

The Tech



Steven D. Penn G speaks at a Coalition Against Apartheid rally yesterday in front of Lobby 7. Students and professors rallied on the behalf of Jennifer Y. C. Huang '90, who is facing felony charges. Her trial starts today at the Middlesex County Courthouse.

Mark Johnson

Keg ban does not include big parties

By Prabhat Mehta

MIT's ban on kegs from all living groups does not include parties which have one-day Massachusetts liquor licenses, said Associate Dean for Student Affairs James R. Tewhey in a recent interview.

Currently, all non-private events with alcohol must be licensed, so the keg ban would not apply to large parties, according to Tewhey, who is head of residence and campus activities. "As it stands right now, you can have a keg at a party," he said.

The Campus Activities Office's "Party Request Form" states that "an event is not a private party if it is open to the MIT community or the community at large, if admission is charged, if it is advertised on campus or to the general public, or if it is in a major lounge, dining hall, or public area (unless entrances are carefully monitored to limit admission to members of the private party)."

Though students have been confused over the ramifications of the keg ban — many interviewed have been led to believe that the ban was absolute — Tewhey said he had discussed the issue with dormitory officers last semester and over the summer. In addition, he said he would be

mailing information to student leaders over the next several weeks.

Much of the confusion seems to have come from a factual error in this year's edition of the *Basic Regulations of the Institute Houses*. Under the alcohol section, it states that the city of Cambridge, along with Boston, has passed ordinances which "effectively prohibit kegs" from college residences.

In reality, Cambridge has passed no keg ban, though Boston prohibited the delivery of kegs to dormitories and fraternities last year.

City considered keg ban

A keg ban had been considered by the Cambridge License Commission, the agency which regulates dormitories and fraternities in the city, earlier this year, after Campus Police lieutenant Edward D. McNulty approached the city for help in enforcing alcohol laws on campus, according to Richard V. Scali, executive officer of the CLC.

MIT was in favor of a city keg ban at that time, he said, to curb on-campus drinking by minors and reduce the number of alcohol-related incidents. Last January, Campus Police Chief Anne P. Glavin suggested the CLC

Freshmen now need C's to get credit

By Joey Marquez

Although they may not recognize it as a change, members of the Class of 1994 face a new pass/no-record grading system. Starting this year, freshmen must attain a grade of "C" or better in order to pass their classes, and are limited to 54 units in the fall semester, and 57 in the spring.

The new policy is a revision of a policy proposed in the spring of 1989 by the Committee on the First-Year Program (CFYP), which recommended that pass/no-record grading for the second semester of the freshman year be eliminated.

The committee recommended changes based on the belief that a significant number of freshmen were unsuccessfully overloading on units, and not gaining a thorough knowledge of fundamental subject material.

Under the old system, which affected students who entered MIT before 1990, a "D" denoted a passing grade, and freshmen were limited to 60 units first term, and 63 units in the spring.

The CFYP report argued that for many freshmen, the adjustment and transition phase ended with the first semester, so that elimination of pass/no record in

IAP group issues report

By Katherine Shim

In an August report, the Independent Activities Period Policy Committee (IAPPC) noted the present lack of faculty involvement in IAP and strongly recommended active faculty participation throughout the month of January. The report was a review of the IAPPC's two-year experiment to increase student participation in Independent Activities Period and emphasize the academic seriousness of the period.

The committee, a permanent adjunct to IAP whose role is to evaluate and govern IAP policy, strongly recommended that faculty members run classes that continue throughout IAP rather than meet only once.

In the report, the IAPPC "concludes that the present governance and management of IAP makes it easy for most of the faculty not to think about IAP. Central to the success of IAP is the active participation of the faculty, and this will not occur unless the faculty systematically and conscientiously thinks about IAP."

The report specifically recom-

ended that department heads and faculty members assume the responsibility of creating more IAP credit-bearing subjects. These subjects should be listed in the MIT Bulletin and the Registrar's fall schedule book to enable students to plan in advance for their IAP activities, the committee suggested.

The faculty used to plan for IAP in the fall, according to Professor Travis R. Merritt, associate dean in the Undergraduate Academic Support Office. "Now we would like for the faculty to plan for IAP in the same manner in which they plan for their fall and spring curriculum — a year in advance. We would like for the faculty to treat IAP equally with their fall and spring terms."

"IAP '92 should definitely feel the affect of this advanced planning. We would also like to see more and more sustained IAP activities listed in the Bulletin. Currently, only a few sustained IAP activities exist and are listed."

President Paul E. Gray '54 and Provost John M. Deutch '61 have endorsed the recommendations of the IAPPC, and a letter con-

cerning these recommendations has been sent to the deans of all five schools.

Student participation increasing

Data collected from surveys taken during the two-year experimental period indicate that the amount of time students have been spending at MIT during IAP has been increasing. Students spent an average of about 65 percent of their time at the Institute during IAP this year.

The number of students who spend all of their time at MIT during IAP, and the number of hours spent by students in IAP activities has also been increasing significantly. A greater percentage of students earned academic or physical education credit during IAP '90 than in previous years as well.

While student participation in IAP appears to be increasing, the level of faculty participation has remained constant. According to the IAPPC report, in the years with data available for study (1983, 1988, 1989, and 1990) faculty participation consistently accounted for only 25 percent of

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James R. Tewhey, associate dean of student affairs

adopt the same keg ban the Boston Licensing Board had imposed several months earlier, according to a memorandum written by her dated April 12.

However, in April, a representative from Harvard University objected to the citywide keg ban, claiming "they could not enforce it and felt it would constitute an invasion of privacy for the students," the memo stated.

Glavin reaffirmed MIT's support for the Boston-style keg ban, but "rather than get into a fight with Harvard on the issue, I said MIT would accept" a previous proposal, which required Cambridge liquor stores to keep a written record of the name and address of every person to whom a delivery of alcohol is made, the memo stated.

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Silber, Weld win

By Andrea Lamberti

In a "shocking" upset, Boston University President John R. Silber defeated former state Attorney General Francis X. Bellotti in Tuesday's Democratic gubernatorial primary election. Former US Attorney William F. Weld also came from behind in the polls to defeat state House Minority Leader Steven D. Pierce in the Republican primary.

Silber won 54 percent of the Democratic votes, while Weld took 60 percent of the Republican votes. Lt. Gov. Evelyn Murphy, who dropped out of the race last week and supported Bellotti, received three percent of the Democratic votes.

Silber has billed himself as "the outsider the insiders are afraid of." But despite this label, few differences emerged between him and Bellotti: They both vowed to preserve abortion rights and to cut bureaucracy in the state government. They also both opposed the Citizens for Limited Taxation tax rollback petition.

Polls preceding the election indicated Bellotti would take the nomination. Many Silber voters made their decision in the last hours of the campaign, Silber supporters said, explaining the unanticipated victory. Others had known all along they would vote for Silber, but because he had alienated many different groups with his comments, voters hesitated to express their support publicly, his supporters added.

Pierce enjoyed leads of over 20 percentage points at times last summer, and was firmly supported by the Republican party at its state convention in March. Weld stuck it out despite suggestions to run for lieutenant governor, and took command in August when he put \$300,000 of his own money into the campaign.

In the Republican debates, Weld accused Pierce of not strongly supporting the CLT tax rollback and of having done little as a state legislator. Both did support the tax initiative, but did

not agree on other issues: For example, though Weld supports abortion rights and the distribution of condoms in high schools, Pierce opposes abortion.

In his victory speech, Weld charged the "Democratic political machine" with destroying the Massachusetts economy. "This year we can end the one-party dominance that has given us fat, arrogant state government," he said.

Pierce offered to support Weld in the November general election.

In the race for lieutenant governor, state Rep. Marjorie A. Clapprod took 52 percent of the votes, defeating state Sen. William B. Golden in the Democratic primary, and Republican state Sen. Paul Cellucci, Weld's running mate, beat Rep. Peter Tor-kildsen, 60 percent to 40 percent.

Summary of other results

Middlesex County District Attorney L. Scott Harshbarger defeated incumbent Attorney General James M. Shannon in the race for the Democratic nomination for attorney general by winning 54 percent of the votes.

State Rep. William G. Galvin won 51 percent of the votes to defeat House Speaker George Keeverian — who won 30 percent of the votes — and Sen. Richard A. Kraus in the Democratic contest for treasurer.

Incumbent John F. Kerry ran unopposed for the Democratic nomination for US senator.

In the race for the Republican nomination for attorney general, William Sawyer, a Boston attorney, won 53 percent of the votes to oust Guy Carbone of Belmont.

Jim Rappaport, a Concord resident who won 66 percent of the votes, defeated Dan Daly of Hingham to earn the Republican nomination for US senator.

Joseph Malone of Watertown ran unopposed for the Republican nomination for treasurer.

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Kegs allowed at parties with licenses

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That proposal was adopted by the CLC as a compromise, and is now in effect for the city, noted CLC Chairman James C. McDavitt.

Neither Glavin nor McNulty could be reached for comment yesterday.

Not clear where MIT stood

Despite the apparent clarity of Glavin's memo, it is unclear whether there was widespread support for a citywide keg ban within the MIT administration. Tewhey said he felt it was better for MIT to handle the keg ban internally. "I am much more comfortable with the keg ban not having the force of law," he said.

In addition, his account of the CLC hearings seemed to contradict Glavin's memo. MIT was in favor of keeping Cambridge out of on-campus alcohol problems, he said, and the city agreed not to impose a keg ban on the condition that Harvard and MIT would do it themselves.

McDavitt and Scali also said that the commission had agreed not to eliminate kegs on the condition that the two universities would impose stricter rules on drinking. McDavitt, however, said he did not expect the schools to necessarily pass keg bans.

Harvard has been in the process of revising its alcohol policy this year as well. Although they have decided to ban liquor at

parties held in freshman dormitories, Harvard officials decided on Wednesday not to ban kegs from upperclass houses, according to a report in yesterday's *Harvard Crimson*.

Harvard's actions have come in response to local pressures as well as the Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Act of 1989, which links federal aid to colleges' enforcement of federal and state drug and alcohol laws.

Tewhey said he just received notification of the new federal law this week and is still in the process of reviewing its potential effect on alcohol rules at MIT. The law takes effect Oct. 1.

Faculty should get more involved in IAP

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the total number of activities offered in the *IAP Guide*.

Finally, the IAPPC found that of all the activities offered in the guide, half of them met only once, approximately 20 percent met two to three times, and 25 percent met four or more times.

"It is a bit deceiving," stated Mary Z. Enterline, associate dean in the Undergraduate Academic Support Office. "Students receive an *IAP Guide* that seems to contain a plethora of courses, and of those courses 50 percent meet only once. Clearly, we must offer an increased number of large scale and/or credit-bearing activities."

Vacation-time attitude

The report commented on student attitudes toward IAP by stating, "Student expectations of IAP in its current state lean markedly toward benefits conventionally associated with 'vacation time'... and away from those conventionally associated with intellectual enterprise."

In a survey the IAPPC con-

ducted, 91 percent of the student correspondents rated the idea of "IAP as a period for relaxation" as "important," seven percent rated it "somewhat important," and two percent felt it was "not important."

In response to the concept of "IAP as a period to learn new academic courses," 31 percent rated "important," and 46 percent voted "not important." Thirteen percent of those responding rated as important the idea that IAP was "a period to earn extra academic credits," while 76 percent felt it was not important.

The feeling of the IAPPC has been that the "vacation-time" attitude of students results in part from the insufficient amount of sustained IAP activities provided by the faculty. Students do not expect to engage in intellectual activity if it is not provided on a sustained basis.

"Students are not to worry," Merritt said. "The basic character of IAP as a change of pace from the fall and spring terms will not change. IAP will not turn into a short, killer-course

term. We are mainly interested that those students who want to study intensively will have the chance to do it, and we want the students to be able to interact more with the faculty."

A committee may be set up to institute changes in the Institute calendar, which would as a result address the issue of IAP. "The small scale calendar adjustments of last spring had been more of a stop-gap measure," Enterline said. "This year the half week off after the end of IAP will be done away with. Registration will take place the day immediately after the end of IAP."

Silber, Weld win

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In the Cambridge race for the 28th Middlesex District, the incumbent, Rep. Alvin Thompson (D - Cambridge), earned over 70 percent of the votes to defeat his challenger, Larry Beferman.

And Rep. Robert Havern (D-Arlington) won over 40 percent of the vote for a chance at the 4th Middlesex District Senate seat, which Sen. Richard A. Kraus gave up to run for state treasurer, according to the *Cambridge Chronicle*.

Erratum

Tuesday's story on freshman crowding incorrectly stated that Senior House and Burton-Conner were housing students in suite lounges. This is only true for MacGregor.

Frosh need C's to pass

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hoped, would solve the problems of overloading and underperformance.

Professor Travis R. Merritt, associate dean for student affairs in the Undergraduate Academic Support Office, felt preservation of pass/no record was also necessary to accommodate students of diverse backgrounds. In his opinion, the "more diverse" the MIT community becomes, the "more necessary" it is that the pass/no-record policy be upheld.

The UASO strongly believes that "freshmen are not ready for grading," Merritt said, and that changing the credit limits and raising the passing grade to "C" was the "sane and healthy thing to do."

The only "constraint" that will result from the new policy is that "freshmen will focus deeply on their subjects," rather than "skim" through the courses and barely pass them, he said.

Some freshmen have criticized the new credit limits as too re-

strictive. "Few classes are offered that coincide with the [second-term] 57-unit credit limit, and thus it limits our choices in courses," said Jeff Reback '94.

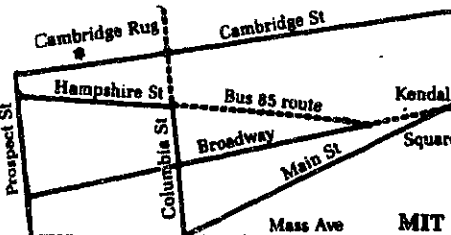
Merritt said there was little chance that a student would receive permission to take more than 57 units next term. Giving one student approval could set a "precedent," prompting other students to ask for special permission, he said.

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from the associated press wire

World

Germanys approve final unification treaty

The last treaty needed for German unification has been approved. The East and West German parliaments overwhelmingly ratified the pact that clears the way for the Oct. 3 merger. East German politicians hooted with joy and shook hands after they took their action. And in the West, the Bundestag loudly applauded its vote and broke into a chorus of the national anthem.

Philippines base talks wind down

Talks about the future of US military bases in the Philippines are expected to adjourn today. The United States offered to reduce troop strength, but negotiators said they hoped to maintain a presence that both countries could accept.

US negotiators made the suggestion yesterday, during the third day of talks on the future of Clark Air Base, Subic Bay Naval Base and four smaller installations, whose leases expire in a year. A Philippine spokesman said President Corason Aquino will order the bases closed if no agreement is reached by January.

Meanwhile, the State Department has warned Americans in the Philippines yesterday about a "possible imminent terrorist bombing." It said the United States believes the threat is credible and targeted in the vicinity of American residential areas in Manila, where US and Philippine officials are negotiating the future of the US bases.

A phone chain has been set up in the Philippine capital to alert Americans to potential danger, and the State Department broadcast warnings on Philippine radio and television.

Hussein wants to broadcast his message in the US

The Iraqi News Agency said yesterday that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has recorded a message for the United States. According to the report, "concerned American personalities" have been asked to deliver the videotape to US television networks. The message is seen as a response to the one by President George Bush that was broadcast on Iraqi television last Sunday.

The Bush administration said that if the media wants to run an address by President Hussein, the White House will not stand in the way. Roman Papadiuk, a State Department spokesman, said the State Department would even accept the videotape as a diplomatic courtesy — but he suggested that the Iraqis might do as well dealing directly with the networks.

Iraq threatens Persian Gulf oil fields

Iraq said yesterday it will knock out Persian Gulf oil fields if attacked by the multinational force guarding Saudi Arabia. In a written statement, Iraq's information minister said his country will use "all weapons at its disposal" to fight back — and that destroying oil fields is part of the plan. Iraq has also used chemical weapons before.

Russian parliament calls for Ryzhkov's resignation

A push is on for a major shake-up in Soviet politics. The Russian Republic's parliament overwhelmingly approved a resolution urging Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov and his cabinet to resign. The measure said Ryzhkov and his cabinet cannot pull the country out of economic trouble. It also calls for national representatives to press for a change if Ryzhkov does not move on his own.

Democratic leader may now support capital gains tax cut

Senate Majority Leader George J. Mitchell (D-ME) may be doing an about-face on the capital gains tax cut issue. He told C-Span yesterday that the deficit reduction plan should include a cut in capital gains taxes. But Mitchell said any cut would have to be fair and not increase the deficit.

Trump misses another payment

A top aide said Donald Trump has failed to make a \$1.1 million loan payment on his Trump Shuttle airline. The executive said the beleaguered real estate magnate is also seeking to reschedule \$245 million in loans, less than a month after receiving a critical bank bailout to keep other parts of his empire afloat.

More reservists called for possible Persian Gulf service

Civilians today, on active duty tomorrow. A total of 7000 people from the National Guard, army reserve, and navy reserve units in 27 states and the District of Columbia got calls to active duty yesterday. They will provide such support services as transportation and law enforcement. It is not known how many of them will be sent to the Persian Gulf.

FAA will cut number of flights if Gramm-Rudman cuts go into effect

The Federal Aviation Administration said it is ready to cut thousands of commercial flights per day if Gramm-Rudman budget cuts go into effect. The measure is part of a plan to cut down the workload of air traffic controllers under budget cutbacks. The agency said air security and aircraft maintenance would also have to be trimmed.

Sports

University of Florida football, basketball put on probation

The University of Florida football and basketball programs were each handed two years' probation by the NCAA committee on infractions today, for rules violations committed under former football coach Galen Hall and former basketball coach Norm Sloan.

The NCAA also cited Hall and Sloan for unethical conduct.

It is the second time in six years that the Gator football program has run afoul of NCAA rules. In 1984, Florida was placed on two years' probation, with loss of scholarships and a ban from appearing on live television and in postseason games because of infractions committed under former coach Charley Pell.

Although both programs could have been shut down for up to two years under provisions of the so-called "death penalty" for repeat violators, UF President John Lombardi said the ban on a postseason bowl appearance for the Gator football team this season is "a particularly difficult blow to accept." The school can appeal the sanctions or ask that the ban against the football team be delayed. The Gators are 2-0 this season and are ranked 19th in the Associated Press' top 25.

Lions cornerback suspended from NFL for drug use

Detroit Lions cornerback Terry Taylor has been suspended for life by the NFL after testing positive for illegal substances for the third time. Under the terms of the suspension, Taylor can apply for reinstatement in one year. He was previously suspended for four games in 1988 while he was a member of the Seattle Seahawks.

Nation

Savannah River Arms plant to remain closed

A nuclear arms plant in South Carolina has more problems than officials thought. An Energy Department official said the operator of the Savannah River plant has uncovered up to 2000 problems that could delay a restart scheduled for the end of the year. The plant was shut down two years ago because of safety concerns.

Magellan probe still sending pictures despite computer troubles

The Magellan space probe is still making maps of Venus despite a case of the hiccups. NASA engineers said a backup computer that helps point the orbiter is still plagued with glitches, and they have nicknamed the malfunctions "hiccups." But they said Magellan has not been using that computer, so it has been able to continue making detailed radar pictures of the cloud-covered planet.

Northwest Airlines faces layoffs due to rising fuel costs

An official of the pilots' union at Northwest Airlines said the carrier is considering layoffs or reduced work hours to cope with soaring fuel costs. Vice Chairman Ed Davidson of the Northwest Airline Pilots Association said the company is also considering grounding some of its fuel-guzzling older Boeing 727s and McDonnell Douglas DC-9s. A Northwest spokesman said no decisions have been made yet, but added that cost-cutting measures are being considered.

Weather

Wet weather ahead

High pressure will move offshore today — allowing for a low pressure center in the upper Great Lakes to move eastward. As this low moves into western New York state, a second cyclone will begin developing along the New Jersey coast late tomorrow. This intensifying secondary low will move northward along the coast passing the Boston area during the day Sunday. Increasing winds, thunderstorms, and occasionally moderate to heavy rain will accompany this system. Significantly cooler weather will arrive Sunday night and Monday.

Friday: Mostly sunny with increasing high cloudiness during the afternoon. High around 70°F (21°C). Winds light turning onshore at 5-10 mph (8-16 kph).

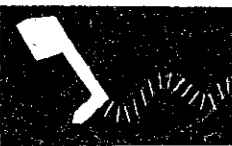
Friday night: Clouding up. Low 55°F (13°C).

Saturday: Cloudy with rain arriving from the southwest. Rain likely becoming heavier late at night. Winds southeast, increasing to 10-15 mph (16-24 kph). High 68°F (20°C). Low 48°F (9°C).

Sunday: Rain and thunder, tapering to showers. Winds shifting, temperatures falling during the late afternoon. Winds southeast shifting to east, then west-northwest at 15-25 mph (24-40 kph). High 63°F (17°C). Low 45°F (7°C).

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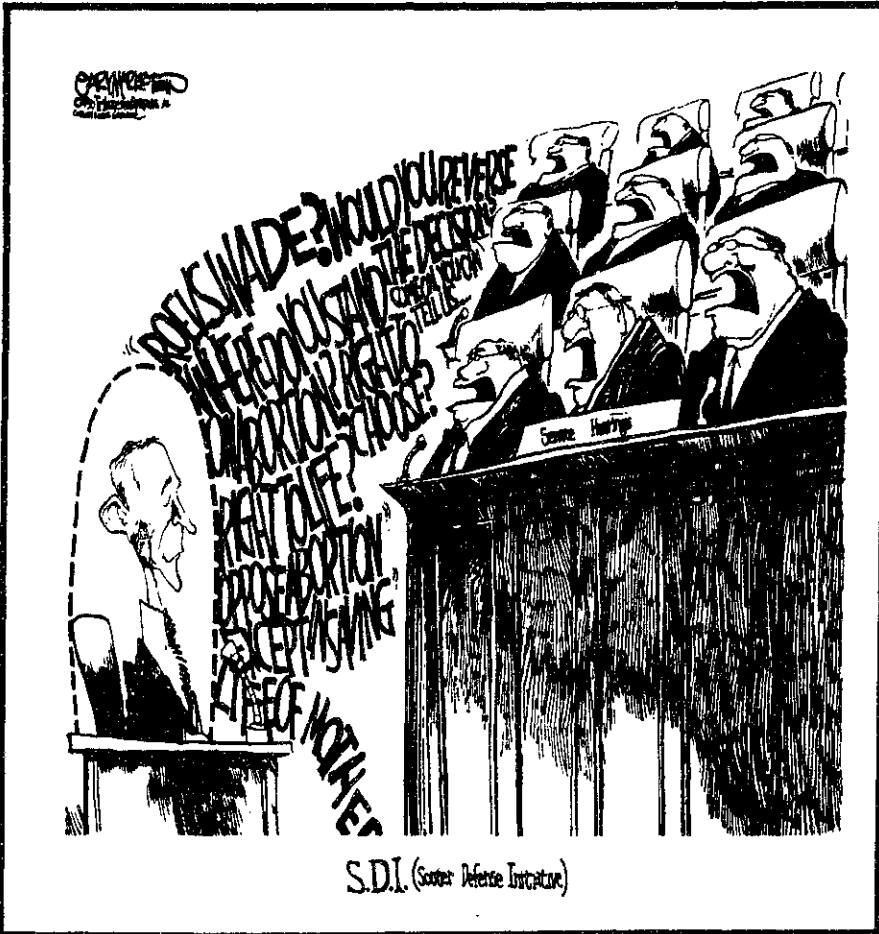
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opinion



Getting back to the flag

Column by Matthew Hersch

Last night I awoke in a cold sweat, panting in fear. With everyone in the nation gung-ho about US forces finally doing some long-needed damage in the Middle East, it seemed that almost everyone had forgotten about the apparently urgent, life-threatening need to prevent desecration of the American flag. Is it just me, or has the clatter of helicopter blades in Saudi Arabia drowned out the hottest constitutional debate since the Equal Rights Amendment?

Americans will rally behind the flag when they believe it right, and that is the way it should be.

A few short months ago, George Bush had managed to convince a few of us that a red, white and blue polyester shrine means more than the freedoms it stands for, and urged us to commit to eternal damnation those heathens who prefer to treat *their* flag, *their* property, according to their constitutional right of free speech. Shame on those who would commit actions of flag desecration that might disturb others; shame on those who refuse to conform. Where do they think they are, in a democracy?

Now, however, with the Persian Gulf crisis coming to a head, Mr. Bush has managed to secure bipartisan support for his foreign policy, and, with popularity polls running high, no longer needs the potentially explosive flag issue to rally the public into a tide of Bush-led patriotism. Now, unwilling to let the flag issue divide the nation while he is doing so well, Mr. Bush has dropped it cold. With the president confident in his support and distracted on matters of real significance, the silliness of his flag policies is apparent.

Mr. Bush must assume that we of this nation are dullards with poor memories.

Alas, the flag may rise from the dead, provided that support for US intervention in the Middle East wanes in the future. In six months, the economic burden of military deployment may force other nations to pull their troops out of the peace-keeping contingent in Saudi Arabia. This action would leave US forces alone, and destroy the international consensus for maintaining pressure against Saddam Hussein. All the American public needs to see is American troops defending a patch of land far away that nobody else cares about, for public opinion to turn against Bush and Operation Desert Shield. At this time, patriotism and flag burning may return to the argument pool. The White House could well turn the issue of respecting the flag into that of supporting soldiers enduring hardship overseas. Once again, the Bill of Rights will come under fire.

Is it just me, or has the clatter of helicopter blades in Saudi Arabia drowned out the hottest constitutional debate since the Equal Rights Amendment?

Some anti-Bill of Rightsers may lament the changing nature of patriotism in the nation, and long for a consistence of opinion. I'm sure that they argue that steady patriotism is important for morale in the armed forces and psychologically uplifting for the nation — and sometimes this is even true. But the people of this nation don't need patriotism rammed down their throats — the present crisis has proved this. Americans will rally behind the flag when they believe it right, and that is the way it should be.

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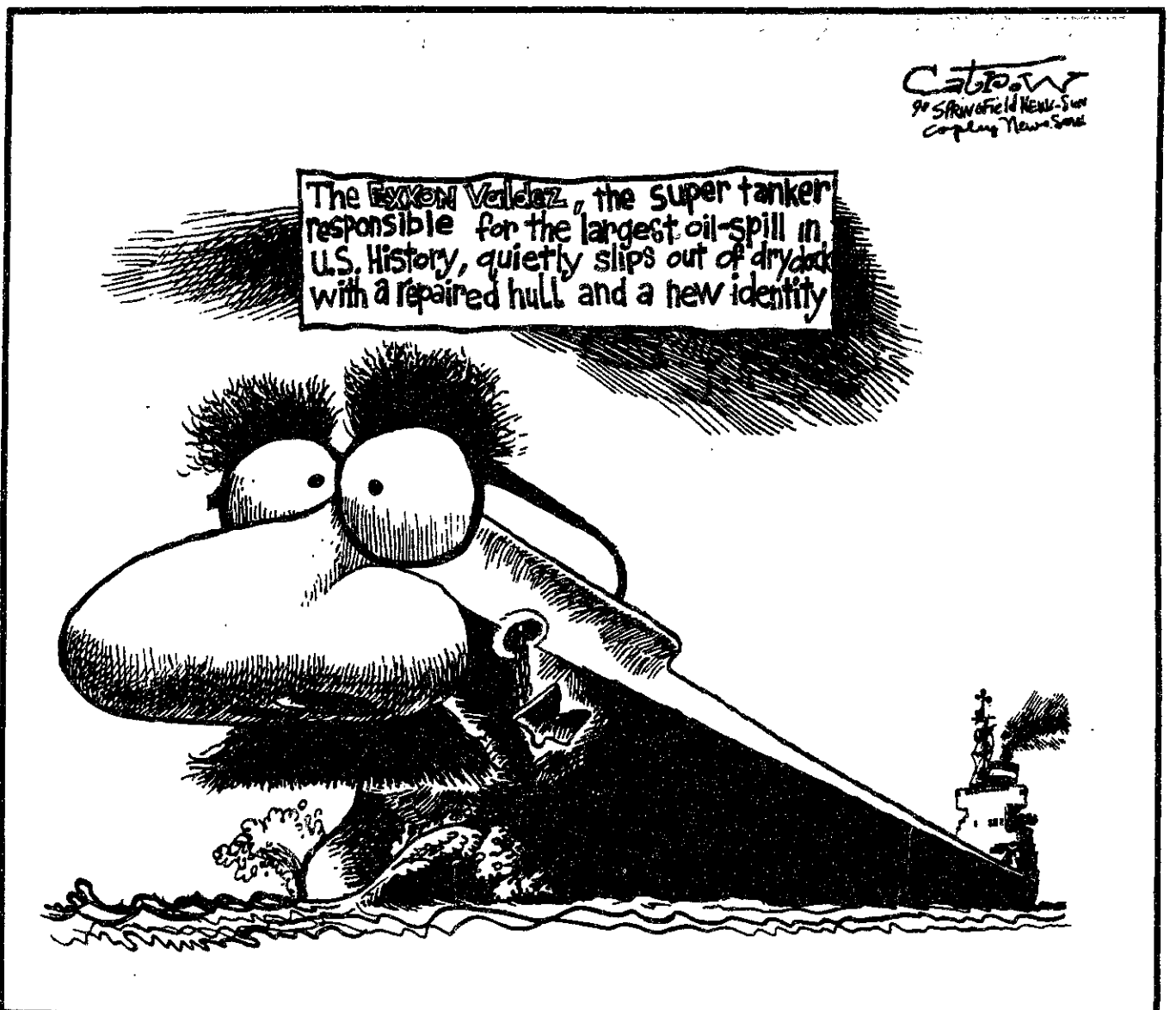
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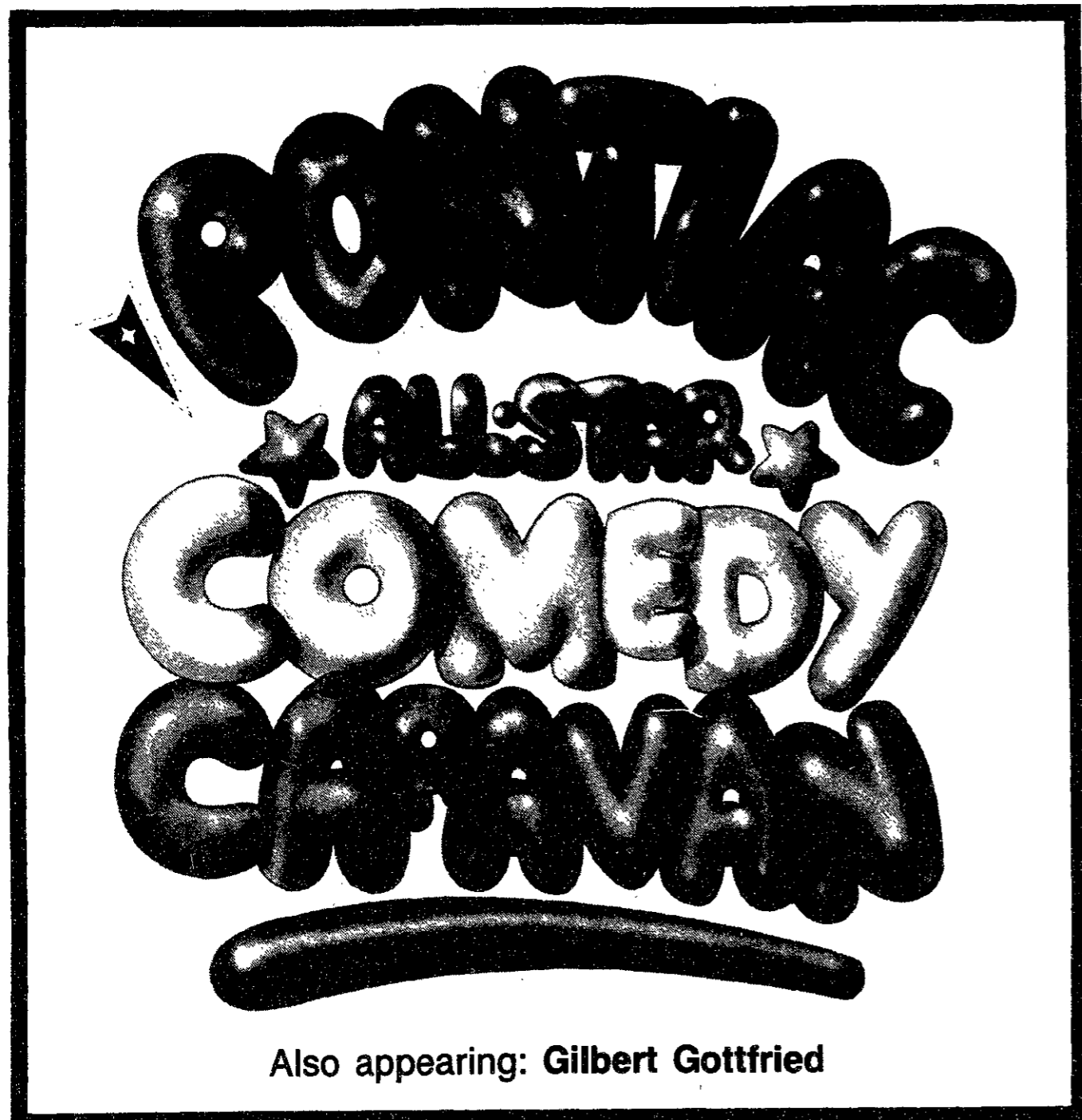
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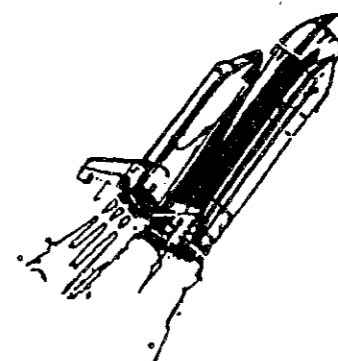
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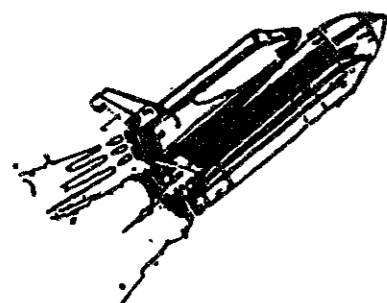
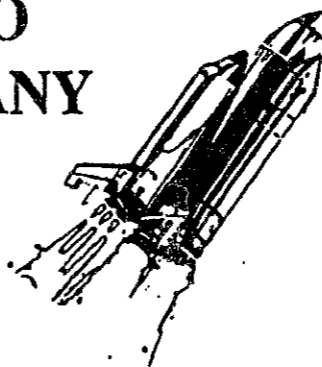
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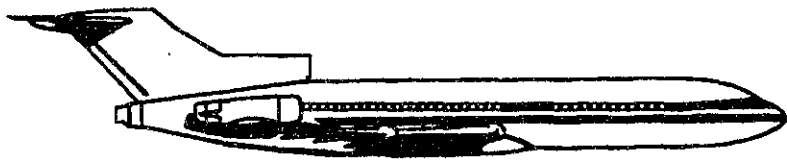
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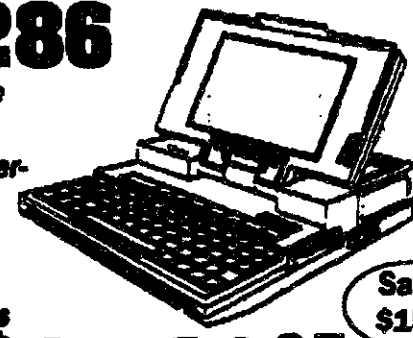
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García Márquez explores *The Liberator's* labyrinth

THE GENERAL IN HIS LABYRINTH

By Gabriel García Márquez.

Alfred A. Knopf, 285 pages, \$19.95.

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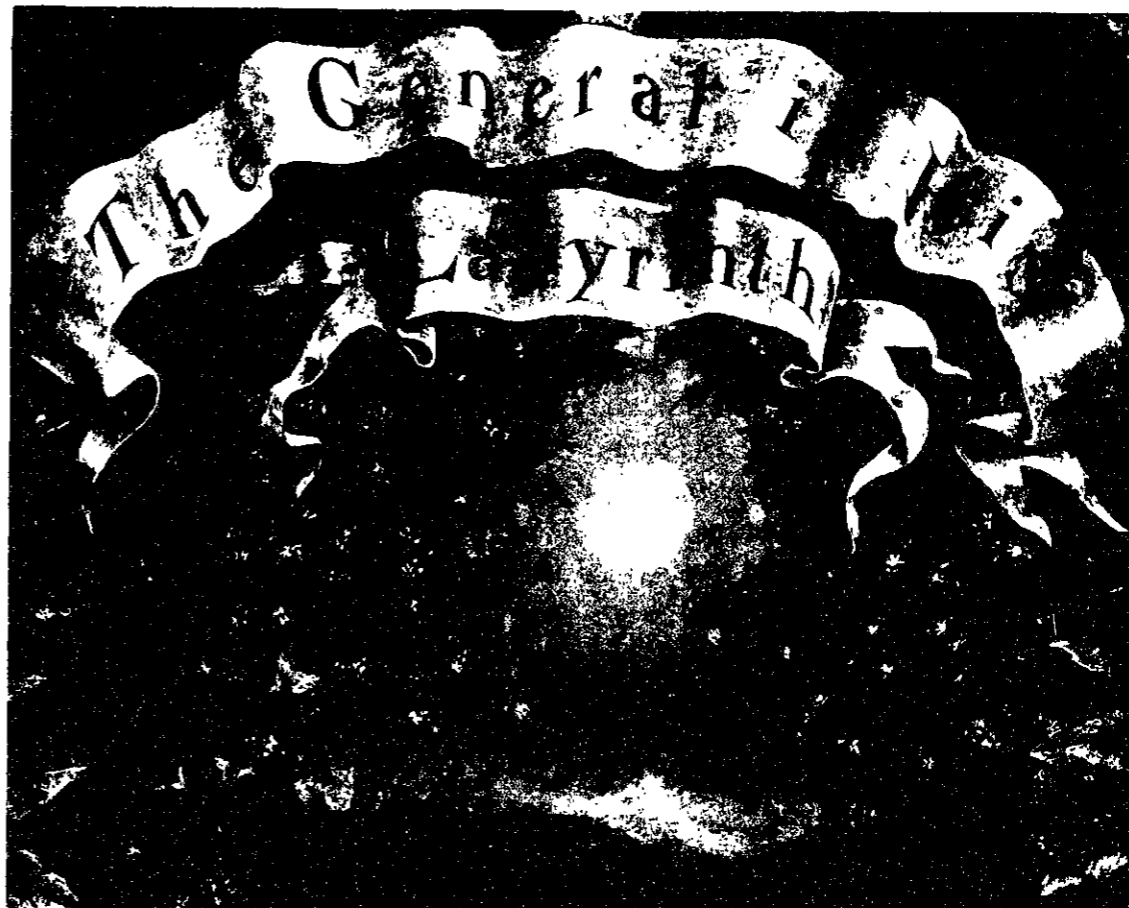
GABRIEL GARCÍA MÁRQUEZ' newest novel is a departure in form for the Nobel Prize-winning author. While his previous fictional works were much flavored by Colombian culture, *The General in His Labyrinth* is the first to draw directly from the tortured and labyrinthine history of the region. The novel tells the story of the final journey of General Simón Bolívar, known as "The Liberator" in many South American countries.

Bolívar led the revolution that rid the northern part of South America from Spanish domination and tried to unite the freed regions into one country. He was opposed by the local aristocracy because "the oligarchies in each country . . . had declared war to the death against the idea of integrity because it was unfavorable to the local privileges of the great families." The

failure to realize this dream led to Bolívar's disillusionment.

The General in the Labyrinth is the story of Bolívar's last days, particularly his last voyage along the Magdalena River from Bogotá, Colombia to the sea. Disillusioned, consumptive, and reeling from an assassination attempt, he has renounced the presidency of the Republic of Colombia. His plans are to leave the quagmire of political strife and civil wars that followed the expulsion of the Spanish from the region, sail to Europe, and live out his days in retirement. However, the siren call of a people in need, the stubbornness of his own dreams, and the failure of the government that replaces him force his return to the political stage. Bolívar is once again on the path to the realization of his desire for a united South America when illness and death end his return.

Even in his lifetime, The Liberator was larger than life. He was known for his passionate nature and titanic temper, as well as for his unparalleled leadership abilities. He dominates the novel much as he would have any gathering he attended. The other



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characters pale in comparison. Notable exceptions who never actually appear in the novel (except in the remembrances of the General) are Santander, his enemy in politics, and Sucre, his most able commander who is assassinated while the General is on his voyage. Another well-drawn character is Manuelita Sáenz, his mistress who saves him from the assassination attempt.

As García Márquez says in an afterword, he picked the voyage down the Magdalena to fictionalize because it was the least known part of a well-documented life. The reasons were no doubt also thematic. Bolívar's final voyage has a symbolic power that the author uses to good effect. The trip becomes one of nostalgia and sentiment for the glories and hope of his youth. As the general and his large entourage float towards the sea through the steamy jungle, the general floats in and out of sickness and delirium, and memories become confused with hallucinations. The attitudes and arcane discomforts of illness and old age play a prominent role in these final days. His illness and its effects on his body are described in detail. The story is concerned with ravages of old age in much the same manner as *Love in the Time of Cholera*, García Márquez' last novel.

The factual bounds of the life of Bolívar have curbed some of the excesses that were apparent in *Love in the Time of Cholera*. The style in that book verged on melodramatic and the prose was excessively purple. The problem with such a judgment is that this is a review of the English translation of the original Spanish. García Márquez' longtime translator has been Gregory Rabassa. Rabassa translated the author's masterwork, *One Hundred Years of Solitude*, as well as other books, while Edith Grossman translated both *The General* and *Love*. The difference in styles between *One Hundred Years of Solitude* and *Love in the Time of Cholera* is tremendous and not easily explained by the time between their respective publications.

Still, the combination of García Márquez' myth-making talents and Bolívar's own mythical public persona is intriguing. The dangers of such an undertaking are multiple, ranging from public censure for daring to write about such a reverent figure to an excess of factual information in the story at the expense of creativity. García Márquez succeeds for the most part. Bolívar's epic accomplishments and strong character gain immediacy and resonance without diminishing the towering myth of The Liberator.

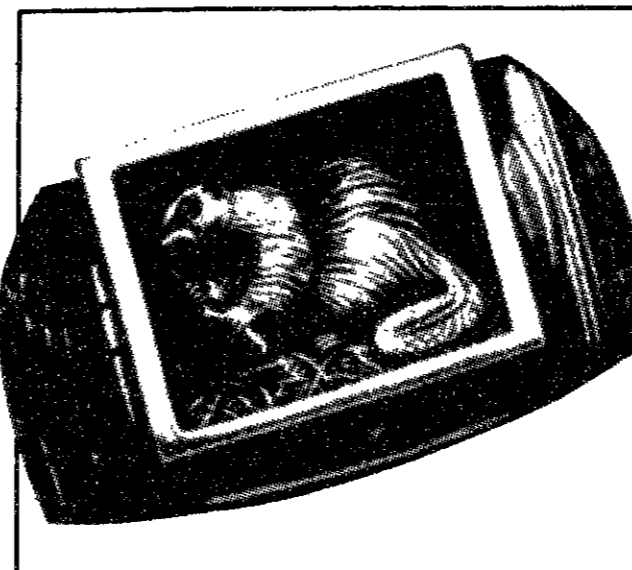
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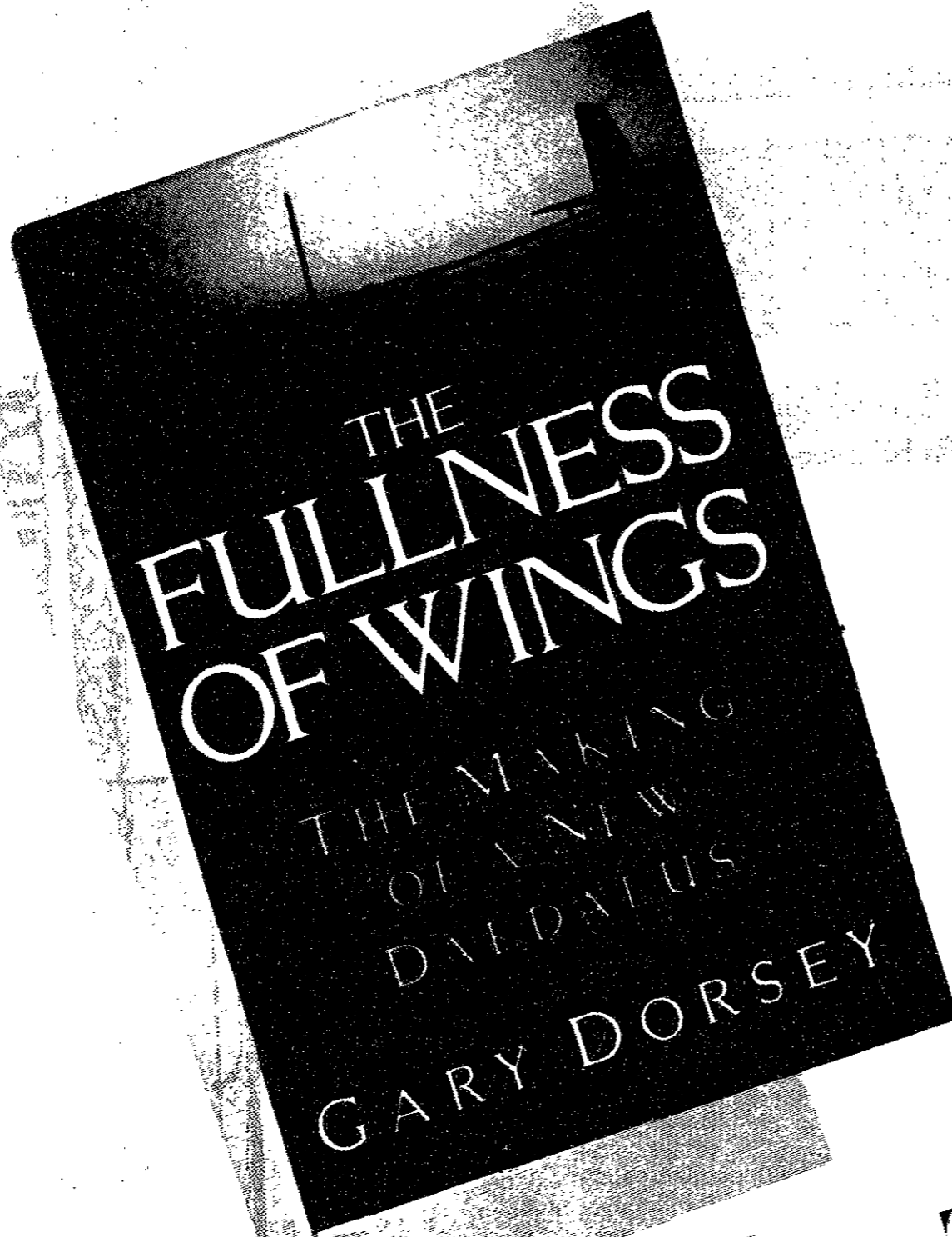
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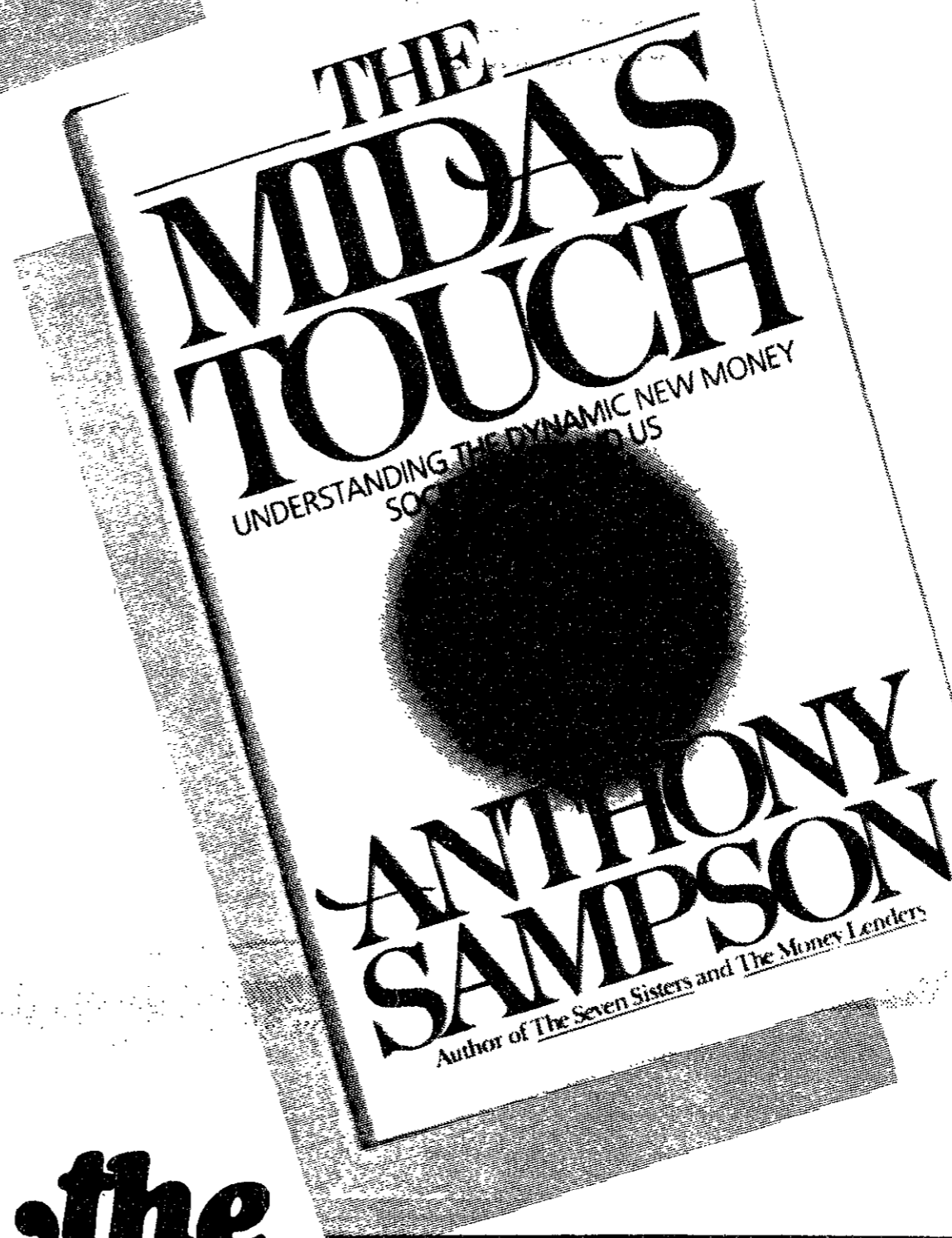


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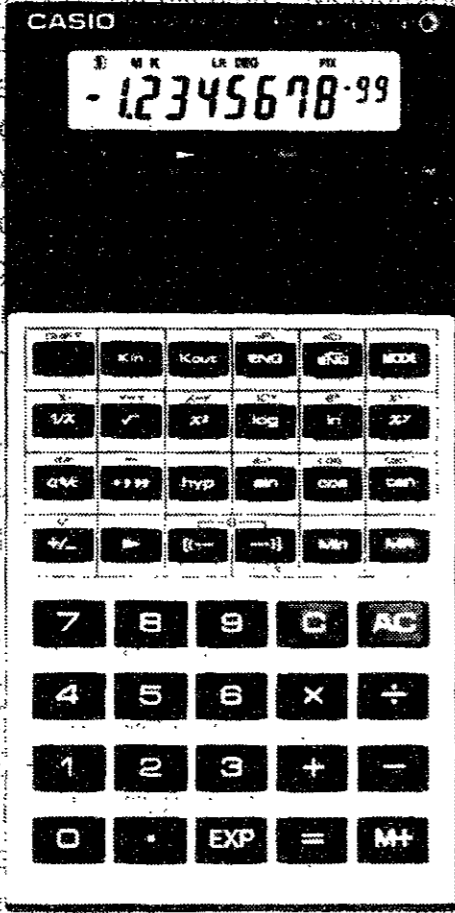
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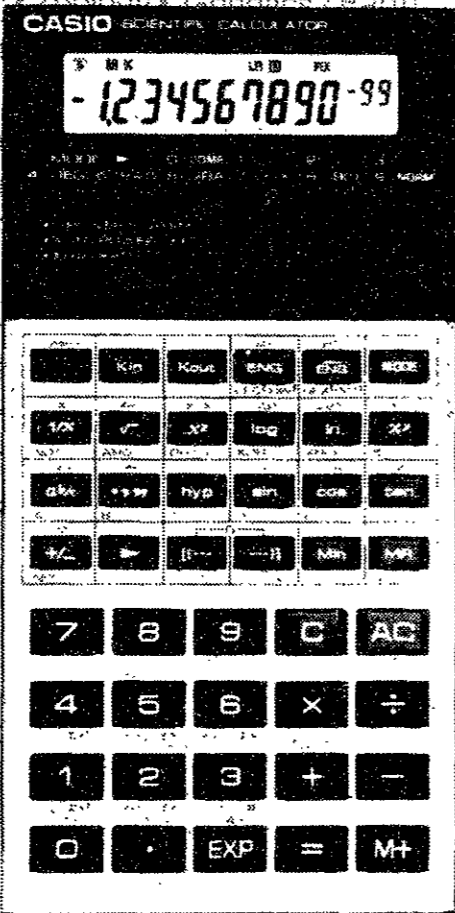
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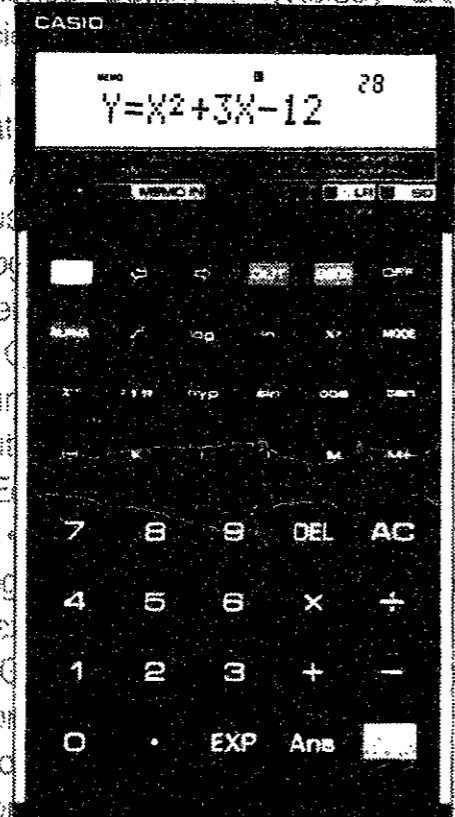
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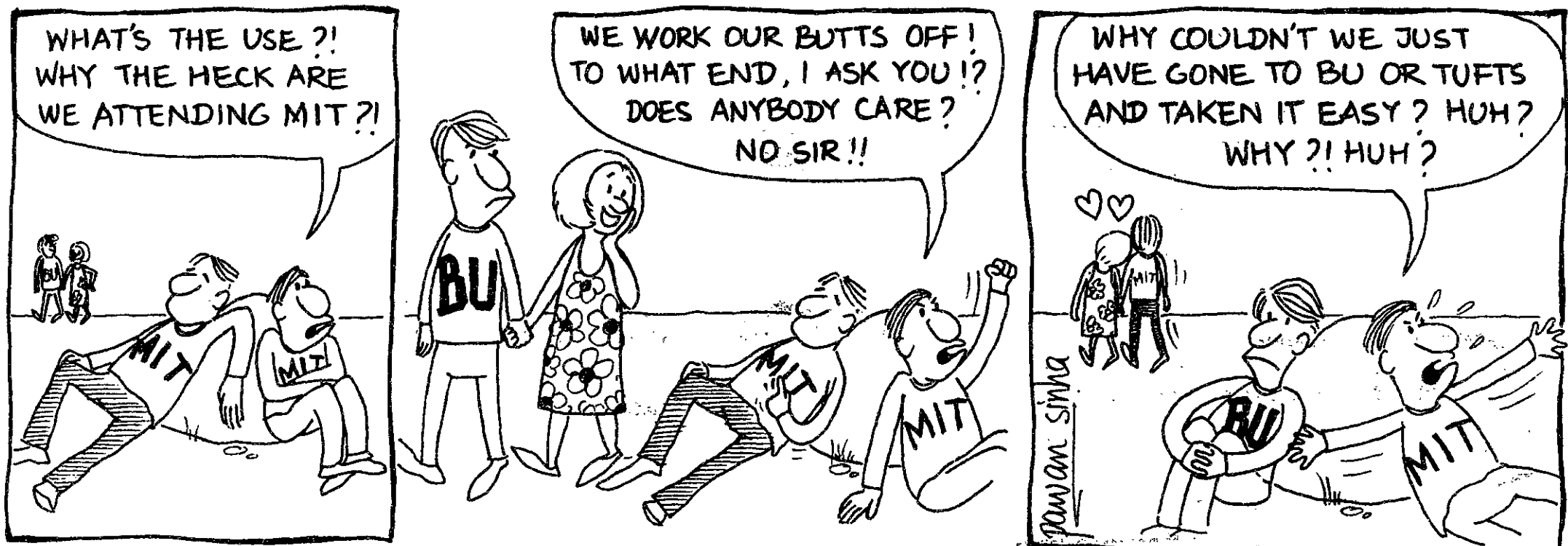
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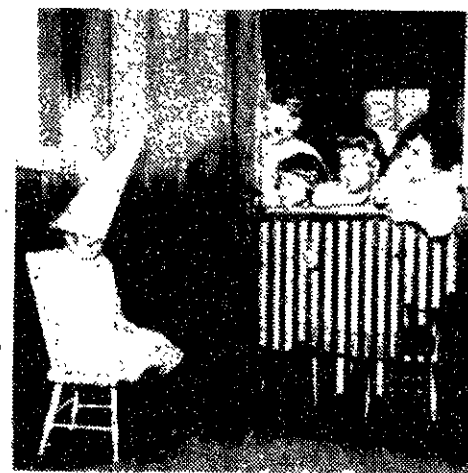
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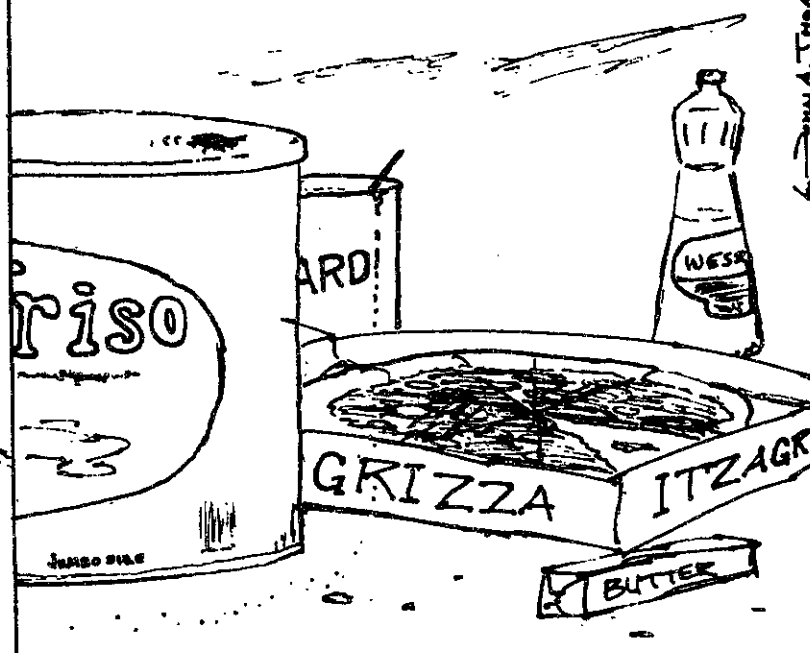
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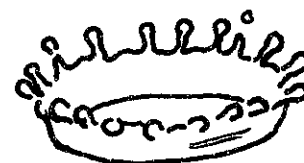
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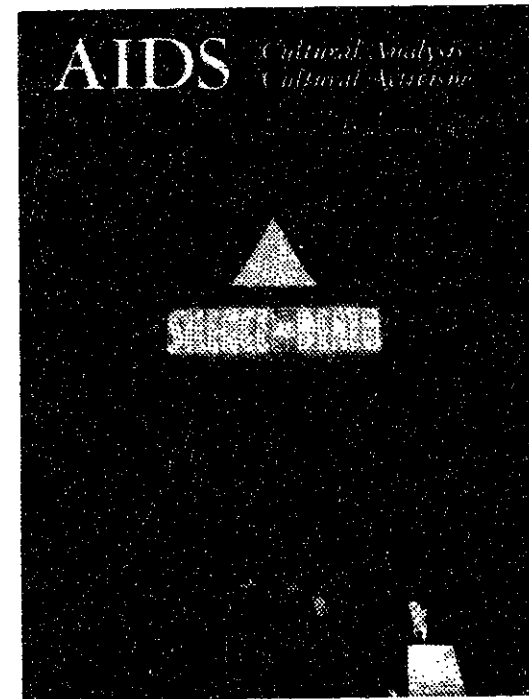
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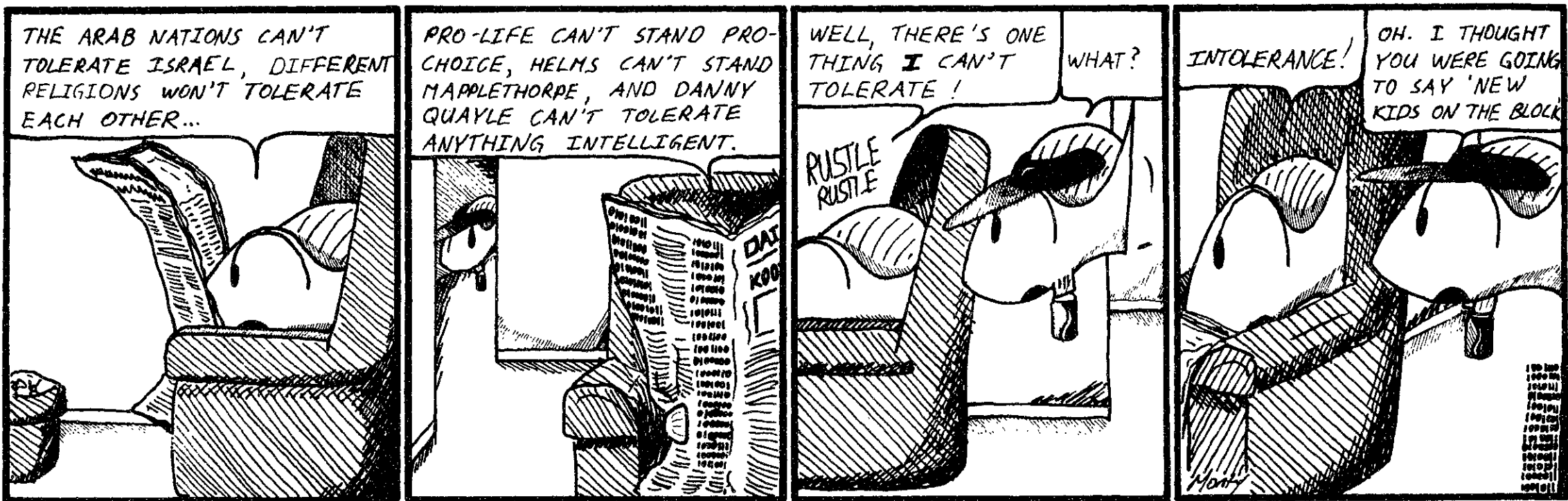
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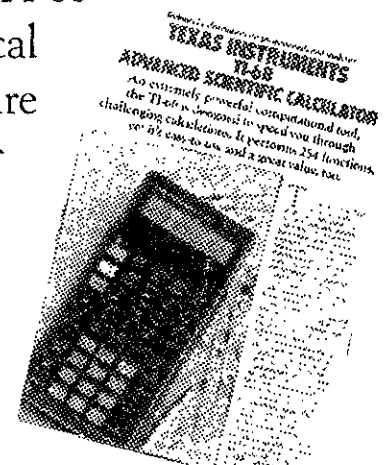
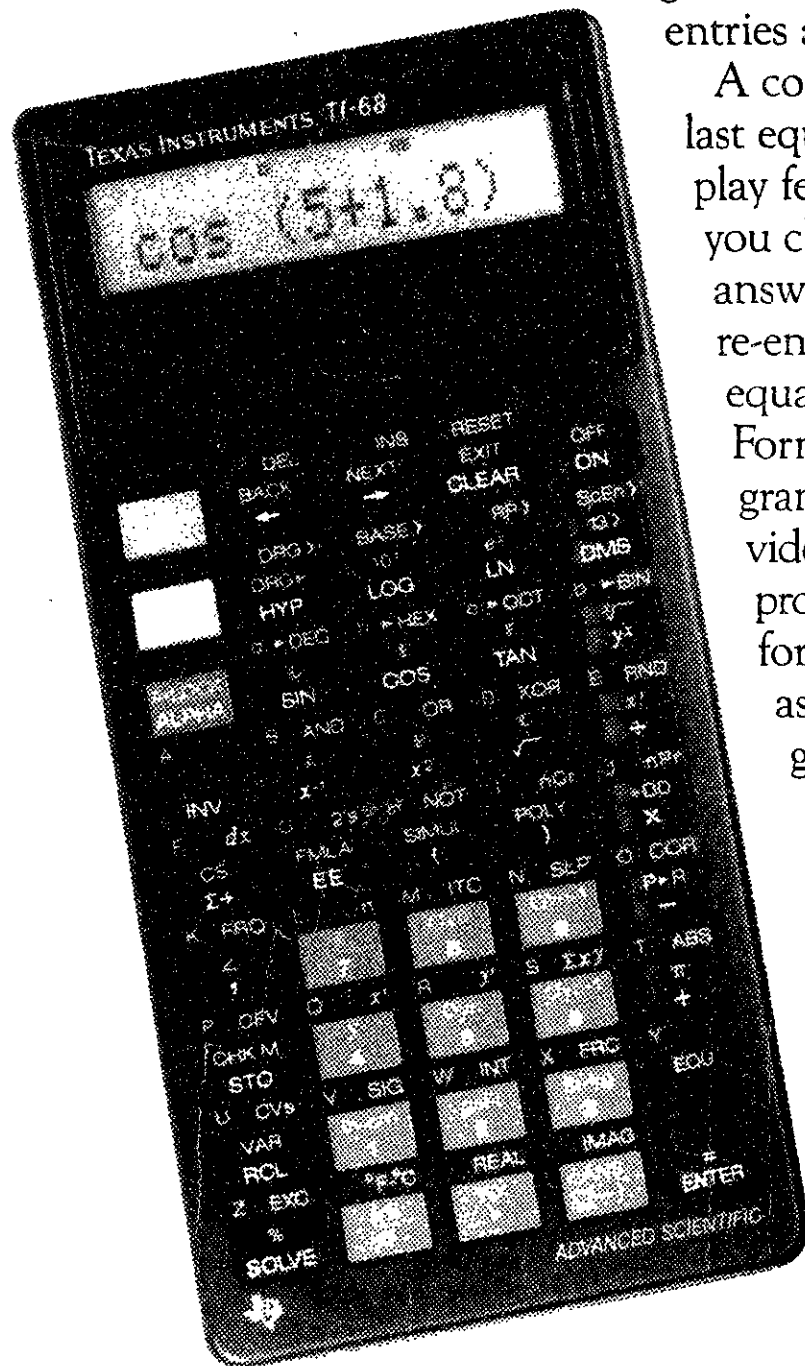
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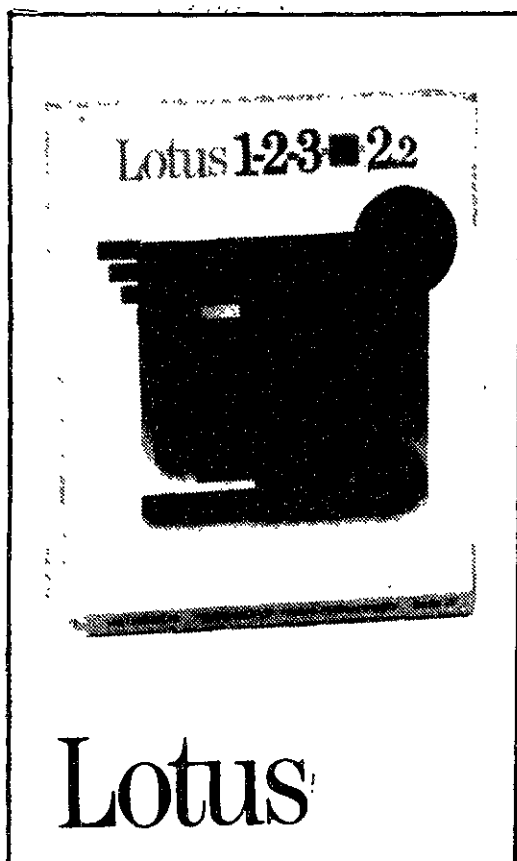
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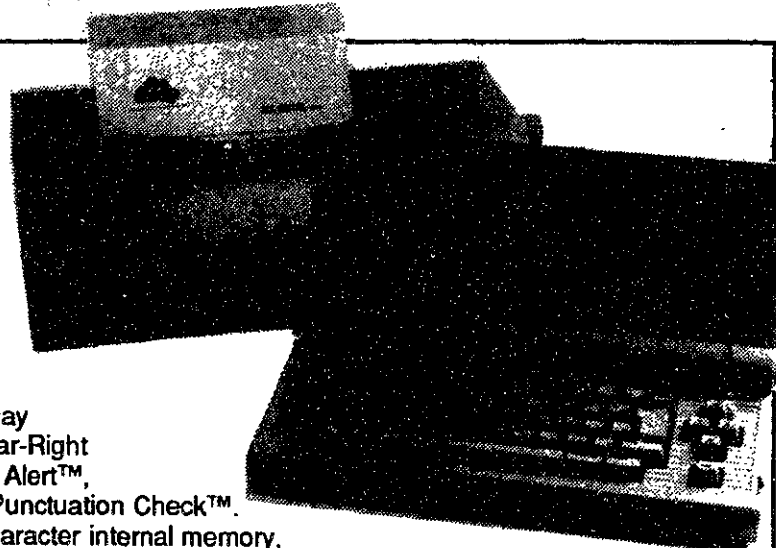
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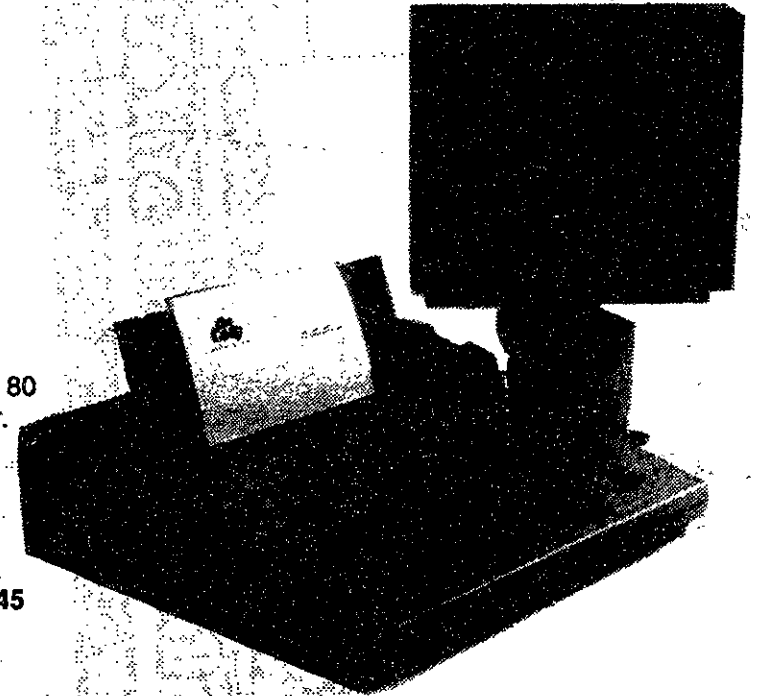


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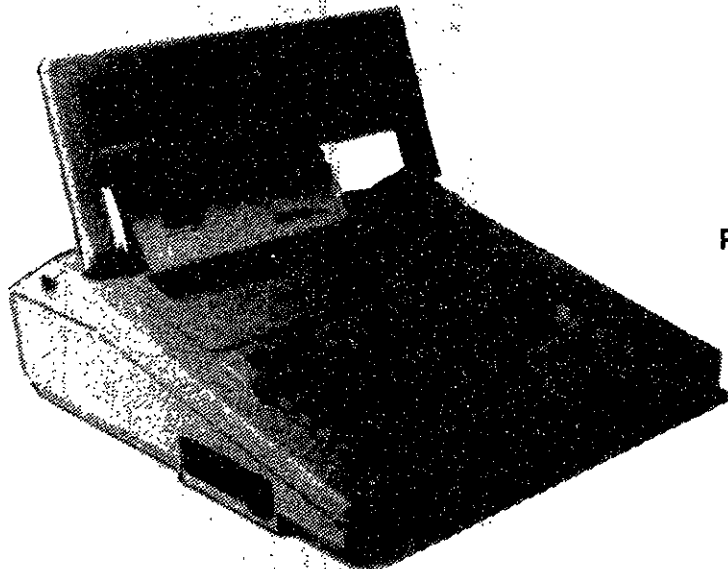
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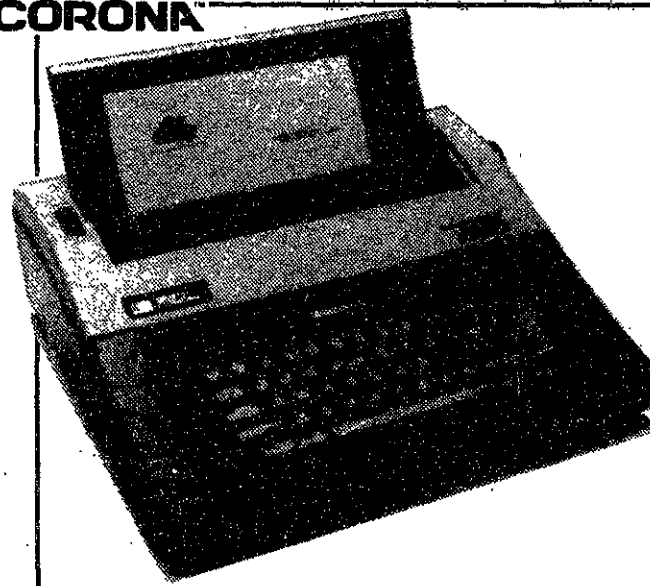
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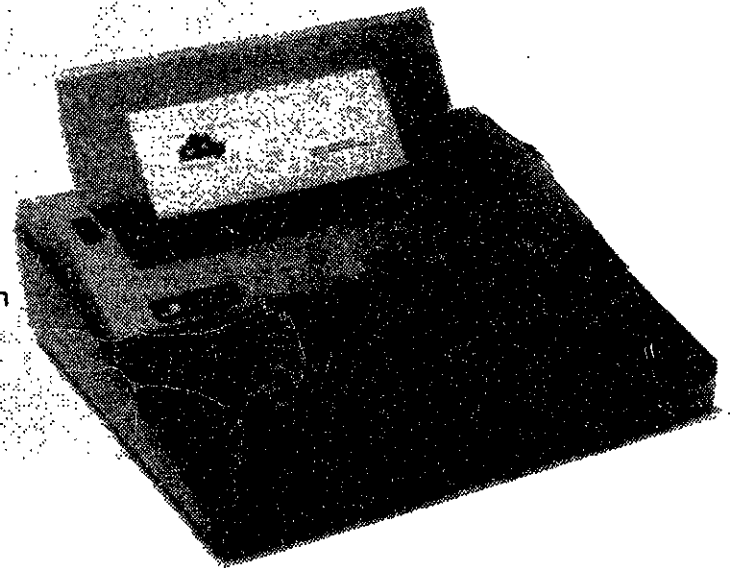
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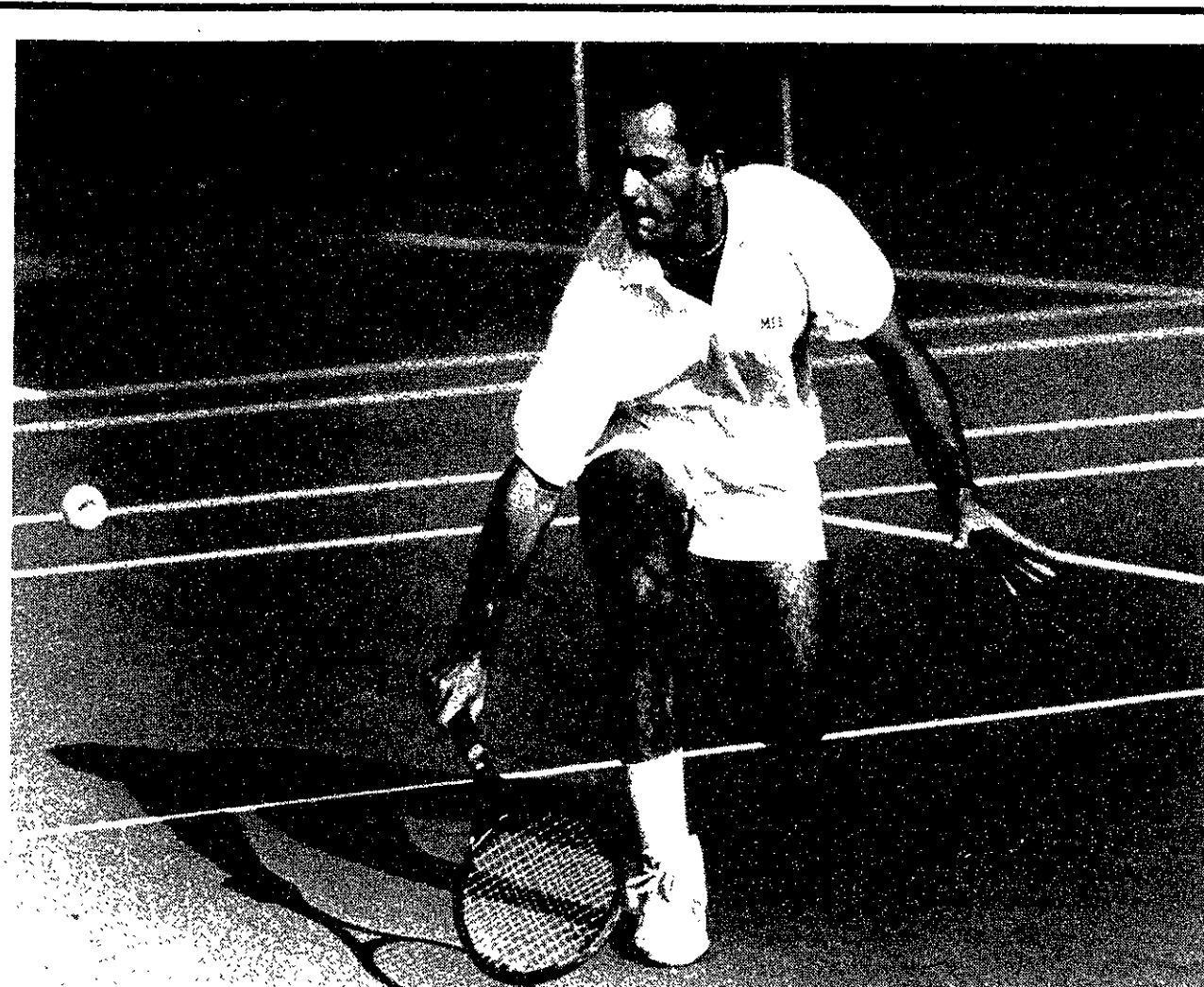
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Alexis Photiades '91 reaches for a shot during yesterday's 8-1 win over Boston University. The victory was MIT's first ever over Division I BU. See Sports Update, page 16.

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William Chu/The Tech
An-Na Liu '91 (#5) makes a dig during Tuesday's volleyball game against Wheaton College. Last night MIT defeated Wellesley College 3-0 (15-9, 17-15, 15-11).

Volleyball overpowers Wellesley College, 3-0

By David Rothstein

The women's volleyball team defeated Wellesley College last evening at duPont Gymnasium, outscoring the visitors, 15-9, 17-15, 15-11. Outstanding setting by senior Debbie Rego, coupled with the hitting of juniors Susie Gardner and Cindy Parrish, were enough to offset the Engineers' generally lackluster passing.

Wellesley lacked the hitting power necessary to overcome MIT, but passed well, particularly in the second game, when MIT temporarily lost its usually strong serving game. The Engineers trailed, 8-14, before making a strong comeback behind senior An-Na Liu's six consecutive points on serve. Wellesley scored again to lead, 15-14, but a Parrish tip, Wellesley error and Parrish service winner brought the 17-15 victory to the Engineers.

Game No. 3 began slowly and was generally conservative, as both teams appeared to be wary of making mistakes on offense. A Gardner kill brought the score to 7-3 in MIT's favor, after which Wellesley coach Sue Daggett called timeout.

Wellesley made a run to tie the game at 7-7, but after that it was all MIT, led by Parrish (hitting, tipping, blocking and playing good center-back defense), Gardner and Rego. A Parrish solo stuff block in the middle gave MIT a 13-9 advantage and forced

Wellesley's second timeout. Kills by sophomore Colleen Johnson and Gardner finished the match.

MIT head coach Karyn Altman '78 — her head a few hairs grayer, courtesy of game No. 2 — praised Wellesley's play in the second game, along with Rego's setting, which overcame "some weak spots on passing."

Wellesley could not solve MIT's serve in the first game, and MIT had ample opportunity to be aggressive on the net, killing overpasses left and right. After building an 11-6 lead, MIT experienced some passing problems of its own, allowing Wellesley to bring the score up to 11-9.

Several points later, Rego blocked a Wellesley shot to put MIT up 14-9, and Liu's service ace ended the first game at 15-9.

Parrish finished the night with 18 kills, hitting at a .441 clip, while Gardner had nine kills.

The win was MIT's third of the season and third against New England Women's Eight Conference teams. Tonight, however, the Engineers face a real challenge when Bates College, ranked first in the most recent New England Division III coaches' poll, visits duPont (7 pm match). The last time Bates lost a regular-season match was in 1988, 50 matches ago.

Tomorrow MIT faces Gordon College at 10 am, followed by Eastern Nazarene College, the team Altman calls the one to beat.

2 games, 2 wins for men's soccer

The men's soccer team is off to its best start in five years. Wednesday's 4-2 win over Worcester Polytechnic Institute ran the Engineers' record to 2-0. Senior forward Marc Bailey scored the game's first goal and later added two assists.

MIT built a two-goal lead at halftime on the goal by Bailey (Chris Kim '94 assist) and one from Stephan Feldgoise '92 (Bailey and Willie Scruggs '92 assists). WPI controlled the first part of the second half, said MIT coach Walter Alessi, and scored two goals to even the score.

Rugby club rebounds

The MIT rugby club came back from a disappointing season-opening loss to the Newport rugby team to score two wins, and bring its record to 2-1. The Engineers first beat the University of Glasgow, 21-15, on Sep. 12, then went on to beat Harvard Business School, 10-0, Sep. 15.

The latest win guarantees that MIT will represent the Northeast Rugby Football Union in the graduate school championships, to be held in the spring in Philadelphia.

Brandeis, 414-429, Monday. . . Women's soccer fought to an overtime, 0-0 tie with New England College Wednesday at Steinbrenner Stadium. . . The



women's volleyball team defeated Wheaton easily Tuesday night, 15-4, 15-4, 15-4, in a New England Women's Eight Conference match.

Scores

The field hockey team is 0-3 after a 2-0 loss to Gordon College Tuesday. . . Golf beat

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Sports Update

Goals by Feldgoise (Bailey assist) and co-captain Hannes Smarason '91 rounded out the scoring for the Engineers.

Women netters beat Worcester Polytechnic

The women's tennis team pushed its record to 2-1 with an 8-1 win over Worcester Polytechnic Institute Wednesday. Fiona Tan '91 was a double winner, beating Kara McCarty (6-0, 6-1) in the No. 1 singles match, and later pairing with her sister, Valerie '94, for a 6-1, 6-1 win in the No. 1 doubles match.

Men's tennis get first win over Boston U.

The men's tennis team recorded a historic win over Boston University yesterday afternoon. The 8-1 win was MIT's first ever over the Division I school from across the river. See photo, p. 15.

Tuesday the Engineers were not so lucky, however. Boston College defeated MIT, 7-2, at MIT. Manish Bhatia '93 beat out BC's Mike Rafferty in the No. 2 singles spot and Alan Walpole '94 won at the No. 4 spot. Senior Alexis Photiades dropped a tough match at the No. 1 singles spot, losing to Bill Power, 2-6, 7-5, 2-6.

Pro Baseball Roundup

The New York Mets lost both games of yesterday's double-header with Montreal, and fell 2½ games behind the Pirates, who beat the Cubs, 11-2. Montreal beat New York, 6-4 in the first game, and 2-0 in the second. The Expos are 4½ games out of first in the National League East, with 13 games left in the regular season.

The American League East was quiet yesterday, as Cleveland visited New York in the only game played. Toronto, which holds a one-game lead over Boston, hosts Cleveland tomorrow, while the Red Sox travel to New York to face the last-placed Yankees. Boston ace Roger Clemens has received the medical go-ahead to return to the rotation. He will pitch against New York on Sunday.

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*Seattle	73	77	.487	22½	L 1
Kansas City	69	80	.463	26	L 2
Minnesota	68	83	.450	28	W 2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST					
	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak
Pittsburgh	86	64	.573	—	W 2
New York	83	66	.557	2½	L 4
Montreal	81	68	.544	4½	W 6
Chicago	71	78	.477	14½	L 2
*Philadelphia	69	79	.466	16	L 2
*St. Louis	66	83	.443	19½	L 4

WEST					
	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak
*Cincinnati	83	65	.561	—	L 2
*Los Angeles	79	70	.530	4½	L 1
San Francisco	77	73	.513	7	W 1
*San Diego	71	77	.480	12	W 5
*Houston	68	81	.456	15½	W 1
*Atlanta	60	90	.400	24	L 1

*last night's game not included

Upcoming Home Events

Friday, September 23

7:00 Women's Volleyball vs. Bates

Saturday, September 22

10:00 Women's Volleyball vs. Gordon, ENC
11:30 Golf vs. Merrimack
1:00 Women's Soccer vs. Wheaton
1:00 Men's Tennis vs. SUNY-Binghamton

Sunday, September 23

TBA Freshman Sailing @ MIT Invitational

Monday, September 24

3:30 Field Hockey vs. Anna Maria