

ARA not invited back Maguire: board plan, contract will change

By Prabhat Mehta

MIT will not invite its current food service contractor, ARA, back after its five-year contract expires at the end of the current academic year, Director of Housing and Food Services Lawrence E. Maguire announced yesterday. "It's time to change the MIT Board Plan and integrate it with a new profit and loss food service contract to produce a food service system that can work at MIT," Maguire wrote in a letter addressed to Undergraduate Association Committee on Food Services Chair Paul L. Antico '91.

The decision to seek outside bids for the next contract comes after almost a year of deliberation by Antico's committee and private meetings between Antico and Maguire, and marks a major change in the way MIT will handle its food services.

In an interview yesterday, Maguire said MIT will no longer

bear the losses of its outside contractor, and will instead devise a profit-loss scheme allowing the contractor to take in profits while assuming the risk of bearing losses as well.

Under the current system, ARA has provided food service without bearing any cost risk. This has resulted in million-dollar losses in every one of the four years ARA has been here. Last year's losses have been estimated at over \$1.8 million, an all-time high.

ARA was the first outside contractor in recent years. Before the 1986-87 school year, MIT operated food services itself. Annual losses in the four years preceding ARA were stable at slightly under \$600,000.

Preliminary proposal would require meal plans

In a preliminary proposal for a new board plan, Associate Director of Food Services John T.

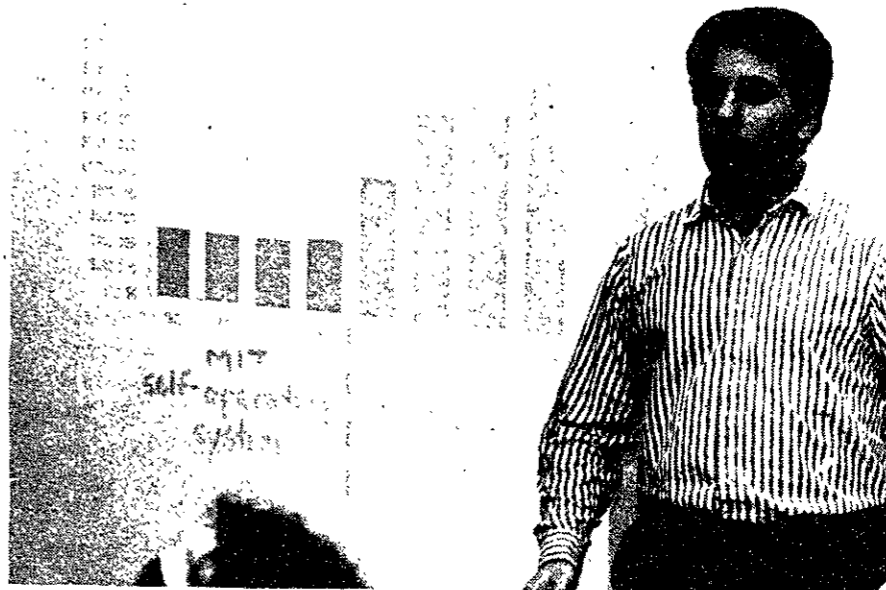
McNeill recommended all undergraduates residing in Institute dormitories be eventually required to take on meal plans of the magnitude of the current minimum house plans. Currently, only students living in dormitories with cafeterias are required to subscribe to a house plan.

McNeill's proposal also calls for price increases of 25 percent next year and 15 percent over the following three academic years. Next year's minimum plan, which all freshmen in dormitories would have to take in either a "meals per week" or declining balance scheme, would cost \$1835.

The proposal would grandfather all current students, and would therefore require four years to fully implement. Figures provided in the proposal predict declining losses until the fifth year, when a small profit may be realized.

Antico called McNeill's proposal a "Tinker Toy," which would now have to be "molded and reformed" by students and administrators to take into account financial constraints and student demands.

According to Maguire and



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Paul L. Antico '91 compares the losses incurred by ARA and MIT over the past eight years at last night's Undergraduate Association Council meeting.

Antico, the housing and food services office will now work with the UA food services committee to devise a new board plan by late February of next year. Once that is completed and the contract is drawn, bids will be taken from any interested caterer, including ARA.

A committee formed of three students (two undergraduates and one graduate student), three administrators and a representative from the housing and food services will then advise Maguire on

which bid to take.

Student response to the preliminary proposal has already been profuse. Many students attended yesterday's UA Council meeting to discuss the plan with Antico after reading rumors over Project Athena early yesterday morning about a mandatory, minimum meal plan. Antico said the UA received 125 e-mail messages yesterday criticizing the idea of mandatory meal plan. [See story on UA Council meeting, page 2.]

ODSA expels Kang

By Dave Watt

Thomas S. Kang '91, who was convicted of assault and battery charges in mid-October, has been expelled from MIT. Kang was told of MIT's decision yesterday at a meeting with Associate Dean for Student Affairs James R. Tewhey.

Kang faces up to six months in prison resulting from an attack on a Lesley College woman at a Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji) fraternity party on July 15. He will be sentenced in mid-January, following mandatory in-patient psychiatric evaluation over the winter holiday.

Despite his expulsion, Kang remains a brother at Delta Upsilon, and the Interfraternity Council has taken no action against him. According to Ariel Warszawski '90, IFC Judicial Committee chair, the IFC has no jurisdiction in taking actions against individuals in fraternities, but only against living groups as a whole, or individuals representing their living groups.

Kang could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Saying that his feelings and those of Kang's fraternity brothers were "too complicated to put into a few words," DU President Joseph J. Berghammer '91 declined to comment.

Further legal action is possible. MIT and the DU and Fiji fraternities are all vulnerable to civil suits resulting from the attack. It is unknown whether such lawsuits are forthcoming. "It has been discussed but no decision has been reached," said the fa-



Tech file photo
Thomas S. Kang '91
brother of the woman involved in the July 15 incident.

ODSA requested Kang's expulsion

Students can be expelled by two paths, either through a request from the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs, or through a formal hearing with the Committee on Discipline. According to Tewhey, the COD did not hear Kang's case, but the chair of the COD, Sheila E. Widnall '60, was contacted.

An expulsion request by the ODSA must be approved by the president before it can be carried out. President Charles M. Vest has seen the details of the case, Tewhey acknowledged.

However, many of the details of the discussions between Tewhey and Kang are considered educational records, and are therefore confidential by law. Tewhey declined comment on any discussion of the substance of his meetings with Kang.

Tewhey said it might be possible that Kang would be permitted

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Halperin receives death threats

By Jeremy Hylton

David M. Halperin, professor of literature and faculty advisor to Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, and Friends at MIT (GAMIT), received death threats last weekend apparently in connection with his involvement in gay and lesbian issues. An anonymous male caller made a series of six threatening phone calls on the afternoon of Saturday, Nov. 25.

The calls, left in Halperin's voice mailbox, referred to Halperin's sexual orientation and used many obscenities. "When Monday comes I'm gonna kill you, so you better not show up to this school," was one of the few publishable things the caller said. At one point he also said,

"I hope all of your family dies."

At the same time a caller, identifying himself as John, left two messages asking for information about the "gay and lesbian association." He left a different phone number in each message. Both numbers were identified as Burton-Conner dormitory room phones. The students at these numbers, however, are not believed to be involved.

Halperin believes that the messages left by "John" were from the same person who made the threatening phone calls. "It certainly sounds like the same person," Halperin said. In both one of the threatening messages and one of John's calls, the word "association" was mispronounced as

"cessation."

Two of the threatening calls also began in Spanish. "It was fashionably bilingual," Halperin said.

The Campus Police are investigating the incident. Detective David P. Diamond, who is in charge of the investigation, declined to comment on the case. Halperin also contacted the Cambridge police, but they will not carry out an investigation unless asked to do so by MIT, he said.

The threats have had little effect on Halperin's daily schedule. He has not received any more calls, and the threats have not been acted on. "The police say I should not take it lightly. I

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Faculty examine harassment report

By Andrea Lambert

Members of the faculty responded to the Report of the MIT Committee on Sexual Harassment at the faculty meeting Wednesday. The report, completed Oct. 1, has received a positive response, according to the committee chair, Associate Provost Samuel J. Keyser, but has drawn some criticism as well.

The faculty also modified the definition of a "P" grade to reflect performance done at any of

the levels of an A, B, or C grade, according to the approved amendment, whenever the use of a "P" is authorized.

Also at the meeting, Provost Mark S. Wrighton led a discussion of a future MIT policy regarding National Science Foundation fellows, which will be completed early next year.

Keyser explained the process which led to the final report on sexual harassment. In the report, the committee proposes a revised Institute policy on harassment, and makes recommendations for related policies, the education and prevention of harassment, and procedures for dealing with instances of sexual harassment.

The committee was appointed by former Provost John M. Deutch '61 about one year ago, according to Professor of Economics Ann F. Friedlaender PhD '64, a committee member. The committee was formed in part due to "the widely held view . . . [that] the number and severity of incidents [of sexual harassment] were increasing," she said.

The committee was charged with strengthening the Institute's policy on harassment, establishing outlines for prevention and awareness within the community,

and proposing steps to reduce the occurrence of sexual harassment on campus.

One week after the report came out, Deutch suggested that the proposal for a revised harassment policy be incorporated into the Institute's policies and procedures, and that the definition of sexual harassment be included in the basic rules and regulations of MIT-approved living groups.

Some of the report's recommendations, Keyser said, have already been assigned to various administrators.

Concerns about freedom of speech, due process

At the meeting, Keyser and Friedlaender provided background information not explicitly included in the report, including statistics and some of the obstacles they encountered while working on the report.

For example, the committee found that prior to last year, serious statistics on sexual harassment were not kept — except by the ombudspersons on campus. They had recorded "very careful" statistics, Keyser said, but those could not be made public. The result was a "statistics gap," be-

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UAC, faculty try to retain psychology

By Karen Kaplan

Members of the faculty and student body are working on proposals to create a new program in psychology within the School of Humanities and Social Science. The proposals are likely to suggest hiring Associate Professor of Psychology Jeremy M. Wolfe PhD '81, who was denied tenure by the Whitaker College of Health Sciences and Technology in the spring, as the program's administrator.

The proposals originated in the steering committee of the current psychology program, which has

no official faculty. One of the main goals of the proposals is to make the psychology program "official enough so that I could be hired in it," said Wolfe, who added that he would be interested in leading a new program in psychology.

According to Professor of Brain and Cognitive Sciences Susan Carey, a key member of the steering committee, the purpose of the proposals is broader than just trying to retain Wolfe.

Carey is planning to lobby both President Charles M. Vest and Provost Mark S. Wrighton about creating a permanent

psychology program in the near future. She said it is important that a proposal have widespread support throughout the Institute.

Wolfe and various students have pointed out that Vest and Wrighton "have given long-winded speeches about how the human element in science is vital in education."

"To the extent that they believe their rhetoric, they should support a psychology program," Wolfe said.

Many people involved with the current program are concerned that if Wolfe leaves MIT, the pro-

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UA examines HASS-Ds, Medical Dept

SCEP calls for HASS changes

By Katherine Shim

In a preliminary report released on Tuesday, the Undergraduate Association Student Committee on Educational Policy recommends four major revisions to the current Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences program.

These changes would include revising the prescribed nature of HASS-D courses, eliminating the Phase I writing test, leaving the administration of HASS-D final exams up to the discretion of the professor, and requiring that one Context subject be taken.

"It was the feeling of SCEP that MIT students really had no general base of knowledge," said Alejandro Solis de la Tejera '92, chairman of SCEP. "Many of the subjects offered under the five HASS-D categories are really too narrow. Such courses as 'Shakespeare,' 'Playwriting,' and 'Mythic and Folk Motifs in Russian Literature,' are all great courses, but they don't serve as good introductions to their fields."

"What we envisioned was some type of general base of humanities knowledge similar to the 18.01, 8.01, 3.091 requirement," Solis continued.

For this reason, the SCEP report, titled *Recommendations for Changes in the HASS Program*, advocates the removal of all narrowly focused courses from the five HASS-D categories and the addition of more "introductory" courses. Students would be required to take two of these introductory classes in their freshman year.

These fundamental courses would further serve as the classes in which basic writing skills would be taught, replacing the need for the Phase I writing requirement.

"At best, the concept of evaluating a student's writing through a test seems redundant," reads the report. "Good writers fail and bad writers slip through. In addition, a paper can be submitted and resubmitted until it achieves a passing grade. In fact, a paper can be taken to the writing office, where it will be corrected."

The report further recommended that the stipulation that all HASS-D classes have finals be lifted, with the decision of whether or not to administer finals left to the professor. The report emphasized widespread discontent over HASS-D finals and stressed that they should be administered only as an "educational tool."

Finally, the SCEP report recommended that one of the eight required humanities courses be a Context subject.

Work on the SCEP report was triggered by the academic calendar changes proposed during the spring term.

"We looked into why these changes were made," said Solis, "and we found that it was largely because of the huge increase in conflict exams, resulting from HASS-D finals. Then we began to look into the whole humanities problem further."

SCEP drafted its preliminary report with student input from its SCEP hotline on Athena and will continue to solicit student and faculty comments. A final report will be released during the spring term.

HASS-D Overview Committee to reevaluate humanities

The HASS-D Overview Committee, established at the same time that the HASS-D program was first instituted in 1986 to



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Alejandro Solis de la Tejera '92

annually renew the HASS-D curriculum, has been charged by the Committee on Undergraduate Performance to reevaluate the entire HASS-D system this year, said Ruth Spear, coordinator of the HASS Information Office.

"Both the final exam and the mechanical requirement of 25 pages of writing for a HASS-D class are issues that are being reconsidered," Spear said. "We are also looking at the five categories to see if they too need changes."

The overview committee will report its findings to the CUP in the spring, according to Spear.

The overview committee is comprised of five subcommittees, one for each HASS-D category (Literary and Textual Studies; Language, Thought, and Value; the Arts; Cultures and Societies; Historical Studies). The chairperson from each subcommittee sits on the overview committee, along with Philip S. Khoury, acting Dean of Humanities and Social Science, and one student member.

Khoury could not be reached for comment on the SCEP report, but Harriet N. Ritvo, associate professor in the Writing Program and member of the overview committee said, "The SCEP report comes at an opportune time and certainly will be considered by the overview committee."

UA, GSC compile medical survey

By Dave Watt

A report released by the Graduate Student Council Housing and Community Affairs Committee (HCA) and Undergraduate Association Ad Hoc Committee on Medical Services on Nov. 27 says students are generally satisfied with MIT medical services, but contains several recommendations for improving both access and quality of care.

The report, titled *Student Evaluation of MIT Medical Department and Medical Services*, is based on a survey distributed on Registration Day in September and filled out by over 1300 students, over 800 of whom were graduate students. It represents the largest survey of student satisfaction with the health service in over a decade, according to Linda L. Rounds, executive director of the MIT Medical Department.

Medical Department officials said the survey will be used as a means to improve health care and insurance coverage for students.

The report's suggestions will be studied by several committees of Medical Department senior staff, according to Arnold N. Weinberg, medical director and head of the MIT Medical Department.

Weinberg suggested that the survey might lead to more evening hours and more dental services. He also felt that communication between the medical center and students should improve.

Weinberg said that assigning each student to a particular physician had not served to improve their awareness of the services available. "Student assignment to a physician has failed miserably for a majority of students. What I'd hoped was that a student would get more of a feeling for

organizing their own health care," he said.

Many students do not know about or use many health services, according to the GSC-UA report. For instance, 84 percent of respondents to the survey did not know about the patient advocate, whose job it is to help students in disputes or problems with the Medical Department.

Report is mostly numbers, anecdotes

Most of the report consists of a compilation of student comments, and two pages summarizing the total statistics on all of the questions answered. Much of the statistical data was inconclusive, leading the committee members to base the majority of their recommendations on student comments.

The graduate students who worked on the report said they are happy with it. "It's clear that people listen to you when they see statistics," said Olof C. Hellman G, chair of the HCA. "We've made our case real by backing it up with real voices of real students."

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Erratum

Last week's story on the Interfraternity Council elections incorrectly stated that Holly L. Simpson '92 will become the first woman IFC president [IFC elects its first woman president, Nov. 20]. Although she was elected president, she will not be the first woman to serve that post.

UA discusses food service

By Reuven M. Lerner

The Undergraduate Association Council heard about proposed changes in campus food services at its biweekly meeting last night.

The council also discussed a report on Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences requirements and on medical services available to students. They additionally passed a bill requiring student activities to register with the UA every semester, and several constitutional amendments affecting committee structure and elections procedures.

The council was generally critical of the food service proposals, which were outlined yesterday by Director of Housing and Food Services Lawrence E. Maguire in a letter to UA Food Committee Chair Paul L. Antico '91. [See story on changes in MIT food services, page 1.]

The most common complaints were about a proposed increase of 25 percent in mandatory meal plans, and the possible inclusion of all dormitory residents in a mandatory meal plan.

Christine M. Coffey '93 noted that some students lived in dormitories without meal plans in order to save money, and that forcing them to pay for expensive food was unfair. "Although you might think that financial aid will take on the burden should this required meal plan come into effect, it is not going to shoulder the burden to the extent that is necessary," she said.

She added that "You might notice that it [the mandatory minimum balance] is awfully close to the rent, and I don't think that food is usually the same as what you pay for rent." This comment was met with tremendous applause from the council.

Coffey was echoed by a resident of German House who said that he had spent less than \$50 at student dining halls this semester. He added that residents of language houses often cooked five or six dinners each week instead of using the cafeterias on campus.

Council member Brian Katz '91 asked, "What is the point of having a kitchen in every suite if

it's not going to be used?"

Some council members also thought that forcing freshmen to pay more for their meal plans was unfair. Antico explained that this was a common practice at many other universities, and that it offered students a bit more "guidance" during their first year.

The idea of a tiered system seemed to meet with widespread approval, although council members were divided on who should be made to pay what price.

UA Vice President Colleen Schwingel, who proposed the tiered system, explained that "Some system where not everybody is required to pay the bulk amount, especially [in] those dorms with facilities for cooking, would help to meet those needs of reducing the deficit but not putting the burden on every student across the board."

Nearly 50 students who were not members of the council came to the meeting in order to hear the proposed changes. Many of them had received messages on Project Athena that said all stu-



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UA Vice President Colleen M. Schwingel '92 and UA President Manish Bapna '91

dents would have a mandatory meal plan, beginning next year. Antico said that he received 125 pieces of electronic mail on the subject, most of it based on rumor.

Antico concluded by saying that the Food Services committee would continue to meet through February, and that a final proposal could be expected by Feb. 20.

SCEP presents HASS report
Also discussed at the meeting

was a draft copy of the SCEP report *Recommendations for Changes in the HASS Program*. [See story on the SCEP HASS report, page 2.]

SCEP Chairman Alejandro Solis de la Tejera '92 and Secretary Barbara M. Brady '93 described the report's primary recommendations, including major changes in the structure of the HASS-D requirement.

All undergraduates, beginning with the Class of 1992, must take at least three HASS-D subjects as
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and *Newsweek* all call for information

news roundup

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World

United Nations sets Jan. 15 deadline for Iraqi withdrawal

The United Nations Security Council yesterday voted 12-2 in favor of a resolution authorizing the council to "use all necessary means" to free Kuwait if Iraq does not withdraw by Jan. 15. The vote marks the second time in UN history that the council has sanctioned force to counter aggression. The first was during the Korean War.

President George Bush hailed the decision as a "strong and powerful statement" to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to get out of Kuwait.

Cuba and Yemen voted against the resolution, saying the council was rushing toward war without giving economic sanctions a chance to work. China abstained, saying they could condone neither violence nor Iraq's actions.

Only nine votes were needed to pass the resolution, but China, as one of the council's five permanent members, could have vetoed the measure.

The resolution demands Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait, the release of all foreign hostages, and the restoration of Kuwait's government.

Hussein says Iraq is ready for war

Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein said that, if war comes, he is ready — and that the United States will lose. He said Iraq is "determined not to kneel down to injustice." He says the United States apparently thinks a Gulf fight will be as easy as a "Rambo" movie. But Hussein said this will not be a movie, and it will not be a quick victory. He said Iraqis will "fight on in a way which will make all Arabs and Moslems proud." He told Baghdad Radio that Iraq can shoot down America's high-tech Stealth aircraft.

WHO makes AIDS predictions

The World Health Organization said that, in the future, three out of four AIDS virus infections will come from heterosexual contact. The international agency said infections of women will rise sharply over the next 10 years. Scientists say it is easier for a man to give a woman the virus than it is for a woman to give it to a man.

Bulgarian government topples

Bulgarian Premier Andrei Lukanov resigned yesterday, saying there was no way he could carry out his economic reform program. Lukanov's government had been under strong pressure from labor and political opponents. No replacement for Lukanov has been named.

Soviets to receive help with food shortages

A Berlin official said the Soviet Union will receive food that West Berliners had squirreled away in case the Kremlin attempted a repeat of the blockade that took place in 1948 and 1949. The German Red Cross is planning to airlift 37 tons of supplies to help fight Soviet food frustration.

Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev said he has worked out agreements with three republics to send dairy products to Moscow and Leningrad, where they are scarce.

Russian parliament defeats treaty

Allies of Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev tried yesterday to push his proposed new union treaty through the Russian Congress. The effort failed when Russian reformers argued that the proposed treaty should be discussed thoroughly by the public before lawmakers vote on it.

If the treaty had been adopted by Russia — the largest of the Soviet Union's 15 republics — it would have been a tremendous victory for Gorbachev and his effort to hold the country together. It also would have been a defeat for Russia's president, Boris Yeltsin, and others who want to slash the central government's power.

Yeltsin said earlier this month that Russia would not sign the treaty unless it assures the Republic's "real sovereignty."

Nation

Economists say US is in recession

Three-quarters of the nation's top economic forecasters say the United States is in a recession. Two-thirds of the forecasters surveyed by the National Association of Business Economists say it is mild, and should end by April. Just one year ago, 62 percent of the economists polled said the economy would escape a recession through 1992.

The turning point for predictions seems to be the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait in August. Right after that, 45 percent of the forecasters said a recession either had begun or was imminent. The survey also predicted that inflation will drop from 5.5 percent to 5.2 percent.

White House opposes special session of Congress

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said that while President George Bush remains open to the idea, he is reluctant to call Congress back to discuss the Persian Gulf crisis.

Fitzwater also countered critics who say the administration erred in sending more troops into the gulf region. He says the buildup is vital to maintain an offensive capability, if it is needed.

Trade deficit increases

The Commerce Department said the United States' trade deficit swelled to nearly \$30 billion in the third quarter. That is the highest imbalance in a year, and it is blamed mostly on the Persian Gulf crisis. The government also said the demand for American farm products was off.

The new figure represents a 29 percent increase over the second quarter, which showed the lowest trade deficit in more than six years.

Bush signs bills on immigration and aid to the homeless

President George Bush is opening America's doors a little wider for immigrants. He signed a bill that lets in hundreds of thousands more people. Many will be related to people already here, and others will have skills that America's economy needs. Immigration activists find things they like and dislike. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is glad the bill reverses a bar on homosexual immigrants, but it is uncomfortable with a provision that would let Bush keep out people with AIDS.

Bush also signed a measure calling for \$2 billion for programs that incorporate housing with health and counseling services. Bush said the bill recognizes that the homeless often have needs that go beyond housing assistance.

Local

Dukakis opposed to MBTA fare hike

Governor Michael S. Dukakis said he is troubled by a proposed 15 cent increase in the price of a subway token. He urged the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority Advisory Board to reject the proposal at its meeting today. The governor said transit ridership is growing and that a fare increase would steer commuters away from public transportation at a critical time.

The Advisory Board Finance Committee has recommended a budget package that would cut back some service. The basic subway fare would go from 75 to 90 cents. Bus fares would increase to 60 cents, a 10 cent increase. The package would require elderly and disabled passengers to pay half-price instead of the current dime fare.

Any fare increases must be approved by the full advisory board.

Weather

Fall is back

A cold front moving slowly eastward will allow a high pressure system to build over our area during Friday and Saturday. The seasonal temperatures in its wake may seem quite cold after the record highs of the past few days. Winds, gradually turning west and southwest, will warm us up on Saturday before cooler weather returns once again late in the weekend. They will be followed by yet another cold front that is expected to pass with only light and scattered precipitation.

Friday: Mostly sunny and cold with strong northwesterly winds, gusting to 15-25 mph (24-40 kph). High around 42°F (6°C).

Friday night: Clear; winds diminishing. Low around 32°F (0°C) in the city and in the mid to high 20s (-3°-(-1°C)) in the suburbs.

Saturday: Sunny and milder with west to southwest winds 5-15 mph (8-24 kph). Highs in the low to mid 50s (10°-13°C).

Saturday night: Clear and cold, with calm conditions. Lows will be mainly in the mid to high 20s (-3°-(-1°C)), around 30°F (-1°C) in the city.

Sunday: Some clouds early, fair later with highs in the seasonable 40s (5°-9°C).

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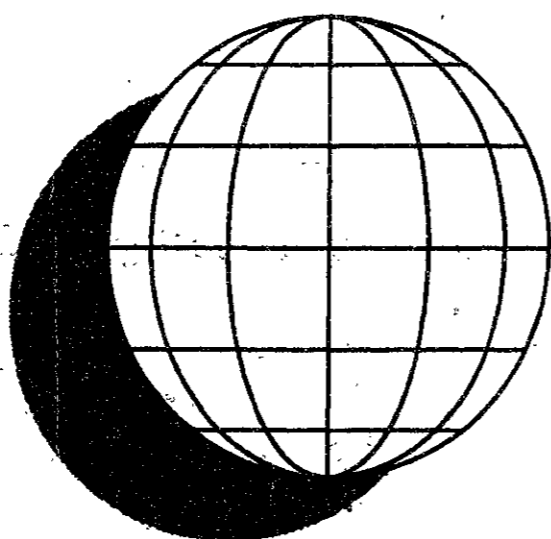
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US-Britain ties are secure

Column by Matthew H. Hersch

While watching someone blow his nose rather offensively yesterday, I could not help noticing that many wise writers, respectable intellectuals, renowned scholars, and politicians were beginning to doubt the future of the special diplomatic relationship which exists between the United States and Great Britain. Many are viewing the end of Margaret Thatcher's 11-year stint as prime minister of Great Britain as the end of a period of closeness between the little old island and her overgrown child. This saddens me.

The United States' alliance with Britain during World War II and its aftermath seemed natural enough — the two states are linked by culture and mutual security interests which made them ideal friends. Throughout the Cold War, Great Britain was a first line of defense against the Soviet threat (if not a tripwire for a nuclear nation willing to go to war for its trusted Old World friend and partner).

Now, it seems, with the partial subsiding of the Soviet threat, many are doubting the need for the close political and economic ties between the two nations. On the contrary, now, with the world entering an era of instability unknown since 1914, we need the special relationship more than ever.

Before Eastern Europe fell apart last year, EuroChristians had been working feverishly to secure the unification of the Western European nations of the European Community into a utopian free trade zone by 1992, eliminating tariffs and other nastiness among member nations. With newly liberated Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, and a host of other nations now screaming Smith instead of mumbling Marx, EC plans are bound to become muddled, but will remain important on the European agenda. A year after the fall of Eastern Europe, plans for a European central bank, common currency, and free trade zone remain intact, despite endless argumentation between interested parties. Remaining close to Great Britain, the most stable nation in Europe as well as our closest historical ally, will be crucial to maintaining United States interests in the region.

In addition, if the EC's mission does succeed, entry by the United States into one nation's commerce would guarantee tariff-free commerce with the rest of the nations in the Common Market. In a future Europe full of rookie capitalists, international cor-

porations, and a united Germany, a close association with Britain might be the open door the United States needs to gain a market share of the growing European consumer market. Such an important ally must be protected and supported.

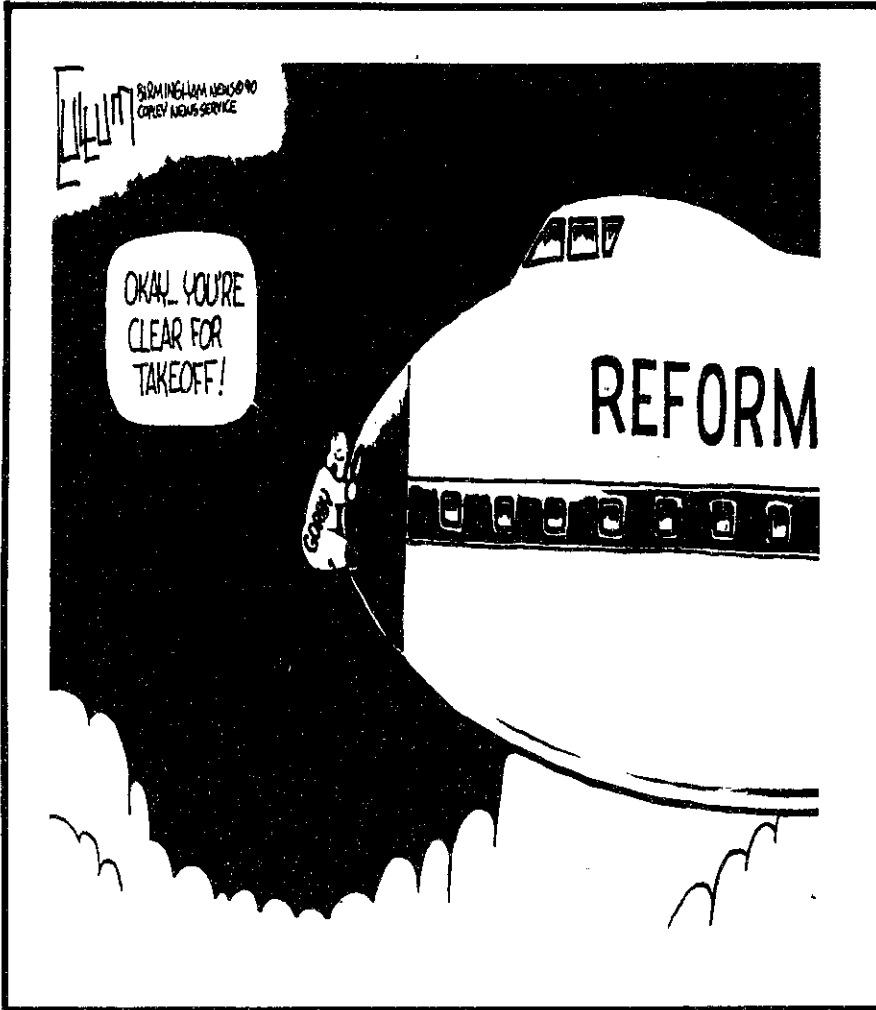
Economic self-interest is not the only reason why the United States must foster its close ties with Britain. More often than not, the United States and Britain agree on major international affairs. In today's complex world, such a moral consensus is a strange and beautiful thing. Both the United States and Britain benefit in global politics if one's actions meet the support of the other. American and British solidarity during the Iraqi crisis lent credibility to both nations' responses and the US support for Britain's invasion of the disputed Falkland Islands in 1982 was an unquestionable boast.

A good friend with some reliable armored divisions is hard to find.

France usually hedges on controversial foreign policy issues, and Germany fears rearing its ugly head in matters which might involve the use of military force. Most other EC nations may share cultural and political opinions with the United States, but lack the muscle to shape global affairs (that's partly why they're uniting in the first place). A good friend with some reliable armored divisions is hard to find.

Fortunately, the special relationship is not really in jeopardy. Most of Thatcher's policies will continue in her absence. The British are happy to maintain the relationship for reasons similar to ours, and since the large American military commitment to Europe lessens the need for large defense expenditures on their part. British-American relations have been a constant topic in political journals, and I believe that few Americans could visualize the British as enemies in the future conflict. Most people have forgotten about the little spat we had in 1776 and 1812. The special relationship is alive and well.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Moral issues should prevail

Amidst all the debate surrounding MIT's insurance policy, it seems that many have lost sight of the real issue behind abortion coverage refunds. Abortion is not simply a "health care issue." It has profound moral implications that bitterly divide this country. We are not opposed to abortion because we oppose health care; rather, we are opposed because abortion takes the life of an unborn child.

The simple medical fact is that induced abortion kills an unborn human being. There's no question that the fetus is human — any biology textbook will tell you that like begets like. Assuming the child has two human parents, she or he can only be human.

There is also no question that this child is alive — he or she takes nourishment and grows. Prior to death, this human being has little fingers and toes, a beating heart, brain waves, and is just as real as any of us. People can argue until they are blue in the face as to whether or not the unborn child is a "person" in the "fullest sense of the word," but there is no way around the simple truth that abortion kills a human being.

In light of these facts, it is not at all "audacious" (to use the words of Arnold N. Weinberg, medical director and head

of the Medical Department) for us to object to abortion ["Abortion, insurance separate issues," Nov. 20]. It should not be surprising that many of us find it so repugnant. It is an offensive procedure which involves painfully dismembering a tiny boy or girl without even a humane dose of anesthesia.

That we should live in a society where abortion is promoted as "solution" for an unplanned pregnancy is troubling enough — that we should have to pay for it is outrageous.

In our quest for fairness, many people have used the argument that other people may find other medical procedures objectionable — if the insurance company grants our refund request, it will then have to give refunds to anyone who objects to any procedure.

But whenever a specific instance has been cited, the procedure in question has always been treatment for disease or injury. Pregnancy is not a disease. Treating it as such is offensive and demeaning to women. Abortion does not "cure" pregnancy. Pregnancy "cures" itself in roughly nine months.

Except in the rare instance of tubal pregnancy, abortion is an entirely optional procedure, and covered in full by MIT's student insurance. There is a \$50 deductible if the abortion is performed so late into the preg-

nancy that the mother must be hospitalized.

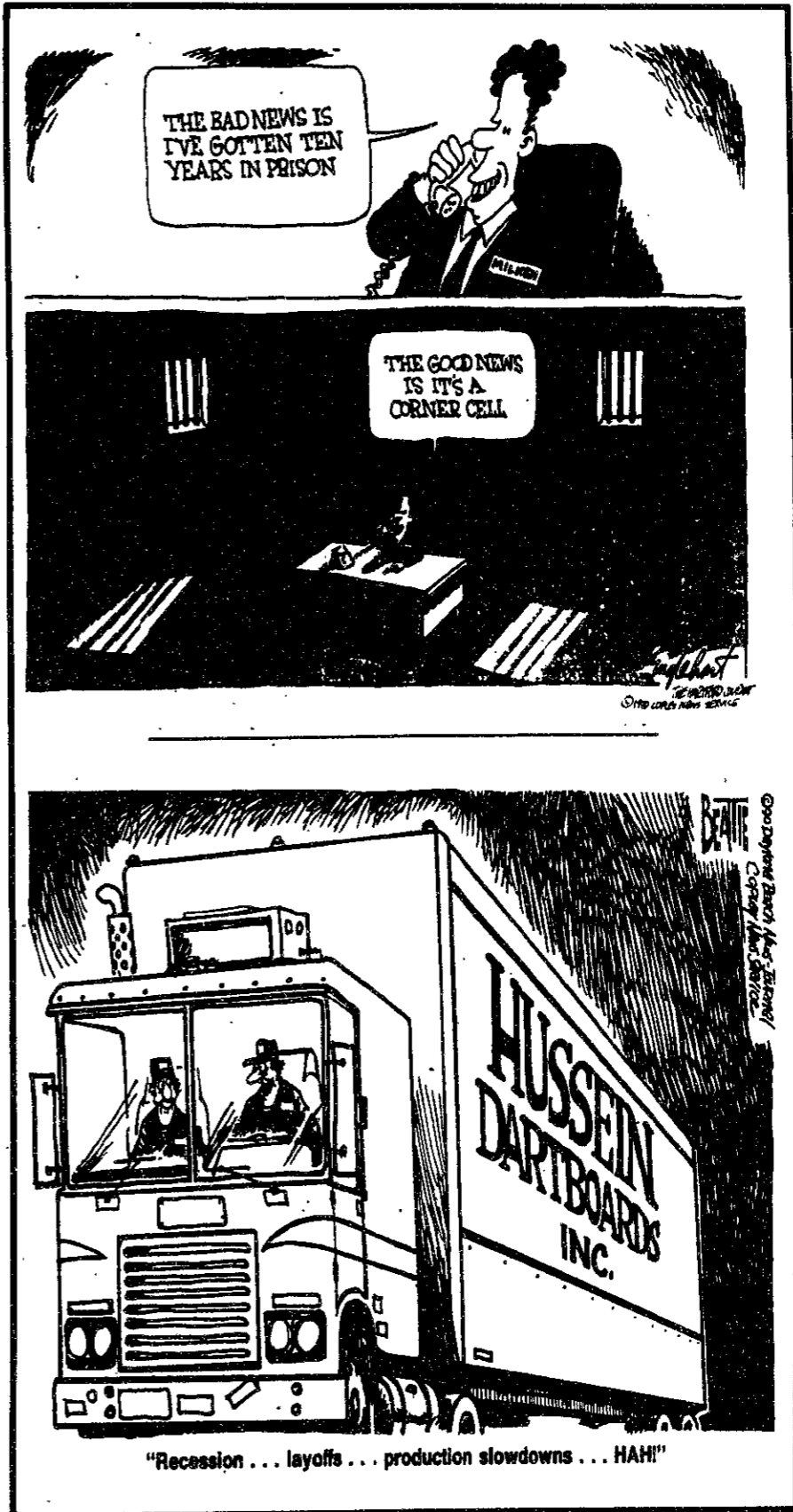
What does MIT's Blue Cross/Blue Shield have to prove by forcing us to pay for this elective surgery? By brushing off our concerns they have made it clear that they do not respect the very real moral and religious values of many students.

Those who administer the insurance program do not pretend to be unbiased. A recent Association for Women Students newsletter described Medical Department Executive Director Linda L. Rounds and Weinberg as being "Very Pro-Choice."

If choice is the issue at hand, why not give us the choice as to whether or not we must contribute to these killings? If the procedure is optional, why not give us the option of not paying?

It seems clear that the administrators of the insurance program and much of the pro-abortion community are more concerned with promoting their own views than with resolving the ethical dilemmas posed by abortion coverage.

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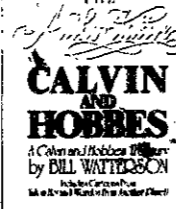
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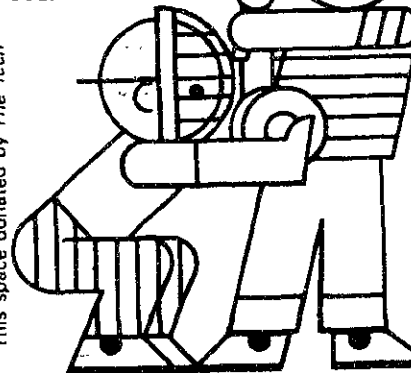
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Halperin receives anti-gay threats

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myself am not personally much upset by it," Halperin said.

Though Halperin has been very visible in the movement to eliminate discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in the Reserve Officers' Training Program, he does not believe the calls are related to this. He thinks that the caller got his phone number from one of the posters for the gay and lesbian studies prize.

He also guesses that the calls were not made by a member of the MIT community, because the caller referred to GAMIT as the "gay and lesbian organization."

Though she did not believe "we can rule anything out yet," Campus Police Chief Anne P. Glavin felt that Halperin's assessment that the call was not made

from campus was "the best guess."

An example of "systematic harassment"

The incident is not an isolated one, according to Halperin. He said he hoped his experience would "make people aware of the kind of the systematic harassment that visible gay men and lesbians face on this campus."

"We've had very few in my recollection that have been reported to [Campus Police]," Glavin said, commenting on incidents of harassment of gay and lesbian students at MIT. She could not recall any specific cases, nor did she have a list available.

However, Mary P. Rowe, special assistant to the president, said, "I recall some ugly threats in writing. We've certainly had

death threats . . . but never from anyone on campus."

Professor David Thorburn, also in the literature section, received three harassing phone calls after he spoke against ROTC's policy barring homosexuals.

"I simply argued very forcefully that the military's regulations about gays were offensive and intolerable, and ran counter to MIT's stated commitments," Thorburn said.

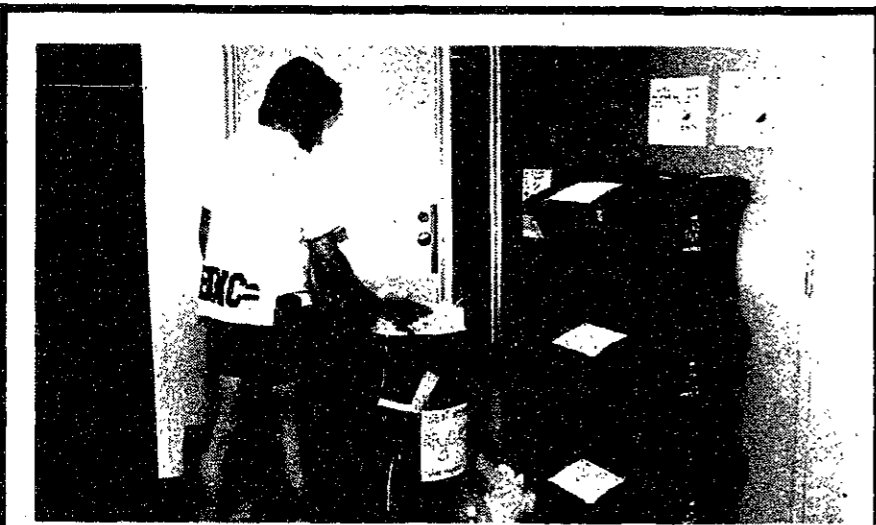
A week later Thorburn received three voice-mail messages. "I don't think anyone said they were going to kill me," he said. "They said, 'We're going to get you, you fag lover.'" Thorburn said the incident was not repeated, and he did not report the calls to the Campus Police.

"I now regret not having done that," he said. "I realize now in a way how strong certain forms of irrational homophobia are in the community."

Thorburn, commenting on both his own experience and Halperin's, said, "It's somewhat surprising to me that these calls were made. What this incident does illustrate is . . . how powerful and disturbing a tendency this is."

Neither Thorburn nor Halperin were aware of any related incidents involving the MIT faculty, but Thorburn said harassment of homosexual students is not uncommon. "Gay and lesbian students have told me about a trivial level of harassment that I've always been disturbed by," he said.

The MIT community must take a more active role in combating homophobia, according to Halperin. "Another reason to bring it up is to indicate that the MIT community make more strenuous and systematic efforts to eradicate homophobia on our campus," he explained.



Michelle Greene/The Tech

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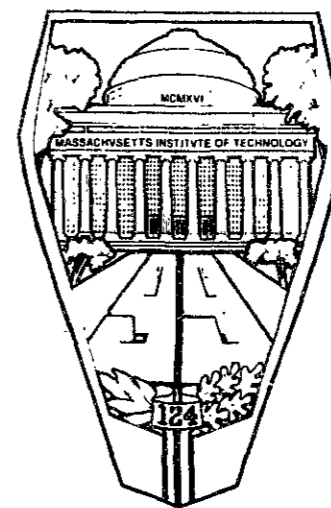
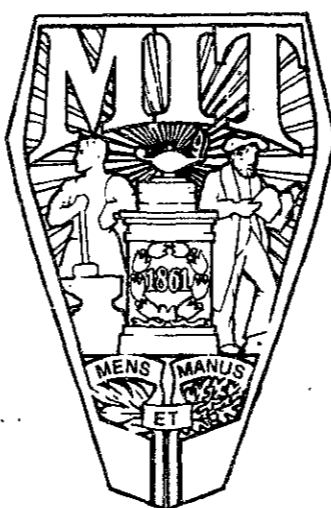
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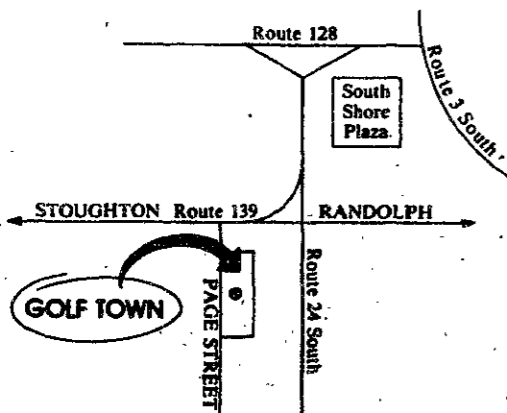
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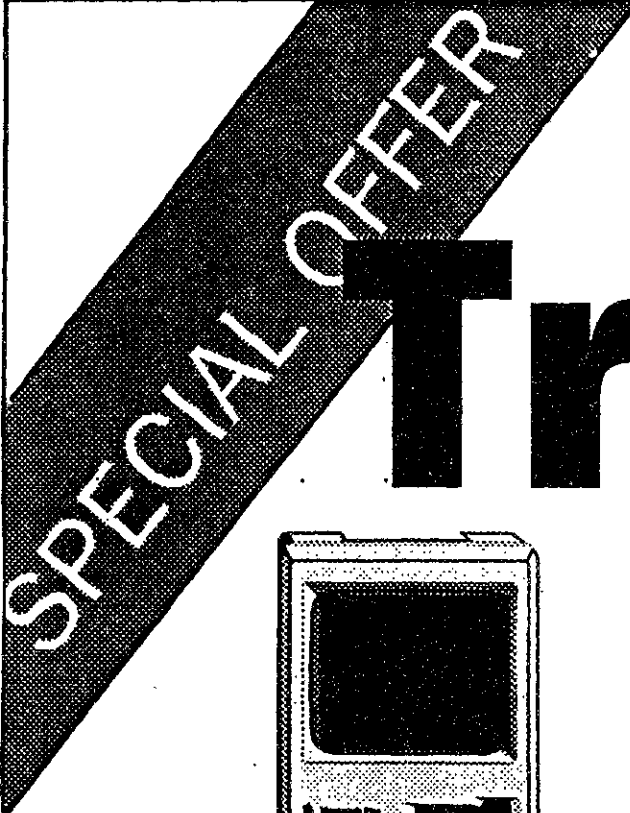
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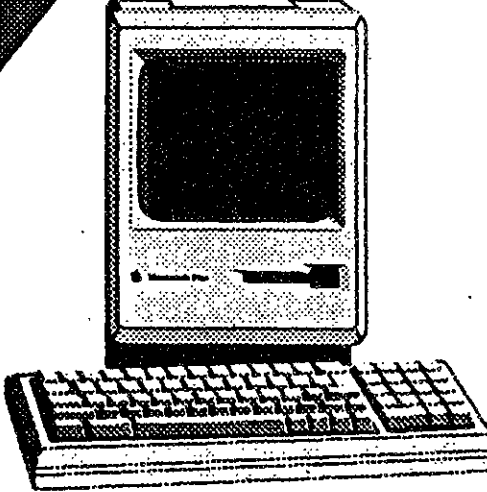

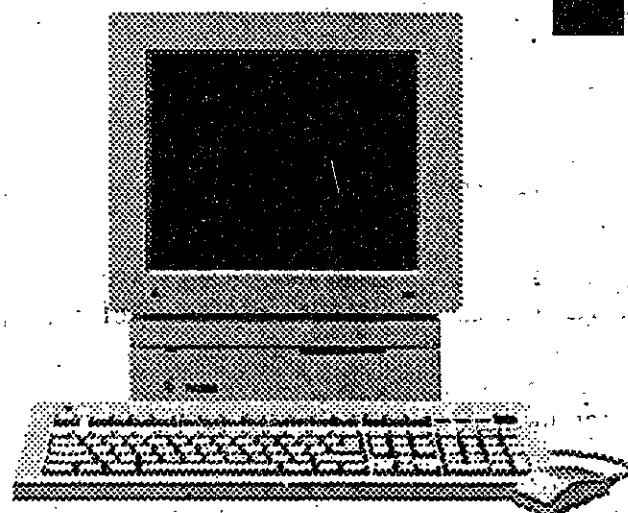
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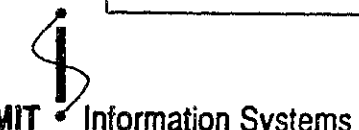
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Faculty debate P/F, NSF policy

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cause the information available to the public was misleading.

A random sample of harassment complaints was collected over a 42-day period, and that number was extrapolated out over one year. Of those complaints, about half were related to sex, gender harassment or harassment based on sexual orientation, Keyser said.

But in a survey Keyser conducted of 285 adjudicated or quasi-adjudicated cases of harassment — cases with relatively lower levels of confidentiality — and only one-fourth of those were sexual harassment.

"The committee came to believe that the bulk of sexual harassment is not the kind that leads to formal action," Keyser said.

Keyser also discussed the concern that has been raised about due process for faculty members and the implications for freedom of speech.

Judith J. Thomson, professor of linguistics and philosophy, said the report's treatment of free speech and due process "proved worrisome."

One definition of sexual harassment in the recommended policy for approved MIT living groups includes "sexist remarks." Under the section describing possible sanctions, the report also states, "There is a range of severity of appropriate sanctions extending to termination of employment or of student status."

Based on these two statements, any comment that might be interpreted as sexist, "whatever the intention [or] context" of the statement, the potential outcome is sanctions of some kind, Thomson said.

The implication is that "harassment may therefore lead to sanctions up to termination of employment or student status," she said, and this represents a severity probably not intended in the report. "I didn't know it was present." "We really have to think more carefully about what

type of constraint on speech we need, [if indeed we need one]," she said. She also felt the procedures structuring due process and the procedures for a grievance complaint for faculty and staff need revision:



Tech file photo
Professor Samuel J. Keyser

"P" grade revised

The faculty regulations were amended at the meeting. Starting with the 1992-93 academic year, junior-senior pass/fail courses will adopt a "P/D/F" system.

Because "most of the discussion in 1989 was on the freshman year," Professor of Ocean Engineering J. Kim Vandiver '75 said the junior-senior pass/fail option was not thoroughly evaluated.

The amendment, which passed unanimously, changed the "P" grade for the junior-senior pass/fail option to a C or better, which is the same system freshmen are graded on now. The difference is that a D is still a credit-earning grade for juniors and seniors and will, like an F, appear on their official transcripts. Neither appears for freshman grades. However, freshmen do not earn credit for a D grade.

These changes are in step with the new definition of a passing grade. Professor of Literature Travis R. Merritt, associate dean for student affairs, explained, "Wherever P is used, [it] is used in context of a 'P/D/F' grading scale. After the freshman year, the D and F grades will appear

on transcripts as well as internal records."

He also said that after the freshman year, a D grade will be a credit-earning grade; it is not for first-year students.

In addition, the language of the faculty regulations regarding the definition of a P grade was changed.

ROTC resolution put in motion

Vest also announced that the first steps have been taken toward implementing the resolution on the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, which was approved at the October meeting of the faculty.

Vandiver and Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Alvin W. Drake '57, chair of the MIT Committee on ROTC, have met with the Executive Committee of the Corporation to discuss the resolution, and conveyed the essence of the discussion at the last faculty meeting, Vest said.

Vest said he has spoken with the presidents of a few other universities, describing MIT's stance on the issue.

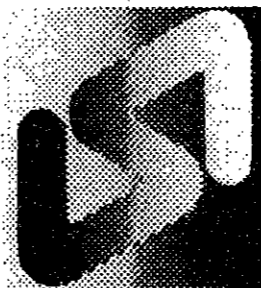
Wrighton led a discussion of a future policy for NSF fellows. MIT is developing a policy on NSF fellows, Wrighton said, for several reasons. The Institute must meet some of the cost of supporting NSF pre-doctoral fellows, because the NSF does not provide all the funds, he explained.

Currently, if a department does not cover the costs of an NSF fellow, the shortfall is met with general funds, Wrighton noted. MIT is exploring the possibility of using other grants to cover the shortfall, he said.

Wrighton added that the NSF is likely to increase the number of pre-doctoral fellows, thus increasing MIT's cost burden.

"Early in 1991 we will have a policy" regarding NSF fellows, Wrighton said. He emphasized that the Institute would continue to recruit outstanding NSF candidates, despite the cost.

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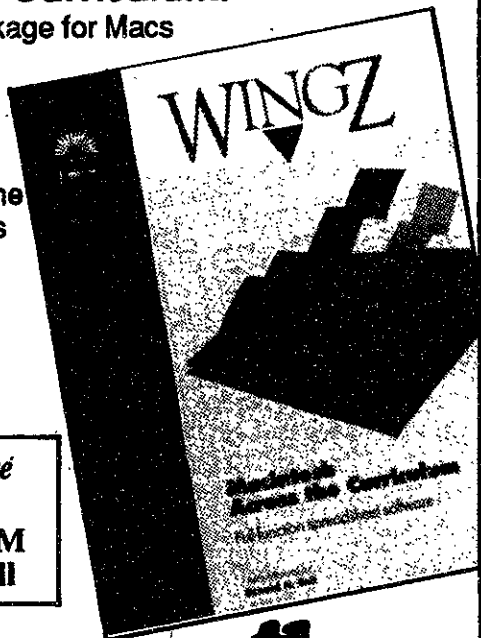
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Kang expelled by ODSA

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to enroll at MIT someday, but declined to speculate on when.

Contrary to an earlier report, Tewhey said it was unlikely that Kang had been taking classes at Harvard University this past term. "There's no way he could be enrolled at Harvard without MIT signing off on it," Tewhey said.

Verdict will not affect alcohol policy

Despite the fact that Kang had been drinking at the time of the incident, Tewhey said that MIT's decision would not affect the development of a new policy on alcohol use on campus.

He emphasized the major role that the Undergraduate Association Standing Committee on Student Life would have on formulating the alcohol policy. "Any policy with legitimacy must arise from students," he said.

UA suggests optional finals in humanities

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part of the eight-subject humanities requirement. Subjects classified as HASS-D's must assign a certain minimum amount of reading and writing, and must offer a three-hour final examination.

The council generally approved of the report's first recommendation, which would permit professors "to choose the most appropriate means of conducting their course, i.e., letting the professor determine the minimum number of pages of reading and writing, and means of concluding their course, either through a final exam, final paper, or final presentation."

Solis and Brady seemed concerned about the narrow scope of most HASS-D subjects, saying that they did not offer the broad introduction to humanities that many students needed.

Jennifer B. Singer '92 disagreed, saying that "One way that you learn about ways of thinking in humanities and ways of approaching problems is by immersing yourself in that subject — you don't necessarily need some huge survey course which doesn't tell you how the field works."

However, there were mixed reactions to the report's second recommendation, to "designate a limited number of broad-based HASS subjects to be offered within the freshman year."

Critics said that such courses would only further limit the number of courses that students could take during their freshman year.

Glen R. Berry '92 said that "There are already five courses that — even though they are not officially required freshman year — are essentially required. I don't think requiring courses freshman year is at all a good idea."

"We're talking about limiting the number of HASS-D courses, and I totally disagree with that," Singer said.

Emily R. Prenner '93 warned that "Some professors are going to be very turned off" if the courses that they want to teach no longer have "guaranteed enrollment," as is often the case with HASS-D subjects.

Report on medical care is released

UA Floor Leader Jonathan J. Lee '93 presented the third report of the evening, the *Student Evaluation of MIT Medical Department and Medical Services*. The report, which was produced jointly by the UA Ad Hoc Committee on Medical Services and the Graduate Student Council Housing and Community Affairs Committee, was based on surveys that were distributed to students on Registration Day. [See story on the medical report, page 2.]

Lee told the council that data had been collected from over 1300 students, and that statistical information had been broken down by an outside agency. He noted, however, that there was a great deal of difference between

the statistics and the comments which students had written at the end of the survey.

It was for this reason, Lee said, that the committee's recommendations were based mainly on students' verbal descriptions, rather than on the statistical data.

One member advised the others to "take the time to read all of the responses," which he said were interesting and "indicate that there are some serious problems" with the medical department.

Other business

UA President Manish Bapna '91 presented a bill that would have required student activities to register with the UA every term in order to obtain funding from the UA Finance Board. Bapna called it "ridiculous" for the Association of Student Activities and FinBoard to have to "track down" leaders of student groups, often with no more to go on than names from five years ago.

According to the bill, any student activity which fails to fill out a registration form by 5 pm of the third Monday of each semester "will be ineligible for student funding from Finance Board." It further says that "no exceptions will be made."

Berry said that expulsion from ASA for failing to register was seen as "too big a sledge-hammer," and that the bill "is a smaller sledge-hammer to hit them with."

The bill passed by a vote of 43-0, with no abstentions.

Also on the agenda were several constitutional amendments which were proposed by the Constitution, Legislation and Organization Group. The first was a response to the recent changes in the academic calendar which resulted in the spring term beginning on a Friday. The amendment, which passed by a voice vote, gave the election commission the power to extend the deadlines for petitions for UA offices, which would otherwise have been due two weeks into the term.

The second proposed amendment would have given financially needy students running for office a chance to obtain FinBoard funding. The measure, which was defeated by a vote of 9-26 with eight abstentions, was criticized because of its ambiguity and potential for abuse.

The last proposed amendment, which was approved by a voice vote, changed the installation dates of the UAP and UAVP to the seventh week of the term, while keeping the installation of class officers at the fifth week.

The council also passed, by a vote of 34-4 with three abstentions, an amendment officially endorsing a new committee structure. In addition to administrative committees such as the Course Evaluation Guide and FinBoard, the amendment provided for standing policy committees, including Food Policy, Student Life, and Housing and R/O.

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Psychology's future uncertain

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"I think what Susan [Carey] is trying to do is firm [the program] up, so that if and when I leave, the program will not disappear with me," Wolfe said. "Sue's proposal is aimed at making sure it continues to exist."

Students strongly support program

A resolution, approved by the Undergraduate Association Council on Nov. 18, calls on the MIT administration to create a new, stronger program in psychology.

The resolution also recommends hiring Wolfe to administer the program. J. Paul Kirby '92, who co-sponsored the resolution, said it was largely based on proposals "tossed around" by various faculty members in Courses 9 and 21.

Rebecca D. Kaplan '92 has been a major force in the fight to strengthen the current Program in Psychology, which is in the School of Humanities and Social Science.

She has organized psyche@athena, an account for students' comments and suggestions

on a psychology program at MIT, and has collected signatures for petitions to keep both psychology and Wolfe at MIT. "Students are in favor of a psychology program in HASS and of keeping Wolfe," Kaplan said.

According to Kaplan, the elimination of psychology would be harmful to MIT because "psychology is fundamental to the understanding of other fields, especially science and engineering."

Wolfe also emphasized the importance of a permanent program in psychology. "I am fond of the fields of cognitive science and brain science, but they are not the same thing as psychology, which deals more with the human element," he said.

"A major university needs psychology represented, at least at the undergraduate level," he added.

Idea has not been discussed by HASS

"At this moment, [the idea of creating a new program in psychology] hasn't been discussed," Acting Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Science Philip S. Khoury said.

There has been "no discussion of hiring Jeremy Wolfe," Khoury added. The faculty, however, has been talking about the "future of psychology," he said.

Khoury does not believe that a psychology program is essential to the function of the Institute. "If we were a full university, we'd have humanistic psychology," he said. "The decision was made in the not too distant past that psychology ought to merge more with brain sciences."

Khoury pointed out that this wouldn't be the first occasion where MIT wouldn't have a department that "schools like Harvard, Princeton and Stanford" have. "We also don't have departments or programs in sociology or religion," he said.

In refuting the argument for an explicit psychology program, Khoury made an analogy between psychology and women's studies courses. "People were hired in the literature, music and anthropology programs, and they teach in the area of women's studies, but there is no [department] in women's studies," he said.

He thought that even without an official program in psychology, students would still be allowed to minor or concentrate in psychology.

Even so, Khoury admitted that without an official program, Wolfe could not be hired by MIT. "We can't create a position from nothing," he said. "There is no program that makes appointments in psychology."

Student study of Med Dept is publicized

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However, some have criticized the report, which they say contains too many numbers, too many recommendations, and too many anecdotes. UA leaders have suggested that Jonathan J. Lee '93, chair of the UA medical services committee, be replaced because the position requires more time than Lee, who is also UA floor leader, is able to give.

But Hellman defended the report in its present form. "They don't see what power the document has," Hellman said. "It's compelling to me, but if people are missing it, then I'll have to hear their specific concerns before I can respond to them."

He also defended Lee's role in producing the report. "The needs of the two student bodies conflict. Jonathan has been great because he has had to run the fine line between UA demands and . . . working together."

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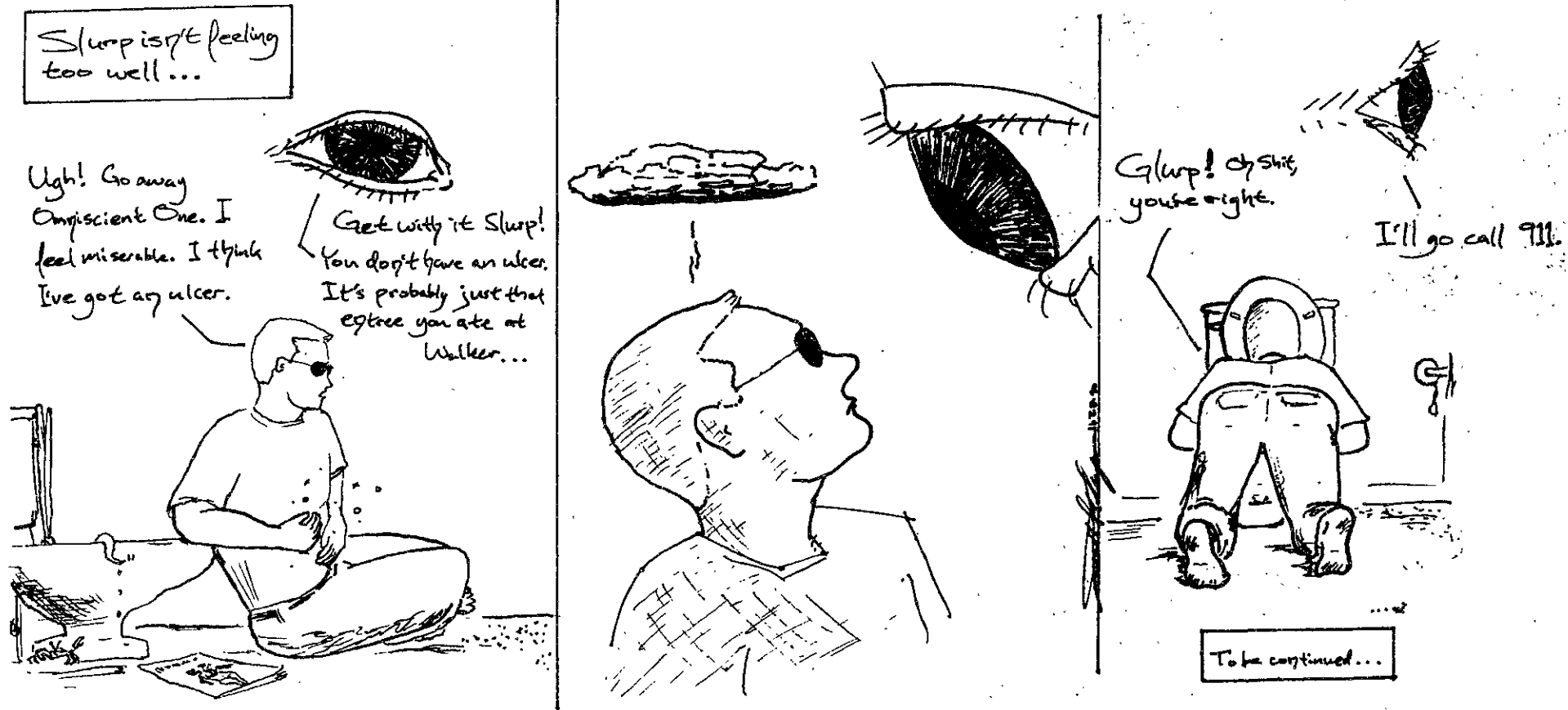
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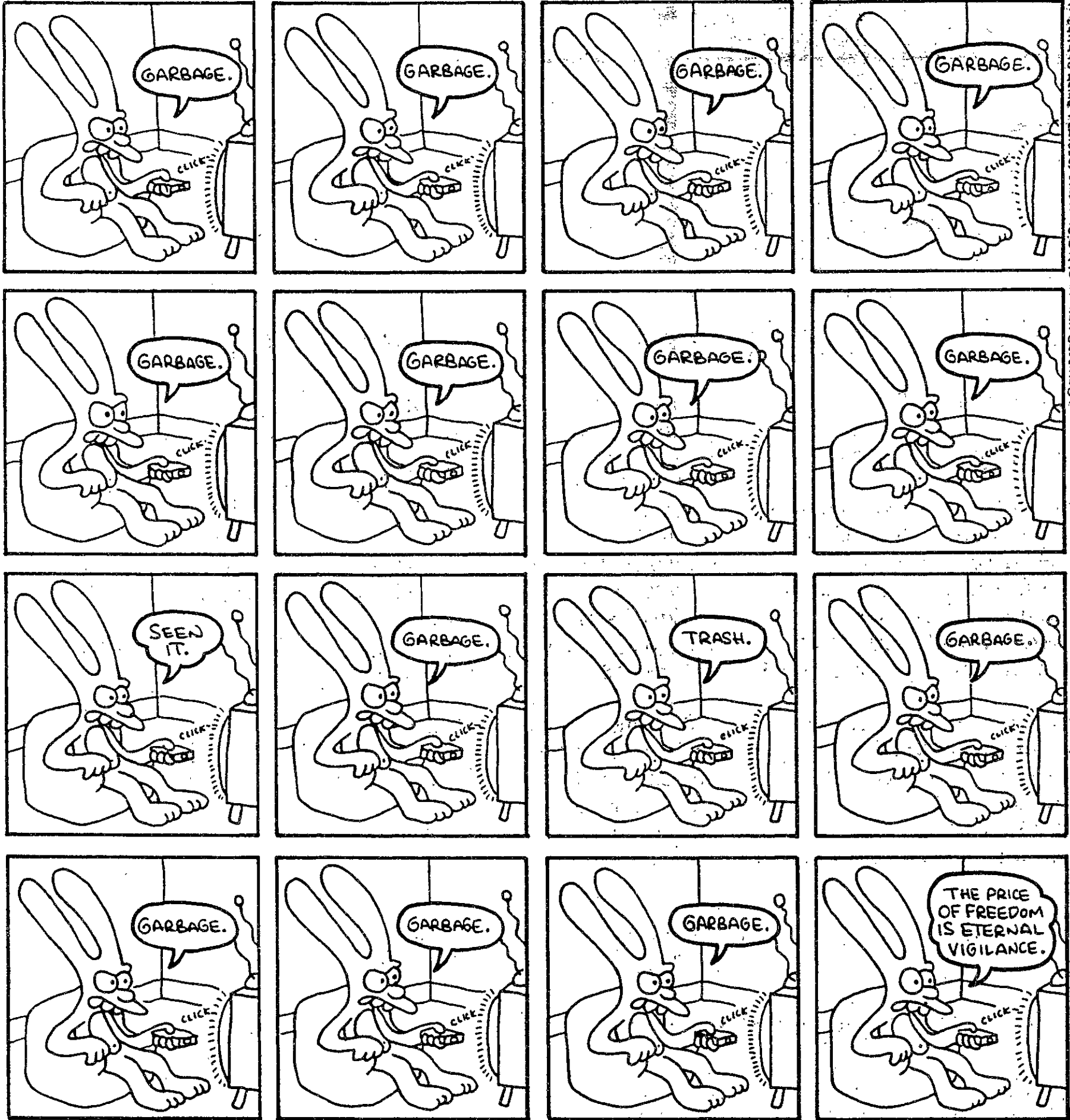
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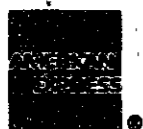
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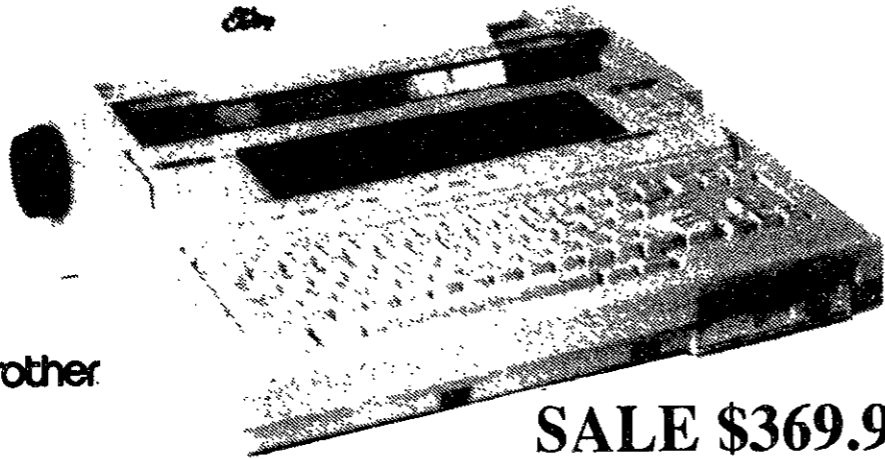
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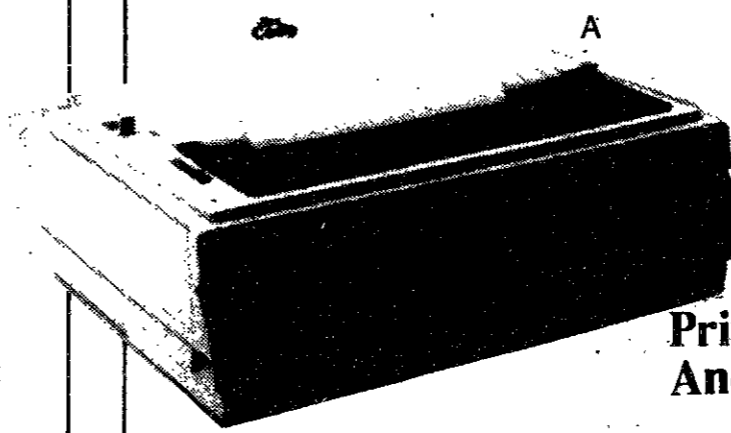
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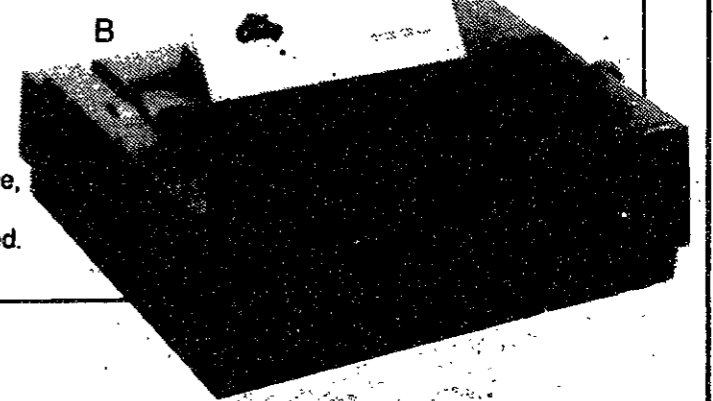
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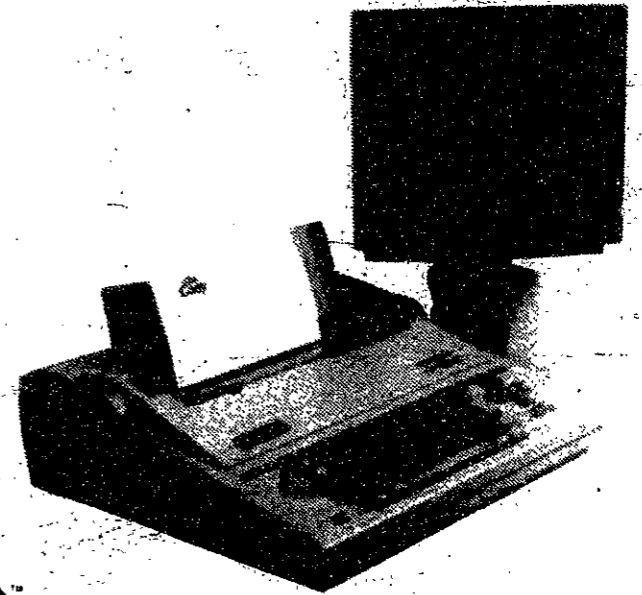
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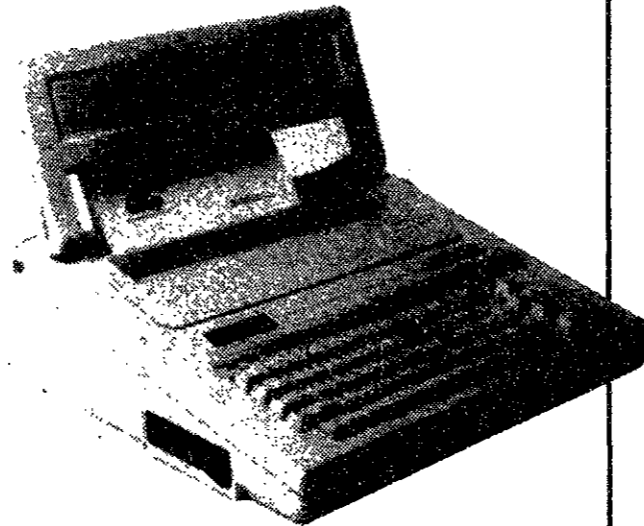
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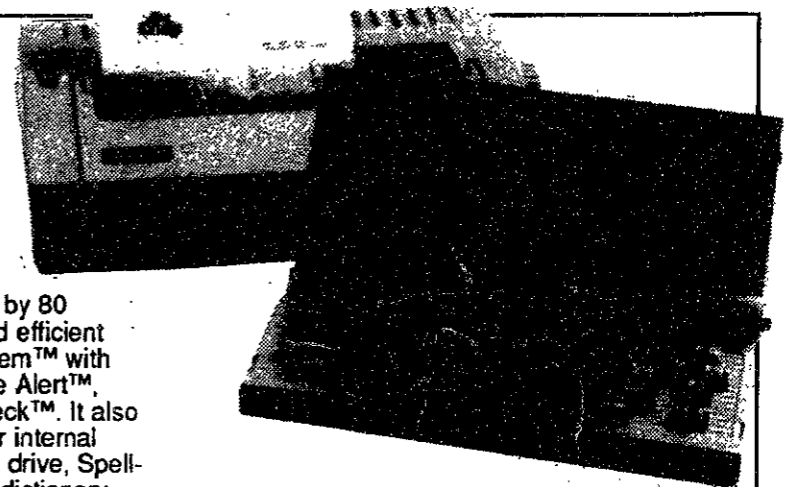
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