a weekend of athletic activities and community service. A Greek ball, which would be open to the entire student body, might also be part of the new events.

Greek Week, which lasted five days (Wednesday-Sunday), used to consist of parties and athletic events. It had been revived just three years ago, according to Sara F. Bottfeld '91, a former IFC social chair.

IFC President Miles Arnone '91 felt the shift from a week of parties to a weekend of activities and service reflects changes in attitudes among members of independent living groups.

"We are changing. We are trying to emphasize other activities than [big parties]," Arnone said. "There are a lot of other activities that should receive emphasis."

The council also voted on Wednesday to change the name of the social chair position to activities chair to recognize the shift in emphasis of IFC-sponsored activities.

Losses over the last two years also prompted the restructuring. Greek Week lost over \$6000 two years ago and \$2000 last year. "Participation has been pretty low in the past few years," Arnone said.

The members of IFC include fraternities and other independent living groups as well as the three sororities.

ACSR hears views on divestment

By Andrea Lamberti

Speakers at an open hearing of the Advisory Committee on Shareholder Responsibility (ACSR) Wednesday night overwhelmingly supported the view that MIT should divest its holdings in companies that do business in South Africa.

The hearing in 10-250 allowed members of the MIT community to present their views on MIT's investments and South Africa.

Twenty-two people spoke encouraging MIT to act, through divestment and other means, to end the current political situation in South Africa. In support of their arguments, they cited personal experience in South Africa, the symbolic value of divesting, MIT's campus discrimination policy, and moral reasons.

The ACSR is "charged with making a recommendation to the executive committee" of the MIT Corporation, said Committee Chair D. Reid Weedon Jr. '41. The committee will convey statements and concerns heard at the hearing to the Corporation's executive committee later this spring.

The executive committee is responsible for policy on the issue of investments and South Africa, according to an open letter to the

MIT community from President Paul E. Gray '54.

The most extreme recommendation the ACSR has made to date is "to get out of companies who do not get a high grade according to the Sullivan Principles," Weedon said at the hearing.

The Statement of Principles,

formerly the Sullivan Principles, list basic requirements for equal opportunity employment in companies operating in South Africa. They are now known as the Statement of Principles because the Rev. Leon Sullivan, author of the principles, withdrew his support for them in 1987 due to
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Christine M. Coffey '93 (right) speaks at Wednesday's open meeting of the MIT Advisory Committee on Shareholder Responsibility. D. Reid Weedon Jr. '41 (center) and Glenn P. Strehle '58 (left) are members of the committee.

Committee studies ROTC

By Irene C. Kuo

The issue of sexual orientation remains the biggest area of conflict between MIT and Department of Defense policy, according to the chair of an ad hoc committee that spent a year investigating MIT's relationship with the Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

The committee recommended in its October 1989 report that the Institute take "every reasonable step" to convince the military services to accept non-discrimination policies based on sexual preference.

At the time, a minority felt that if MIT could not convince the DOD to change the policy within five to seven years, MIT should consider kicking ROTC off campus, while others were convinced that the need for the program was so "compelling" that it should stay even if the conflict were not resolved.

These recommendations were passed to a presidential committee on MIT-ROTC relations which will devise methods to deal with them.

Because the military benefits from MIT-trained leaders, Associate Dean for Student Affairs Robert M. Randolph, a member of the presidential committee, said that MIT was in a position to influence the military by prescribing a change in ROTC policy, but he did not think MIT should force ROTC off campus.

"MIT and people in the military will have to work together to change it. Personally, I do not believe that MIT will not achieve anything by throwing ROTC off campus [because] there are plenty of schools which would like to have a ROTC program," he said.

"We should not leave the training of officers to institutions that practice homophobia," he continued.

Professor J. Kim Vandiver SM '75 of the Department of Ocean Engineering, chair of the ad hoc committee, speculated that the plight of Robert L. Bettiker '90, a Navy ROTC student who was asked to repay three year's worth of tuition after he revealed he was gay, would spearhead dialogue between MIT and ROTC on discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Although the ad hoc committee no longer meets, "it would be unanimous [in its opinion] that Bettiker not be asked to repay," Vandiver said. "His review board made that recommendation, but the Secretary of the Navy did not agree. There is no evidence that Bettiker was hiding anything. There are no grounds for government to recoup."

"Fortunately, the committee wrote its report before Bettiker came forward with his case," Vandiver continued. "We had the benefit of a year's worth of a time. In a crisis situation, you have to respond overnight."

Senior Vice President William R. Dickson '56, member of the presidential committee, later confirmed that the issue of sexual orientation would be discussed at its next meeting.

Committee stresses dialogue

The ad hoc committee, appointed by Dean of Undergraduate Education Margaret L. A. MacVicar '65, discovered that the vast majority of officers in the United States today come from ROTC programs and not military academies.

A majority of the committee subscribed to the view that "ROTC is a unique American institution that is the envy of most democracies," and that most countries do not come close to matching the educational level of American military officers.

Furthermore, the majority regarded ROTC as an opportunity for the university to influence the military. A minority, however, believed ROTC was an instrument of the military.

The committee summarized that since local ROTC commanders could not unilaterally change DOD policy, the interests of MIT students would be best served by an "atmosphere of direct, open and honest communication."

For MIT-controlled offices or programs to unilaterally take discriminatory action against ROTC programs because of differences over policies would "undermine the spirit of cooperation that helped MIT mold ROTC policies in the past."

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- 2:00 Women's Tennis v. Bentley
- TBA Heavyweight Crew v. BU and Northeastern (Arlett Cup)
- TBA Lightweight Crew v. Yale
- TBA Women's Crew v. Columbia and Rutgers

Sunday, April 15

- 9:30 Sailing Geiger Trophy

Tuesday, April 17

- 3:30 Softball v. Babson
- 3:30 Women's Tennis v. Clark

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World

Estonian Parliament rebels

The Estonian Parliament reportedly declared service in the Soviet Army illegal and is calling on President Mikhail S. Gorbachev to begin immediate talks on the Baltic republic's independence.

Estonia's new law on conscription says "service by residents of Estonia in the USSR armed forces is legally illegitimate" and will act to do away with criminal penalties for draft dodgers. This move, accompanied by a strident letter to Gorbachev, stepped up the push for independence in the small republic of 1.6 million residents. Estonia made clear it intends to follow neighboring Lithuania in seceding from the Soviet Union, but will do so more quietly.

When Lithuania passed a similar measure last month, the Kremlin rejected its legality and ordered the army to detain deserters anyway. Military authorities raided two Lithuanian hospitals where deserters had taken refuge and beat men in the first reported violence after Lithuania's declaration of independence. A similar fear may be present in Estonia.

East Germany eager for reunification

East Germany has positioned itself for unification with West Germany. The new East German parliament approved the government of conservative Lothar De Maiziere and embraced his agenda for a quick reunification. The lawmakers also took care of two issues that could have slowed reunification: they agreed to merge currencies with the West by July, and stipulated that Germany has no claim on lands that are now part of Poland.

The new parliament also apologized for Nazi atrocities against Jews and promised to make reparations. The lawmakers also apologized to Czechoslovakia for East Germany's participation in the 1968 Soviet invasion of Prague.

Iraqi pipe seized

A 131-foot long steel tube, seized by British customs officers before it could be shipped to Iraq, could be used to build a gun that could send nuclear or chemical weapons hundreds of miles, military experts said. Both Iraq and the British manufacturer denied this. Two weeks ago, customs officials reported seizing American-made parts for atomic bomb triggers that were headed for Iraq.

Greenpeace accuses plant of contaminating water

Greenpeace accused a British company of contaminating drinking water used by blacks in South Africa. The group charged that wastes are improperly handled at a Thor Chemical Mercury Reclamation Plant. Thor denied the allegation that the plant pollutes the river used by the Kwazulu homeland. Greenpeace also said the New Jersey-based American Cyanamid is one of the largest users of the plant.

Rubes

By Leigh Rubin



How the Wright brothers really did it.

Nation

Racial violence in Teaneck

Teaneck, NJ, experienced a day of confrontation, injury and looting after police tried to disperse people at a peaceful candlelight vigil to protest a black teenager's slaying by a white officer. Police had said the teenager was armed, but his friends denied it. A county prosecutor said a grand jury will look into the case but the governor's office has made no decision on requests for a special prosecutor.

Puerto Rican community unearths buried treasure

Federal Bureau of Investigation agents have converged on Vega Baja — a Puerto Rican community rife with reports about an unearthed treasure. According to the reports, residents of the beach town have gone on a spending binge, after finding drums packed with cash that may have been buried by drug traffickers. Both the residents and the FBI were tight-lipped about the reports. One local tabloid quoted a federal estimate that the drums may have been filled with \$20 million.

Local

Boston man held in shooting

A 20-year-old Boston man is being held without bail in connection with the shooting of his girlfriend. Gary Sommers pleaded innocent to murder yesterday in Roxbury District Court. He was charged with shooting 18-year-old Charlene Hudson in the head on Wednesday. The woman died at Brigham and Women's Hospital early yesterday.

Sommers was identified as the father of one of the woman's two children. A neighbor told police he saw Sommers fleeing from the residence. He was arrested a short time later. Witnesses told police they had heard the couple fighting Tuesday night. Police said the couple's six-month-old son was asleep in bed next to his mother. The child was not injured.

Dukakis presents new plan

Gov. Michael S. Dukakis has proposed giving cities and towns the option of raising additional revenue without going to voters first. The proposal included a measure to set the yearly two-and-a-half tax limit at the inflation rate. It would allow communities to adopt excise taxes on meals, parking, and admissions.

Dukakis said the bill creates more options for local government to generate revenue. He said it adopts a predictable revenue sharing policy so that cities and towns can plan their budgets in advance.

The measure would guarantee that the state will allocate 26 percent of state taxes to local aid by 1992. It would exempt new debt service for long-term capital projects from the levy limit and would change the auto excise tax depreciation schedule so that taxpayers would pay more in the first years.

This plan was based on recommendations from a task force headed by Shawmut Bank President John Hamill. Hamill said it is time to return decisions on municipal services to the local officials and town meeting members who know what is best for their communities.

Citizens for Limited Taxation head Barbara Anderson said she doubts the bill will work. She said the last thing the legislature needs to deal with is proposition two-and-a-half. Anderson's group gained passage of proposition two-and-a-half in 1980.

The group has a ballot petition pending that would roll back recent tax increases and said that the governor's bill would add fuel to her referendum.

College students protest education cuts

Thousands of college students from across the state rallied at the Statehouse yesterday protesting cuts in higher education. About 5000 students chanted "no more cuts" and "save our schools." They were angered over reduced class offerings, increased class sizes, reduced library hours and increased student costs.

Education tax possible

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Francis Bellotti may propose a special tax to pay for higher teacher salaries. Campaign spokesman Mark Roosevelt said yesterday that Bellotti will elaborate on his proposals in the coming weeks. Roosevelt made his comments after previewing his latest commercial, which describes how he "stood up" to the teachers' union by endorsing competency tests and longer school days. The commercial said Bellotti believes "teachers deserve more money but must also accept more accountability."

Gobie assaults off-duty cop

Stephen Gobie, a male prostitute at the center of ethics allegations against Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA), pleaded innocent yesterday to drug and assault charges. Gobie was arrested Wednesday after an off-duty police officer in Washington, DC, Karen Zibrat, saw a car being driven erratically that nearly struck her car and another vehicle.

Gobie got out, jumped on the roof of her car and broke through the sunroof. He fell inside the car and struggled there with Zibrat. Gobie did not speak during his four-minute court appearance. His attorney asked for a jury trial in the case.

Gobie gained notoriety last year when he claimed he had been operating a prostitution service out of Frank's Capitol Hill apartment. Frank admitted he paid Gobie for sex, but has denied any knowledge of the prostitution service.

Bush diagnosed with glaucoma

President Bush was diagnosed with "an early glaucoma" in his left eye after a routine physical given yesterday at Bethesda Naval Medical Center. The president said it has not affected his vision. It will be treated with eye drops. Otherwise, the president is in excellent health.

The White House released a copy of the first couple's joint 1989 return, and it showed that President Bush and his wife Barbara had an income of more than \$456,000 last year. The couple paid more than \$101,000 in taxes.

NASA to attempt launch

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration said it will try again to launch the space shuttle *Discovery* with the \$1.5 billion Hubble Space Telescope on April 25. The date is based on the decision to remove and replace a faulty power unit on the shuttle, and to recharge the telescope's batteries.

Pulitzer Prize winners announced

The Pulitzer Prizes were announced yesterday. In the journalism category, *The San Jose Mercury News* and *The Tribune* of Oakland won awards for their coverage of last October's earthquake in northern California. In the arts category, playwright August Wilson captured his second Pulitzer for drama for his work *The Piano Lesson*.

A University of New Hampshire professor, Charles Simic, won the poetry prize for his work *The World Doesn't End* which is a series of humorous anecdotal poems. Oscar Hijuelos won the prize for fiction with his book titled *The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love*. The book is a mournful melody of events distorted by nostalgia and loss.

Former West Virginia governor to plead guilty

Federal authorities said yesterday that West Virginia's former governor, Arch Moore, agreed to plead guilty to charges of extortion, mail fraud, tax fraud, and obstruction to justice. The charges stem from his 1984 campaign, his third term in office, and his unsuccessful re-election bid in 1988. Moore will face up to 36 years in prison and fines up to \$1.2 million.

Greyhound to increase service

Greyhound said it plans to add another 100,000 route miles to its service, bringing it to almost three-quarters of the miles it covered before the strike. Union officials claimed the service is nowhere near that amount.

Tuna canners to stop using nets

To the praise of environmentalists, three US tuna canners said they will no longer buy or sell tuna that are caught with dolphins in nets. The actions were announced by companies that sell the "Starkist," "Bumble Bee," and "Chicken of the Sea" brands.

The new dolphin-free policy was criticized by the American Tunaboat Association. The group said the policy is merely a political response that threatens to destroy the US tuna fleet, reduce tuna stock and do little to help save dolphin lives.

Weather

Chilliness continues...

Friday: Generous amount of sunshine with a few clouds. Temperatures ranging from 48-52°F.

Friday night: Mostly clear but chilly with a low of 36°F (2°C).

Saturday: Sunshine in the morning, becoming increasingly cloudy in the afternoon with a high of 56°F (13°C). Chance of rain at night.

Sunday: Chance of rain.

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opinion



Individuals must assert freedoms

Column by Dave Atkins

For a student who has seen a number of controversial issues arise on this campus, the divestment issue stands out as one that has provoked very little intelligent action on the part of MIT administrators. Other issues, like pass/fail, IAP, freshman housing, ARA, ROTC, HASS reforms, and the proposed calendar changes saw varying degrees of faculty-student and administration-student cooperation and respect. The arrest of students last Friday leaves me wondering what to expect next from administrators who cannot seem to handle confrontation.

When students are assaulted by Campus Police as in the Faculty Club protest, or arrested — after a 20-minute ultimatum — for peacefully and non-violently protesting, something is lacking in the type of mutual respect necessary for a productive student-administration relationship.

There is always a rationale — “they built an ‘illegal structure’” — to justify the crackdowns on what I could term the “radical element” on campus. But when does the “radical element” become the general student body? Protests in the 1970s saw Cambridge Police storming the Student Center, lobbing tear gas canisters at McCormick and chasing the MIT president off Kresge Oval. Only through careful planning and silent protest were students al-

lowed to sit in the faculty meetings where pass/fail was decided.

Sometimes we who consider ourselves moderates become complacent and even justify such actions — the students were too radical, too confrontational; they should have worked within the system. But such rationalizations leave us more conservative and less able to effect change after every round of confrontation.

Student leaders, faculty, and administration should take a strong stand against the recent arrest of demonstrators on the grounds of our Student Center. The Undergraduate Association and the faculty could pass resolutions, but such resolutions would be inherently weak as they would have to appeal to everyone and not be “too radical” to pass. It is up to individuals on the faculty committees, within student government, within student activities and at every level of administration to assert that students, and in fact all members of the MIT community, deserve the right to express their views in a peaceful, non-violent way. This should be a campus governed by the free and mutually considerate exchange of ideas, not by the fear of arrest.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Quality of life not a valid basis for abortion

It appears Vanessa Layne '93 ["Abortion critic would be more credible if he acted on his beliefs," April 10] has missed the point of James P. Donahue '91's letter ["Society morally responsible for care of unwanted children," April 3] as well as the main point of the right-to-life movement. Donahue was trying to answer the allegation of abortion advocates that pro-lifers do not care about the lives of those who would otherwise be aborted. Rather than list the many organizations and individuals who provide support (financial, education, emotional, etc.) to women in crisis pregnancies and their children, Donahue chose to describe one particularly beautiful example of human solidarity.

It is difficult to understand how Layne managed to read this as abdication of responsibility on the part of Donahue himself. The conviction that we all have responsibility (to differing degrees) for each other's welfare can be lived out in a myriad of ways. Some pro-lifers work in soup kitchens or care for elderly neighbors living alone or take in unwed mothers and their children or dedicate themselves more to educating others. It does not follow from pro-life convictions, as Layne seems to think, that one

should drop out of school. On the contrary, Donahue's education will enable him to support a future family and work to create a world in which there will be no such thing as "an unwanted person."

The vision guiding the creation of such a world is also the motivation of the right-to-life movement and the fundamental way in which pro-lifers differ from advocates of abortion. The pro-life ethic is that each human being is intrinsically valuable simply by the virtue of being a human person. This means that no human being can be devalued or dispensed with on the basis of race, gender, intelligence, "productiveness," stage of development, or the judgment of anyone else concerning the "quality" of that human being's life.

This is a high ideal to live by and no one is claiming to have reached its perfection; individuals and societies must constantly struggle to put it into practice. The ideal recognizes not only a right to life but a corresponding responsibility to contribute to the quality of life of those around us according to each one's opportunities and capacity.

It is evident that the "ethic" of those who favor the availability

of abortion is fundamentally opposed to this vision of humanity. Abortion advocates are willing to make a trade-off between a human life and one or more other criteria. Some may truly think that human life is dispensable; others may resign themselves to abortion as the most pragmatic solution, giving up on getting human beings to care for each other. It is a vision without responsibility.

When abortion is supported on the contention that the child will not have "quality of life," this is an abdication of responsibility. It is saying that one sees a potential need in the life on another, that the other should not be forced to live without that need fulfilled, and therefore the other should not live at all. Precisely what is missing from this argument is responsibility, the responsibility to help provide for the need in whatever way one can.

If the fundamental right to life does not inhere in the person then there are no "rights" properly so called. There are only privileges granted by those with power. This is what the abortion advocates' argument boils down to: Might is right. That is not the kind of world in which I would like to live.

Ann Brach G

opinion

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Non-violent protest best method to end apartheid

(Editor's note: The Tech received a copy of this letter addressed to the MIT Coalition Against Apartheid.)

I was very moved by *The Tech's* account of what happened during the demonstrations last Friday and last Monday. You have made me think a great deal during the last two days, and I would like to share some of these thoughts with you.

I did not attend either the Friday or the Monday rallies. I would first like to tell those who demonstrated peacefully and engaged in civil disobedience while fighting, non-violently, for a cause in which you believe, that I hold you in the highest respect. I also think that ending apartheid in South Africa is a very noble cause. It is hard to believe that such a racist regime can still exist as we approach the end of the 20th century. To those of you (if any) who acted violently during the demonstrations, I want to say that I deplore any act of violence, regardless of who commits it.

I attended the rally on Tuesday, and I read with great interest all the information that was handed out during the rally. I urge you to continue fighting against apartheid, but I encourage you to do so in an effective way.

According to one of your leaflets, the leaders of the African National Congress have called for economic sanctions as an effective way to put pressure on the government in Pretoria to end its institutionalized racist practices. Therefore I think that we, as stu-

dents, should look for effective ways to impose economic sanctions against South Africa.

I have divided economic sanctions into three levels, from the most direct to the more indirect ones.

First Level Sanctions. *No student should buy from or sell to South Africa. No student should lend money to the South African government.* I do not think any MIT student does any of the things I just mentioned. However, some of our parents or relatives may actually be responsible for making similar decisions in the companies for which they work. Talking to these parents or relatives would be the first step.

Second Level Sanctions. *No student should buy anything from, or sell anything to, or do any business with an individual or corporation that does not impose first level sanctions on South Africa.* This, by itself, would not be effective, unless a statement is made to the company or individual upon which the student imposes sanctions. It is not enough to refuse to buy Coca-Cola products. One must send a letter to the Coca-Cola Co. every time one does not drink Coke because they do business in South Africa. One should not work for any of the companies that do business with South Africa either. Again, this by itself would not be effective. So one should interview with these companies anyway, and if offered a position then refuse to accept it, telling the company that one is not accepting the position be-

cause of the company's ties in South Africa.

One of the coalition's leaflets lists 51 companies that conduct business in South Africa. This is a good starting point. One should not drink Coke or Pepsi, or buy personal computers from IBM or Hewlett-Packard, or cars from Ford or General Motors, or purchase gas from Exxon, Shell, Chevron, or Texaco. One should refuse to buy textbooks published by John Wiley & Sons, or buy anything at Sears. One should give up one's American Express or Citibank Visa/Mastercard credit cards. If sick, one should not use medicines produced by Shering-Plough or Pfizer. As I said, each time any of these decisions is made, one should write a letter to the company explaining that one is refusing to buy its products because of the company's doing business in South Africa.

Third Level Sanctions. *Economic sanctions should be imposed upon those individuals or corporations that refuse to impose second level sanctions.*

It is very hard to find an individual or corporation who would not be eligible for third level sanctions. For example, one should not fly with an airline that buys its planes from Boeing. One should not visit restaurants where Coca-Cola is served. One should not work in any company that uses IBM, Hewlett-Packard or Digital computers. One should not pay for copies made with Xerox machines. One should refuse to buy food harvested with tractors produced by Caterpillar.

And so on.

As it turns out, MIT is eligible for third level sanctions, because it buys products from and invests in companies eligible for second level sanctions. If one were to impose third level sanctions on all of those individuals and corporations that are eligible for them, one would in fact, find it very difficult to survive in our modern society. It is hard enough to impose second level sanctions on all those who deserve them. I would encourage all students to concentrate on these second level sanctions first, before demanding again that MIT divest.

I reiterate my respect for the members of the Coalition Against Apartheid. The divestment rallies were very effective in reminding me that apartheid still exists. I think it also reminded us that the right to have peaceful demonstrations cannot be taken for granted. I'm sure the "Goddess of Liberty" erected in Beijing last summer was considered by the Chinese government also an "unauthorized structure." We should fight to demonstrate and while doing so, remember that there are many countries around the world in which not only arrest, but also imprisonment and torture are probable outcomes of a peaceful rally.

Alejandro Cano-Ruiz '91

We would like to express our concern over some of the events that transpired during the anti-apartheid rally on April 9. From our perspective in the crowd, the rally came dangerously close to an all-out riot. We must point

out that these events were caused directly by the reprehensible actions of the Metropolitan District Commission Police and MIT Campus Police.

The random and violent harassment of protesters, and of a *Tech* photographer in particular, fueled the passions of the crowd, and could have easily led to tragic results. Perhaps this is all we can expect from our "peace officers." We certainly hope not.

Our purpose in writing this letter, however, is to remind fellow protesters that we have the moral high ground on this issue, and no degree of harassment or intimidation can change that. We feel that we have a responsibility to comport ourselves in a non-violent manner, and to keep in mind the goal of the struggle, namely to pressure the MIT administration into divesting from companies with holdings in South Africa.

Many protesters were swept away in a maelstrom of emotions in response to the despicable actions of the police officers, but we must remember that mob violence does not serve our noble purpose of freedom for all South Africans. We have made a commitment to attend future rallies as long as our presence will contribute to that goal. We have also made a commitment to try to remain true to the principles of non-violence that were the cornerstone of the civil rights movement of the 1950s and '60s. We hope that all concerned members of the MIT community will share in these commitments.

Arya Akmal G
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unruly mob should not affect divestment

I have a simple proposition for those who would protest MIT's involvement with South Africa: If you feel so strongly about the issue, transfer to another school. Go to a university where the administration is soft and weak and gives in to every exhibitionist with a cause, and you can be sure that your tuition money is not supporting something you don't want it to.

I for one am glad the Institute has not given in to the demands for divestment; if they did, I would seriously question both their moral and financial judgment. This is not because I am selfish, or in any way support

apartheid, but because I believe divestment runs counter to the best interests of everyone involved.

Ken Ellis '93

Unlike the editors of *The Tech*, I do not feel betrayed by the actions of the Campus Police on Friday and Monday. I think they were clearly within their rights to remove the shanty that was erected on the lawn in front of the Student Center. The protesters had no right to put their shanty on that lawn without permission.

The various letters in the opinion pages called the demonstra-

tion a "peaceful protest." It was not. I was a witness to the demonstration: Many protesters were antagonizing, pushing and hitting the police officers who were trying to remove the shanty. I am surprised that more of the protesters were not arrested for assaulting police officers.

My only sympathy in this affair is for the unfortunate officers of the Campus Police who were assaulted, beaten and bruised by the demonstrators. The Campus Police have a tough job already; violent hordes of unruly, self-righteous bozos aren't making it any easier.

Alan Steele '91

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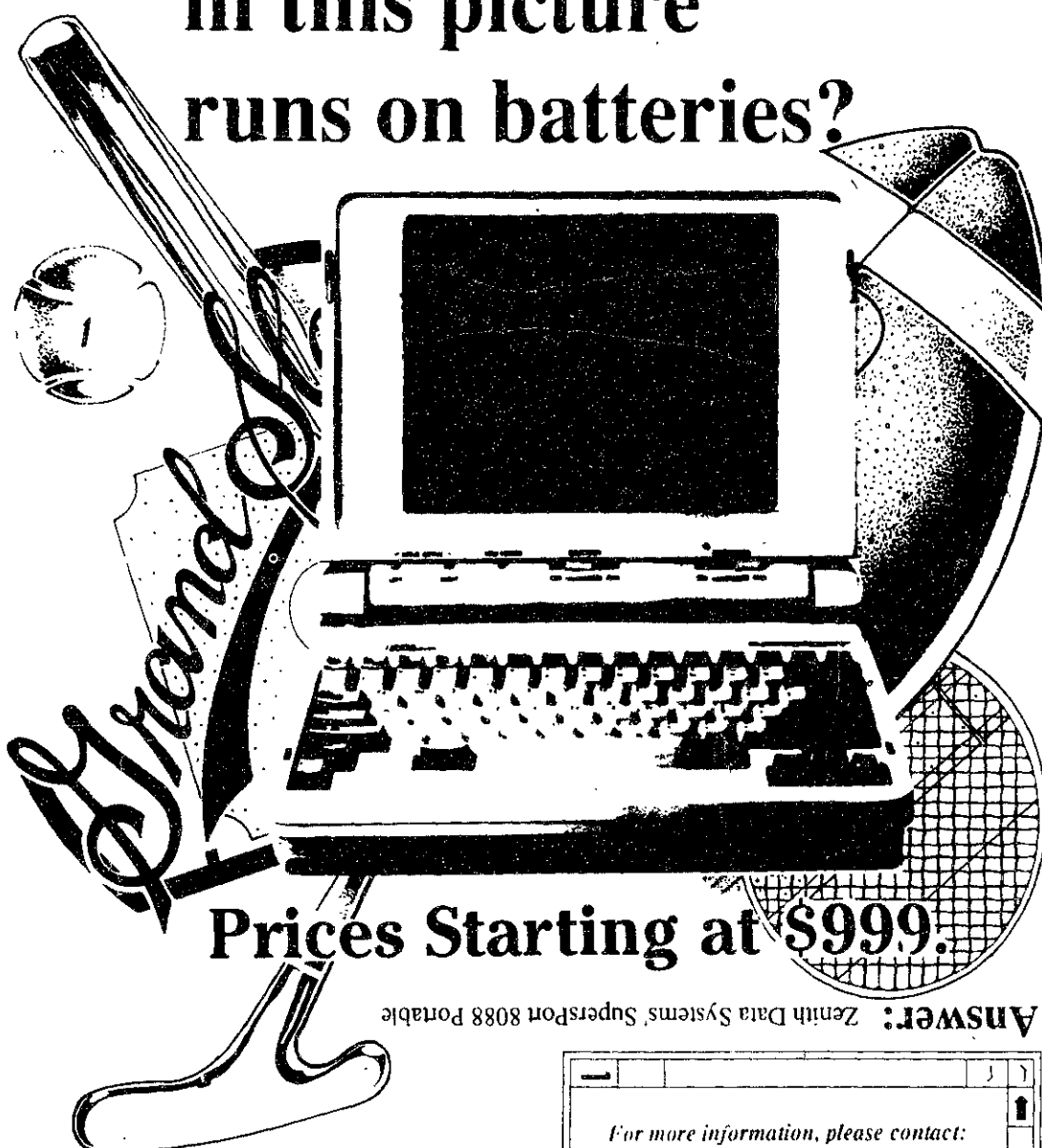
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By V. MICHAEL BOVE

TWO BRITISH IMPORTS, both recalling earlier times, have occupied my leisure hours of late. When not reading Charles Palliser's cliff-hanging neo-Victorian mystery about an English youth who seems to be the victim of an unbelievably widespread and heinous conspiracy — or maybe even two conspiracies — to rob him of his inheritance and perhaps his life, I have been listening to remarkable neo-60s female vocals and f-hole guitar by The Delmonas.

The term "psyche-billy" has been coined to describe the everything-old-is-new-again niche occupied by the The Delmonas, along with their friends the Little Caesars (of "Bo Diddly" fame) and the Milkshakes (whose dislike for John Lennon is exceeded in violence only by the Residents). In the present case, this term seems particularly apt only for the song "Farmer John," which recalls the Seeds at their seediest with the addition of some charmingly dissolute girl-group singing. Through headphones, one can just hear the Guinness bottles clinking off to one side.

In general, though, the musical influences in *Do the Uncle Willy* cover a much wider span than that between psychedelia and rockabilly, running from Lesley Gore to Link Wray, with nods to more obscure sources like Ennio Morricone's spaghetti-Western themes, the Zombies, and the Easybeats (and a very close listen will disclose what might be Cramps and Dead Boys riffs). However, what most characterizes *Uncle Willy* is that it's a clean synthesis, not a pastiche; this is no self-conscious Dukes of Stratosphere "guess we ought to do one that sounds like Floyd now" recording. Thus, "Jealousy" isn't a Monkees rip-off, though the Monkees might have done a rather fair job with it. "Lie Detector," which the Milkshakes turned into a Lennon anti-tribute, is here played for straight blooze-crunge.

Released two dozen years earlier, *Uncle Willy* would probably have generated a




few top-40 singles, would have contributed cuts to several numbers of the *Nuggets* series, and would today be getting exactly the same degree of airplay on WMBR: Such is its perfection.

It would be hard to be as sanguine about the prospects for Charles Palliser's *The Quincunx*, were it published in the last century. Mind you, it has all the right influences, and it's rather fun to watch Walter Scott in a stylistic slugfest with Dickens and James (and at least once, Laurence Sterne), but there is enough modern moral grayness here to befuddle the most progressive Victorian. Not merely the rich (or the poor, depending on which Victorian novels one prefers) are

pictured as corrupt and dissolute — *everyone* is self-serving and duplicitous. And this Victorian novel went to college and read too much Umberto Eco, judging by the maps, charts, Latin epigrams, and even typographic ornaments that encode clues of a sort through the 788 pages.

Oh, yes, 788 pages. Publishing-company publicity offices simply melt trying to figure out what to say about this book, describing Palliser as "a graduate of Oxford . . . [who] has spent the last 12 years scrupulously researching period detail. . . ." Apparently sheer scholarly bulk has an aesthetic all its own, as Palliser introduces the reader to thousands of minutely-observed characters, and rolls off thesis-quality descriptions of everything from turnpike-tollbooth architecture to 19th-century dishwashing techniques.

But having got all that off my chest, I have to say that I enjoyed *The Quincunx* thoroughly. To pick this book up is to surrender to its control, to neglect social and professional obligations for a few weeks, to ignore one's partner at breakfast in order to sneak in a few more pages. It's not even required that the reader be one of those who (as George F. Will once observed) dislike all modern conveniences except electric light, and tolerate that only because it enables reading Victorian novels in bed. Don't worry about the incessant use of coincidence as a plot device, and just let it all drag you away. Like the Delmonas. And *that* is an aesthetic all its own.

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Deception a clever book, but only minor in importance

DECEPTION

Written by Philip Roth.
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208 pages, \$18.95.

By MARK WEBSTER

DECEPTION, the title of Philip Roth's newest novel, is also a description of the framework of the novel. The conversations in the novel deal with deception in various forms and the novel itself is a sort of deception. In fashioning this framework, Roth treats a favorite theme.

The work that made Roth famous, *Portnoy's Complaint*, also changed the nature of Roth's writing. For *Complaint* and his prior works, Roth, like most authors, drew from personal experience for fictional inspiration. But with the publication of that best-seller, with its highly personalized descriptions of a strongly sexual Jewish male, there was widespread speculation that Roth based the character of Portnoy on himself.

The Jewish community was outraged at the unflattering portrait of Jewish family life that Roth painted. These experiences caused Roth to become strongly concerned with the relationship between author, character, and reader. While denying that he writes autobiographical fiction, he has created characters like Nathan Zuckerman, an alter-ego who, in *Zuckerman Unbound*, writes a blockbuster hit novel that sounds much like *Portnoy's Complaint*. Zuckerman is pilloried by the Jewish community, and his sexual habits are questioned. Roth has played with this authorial mythmaking in other works, but never so much as in his latest novel.

Deception consists almost solely of conversations which occur between a writer named Philip, who has written of a character named Zuckerman, and various women. One of these women is Philip's mistress. She visits him illicitly in a small flat in London. She is married and often speaks to Philip of the difficulties with her husband, who is also having an affair. The affair with Philip seems to start at the

beginning of the novel and continues to its end.

The conversations are intelligent and interesting: They deal with sex, politics, Jews, and people. Roth has the talent of making sexual descriptions seem explicit without going into details. The lovers talk before, during, and after sex. The remainder of the conversations are with women from Philip's past and one is with a man who accuses Philip of cheating with his wife. The theme of deception runs throughout these conversations. Wives deceive their husbands, lovers deceive one another, and they all deceive themselves. The deceptions of everyday life abound: Marriages are happy, anti-Semitism does not exist in civilized society, love is forever.

Towards the end of the book, Philip has a conversation with his wife, who so far has not appeared. The wife has found the notebook in which he has recorded these conversations. She tearfully confronts him with this evidence of his infidelity. He protests his innocence and says that these conversations, and the mistress who appears in them, are fictions, mental exercises to occupy a novelist's idle time.

Even after she is convinced, she resents his creation of the perfect woman for himself — a woman who, though nonexistent, is competition by the fact that she is Philip's ideal woman. The deception is revealed not as Philip deceiving his wife but as Roth deceiving the reader. However, in a kind of postscript, Philip has one final conversation with the fictitious mistress, years after the affair, in which the implication is made that a character in one of Philip's books is based on this woman. A fiction based on a fiction. Roth has basically set us up. He takes advantage of the tendency to associate his characters with himself and uses it as a plot device.

Roth writes well, his conversations entertain and intrigue the casual reader. The clever framework is diverting but in a novel sort of way; it's an exercise in writing. If Roth's writing survives the critique of time, this book will be considered an engaging but minor work.

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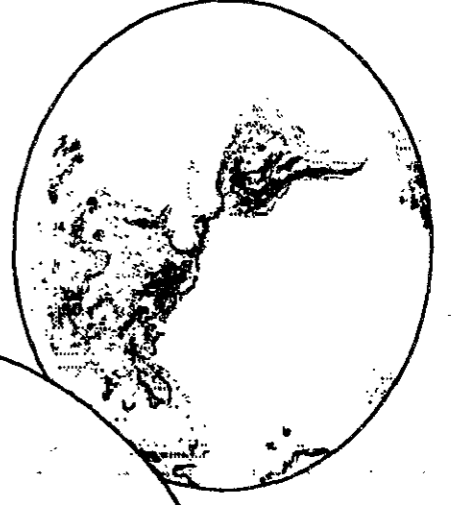
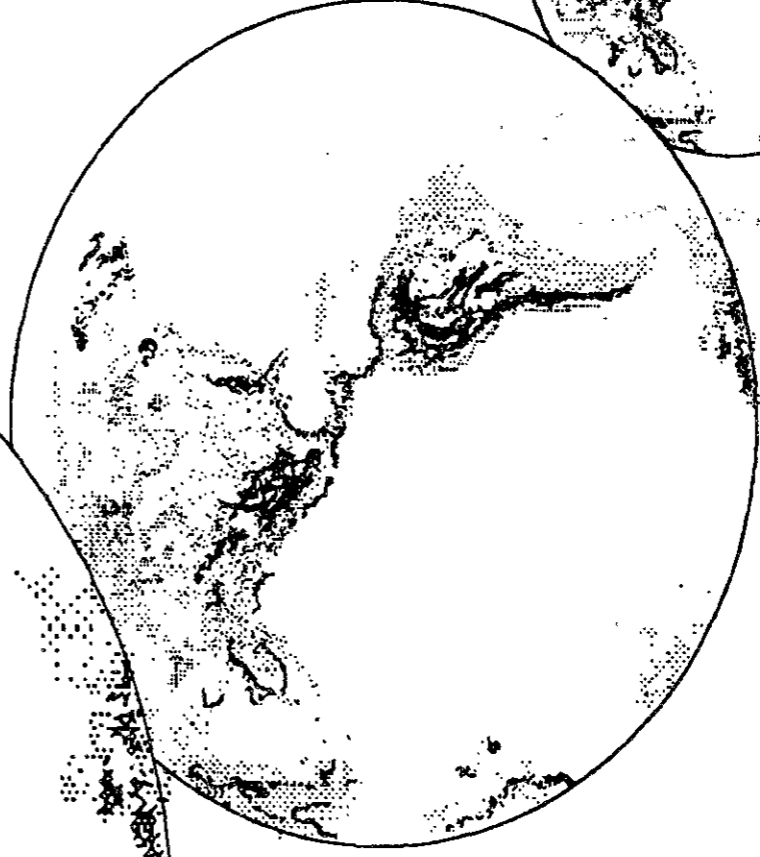
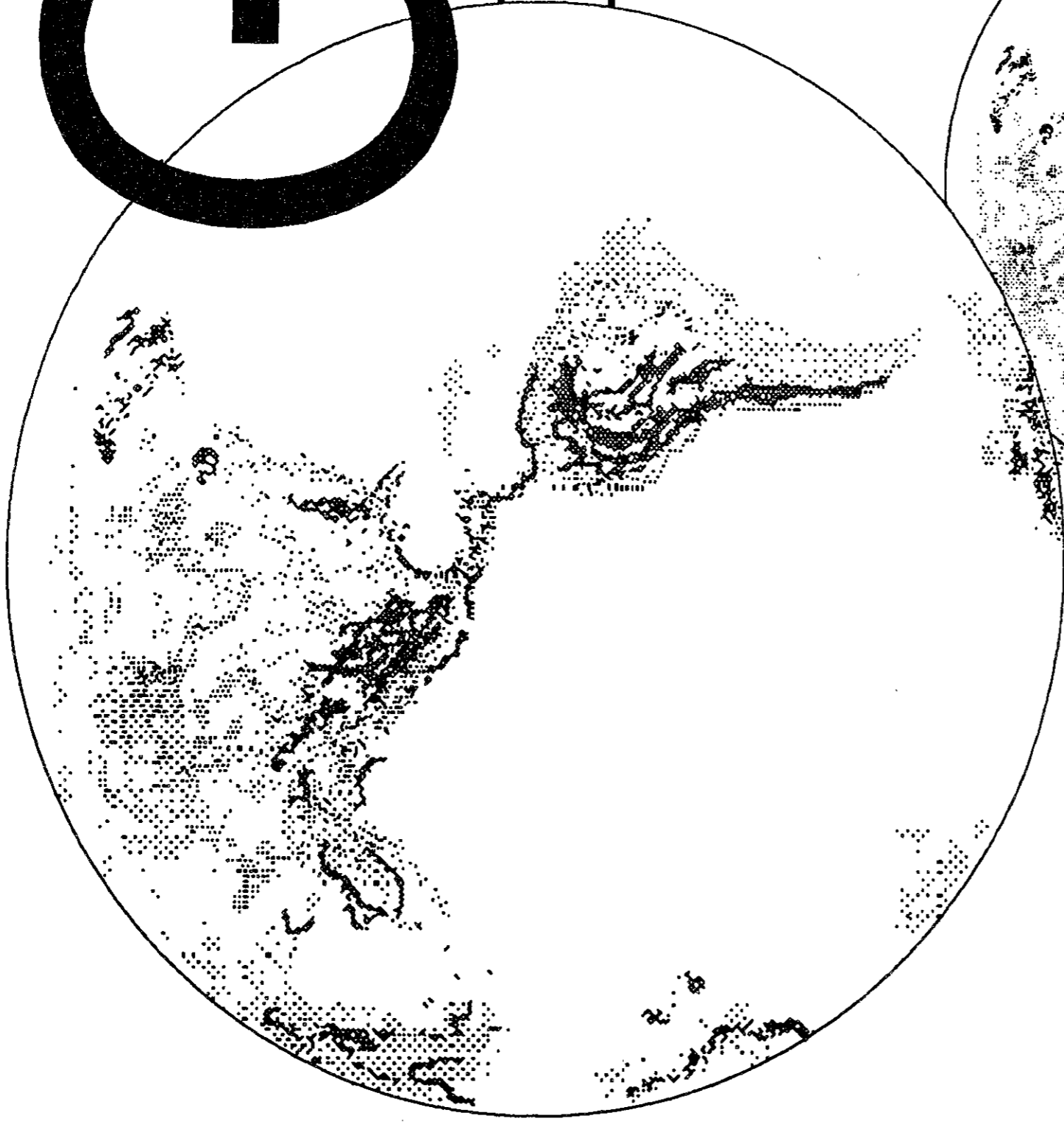
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By EVA REGNIER

THE MESSAGE OF *The End of Nature* justifies its ominous title: According to Bill McKibben, true nature, which was independent of human influence, has been replaced by an artificial nature in whose processes human beings play a part.

This concept may not seem frightening but McKibben points out that the changes we have made, and are continuing to make, in the chemistry of our atmosphere are not the kind of environmental changes we have experienced in the past. We cannot escape them by fleeing to the woods. We have progressed beyond removing parts of the earth from the domain of true nature — through farming, mining, construction — to actually altering the global processes that define our environment.

The human hand acting on the earth is not a guiding hand but a clumsy hand. Most of our influence on climate, for example, has been inadvertent. The new natural world we have made — complete with changing temperatures, sea levels, and atmospheric chemistry — will be less predictable and perhaps more violent than the natural world of the past. The human race

has evolved in the old natural world that brings hurricanes and other natural disasters; on a large scale this is quite predictable. McKibben tries to give a sense of the magnitude of the risk we take as we fiddle with the controls of "spaceship Earth" (an expression McKibben uses and an idea whose implications he should have discussed).

McKibben's incisive discussion of the components of the environmental crisis is broad but detailed, and illustrated brilliantly in terms both human and scientific. He presents problems on a human level, measuring the biosphere in units of the distance to his mailbox, and lists possible consequences of environmental degradation ranging from floods and famine down to worsening asthma and hay fever. Even those with a very good understanding of environmental problems will be fascinated by the first three chapters.

More insightful still is his discussion of what is preventing the human race from halting this destructive trend. Just as human beings have the mental capability to take control of the Earth to the extent that we have, the ability to reason should also enable us to change our habits and outlooks as well as our technology. International cooperation, careful evaluation of the idea of infinite technological progress, and questioning the efficiency of free market solutions are all necessary for the change that will have to come about. But

the solutions will have to go even deeper.

McKibben shows how tightly bound up the destruction of the planet is in our lives. Our cars, our houses, plastics, and pesticides are as much a part of the world we know as are the trees, waters, and hills that we live among. McKibben sets forth plainly that the human race will need to decide between our material world — houses, cars, clothes — and the natural world. "One world or the other will have to change." McKibben envisions a "humbler world" where our material excesses will seem absurd. In this world, he thinks, human beings could take a less dominant relation to nature, and nature might once again establish itself as independent, constant.

While this vision is fascinating and comforting, McKibben himself does not seem to think it is likely. He recognizes that hu-

man beings value themselves and their interests primarily and that these values will likely win out. A "managed world" in which human beings control the climate, genetics, and ecology is the most probable solution short of ecological catastrophe. McKibben values nature for its own sake; this result appeals neither to him nor to the reader.

The ending is rather optimistic, considering that McKibben does not describe in any detail how we will go from our current situation of continued and increasing environmental destruction to either of his two possible worlds. The book does not present a doomsday picture — nor does it present real solutions. Instead, the book exposes the nature of the environmental crisis and leaves the reader with a lot to think about.



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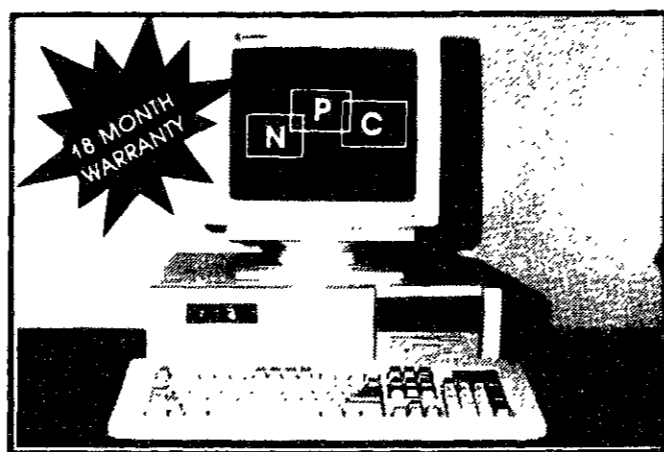
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MIT urged to divest at hearing

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South Africa's lack of progress toward ending apartheid, according to Gray's letter.

The administration claims its holdings in companies involved with South Africa total \$84 million. The Coalition Against Apartheid, using an alternate assessment scheme, says MIT's holdings are worth \$289 million.

Christine M. Coffey '93 argued that MIT's definition of involvement in South Africa was too narrow. "Operations are not the only [way] of supporting" the South African government, she said.

Distribution agreements and licensing and trade agreements are ways companies stay involved in South Africa that do not get registered under MIT's assessment, she said.

Speakers argue for divestment

Coffey encouraged MIT to "take action as a whole body; [it] can't continue to support apartheid with its name and money. It must take responsibility for its own actions and divest."

Susan M. Minter G spoke at the hearing to "refute three [of the main] arguments" used against divestment. The first one, "an institution or university is not the right place to implement or formulate policy," Minter countered with "it isn't only our right [to demonstrate and speak out against apartheid]; it is our moral obligation" to do so.

The second argument commonly used against divestment is that "it's a misguided policy; it is only going to hurt the blacks," Minter said. To counter that statement, Minter recalled her six-week visit to South Africa, when she was "taken illegally into areas whites aren't supposed to see: Soweto, Crossroads, and the shantytown outside Capetown."

Minter said, "Every day, people were putting their lives on the line" in order to maintain apartheid. "I think it is hypocritical for us to be worrying about saving lives," she said.

The third argument Minter refuted was that "sanctions will not work." The Anti-Apartheid act of 1986 "has made a tremendous impact," she claimed. "It is exactly those sanctions that have brought Nelson Mandela out of prison and de Klerk to the negotiating table."

Leerothodi-Lapula Leeuw '92, a South African citizen, recounted "a personal account" of trying to get a job in South Africa as a trainee in a "company that claimed to be using" the Statement of Principles.

The manager of the company told Leeuw and other blacks working there that they were hired "to increase the number of blacks in management" positions. The manager knew that an existing law prevented blacks from taking a certification exam necessary to assume managerial responsibilities, Leeuw said.

"South Africa has a constitutional racial system by which they allocate funds for public

education, health and services. In 1987, public white schools" received seven times as much funding as black schools, Leeuw said.

He added that "it is the South African constitution that has been keeping us away from our rights. [Companies with operations in South Africa] pay taxes to the South African government. By working in South Africa they directly support this racial allocation of funding in South Africa."

A very strong message

Gillian P. Hart, senior lecturer in the Department of Urban Studies and Planning, claimed that "divestment is not first and foremost an economic act. . . . [It is] an unequivocal statement of a disassociation" with a system that "denies basic human rights."

Hart said that part of the "long and difficult and complicated" process of dismantling apartheid "is going to entail white South Africans relinquishing" their power.

"An act like divestment conveys a very strong message to white South Africans," who are the force behind "the most unequal system in the world today," said Hart, who grew up in South Africa and has studied its economy.

Religious Counselor Scott Par-

adise said he accepted the "moral judgment" of black South African leaders, "who have gained great moral stature."

"When these leaders tell us that these investments in South Africa give aid and comfort to the South African government, and that we ought to divest, I'm inclined to believe them," he said.

Paradise urged MIT not to forget the moral grounds for divestment or other action against the South African government. He asserted that divestment is a moral action as well as an economic one. "If the moral side is ignored, it communicates a message to the world — that money is all that matters," he said.

David R. Afshartous G attempted to explain the structure and function of the South African military. "The military may be viewed as the guardian of the apartheid" government, he said. The military in South Africa includes the police as well as the armed forces, and these branches "act in tandem" to maintain the system, he said.

Afshartous added that the business of producing arms "employs 100,000 people, many of whom are black." Blacks are therefore working to support the industry that manufactures the tools of their own oppression, he said.

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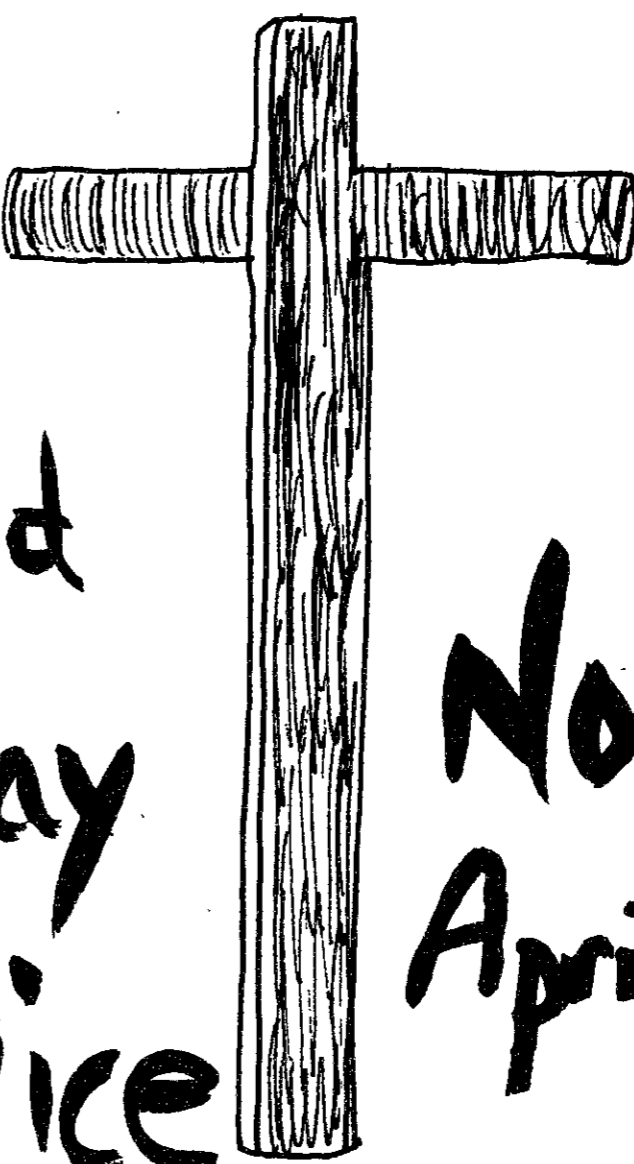
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build a shanty to symbolize its solidarity with South African blacks and to protest MIT's investments in companies doing business in South Africa.

Tense situation seen

The Tuesday morning meeting was arranged the previous night when coalition members contacted Gray about discussing the situation, which had become progressively bitter during the two days of protest. Associate Provost Samuel J. Keyser, Faculty Chair Henry D. Jacoby, and Associate Dean for Student Affairs James R. Tewhey also attended the meeting.

Gray said the central concern was the increasing level of conflict and the risk of people getting hurt. "The goal of all of us present was to reduce the level of confrontation," he said.

CAA members told Gray that his administration had reacted violently to peaceful demonstrations and that the police had used unnecessary force.

According to Francis, Gray agreed that actions taken by the Metropolitan District Commission Police at the Monday rally after it had moved to the president's house were "dumb," but he declined to fault the behavior of the Campus Police near the Student Center.

"Basically [Gray] said he wanted to get all the information" before passing judgment on the Campus Police actions, Francis said. He added that the students were disappointed by this response. "We were looking to get him to take swift action on particular officers that we thought lost control at the demonstrations."

According to the News Office release, Gray did agree to order "a little emotional and physical distance" between the Campus Police and demonstrators, but blamed CAA tactics in part for creating an atmosphere of confrontation.

He singled out for criticism a pro-divestment demonstration during the March 2 meeting of the MIT Corporation. Student demonstrators infringed on the right of others to move freely at that rally, Gray claimed. Students have a right to express and argue their views and to demonstrate, but there are limits to those rights, he said.

CAA members pressed Gray at the Tuesday meeting to act on three specific complaints: undercover police attendance at CAA meetings, harassment of photographers at demonstrations, and the tearing down of flyers by police. Gray said he did not know the validity of the allegations, but agreed that, if true, the actions were inappropriate.

The students also asked Gray to set up a Campus Police review board composed of students, faculty and administrators. Gray responded that there was already a procedure for dealing with complaints against police officers, but CAA members believed the procedure was inappropriate. Getting "the police to police themselves... [is] an invalid way of making the police accountable," Francis said.

Gray will be meeting again this morning with students to discuss the underlying issues of South Africa and MIT's investment policy.

Arrests recounted

After meeting with Gray, the CAA continued its campaign to force MIT to divest its holdings in South Africa-related companies. The coalition held a Tuesday afternoon rally attended by about 150 on the Student Center lawn.

The rally focused not only on the arrests but on the general is-

sue of divestment and the right of students to protest. There was no visible police presence at the rally.

Three of those arrested, Kenneth S. Chestnut Jr. '92, Steven B. Chanin G, and Cynthia R. Evanko '92, gave accounts of their arrests. Chestnut and Chanin claimed the police had been particularly rough in arresting them, and appealed for witnesses to come forward to testify on their behalf.

But Chanin told the crowd that it should not place most of the blame on the shoulders of the police. "The police, a lot of them, weren't happy about what they had to do," he said.

Rather, the administration should be held accountable for arresting its own students, Chanin said. "We have to do something to prevent the administration from thinking it can use violence to [intimidate us]."

Evanko rejected the idea that the students brought arrest upon themselves by refusing to obey police orders. "I am not going to give up my freedom of speech just because Paul Gray does not want to hear us," she said.

King, Johnson back students

Adjunct Professor of Urban Studies Melvin H. King, a well-known political activist, offered those arrested during the protests a "real heart-felt thank you."

The administration reacted as it did because the campus pro-divestment movement "is a very real reminder of their corrupt policy and their betrayal of the people of South Africa," King said.

He called on other members of the faculty to intervene on the students' behalf. It is important that faculty come forward and say that building a shanty, involving oneself in political protest, is part of the educational process, he said.

"What is education if not [spreading] peace and justice to all parts of this planet?" King asked.

Professor of Political Science Willard R. Johnson, who has long been active in favor of divestment and disinvestment, also spoke at Tuesday's rally.

He said that "MIT is very thick-headed... We've learned very little over the years institutionally." MIT "won't get it, but there is a wider world" that will, he added.

"Part of the value of [demonstrating and protesting] is to capture the attention of the wider world," as well as MIT's, Johnson said.

He encouraged the demonstrators to continue their activities, saying, "The victory is not lost if this institution doesn't do the right thing."

Arrests total 32

Twenty-six students were arrested on Friday after they refused to move a shanty they had built on the lawn between the Student Center and Massachusetts Avenue. All were charged with trespass after notice and disturbing the peace. One was also charged with assault and battery on a police officer.

The 26 were arraigned on Monday morning. According to Campus Police Chief Anne P. Glavin, five students pleaded not guilty in Middlesex County Court but admitted to sufficient facts to warrant the judge to continue their cases without finding until July 27, when they will tell the court whether they wish to pay \$200 court costs or work 50 hours of supervised community service. The cases of the 21 others, who simply pleaded not guilty, were continued until April 30, with a trial anticipated in June, according to Glavin.

Three students — including

one arrested on Friday — were arrested by Campus Police on Monday near the Student Center after the foiled attempt to bring a portable shanty onto the lawn. They each were charged with assault and battery on a police officer.

After the Monday demonstration moved to the president's house, Metropolitan District Commission Police arrested an MIT lecturer, a Tech photographer, and a non-MIT person. All were charged with disorderly conduct. The lecturer and the non-MIT person were also accused of assault and battery, while the lecturer and the photographer were charged also with failure to obey a police officer.

Gray said at the Tuesday meeting that he would not act to have the charges against arrested students dismissed.

MIT withdraws AEPi's recognition

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"It may very well happen that the IFC votes to recognize [DPI]," said Arnone.

But it may be years before Delta Pi can find housing. According to Tewhey, the first priority of the Housing Office is to provide funds for housing the sororities. "We would have to complete that project before we would agree to provide funds for another all-male housing unit," he said.

"We haven't given up hope of getting our new fraternity housed, but we're in the dorms now," Findlay said.

Most of the 45 discharged brothers have been absorbed into the dormitory system, Tewhey said.

Claims of religious discrimination addressed

Members of the MIT chapter of AEPi have charged that religious discrimination was the main reason the national organization disbanded their fraternity. When each brother was interviewed by the national, Wong explained, they were asked about "issues relating to the religious composition of each individual" and not about FIPG violations.

A brief prepared by the house's ad hoc legal committee was submitted to the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, charging that "the basis for people being asked to leave was religious discrimination," Wong said. The CLUM has decided not to take the suit under consideration.

These charges of religious discrimination are "false," according to AEPi Supreme Governor Sidney Dunn. "That was not the motivation" for the reorganization, he said.

Instead, it was the chapter's repeated violation of FIPG risk management policy which prompted the reorganization efforts, he said. "The policies were being violated even when they were on probation," Dunn noted.

In response to the claims of chapter members that the interviews conducted during the reorganization process focused more on religious attitudes than on FIPG safety policies, Dunn said that "10 basic questions were asked that dealt with being in AEPi." These questions, which are asked of all brothers undergoing the reorganization process, address "attitudes of being in AEPi, not religious preference."

Dunn noted that the restructuring of the MIT chapter "was not unusual." The national organization has reorganized seven chapters in the past year. At Brooklyn College no one was taken back into the fraternity after reorganization and at Cornell University the national "only invited six" brothers back, Dunn said. Even the original AEPi



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chapter at New York University, which was suspended by the national organization last week, is currently being reorganized.

"The only other claim of religious discrimination" leveled against the national was at Rhode Island University, Dunn said. The "affirmative action office at the school investigated these claims and found AEPi innocent of any wrongdoings," he added.

Tewhey stated that religious discrimination did not appear to be a factor in the national's reorganization efforts. "I have not seen conclusive proof that it was," he said.

But currently several Jewish students interested in joining

AEPi have spoken with representatives from the national. David E. Borison '91 and Steven H. Baden '92 have contacted Jewish students by word of mouth to recruit prospective members for the fraternity.

Dunn denied any involvement on the part of the national to recruit new members. Dunn said the national had not planned to hold a meeting until the Institute decided on AEPi's future.

Arnone, however, claimed that the national had planned to hold a meeting with representatives of area chapters and Jewish students on campus. Borison and Baden did hold a meeting last night, but representatives of the fraternity did not attend.

Recommendation for AEPi's official censure

(Editor's note: The following resolution was passed by a vote of 28-0, with one abstention, at the April 11 meeting of the Interfraternity Council):

We, the Interfraternity Council of MIT, representing the 36 independent living groups, condemn the reorganization undertaken by the Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity, Inc. at MIT, February 1990. We do not dispute the validity or seriousness of the alcohol-related charges brought against the former Mu Tau chapter of AEPi. But we find abhorrent the reckless and indiscriminate nature of AEPi's efforts to reorganize the chapter. We believe that the closed-mindedness and questionable motives with which the reorganization was approached by AEPi national representatives should not be tolerated on the MIT campus.

We urge President Paul E. Gray '54 to take strong action to protest this arbitrary treatment of MIT students. In order that AEPi be denied future opportunities to needlessly mistreat MIT students and staff, we recommend that the Institute withdraw its recognition of AEPi as Institute-approved housing for freshmen.

Errata

Tuesday's stories on the anti-apartheid protests contained several errors in the names and affiliations of students arrested. Khondkar I. Ahmed G, Michael D. Balkwill G, and Penn S. Loh '90 were incorrectly listed as having no affiliation with MIT. Ahmed was also incorrectly named "Ahmed Iftexhar," and Loh was incorrectly named "Lott Penn."

These corrections indicate all 26 of the protesters arrested Friday were students.

In addition, Faris M. Sayegh G was incorrectly listed as having been charged only with trespass after notice. He was also charged with disturbing the peace.

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Green: A Colloquium on the Planet, MIT's Colloquium in Kresge at 5:15. Bill McKibben, author of *The End of Nature* and Ted Flanigan of the Rocky Mountain Institute will discuss the Earth's current condition, why it is in trouble, and what we can do to help. Presentations and questions will be followed by dinner discussions with faculty, staff and students in living groups.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

Workshop on environmentally-conscious careers with Ted Flanigan of the Rocky Mountain Institute and David Marks, head of the Department of Civil Engineering. 10:00 am to 12 noon in the Bush Room.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

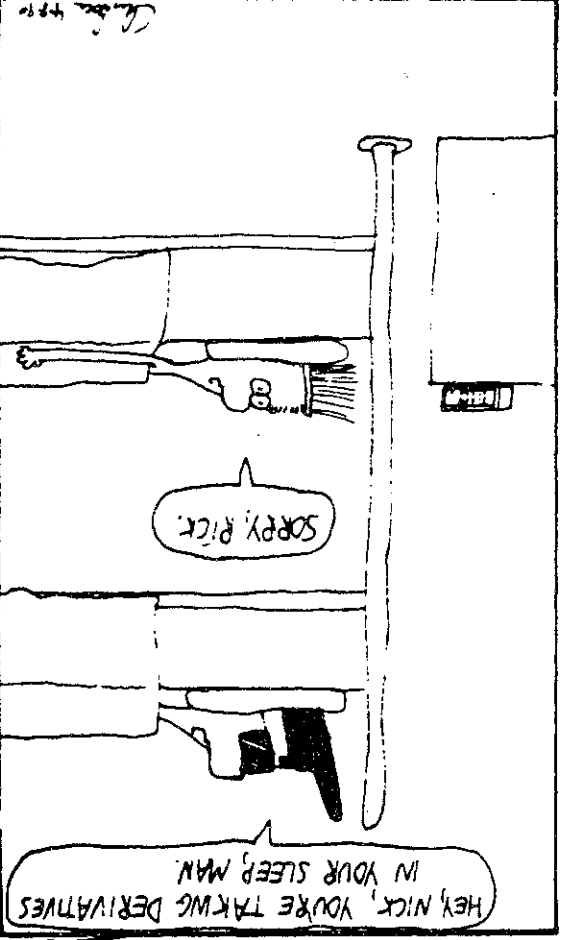
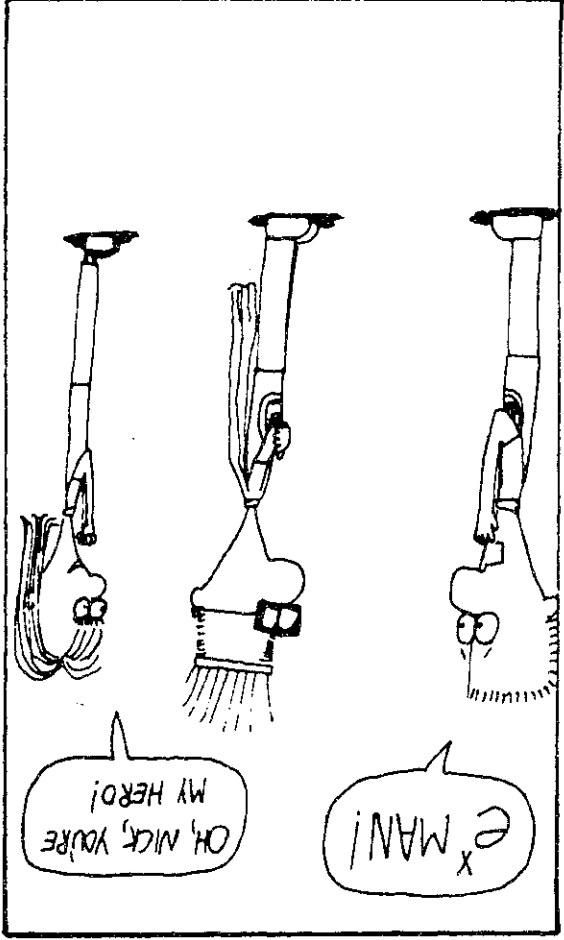
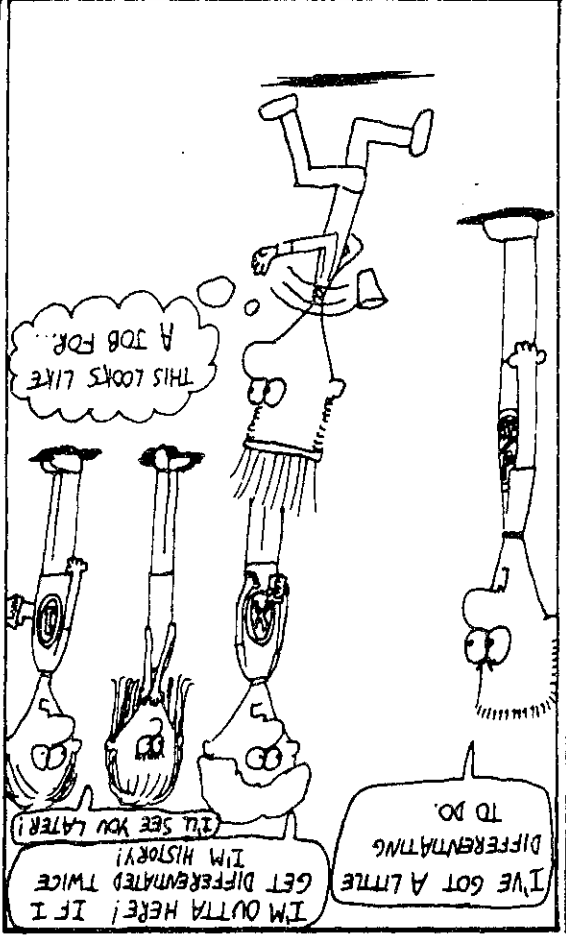
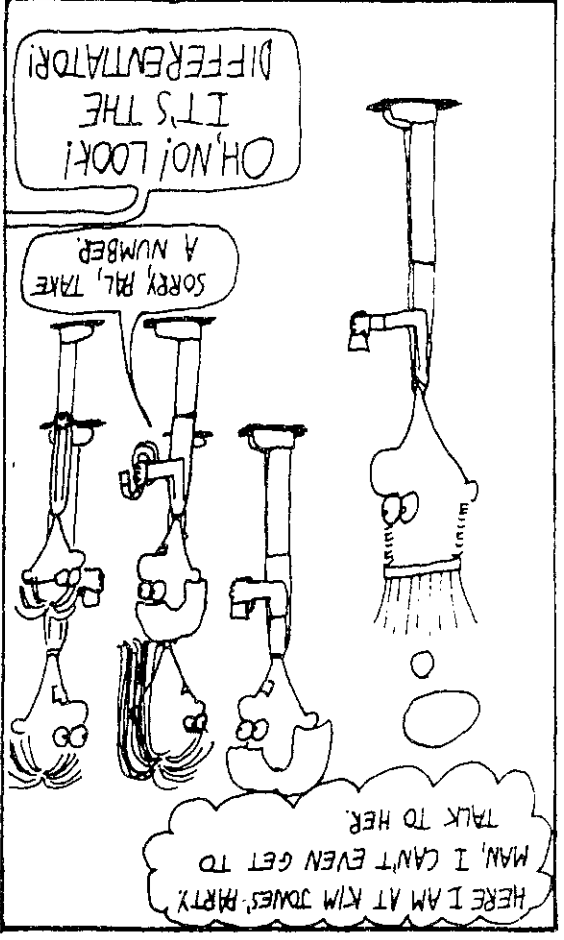
MIT ECO-FAIR: A CELEBRATION OF THE EARTH

12 noon to 6:00 pm on Kresge oval (inside if it rains). Information and demonstrations on environmental issues. Live broadcast by WMBR featuring live band. Photographs. Juggling. Consumer products information. Environmental Purity Test.

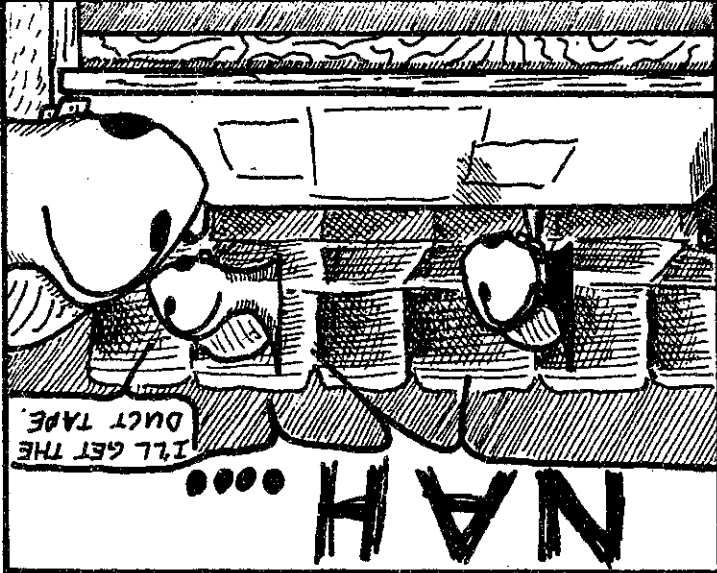
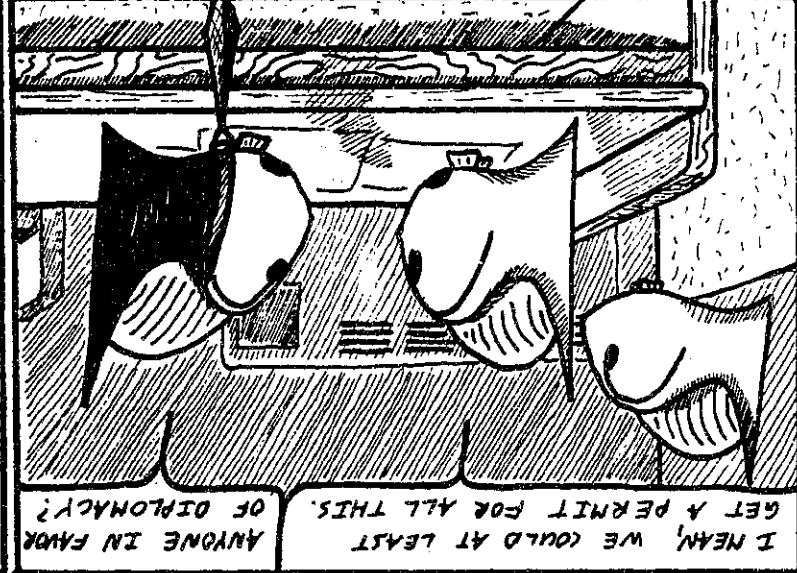
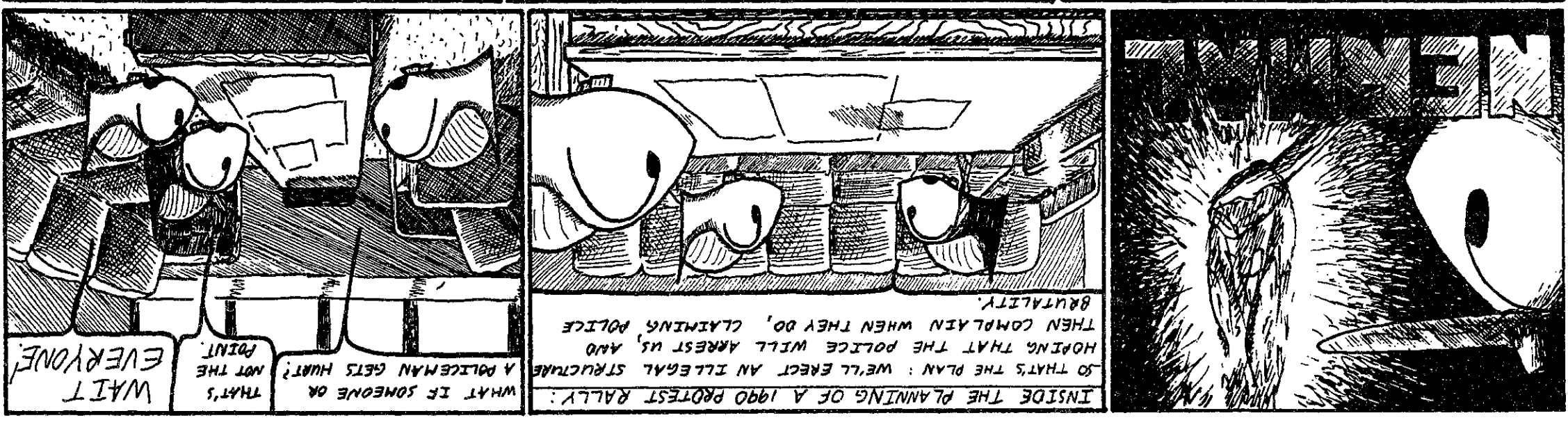
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