

Unofficial Housing Assignments

Dormitory	Number of students assigned	Percentage of students receiving:	
		1st choice	1st or 2nd choice
Baker	92	66%	98%
Bexley	26	54%	69%
Burton-Conner	120	80%	96%
East Campus	123	74%	89%
MacGregor	69	99%	100%
McCormick	65	100%	100%
New House	71	65%	99%
Random	32	69%	84%
Senior House	51	33%	53%
500 Memorial	87	97%	98%

Source: Office of the Dean for Student Affairs

Tech graphic by Dan Sidney

Most freshmen receive top dormitory choices

By Chris Schechter

A new process for assigning incoming students to dormitories was adopted by the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs this Residence/Orientation Week. With the new method, 92 percent of freshmen and transfers received either their first or second choice of dormitories.

"If we judge by the reduced number of complaints, the system was a success," said Elliot S. Levitt '89, staff assistant for the office of the dean of student affairs.

The percentage figure does not include late pledging to fraternities and independent living groups.

In previous years, housing assignments were made by a lottery, the goal of which was to give as many students as possible their first choice dormitory. If the dormitory was already full, (Please turn to page 9)

Frosh math skills tested

Advisors find math diagnostic test helpful

By Karen Kaplan

The Pre-Calculus Math Diagnostic test administered to all freshmen during Residence/Orientation Week has been called a success by its organizers.

The test had three purposes: to sensitize freshmen to the kind of math background expected of them for their introductory calculus, physics and chemistry classes, to remind instructors that students may be rusty in certain areas of math and to aid the freshmen advising process, said Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Education Margaret S. Enders, who is overseeing the diagnostic test program.

"I'm very happy about what's happening. We had no idea what the results would be because we've never done this before," Enders said.

"The test was not made to be hard, it was made to sensitize incoming students so that they'd know they needed to understand this material. It's not just for math, but for chemistry and physics as well," she continued.

Freshman advisors were given the results of their advisees' tests to help them advise students about which classes to register for. "We're helping advisors and advisees with one more piece of information. . . . Many advisors

have said it's invaluable to have this information, that it's made for better advising," Enders said.

Professor of Mathematics Arthur P. Mattuck who wrote the diagnostic test said student performance on the test was "about what I expected, but I would not call it good. After a summer's inactivity, it goes without saying that they will be rusty."

The 20-question test was divided into four parts: algebra, geometry and analytic geometry, logarithms, exponentials and complex numbers, and trigonometry. Although Enders declined to release the average score on the

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Fire in Bldg. 7 called minor

By Jeremy Hylton

A fire that broke out early Saturday night on the fourth floor of Building 7 caused "very little damage," said MIT Safety Officer Walter G. Diaz.

Thomas P. Stack, Cambridge fire chief, said the fire's cause was "definitely suspicious." But no official reports indicate arson.

The Cambridge Fire Department's investigation of the fire continued yesterday, but a preliminary report indicated that the disposal of rags soaked in boiled

linseed oil caused the fire. Linseed oil is known to combust spontaneously.

Campus police notified the Cambridge Fire Department of the fire on Saturday after receiving reports of smoke in Building 7, said Chief of Campus Police Anne P. Glavin.

Five trucks from the Cambridge Fire Department arrived on the scene shortly after 8:45 pm. The fire was put out in a little more than an hour. Fire alarms, which sounded throughout Building 7, were turned off at about 10:10 pm.

The fire was a "small, smoldering" one that produced a great deal of smoke, said Stack. The ventilation system carried the smoke throughout the building, making the fire difficult to locate. "They were smelling smoke

everywhere in the building — except that room," Stack said.

Because the fire was so small, the heat it generated did not trigger the sprinkler system until after the fire department arrived.

The fire itself caused little damage and did not spread beyond a portion of room 7-404, said Stack. Damage was caused throughout the building by water from the sprinkler system.

"The water did effect telephone lines and some damage was done to ceilings," Diaz said. Several rooms were affected by the water. In one room, water damaged microfiche and two computers.

Insurance company representatives examined the damage yesterday and planned to continue today. As a result, Diaz made no estimate of the cost of repairs.



The aftermath of a fire which broke out on the fourth floor of Building 7 last Saturday night

Douglas Keller/The Tech

Discovery to carry MIT project

By Joey Marquez

MIT, in conjunction with the National Aeronautics Space Administration In-Space Technology Experiment Program (IN-STEP), will fly the first university experiment on the space shuttle Discovery this Thursday, said to Mark Barlow G of the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics. The experiment will address unexplored questions such as what happens when fuel moves around in a tank in space and what happens when a solar panel vibrates.

The IN-STEP program, which began in 1987, allows universities, industry and the government to develop small, inexpensive flight experiments. Two other aerospace companies have flown experiments prior to this flight, Barlow said.

More than two days of the planned five-day shuttle mission will be devoted to the experiment, according to the *Boston Globe*.

The experiment, called the Middeck 0-gravity Dynamics Experiment, or MODE, consists of two parts: a truss, or tubelike metal framework, designed to study how large structures respond to vibrations in space, and four containers designed to study how fluids and gases behave un-

der weightless conditions, Barlow said.

MODE will simulate vibrations that might occur in the solar power panels on the planned US space station Freedom. In the experiment shuttle astronauts will unfold the truss to allow tiny motors attached to the truss to produce vibrations. The structure will be monitored on videotape as well as through built-in electronic sensors, the *Globe* said.

The four cylinders, two half full with water and two half full with oil, will be mechanically shaken and monitored, the *Globe* continued.

Work on the experiment began five years ago, involving three MIT professors from the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics and more than 20 students, the *Globe* said.

Marthinus van Schoor G initially developed most of the hardware for the program and Barlow built models and experimented with the structural part of the program, Barlow said.

McDonnell-Douglas Space Sys-

tems Corporation donated structural flight hardware and the structure was built at a local Cambridge company.

Costs for the experiment totaled \$2 million.

MIT team will go to Florida

The team of contributors, including Barlow, Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics Edward F. Crawley, the operation's advisor, and "a handful of UROPers," will travel to Florida for the launch of Discovery.

After the liftoff is over, Barlow, Crawley, and other members of the team will go to the Johnson Space Center in Houston to monitor and assist the astronauts with any questions they may have about the experiments.

Van Schoor, who is presently in South Africa, will fly directly to Houston when notified of the liftoff.

Barlow said, "It's great to see everyone benefiting from a collaboration between the government, industry, and the academia."

OMB proposes new controls on indirect costs

By Dave Watt

In an effort to control the indirect costs of sponsored research, the Office of Management and Budget in Washington, DC, announced a proposal to restrict the percentage of federal grant money that can be used to pay for administrative expenses. The move is opposed by universities all over the country, including MIT.

The cap, set at 26 percent, applies only to administrative expenses, which are but one component of the total indirect costs that universities bill the government as part of their research contracts. MIT's total indirect cost rate is 57.5 percent of the

total indirect cost rate is only 21 percent.

Although the Institute would not be affected by the cost cap, MIT still opposes it. The cap "may well produce changes with the potential of irreparable harm to the long-term health of our universities and national system of research," wrote Vice President for Financial Operations James J. Culliton in a letter to OMB.

MIT accounting practices have kept its apparent administrative cost rates low, Culliton said in an interview with *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. Many univer-

sities bill the cost of providing secretaries to researchers as an administrative indirect cost. But at MIT, secretaries are considered a direct, not an indirect, cost. Therefore, professors pay for secretaries out of the money they are directly given for their laboratories, Culliton told the *Chronicle*.

The OMB and Congress have been scrutinizing indirect cost reimbursements at universities all over the country since an audit at Stanford University uncovered many questionable expenses billed to the federal government. Stanford eventually agreed to reimburse the government over

\$750,000.

MIT, responding to the Stanford audit, announced in April that it would pay back more than \$731,000 to the government for inappropriate indirect cost expenses. Receptions at the president's house, a trip to Barbados, and over \$100,000 in legal fees incurred by the Whitehead Institute had been billed to the government.

MIT's new government and community relations office in Washington will not be included in federal overhead costs, Culliton said. The OMB circular which governs indirect cost reim-

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inside

A pro-reform Soviet and leading coup critic speaks at East Campus. See page 2.

Two entertaining opening bands outshine Yo La Tengo at T.T. the Bears. See page 11.

Soviet talks about coup

By Herb Singh and Karen Kaplan

Andrei Kortunov, the first Soviet to publicly denounce last month's failed coup on television, discussed the changing state of affairs in the Soviet Union at MIT Sunday.

Kortunov is director of the Foreign Policy Studies Institute of the United States and Canada and a columnist for the *Moscow News*, a leading Soviet pro-reform paper.

During the hour-long discussion at East Campus, Kortunov talked about various issues facing the Soviet Union, including his country's homelessness problem and America's new role in the economic restructuring of the financially crippled republics.

Kortunov said he was amazed by how active Russian youths were during the attempted coup, especially since for the most part they had been voiceless during the first six years of *perestroika*.

Kortunov also predicted a decline in Soviet President Mikhail

Gorbachev's popularity. He noted that Russian President Boris Yeltsin capitalized on Gorbachev's blunders, using them to heighten his own popularity.

The next Soviet leader will need to be strong to raise taxes and push for unpopular legislation that is in the union's best interests, Kortunov said. But he added that the Soviet people are ready to accept radical change, and have made fantastic economic improvements in the private sector.

Incentives are needed to bring his country to a level of economic development comparable to that of most Western nations, a process that he guessed would take at least 50 years, Kortunov said.

He speculated that the possible relocation of certain ethnic groups would cause violence, which he hoped could be contained.

Kortunov also predicted that China will remain a communist nation for some time because the Chinese people are less educated

than the Soviets, because China has a weaker communication network, and because the Chinese economy is agrarian-based.

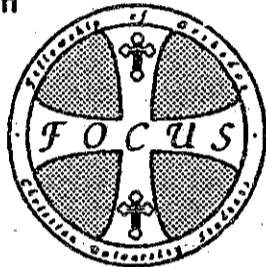
Kortunov learned of the attempted coup Aug. 19 when he was awakened by a phone call from ABC. That same morning, he appeared on *Good Morning America* and was the first among his countrymen to denounce the new government on public television as unlawful and illegitimate.

Kortunov's appearance on *Good Morning America* was risky because at the time, it seemed very likely that the plotters of the coup would remain in power and might punish vocal dissenters. But Kortunov said he was willing to expose himself to that risk. "It is something that anyone who is a believer in intellectual freedom would do," he said.

Kortunov also appeared on *Nightline* and *This Week with David Brinkley* to discuss the state of Soviet affairs.

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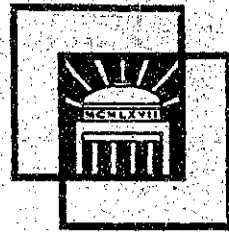
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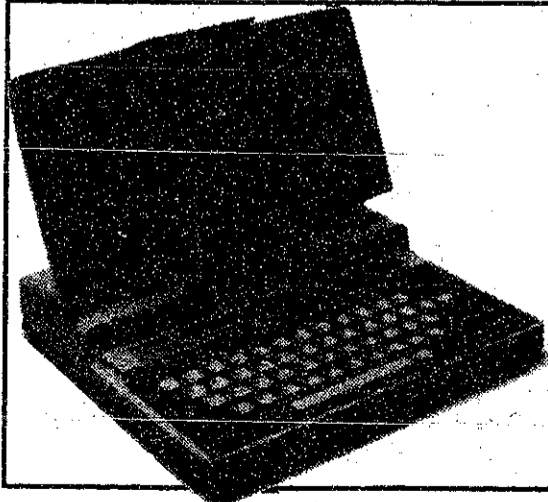
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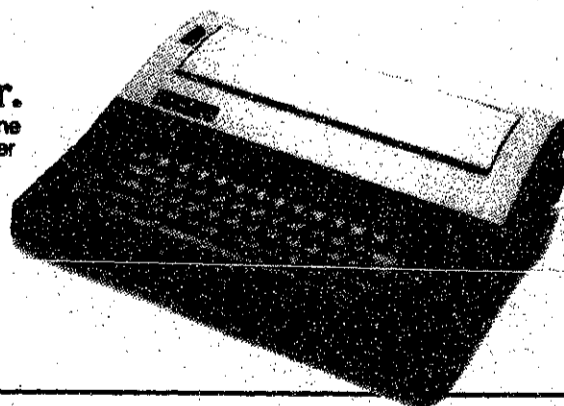
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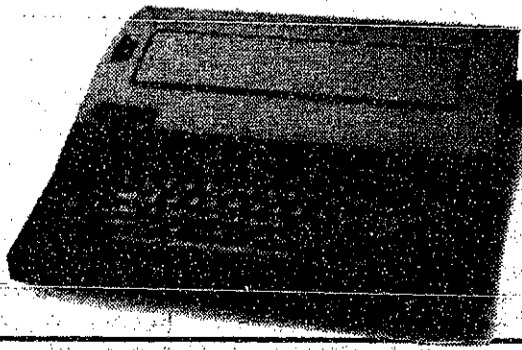


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news roundup

from the associated press wire

World

Another Soviet republic declares its independence from Moscow

A presidential election has been set for next month in the Central Asian republic of Tadjikistan, the latest to declare its independence from the Soviet Union. Yesterday's declaration was mostly a symbolic move, and was not really necessary in the wake of last week's decision to turn the Soviet Union into a loose confederation of free states.

In another republic that has already held a presidential election, there was no real contest. The incumbent president of Azerbaijan, who was the only person on the ballot in the election two days ago, seemed headed for an overwhelming victory while votes were still being counted. Voters could have said yes or no. Opposition leaders there said they would not recognize the victory of the incumbent president, who just recently quit the Communist Party.

US and Philippines still debating naval base lease

The Bush administration and Philippine lawmakers are eyeball-to-eyeball, and so far, no one has blinked. A majority of Philippine senators have said they will reject an agreement to let the United States use Subic Bay Naval Base for another ten years for \$203 million a year. Sources said the senators want to reopen negotiations, but President Bush said in Washington, DC that the United States has made its best offer. Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said that if the extension fails to win approval, US forces are "gone."

Malaysians investigate jet crash

Authorities in Malaysia said that searchers combing the crash site of a private American jet have found the plane's main wreckage and flight recorder. Police said that the crews expect to recover the so-called "black box" from the mountaintop site on Borneo island today.

The jet belonged to a Texas-based subsidiary of Du Pont, and it was carrying American and British executives from Tokyo to Jakarta when it disappeared from radar last Wednesday. Police believe all 12 people aboard died.

Searchers have recovered body parts and items that could identify the victims, but they said their work has been hampered by poor weather and the rough terrain. Three US investigators were also at the scene to examine the crash site.

Baker praises Mexican economic reforms

Secretary of State James A. Baker III yesterday commended his Mexican counterpart for Mexico's efforts toward economic reform. Baker said relations between the United States and Mexico are creating something history has never seen — "the world's first completely democratic hemisphere." Baker and other US officials visited Mexico City yesterday for a day of meetings focusing on trade.

East German on trial for Berlin Wall killings

A manslaughter trial in Berlin was being closely watched as a precedent for other cases stemming from the deaths of more than 200 East Germans killed at the Berlin Wall over the past 30 years. A former East German soldier charged with the last killing at a checkpoint testified yesterday that he shouted, "You pig!" while the victim lay dying. Another defendant cried as he described the February 1989 shooting.

Local

Whales trapped at Crosby Landing and Rock Harbor

Scientists tried yesterday to rescue three pilot whales who beached themselves yesterday afternoon near Crosby Landing in Brewster and two more who have strayed into Rock Harbor in Dennis. The three stranded whales were spread out along a 200-yard section of marsh. Volunteers tried to keep them from overheating while experts from the New England Aquarium checked their medical condition.

One of the whales in Rock Harbor was placed in a sling to be carried out to deeper water. A large number of pilot whales was seen on Cape Cod's north side all weekend and about 45 had to be herded away from First Encounter Beach in Eastham Thursday night. Scientists said the whales may have come to Cape Cod Bay where there is a surplus of menhaden fish, one of their favorite foods.

Nation

Senate confirmation of nominee Thomas starts today

President Bush acknowledged that there would be opposition to his nomination of Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court, but Bush said he expects to win it. Senate confirmation hearings will begin today for the conservative black judge, who Bush said is "a plain, decent fellow" who deserves to be confirmed.

Member of AIDS commission dies

Belinda Mason, a member of President Bush's Commission on AIDS, died yesterday. Her husband said that she died in the morning at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville. A hospital spokesman said that the cause of death was AIDS-related pneumonia.

The 33-year-old Mason was the only member of the commission who was infected with the AIDS virus. She became infected in 1987 through a transfusion she received during the birth of her second child. She was a native of Kentucky and founded the first Kentucky-based group dedicated to fighting for a cure for the disease. She also was a member of the AIDS Action Council, a national lobbying group. Before Bush appointed her to his commission in 1989, she was president of the National Association of People With AIDS.

Operation Desert Storm hurt the drug war

A Congressional report said there has been a setback in the air war against international drug traffickers since Operation Desert Storm. A House Armed Services Committee panel said that efforts to monitor Central American drug traffic were diverted when US aircraft were shifted to the Middle East. A House delegation that was sent to Panama and Mexico last month said both nations are devoted to the drug war, but added that neither has the resources to stop much trafficking.

Milwaukee police chief weeding out unprofessional officers

Milwaukee police chief Philip Arreola said that he is trying to identify yet another police officer who may have ignored a tip about alleged serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer.

Arreola has already fired two officers who encountered Dahmer and a naked, bleeding, teenage boy on May 27. The two dismissed the concerns of a woman who witnessed Dahmer struggling with the boy at the time of the incident, and in later phone calls.

In a television interview, Arreola said that it turns out the woman called again, several days after the incident. According to the chief, the woman said her daughter had spotted the boy's picture in the *Milwaukee Sentinel*, where he was listed as missing. Arreola said that the officer who took that call did not pursue it.

In July, police found the remains of eleven men and boys in Dahmer's apartment, including those of the missing teenager. Arreola said that he was angry after hearing reports that the family of the dead boy had received harassing phone calls in recent weeks, possibly from officers or their families.

Justice Department widens Wall Street investigation

Shock waves from the latest Wall Street scandal have started to ripple across New York and Washington. *The New York Times* said that the Justice Department has widened its investigation of Treasury securities misdeeds that began with Salomon Brothers.

The firm has acknowledged it broke bidding rules during auctions of Treasury securities this year and last year, and delayed reporting the violations. *The Times* said that prosecutors are conducting parallel civil and criminal inquiries in Washington and New York. They are said to have issued a handful of criminal subpoenas, mostly to individual traders.

The newspaper account quoted unidentified sources who said several government agencies are checking the actions of another big investment house. There was no indication of which firm that was.

Shuttle preparing for lift-off

The crew of the space shuttle *Discovery* arrived at Kennedy Space Center in Florida last night to make final preparations for Thursday's launch. Mission commander John Creighton says after a long training period it is time "to do it for real."

Actor dies of AIDS

Actor Brad Davis, who starred in the film *Midnight Express*, has died of AIDS complications. His widow says the 41-year-old actor contracted the deadly disease from drug use.

Affordable housing study released

If you're looking for more affordable housing, consider Saginaw, MI, or Amarillo, TX, or Greeley, CO. But stay away from California and the urban areas of the Northeast.

That was the advice offered to potential home buyers by the National Association of Home Builders after examining the latest Housing Opportunity Index figures.

The group's second-quarter affordability list is topped by the Michigan region that includes the three cities of Saginaw, Bay City, and Midland. The median price of a home in the Saginaw area was \$61,000.

Amarillo, which topped the first-quarter index, dropped to fourth place. But it was still the most affordable area in the South. Greeley's housing provided the best buys in the West, and Nashua, NH, leads the East.

At the bottom of the index was San Francisco. In fact, the 13 least affordable cities were found in California. The least affordable cities by region also included El Paso, TX, in the South, New York in the Northeast, and Chicago in the Midwest.

John Birch Society: Reds are not dead

The leader of the John Birch Society said the fall of Communism in the Soviet Union will not silence his members. John McManus said the Red Menace still burns bright at the society's Appleton, WI, headquarters. McManus said there are still socialists, and in his words: "A communist has never been anything but a socialist in a hurry."

AIDS patient asks Congress to come hear her testimony

A Florida woman who contracted AIDS from her dentist said she will not go to Washington to testify before Congress.

Kimberly Bergalis said members of Congress, who she calls a "bunch of pigs," will have to come to her if they want to hear what she has to say.

A hearing on an AIDS testing bill named for her was originally scheduled for Thursday. The hearing was canceled, but a Florida congressman offered to make space available on another date.

The 23-year-old Fort Pierce woman is the sickest of the five patients infected by Dr. David Acer. The five cases are the only documented instances of patients becoming infected with AIDS by a health professional.

Though she is weak, Bergalis had planned to testify in favor of the Kimberly Bergalis Patient and Health Providers' Protection Act. The bill would require doctors and patients involved in surgery to be tested for the AIDS virus. It would also require states to reveal the identity of infected health providers to patients.

Tyson indicted on rape charges

Former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson has been indicted on rape charges in Indianapolis. If convicted on all counts, the 25-year-old could be sentenced to 63 years in prison. Tyson was accused of raping a Miss Black America pageant contestant in July. Nevada authorities say they will meet soon to decide if Tyson's scheduled November bout with Evander Holyfield should be allowed to proceed.

Weather

Claudette, Danny and Erika churn through the Atlantic

Tropical cyclone activity has increased over the weekend with Claudette achieving hurricane status and two new tropical storms, Danny and Erika, developing over the past two days. None of the cyclones should affect populated areas in the next few days. Claudette and Erika are heading eastward into the central Atlantic, while Danny is slowly gathering strength on its track to the west-northwest.

The only threat of precipitation this week will come late tonight and early tomorrow with the passage of a cold front. Cooler, drier weather is anticipated for the remainder of the week.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy and warm. High 85 °F (29 °C). Winds southwest 10-15 mph (16-24 kph).

Tuesday night: Partly to mostly cloudy and mild. A late night or early morning shower is possible. Low 65-69 °F (18-21 °C).

Wednesday: Clearing and continued mild. High 80 °F (27 °C). Low 56 °F (13 °C).

Thursday: Partly cloudy and cooler. High 77 °F (25 °C). Low 50-55 °F (10-13 °C).

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Compiled by Joey Marquez and Dave Watt

opinion

Return to Singapore.

Column by Matthew H. Hersch

popular mandate for their continuation has not been achieved.

To the foreign press, whose opinions of Singaporean politics are unwelcome in Singapore, Goh's conclusion seems to have misread the opinion of the voters. Singaporean opposition figures, while dodging bullets, are insisting that Goh's "failure" was the result of the electorates doubting of Goh's sincerity. The not-quite-dead-yet Former Prime Minister Lee has been blamed for manipulating Goh like a pound of ground beef.

As Gorbachev learned months ago, if you give people the chance to vote, chances are that they won't vote for you, if you are the one who denied them the vote in the first place. This vicious cycle is the paradigm that turns reforms into revolutions. The Singaporean populace undoubtedly supports reform, but Goh is apparently too wishy-washy and dishonest to rule, and the Singaporean people probably know it.

No matter what anyone says, the same basic situation remains. After overcoming his happiness over the election which he fixed so he would lose, Goh will return to hard-line rule, even though a majority of the Singaporean population supports reform. If Goh slips even more in the polls at the next elections, he may very well blame the few months of reform for mucking up the unbounded wonderfulness that emerged from the 30 years of hard-line rule started under Lee.

If the People's Inaction Party continues on this path of conservatism, Singapore may find itself faced with a government that lacks the people's support but won't admit it, and a political upheaval with the magnitude of South Korea's. Upheaval has a way of not only causing civil wars, but of threatening foreign companies that operate factories and do business in unstable countries — the same foreign companies that have helped foster Singapore's economic growth.

If Singapore wants to remain prosperous, it can not turn its back on reform.

One year ago, a moderately critical column I wrote on press restrictions in Singapore violated Singaporean censorship rules for foreign periodicals and caused, I believe, *The Tech* to be promptly banned there ["*Tech* banned in Singapore," Oct. 30, 1990]. Since that fateful day, that little island has served as a constant reminder to me, not only of the suffering of the thousands of Singaporean *Tech* subscribers who were left high and dry, but of the irrepressible truth that I am a danger to myself and others.

Since then there has been some considerable reformation and deformation in Singaporean political life, and I believe that this island off the tip of Malaysia deserves another column, even though people in Singapore may never read it.

Shortly after the Singapore column hit the newsstands last year, the paternalistic Prime Minister of Singapore, Lee Kuan Yew, stepped down, placing his party-mate and bosom buddy Goh Chok Tong in power. During the three million years of Lee's rule, Singapore had enjoyed startling economic growth, at the cost of stringent restrictions on political debate, the press, the sale of jukeboxes and virtually everything else worth living for.

While content with a standard of living nearly equal to that of Japan's, more Singaporean citizens began to yearn for the social freedoms that tend to follow economic success. Goh embarked upon a reform program, aimed at curbing censorship rules and other government ordinances to create a looser social and political structure.

In the Parliamentary election two weeks ago, Goh's People's Action Party won a resounding victory, taking 77 of the 81 seats. The victory was taken as a defeat by Goh, who wanted to get 62 percent of the popular vote but got only 61 percent. Now, says Goh, the reforms must cease because a

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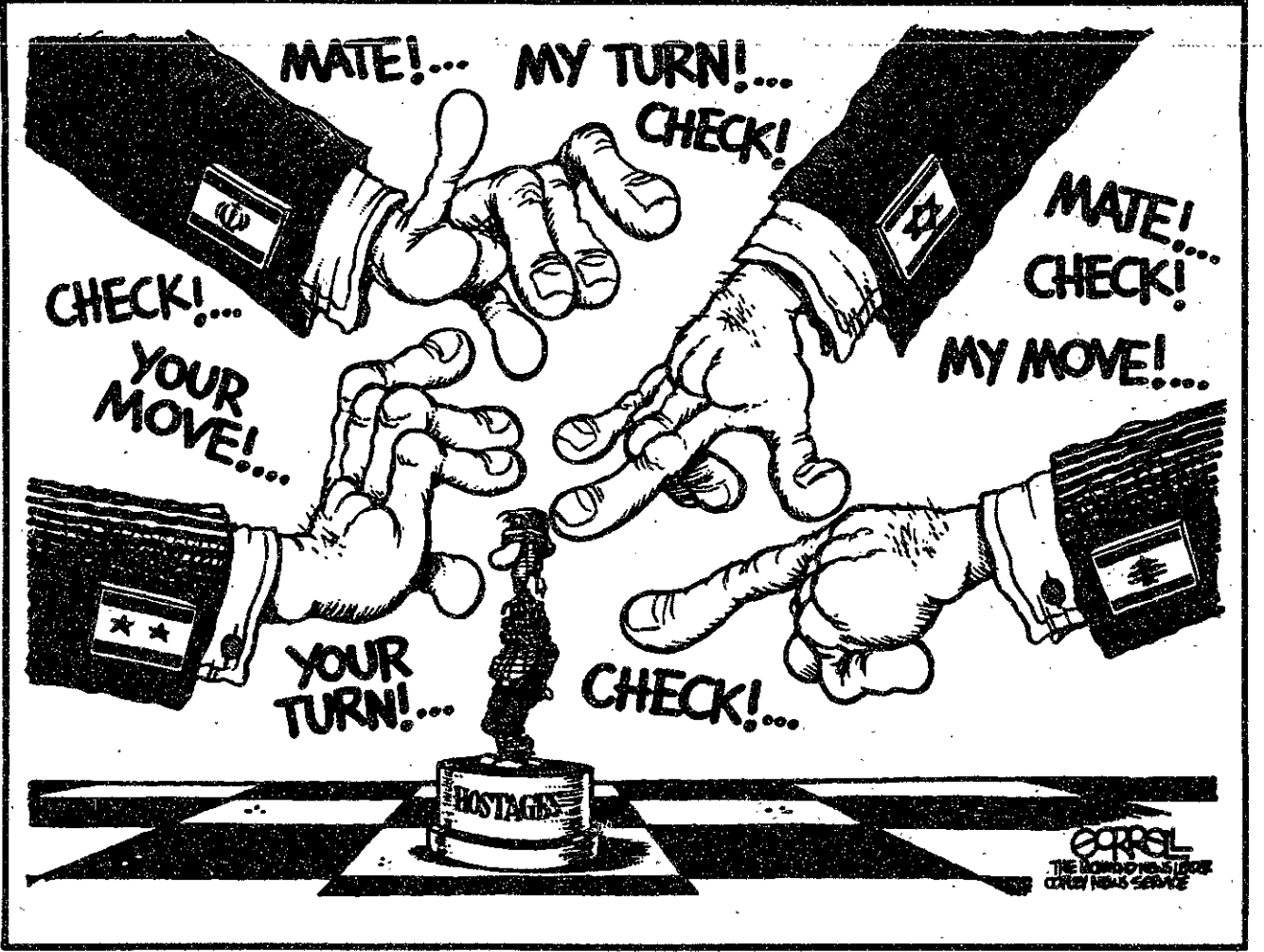
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tech rush article insensitive

I was shocked and appalled when I read a recent article ["Fraternity rush slightly down," Sept. 3]. While the article clearly describes many happenings of this year's Residence/Orientation week activities, I was extremely dismayed to see the inclusion of sensitive, private information about specific fraternities' rushes. What was worse is that the specific statistics printed were attributed to a source that did not give them out!

I am specifically talking about printing of the pledge goal numbers and actual numbers of pledges for a number of fraternities across campus. This information, while available from the fraternities themselves, is considered to be some of the most sen-

sitive information during Rush, save only the privacy of the freshmen.

In speaking to Advisor to Fraternities and Independent Living Groups Neal H. Dorow and Senior Office Assistant Eliot S. Levitt '89, both from the Residence and Campus Activities office, I confirmed that neither of them allowed the release of the information that was printed. Cognizant of the fact that neither I nor my staff released the numbers, I am left to assume that either *The Tech* called the fraternities themselves and misreported the origin of the information, or *The Tech* blatantly broke into the Clearinghouse database and stole the information.

In either case, I believe that

Tech editors should have shown a little more responsibility in their editing of articles, and think about what they are printing before they print it. For a newspaper to be trusted in what it does print, it needs to be trusted in what it does not print.

I would like to add that the statistics printed were not only an invasion of privacy, but they were also incorrect. I hope *The Tech* takes this as a learning experience of what not to do in the future. Maybe a course in newspaper writing would be in order.

Derek A. Atkins '93
 Clearinghouse Co-Chairman

(Editor's note: The Tech stands by its story.)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Students enforce rush rules

Kudos to Adam R. Grossman '87 for his letter to *The Tech*, decrying fines against Bexley Hall for its "ROTC = Murder" sign ["Do not fine Bexley residents for exercising free speech rights," Sept. 6]. Adam's battle is a good one; however, he has misplaced what he believes to be his enemy in two significant ways.

First, Residence/Orientation fines are not assessed by the administration, but by the Mediations Committee or the Dorm-Con or IFC Judicial Committees. Their rules are student-written and student-enforced, and not "whimsical interpretations" of my opinions about anything. As far as I am aware, the Judicial Committee has no ban on political protests during R/O; it has, however, claimed jurisdiction over other Bexley actions, which Bexley denies. My only role in this dispute has been to encourage all sides to articulate and pursue their positions in order to engender dialog.

Second, as most Bexley residents are probably aware, it is true that this past weekend I was at Bexley because of this protest sign — not as a "bureaucrat" trying to trample free speech but to help those students who were afraid that the sign was about to be torn down. Indeed, I understand that the latest joke making the rounds of Bexley goes something like, "If the Baltic states

can achieve independence, well then I suppose the Dean's Office can stand up for free speech."

But, of course, this isn't an issue of good versus evil and shouldn't be portrayed as such. MIT benefits from constructive dialog between students and administration, rather than from accusations and counter-accusations.

An academic community such as ours has the resources and the principles to choose negotiated

cooperation over indignant confrontation. Both sides in this case have persuasive arguments; let them make them. But in that sense, I will pass on some advice I received only a few days ago: If you are out to attract bees, you will have better luck with honey than with vinegar.

Eliot S. Levitt '89
Staff Assistant
Office of the Dean
for Student Affairs

Safe sex video found unnecessarily graphic

Deborah A. Levinson '91 accurately notes my personal opinion that the explicit nature of the safe sex video, *Truth or Consequence: Safer Sex at MIT* was on occasion excessive ["Explicit safe sex video will be shown at Bexley," Sept. 6]. Unfortunately, Levinson did not mention that I have not seen a final cut of the video and that most of my reservations were about the film editing, not about the producer's use of nudity or live models, *per se*. In general, I felt that many of the graphic scenes on *Truth or Con-*

sequence were unnecessarily and unjustifiably long and could have been edited down.

Besides offering critical information in a graphic format, *Truth or Consequence* emphasizes responsibility, consent and respect for others in sexual relationships. As a health educator, I feel more students would integrate both the information and the message if the explicit demonstrations of safer sex were shortened.

Janet Van Ness
Director of Health Services

Column on hostages displays narrow view

Matthew H. Hersch '94 writes about his anger over UN Secretary General Javier Pérez de Cuéllar's acceptance of a message from Lebanese hostage takers through recently released hostage John McCarthy ["Lose the dead weight," Sept. 3]. This irrational response is understandable considering the sophomoric viewpoint — which he shares with many others reared on Delta Force, Bruce Willis, Rambo and the World Wrestling Federation — he enunciates in the rest of the article.

Quite apart from his unreasonable degrading of the highly respected diplomat, Hersch exhibits an odious sense of justice compounded by a complete lack of

understanding of the aspirations of ordinary people in Lebanon and occupied Arab lands whose relatives languish in Israeli prisons on charges that would put communist China to shame. The fact — supported by actions such as the spectacular kidnapping of the Shi'a cleric Shaikh Obeid — is that these prisoners are as much hostages as the Westerners held in Beirut.

To denigrate the work of the Secretary General, just because he has to deal with terrorists on both sides, is to damage the only peaceful way that this nightmare can end for the hostages and their families on both sides.

Bilal H. Mughal G

Wrist injuries plague keyboard users

I am writing this letter in an effort to open conversation on a topic that has been a concern to me for some time. I have been an employee of MIT for four years and have been at the Laboratory for Computer Science for all of that time. I have noticed that more and more graduate and even undergraduate students are walking around with wrist bands, or wrist supports.

When I ask them about it, they tell me they have developed carpal tunnel syndrome or tendonitis. Usually after a couple of weeks with the wrist support, they feel better and they are right back at the keyboard.

I happen to know of two people (not students) who will never be able to type for themselves again because carpal tunnel or tendonitis. This causes me to wonder whether MIT is aware of the intensity of this problem in

their student population and what they are doing about it.

As an employee, I find myself wondering what I would do if I couldn't type anymore. My job depends on my being able to do so. How many students are going to find themselves wondering the same thing as they graduate and start to work at their jobs? I am aware of handouts that Information Services distributes on preventative measures and I am sure incoming freshmen get them in their orientation packets (if they don't, they should). This is a step in the right direction and might do a lot to relieve the problem. However, how many students out there say "this will never happen to me?"

How many students, for one reason or another, never saw the handout and don't know about it? Can more preventative measures be taken? Can frequent, 60-

minute ergonomics seminars be offered for the students by Information Services? Can your newspaper publish the IS handout each semester on how to prevent this problem? What about MIT preparing the students in an alternate career should they find somewhere in their future, they can no longer type? My basic question is, what is MIT doing to prepare the students to deal with this problem should it ever happen to them? After all, what difference does it make if you graduate with a degree that will get you a job almost anywhere in the world, but you no longer have the physical capability to use it?

Sally C. Bemus
Administrative Staff Assistant
MIT Laboratory for Computer Science

Project Athena users must respect system use rules

Last spring an MIT undergraduate modified software on over 200 Athena workstations and in doing so jeopardized everyone's use of the Athena Computing Environment. Members of the Student Information Processing Board and staff from Project Athena and Information Systems detected the change and identified the individual responsible for the modifications.

A formal complaint was lodged with the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs, and after review, the student was placed on administrative probation for two years. Also, the student is being required to perform 75 hours of community service work for Athena this term and to reimburse the Institute for the cost of undoing the software modifications. Although criminal charges were possible, none were filed.

During the final days of the

1990-91 spring term, as many as 4200 students and faculty used the Athena system each day to complete coursework and theses. Even greater usage is expected this term. System errors, even minor ones, result in high anxiety for everyone. Serious system problems disrupt the work of thousands of students and faculty who depend upon Athena's availability.

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James D. Bruce
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OMB rules will not hurt MIT

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bursement specifically excludes lobbying expenses, according to OMB documents.

OMB also proposes salary reimbursement cap

The OMB has also proposed new regulations that would prohibit certain expenses from being billed back to the government. These expenses include restrictions on houses for officers, advertising, and lobbying.

But in a move that Culliton called "punitive," OMB has also proposed to place a cap of \$120,000 per year on the amount of professors' and administrators' salaries that can be billed back to the government as indirect costs.

Other local universities face sharp cuts in federal reimbursements for administration if the proposed cap goes into effect. Boston University has the highest administrative indirect cost rate in the country, at 41 percent, according to *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. BU officials have repeatedly declined to com-

ment on their administrative costs. A spokesman would not say whether BU sent a response like Culliton's to the OMB during the comment period on the proposed cap.

Other local universities with

high administrative cost rates include Tufts University (39 percent), Harvard Medical School (38 percent), and the University of Massachusetts at Worcester Medical School (37 percent), according to the *Chronicle*.

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The Cambridge Youth Guidance Center seeks volunteers interested in spending a few hours a week with a child who has emotional problems. Call Dr. Judy Osher at 354-2274.

Help a newly arrived family build a new life: Soviet Immigrants in Boston area need volunteers to help with language and understanding life in America. Please give two to three hours a week. More info: Joanne Spector at 566-1230, Jewish Family & Children's Service, 637 Washington Street, Brookline.

Volunteers needed to bag fresh produce for the Red Cross at 99 Brookline Ave., Boston, on Mondays and Fridays from 10:30 to 12 am. Call Nancy Jamison at 282-0728 or Lynne Klumb at 262-1234 ext. 236.

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Big Savings for Customers and Meal Card Discounts

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A new program designed to offer enhanced price/value relationships to food service customers in MIT facilities will be rolled out this September according to Alan Leo, General Manager for MIT Food Service. Savings will be marketed as Val-U-Meals. The program will combine regularly-featured menu items with value discount pricing.

Every MIT food service dining facility will offer one or more Val-U-Meal specials during each meal period. "We are enhancing our customers buying power by offering the Val-U-Meal program," said Leo. Discounts on Val-U-Meal special combinations average approximately 10%. Special signs, located in each facility promote the days' Val-U-Meal to cost-conscious customers. These specials will change daily.

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Double Discounts are available as special incentives for MIT meal plan holders. Each Val-U-Meal purchase made with a meal card can benefit from double savings on the amount of the Val-U-Meal discount.

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Math test called a success

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tests, she did say that the average time spent on the test was 49 minutes.

Because a test of this scale has never been given before at MIT, right now "the information is not very useful because we don't know what it means," Enders said. "But at the end of the year, if we look at a group and there seems to be some correlation between performance in physics and performance on the math diagnostic, we might be able to say something," she continued.

Brush-ups began last night

The first in a series of pre-calculus review sessions for freshmen began last night where 40 students were expected to attend the three-hour "Algebra Brush-Up" in 2-102. Brush-ups for trigonometry, geometry, and logarithms will also be offered this week.

Students who received low scores in a particular subject were encouraged to attend the review session for that subject. In addition, the brush-ups were widely advertised and all freshmen were encouraged to attend.

The review sessions are divided into three-hour-long activities, with groups of four to six students working with a tutor on review modules that were prepared by the math department. There will be no lecturing "unless it is clear that a whole lot of students are stuck in one area," Enders said.

At the end of each session, tutors will evaluate whether the students need additional review sessions, Enders said.

Enders predicted that some students who were not interested in the tutoring sessions would stop by to pick up review modules and work on them on their own.

Many freshmen think the test was "a waste of time"

Although its organizers felt the test was worthwhile, many freshmen thought it was unimportant.

"It was a waste," said Wendy Geisler '95. "If you do well, your advisor doesn't say anything, and if you don't do well, your advisor says not to worry about it."

Gilbert R. Hernandez '95 agreed: "It was a waste of time. . . . I'm sure everyone here is capable of doing well on that test, it's just that they forgot [the material]."

Several freshmen also complained that they missed several questions because they had not memorized trigonometric identities and other formulas which could be easily looked up in a textbook.

Not all freshmen shared this view, though. "I didn't think it was a waste," said Michael Evans '95. "I thought it was for a good reason. You have to know the math. It's good to offer refresher courses. I wouldn't be motivated to review otherwise."

But few freshmen, even those who said they did poorly on the diagnostic test, said they would

attend the brush-ups. Sean Dotson '95 said, "[The test] showed me that I was a little rusty, but I

won't be going to the brush-ups — I'll be starting in 18.01 anyway."



Vipul Bhushan/The Tech

A new freshman climbs out of the pool to receive a token from sailing coach Harold Brown Jr. signifying successful completion of the MIT swimming requirement and the small boat swim test. The Class of '95 took the swimming test last Friday at the Alumni Pool. Many also took the optional boat test.

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Frosh get top dorm picks

(Continued from page 1) the student would stay in the lottery for his second choice, where he would be placed if it was not already filled. Students would stay in the lottery until one of the dormitories they had ranked had a space for them.

Levitt changed the method of housing selection after meeting with the room assignment chairs of each of the dormitories. This year, all students were tentatively placed in their first choice dormitory. If a student's first choice dormitory was oversubscribed, and if his second choice dormitory was less full, he was placed in his second choice dormitory instead. Reassignments continued to be made into students' third and lower choices until none of the dormitories were oversubscribed.

"This new process was only possible because students tend to pick their favorite dormitories in blocks. Most students would be just as happy in their first or second choice," said Levitt.

Levitt joined the ODSA in January, and the undergraduate housing office decided to use his computer background to reform the old housing assignment system. With the help of an MIT mathematics professor, a computer program was written to process freshmen housing preference lists. The program began running two days before housing assignments were made.

Later this term, Levitt will consult with the room assignment chairs of all dormitories and send a survey to freshmen to determine whether the new system should be used in the future.

The new computer program will also assign housing to students transferring from one dormitory to another during the year. Instead of involving only two dormitories in a switch, the computer will keep track of any openings on campus and try to accommodate as many as students as possible. Levitt said that

students would have a better chance of changing dormitories if they listed more than one dormitory that they were willing to switch into.

"The more requests we get, the greater the chance we get to satisfy them. If students want to switch, it is very likely that they will be able to," Levitt said.



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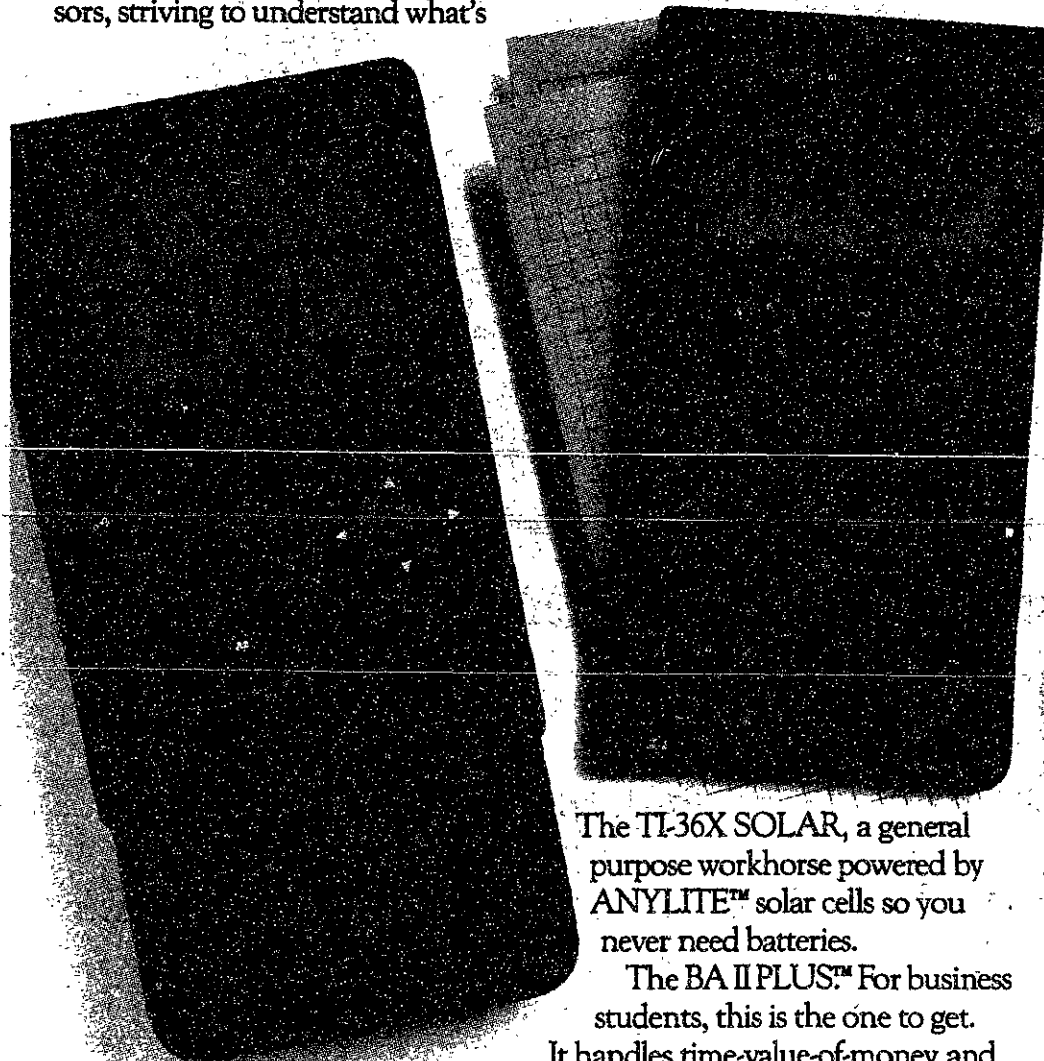
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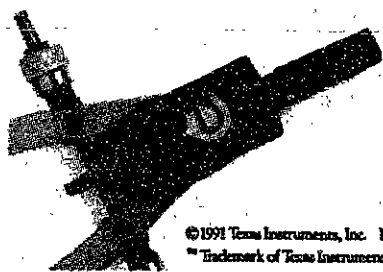
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All first-time student loan borrowers (Perkins, Technology, or Stafford Student Loans) are required to attend a loan counseling session. Please contact the Bursar's Office for a schedule of the sessions.

Surplus equipment is available for departments and members of the MIT community in the Equipment Exchange, building NW30, every Tuesday and Thursday from 11-3 pm. Thirty days after being advertised in *Tech Talk* the equipment is sold.

The Science and Humanities Libraries (Hayden Building Libraries) are open from noon Sunday to 8 pm Friday — 24 hours a day — and from 8 am to 8 pm on Saturday. From midnight to 8 am access to the libraries is limited to members of the MIT community. Circulation and reference services are not available during restricted hours.

The Off-Campus Housing Service welcomes any member of the community who either has available housing or who is searching for housing to contact our office in Room E32-121, x3-1493.

The "Statement of Registration Status" is still required of all male students who are expected to register for the draft, if they want to receive federal financial aid. Women, underage students and those who have completed the statement in previous years do not have to file statements.

MIT requires male students who have completed the statement by indicating they are "underage" to submit the statement annually until they have registered.

Los Niños, a non-profit community development organization with projects along the Mexico/U.S. border, seeks applicants for its summer internship program. Interns teach summer-school classes in low-income Mexican communities, and take part in educational experiences concerning Mexico and the border region. For more information call 661-6912.

Study Help

The professional tutor staff of the MIT Writing and Communication Center (14N-317) will be glad to consult with you on any writing or oral presentation project (papers, theses, letters, etc.) from 10 am-6 pm Monday through Friday. You may either phone for an appointment (x3-3050) or just drop in. In addition, workshops for those for whom English is a second language are held in the Center on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15 pm. All services are free.

Yo La Tengo is outshined by upstart Boston bands

YO LA TENGO

With Scatterfield and Tsunami Poets.
T.T. the Bear's Place, Sep. 6.

By ALFRED ARMENDARIZ

THE QUIRKY PUNK TRIO Yo La Tengo and Boston's own Scatterfield and Tsunami Poets played to a packed house Friday night at T.T. The Bear's. Never having heard these bands live before, I did not know what to expect from these newcomers to the music scene. What I did hear were three very different bands with three very different styles.

Tsunami Poets opened the show with a solid, well-received one-hour set. They dressed the stage with cut-out fish and an ocean-blue backdrop that helped to create a party atmosphere.

Tsunami Poets' melodic rock style is very similar to early Talking Heads material. Their tight, finely-tuned set showed that a band can still create danceable rock and roll without resorting to the sampling and drum machines popular with bands today.

By contrast, Scatterfield played very loud and very fast, with a sound reminiscent of Hüsker Dü. Their singer belted out songs about personal anguish and isolation while jumping around the tiny stage.

He was always either holding the microphone in a death grip or beating his tambourine as if it had insulted him personally.

Scatterfield's two guitarists played well together, creating walls of electric fuzz over the thrashing of their great rhythm section. They were by far the most energetic band I had heard in months, and I thoroughly enjoyed their performance.

The most I can say about Yo La Tengo is that it really felt great when their set ended — it was almost 2 am early Saturday morning, and T.T.'s was crowded and hot. Having previously heard and liked some of their songs on the radio, I was very disappointed by their live sound. Gone was the playfulness their music had over the radio: they played all of their songs at the same tempo and volume, and they made little effort to change their sound from one song to the next. The metallic guitar and bass hinted at something like Sonic Youth, but never connected with each other. In the end, the band sounded like they were fighting with each other instead of playing with each other.

Perhaps I would have liked Yo La Tengo more had it not been for the great sets by the opening bands. But then again, Yo La Tengo should know better than to book opening acts that might outshine them.

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Germany's remarkable youth orchestra appears in its debut performance in Symphony Hall with Michael Gielen, conductor, Yo-Yo Ma, cello, and Christian Tetzlaff, violin. Program: Bernd Alois Zimmermann, *Symphony in one movement*; Brahms, *Double concerto for violin and cello*; Schubert, *Ninth Symphony* ("Great" Symphony). A Bank of Boston Celebrity Series event.

Symphony Hall, September 20, 8 pm.

MIT price: \$7.

Tickets are on sale at the Technology Community Association, W20-450 in the Student Center. Office hours posted on the door. Call x3-4885 for further information.

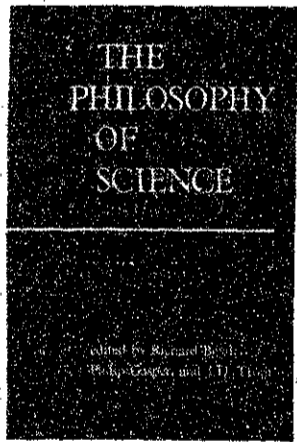
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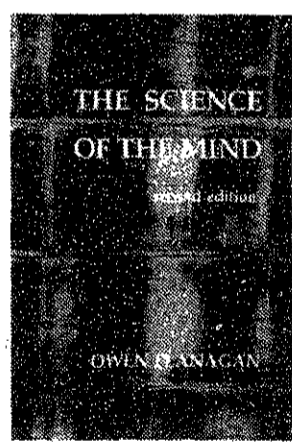
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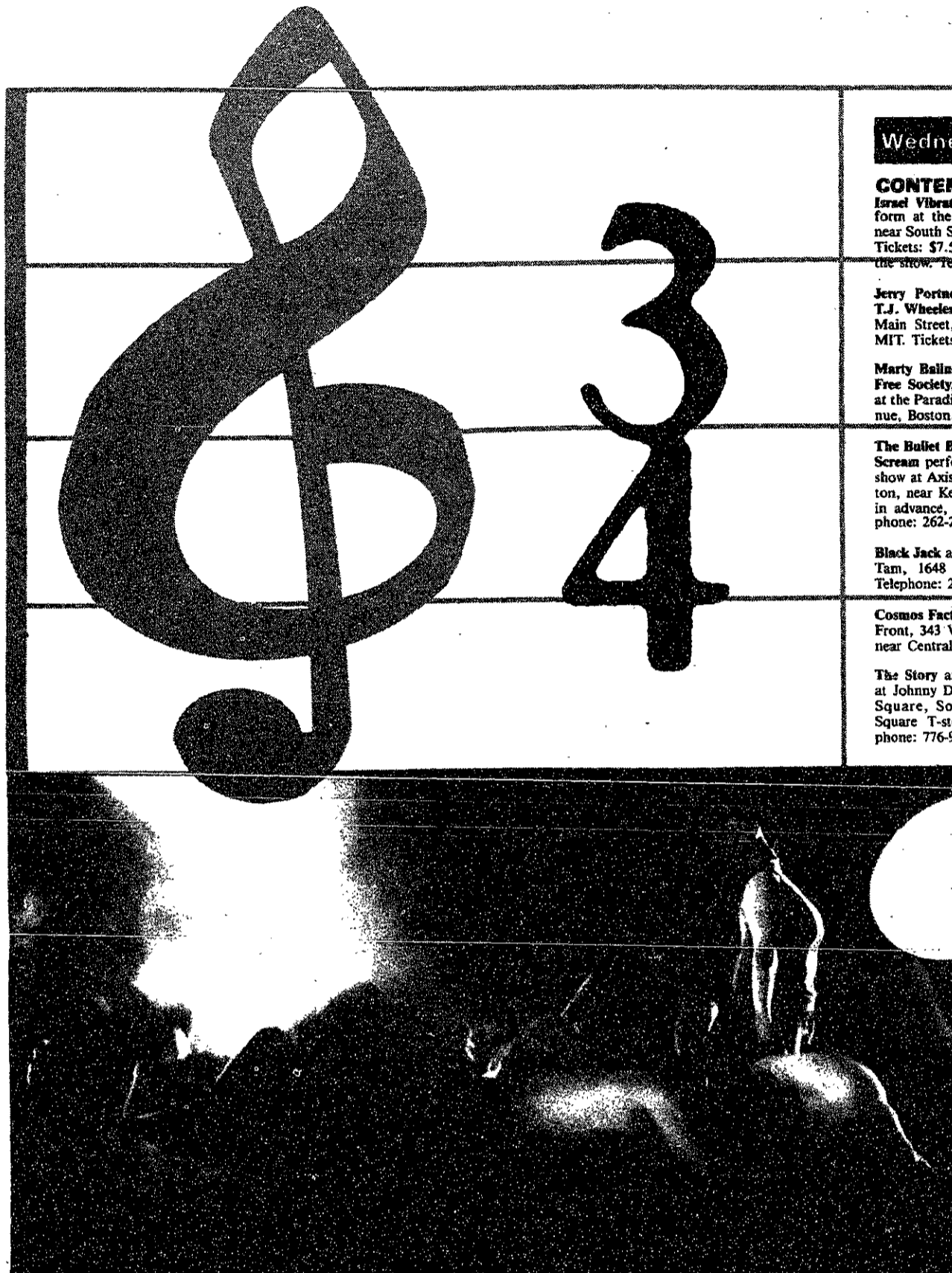
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On The Town

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Wednesday Sep 11

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

Israel Vibration and Little Women perform at the Channel, 25 Necco Street, near South Station in downtown Boston. Tickets: \$7.50 in advance, \$8.50 day of the show. Telephone: 451-1050.

Jerry Portnoy & the Steamrollers and T.J. Wheeler perform at Nighthage, 823 Main Street, Cambridge, just north of MIT. Tickets: \$10.50. Tel.: 497-8200.

Marty Balla, Greg Kroil, Purple Stars, Free Society, and Chairvoyage perform at the Paradise, 967 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston. Telephone: 254-2052.

The Bullet Boys, Black-Eyed Susan, and Scream perform at 9 pm in an 19+ ages show at Axis, 13 Lansdowne Street, Boston, near Kenmore Square. Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$11 day of the show. Telephone: 262-2437.

Black Jack and Fez Henry perform at the Tam, 1648 Beacon Street, Brookline. Telephone: 277-0982.

Cosmos Factory perform at the Western Front, 343 Western Avenue, Cambridge, near Central Square. Tel.: 492-7772.

The Story and Barbara Kessler perform at Johnny D's, 17 Holland Street, Davis Square, Somerville, near the Davis Square T-stop on the red line. Telephone: 776-9667.

So What?, Vagon Poetry, and Beyond Id perform at Club 3, 608 Somerville Ave., Somerville. Telephone: 623-6957.

Miracle Workers, Helicats from Outer-space, and The Unband perform at Bunratty's, 186 Harvard Avenue, Allston. Telephone: 254-9820.

Billy Squier performs at 8 pm at the EM Loews Theater, 220 Main Street, Worcester. Tickets: \$15.50 over 21, \$16.50 all ages.

JAZZ MUSIC

The Cerele Miller Quartet, with special guest Harvie Swartz performs at 9 pm at the Regattabar, Charles Hotel, Harvard Square, Cambridge. Tickets: \$6. Telephone: 687-3000.

The Fringe performs at the Willow Jazz Club, 699 Broadway Ball Square, Somerville. Telephone: 623-9874.

FILM & VIDEO

The Brattle Theatre begins its series *Claustrophobia* with *The Tenant* (1976, Roman Polanski) at 3:30 and 7:45 and *Repulsion* (1965, Roman Polanski) at 5:45 and 10 at 40 Brattle Street, Harvard Square, Cambridge. Tickets: \$5.50 general, \$3 seniors and children (good for the double feature). Tel.: 876-6837.

The Museum of Fine Arts series *More Adventures and Thrills from Hong Kong* continues with part one of *Project A* (1983, Jackie Chan) at 6 pm and *Mr. Canton and Lady Rose* (1989, Jackie

Chan) at 8 pm in the Remis Auditorium, 465 Huntington Avenue, Boston. Tickets: \$5 general, \$4.50 MFA members, students, and seniors. Tel.: 267-9300.

Thursday Sep 12

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

Max Creek perform in an 18+ show at the Paradise, 967 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston. Telephone: 254-2052.

Circle of Soul, Vicious Rumors, Backseat Driver, Bogus Toms, and Gods Children perform in an 18+ ages show at the Channel, 25 Necco Street, near South Station in downtown Boston. Tickets: \$5. Telephone: 451-1050.

Celebrity Skin, Monte, and Malachite perform at the Rat, 528 Commonwealth Avenue, Kenmore Square, Boston. Telephone: 536-2750.

B.U.S.T., My Familiar, Fiat Stanley, and Buzzsaw Frisbees perform at the Middle East in Central Square. Tel.: 354-8238.

Wheeler and Dealers and Lazy Susan perform at the Tam, 1648 Beacon Street, Brookline. Telephone: 277-0982.

Johnny Groove and Jim Melanson's *Blind Date* perform at Ed Burke's, 808 Huntington Avenue, Boston, on the 'E' green line. Telephone: 232-2191.

Little Women and The Equalities per-

Left: Leonardo: *Anatomy of a Soul* plays at the Museum of Fine Arts Thursday and Friday.

tomorrow at the Channel, 25 Necco Street, near South Station in downtown Boston. Tickets: \$5. Tel.: 451-1050.

John & Mary, formerly of 10,000 Maniacs, and Apollo Landing perform at the Middle East in Central Square. Telephone: 354-8238.

Young Fresh Fellows, God's Eye, and Uncle Ben perform in an 18+ ages show at T.T. the Bears, 10 Brookline Street, Cambridge, just north of MIT. Telephone: 492-0082.

Heavy Metal Horns and Bruce Marshall Group perform at the Willow Jazz Club. See Sep. 14 listing.

Third Street, Brookline. Telephone: 277-0982.

Mouth Music performs at 8 pm at the Somerville Theatre in Davis Square. Tickets: \$15. Telephone: 876-9240.

The Bags, Crazy Alice, Macey's Parade, and Naked Age perform at Bunratty's, 186 Harvard Avenue, Allston. Telephone: 254-9820.

Surrender Dorothy, The Whigs, and Billy Maledart & His Orchestra perform at Club 3, 608 Somerville Ave., Somerville. Telephone: 623-6957.

Rhythmic Cats perform at the Black Rose, 50 Church Street, in Harvard Square. Telephone: 492-8630.

Jumpin' Blues Dance Party, featuring

Roll With It, from 5-9 pm at the Western Front, 343 Western Ave., Cambridge. Tickets: \$2 with MIT ID.

Sting at 7:30 pm at Great Woods. See Sep. 13 listing.

Winston Grennan Six Rock Band at the Western Front. See Sep. 14 listing.

JAZZ MUSIC

Stanley Turrentine at 9 pm at the Regattabar. See Sep. 12 listing.

Norman Zocher Group at the Willow Jazz Club. See Sep. 14 listing.

FILM & VIDEO

The MIT Lecture Series Committee presents *Green Card* at 7 & 10 in 26-100. Tickets: \$1.50 with MIT/Wellesley ID. Telephone: 253-8881.

Lawrence of Arabia at noon, 2, and 8:10 at the Brattle Theatre. See Sep. 13 listing.

Sunday Sep 9

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

Stan Strickland, performs at the Western Front, 343 Western Avenue, Cambridge, near Central Square. Telephone: 492-7772.

WorldFest, Oxfam America's multicultural festival, today at 11:30 am on the Charles Street end of the Boston Common. See Sep. 14 listing.

Special Beat performs in an 18+ ages show at the Channel. See Sep. 14 listing.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Longy Septemberfest 1991 continues with Dana Marzkevič, violin, Lesle Amper, piano, Randall Hodgkinson, piano, Jane Struss, mezzo-soprano, Lamilla Lifson, piano, Lynn Jacquin, oboe, Thomas Hill, clarinet, Sophia Vitek, violin, John Zierke, viola, and Henry Peyrebrune, double bass perform an all-Prokofiev program at 8 pm at Edward Pickman Concert Hall, 27 Garden Street, Cambridge. No admission charge. Telephone: 876-0956.

PERFORMANCE ART

Leonardo: *Anatomy of a Soul* plays at 8 pm at the Museum of Fine Arts. See Sep. 12 listing.

FILM & VIDEO

The Brattle Theatre continues its Sunday series *1941: It Was a Very Good Year* with *That Hamilton Woman* (Alexander Korda) at 3:15 and 7:40 and *The Shanghai Gesture* (Josef Von Sternberg) at 1:15, 5:40, and 10 at 40 Brattle Street, Harvard Square, Cambridge. Tickets: \$5.50 general, \$3 seniors and children (good for the double feature). Telephone: 876-6837.

The *Armor of God 2: Operation Condor* at 1 and *Once a Thief* at 3 at the Museum of Fine Arts. See Sep. 12 listing.

Monday Sep 16

FILM & VIDEO

The Brattle Theatre continues its Monday series *Billy Wilder in Hollywood* with *Sunset Boulevard* (1950) at 3:30 and 7:45 and *Stalag 17* (1953) at 5:30 and 9:45 at 40 Brattle Street, Harvard Square, Cambridge. Tickets: \$5.50 general, \$3 seniors and children (good for the double feature). Tel.: 876-6837.

Tuesday Sep 17

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

Big Aud Downtown, 21+ show at Kenmore Square. See Sep. 14 listing.

JAZZ MUSIC

Alfonso Villalonga and The Cabaret Rose perform at 9 pm at the Regattabar, Charles Hotel, Harvard Square, Cambridge. Tickets: \$8. Telephone: 661-5000.

FILM AND VIDEO

The Brattle Theatre continues its Tuesday series *International Women Filmmakers* with *Sweetie* (1989, Jane Campion) at 3 and 8 and *Campton Shorts: Peel* (1982), *A Girl's Own Story* (1984), and *Passionless Moments* (1984) at 4, 6:55, and 9:55 at 40 Brattle Street, Harvard Square, Cambridge. Tickets: \$5.50 general, \$3 seniors and children. Telephone: 876-6837.

Ongoing Theater

ImprovBoston, Boston's longest-running improvisational comedy troupe, continues its late-night performances every Friday and Saturday indefinitely at 10:30 at the Back Alley Theater, 1253 Cambridge Street, Inman Square, Cambridge. Tickets: \$8 general, \$6 students. Telephone: 491-8166.

CRITICS CHOICE

The Mysteries and What's So Funny?, a "performance spectacle" about an elderly couple from Brooklyn, their family, and the life of artist Marcel Duchamp, and featuring scores by Philip Glass, begins today and continues through Sep. 22 as part of the American Repertory Theatre's *Fall Festival* at Loeb Drama Center, 64 Brattle Street, Cambridge. Tickets: \$17-\$38, depending on day of the week. Telephone: 547-8300.

Nonsense, Dan Goggin's comedy about the Little Sisters of Hoboken who stage a talent show to raise money to buy four of their number, continues indefinitely at the Charles Playhouse, 74 Warrenton Street, Boston. Performances are Tuesday-Friday at 8 pm, Saturday at 6 pm & 9 pm, with matinee on Thursday at 2 pm and Sunday at 3 pm. Tickets: \$15-\$50 to \$26.50 general, half-price for seniors and students on Thursday matinee. Telephone: 426-6912.

Shear Madness, the long-running comic murder mystery, continues indefinitely at the Charles Playhouse, 74 Warrenton Street, Boston. Performances are Tuesday-Friday at 8:00, Saturday at 6:30 &

9:30, and Sunday at 3:00 & 7:30. Tickets: \$18 and \$23. Telephone: 451-0195.

CRITICS CHOICE

Sweeney Todd, the Demon Barber of Fleet Street, Stephen Sondheim's morbid musical, is presented by the MIT Musical Theater Guild Sep. 12-14 at 8 pm in Kresge Little Theatre. Tickets: \$8 general, \$7 MIT students, seniors, and seniors, \$5 MIT/Wellesley students. Telephone: 253-6294.

Ongoing Exhibits

ON CAMPUS

Watercolors by Freddy Homburger, landscapes — primarily of Mexico and Maine — by the physician/scientist/diplomat/artist, continues through September 12; and Doc Edgerton: *Stopping Time*, photographs and memorabilia documenting the invention and use of the strobe light, continues indefinitely at the MIT Museum, 265 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge. Museum hours are Tuesday-Friday 9-5 and Saturday-Sunday 1-5. Admission: \$2 requested donation, free to MIT community. Telephone: 253-4444.

CRITICS CHOICE

Crazy After Calculus: Humor at MIT, documenting the rich history of MIT wit and wizardry shown through hacks, continues through September 13 in the MIT Compton Gallery, between lobbies 10 and 13. No admission charge. Telephone: 253-4444.



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Compiled by Deborah A. Levinson

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Tansahill Weavers perform at 8 pm
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are. Tickets: \$15. Tel.: 876-9240.

JAZZ MUSIC
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Regattabar, Charles Hotel, Harvard
Square, Cambridge. Tickets: \$9. Tele-
phone: 661-5000.

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Central Square. Telephone: 334-8238.

CLASSICAL MUSIC
Boston University School of Music
presents an all-Mozart Faculty Recital
Thomas Stumpf, piano, at 8:30 pm

at the BU Concert Hall, 855 Common-
wealth Ave., Boston. Tel.: 353-3345.

Michel Gentle, flute, M. Trauer, pi-
ano, and John Mettam, percussion per-
form at 12:30 pm at the Federal Reserve
Bank of Boston, 600 Atlantic Avenue.
No admission charge.

Longy Septemberfest 1991 continues
with Carol Apple, flute, Jana Maiben,
violin, Anne Black, viola, Joan Esch,
cello, Peter Sykes, fortepiano, and Lau-
rie Moushan, soprano perform an all-
Mozart program at 8 pm at Edward
Pickman Concert Hall, 27 Garden
Street, Cambridge. No admission charge.
Telephone: 876-0956.

PERFORMANCE ART
*** CRITICS' CHOICE ***
Leonardo: Anatomy of a Soul, an ex-
amination of the life of Leonardo da
Vinci, shows tonight and Sunday at
8 pm at the Museum of Science. Tick-
ets: \$9 general, \$7 students and se-
niors. Telephone: 723-2170.

FILM & VIDEO
The Museum of Fine Arts series *More
Adventures and Thrills from Hong Kong*
continues with *The Armour of God 2: Op-
eration Condor* (1991, Jackie Chan) at 6
and *Once a Thief* (1991, John Woo) at 8
tonight and tomorrow (Sunday at 1 and
3) in the Remis Auditorium, 465 Hun-
tington Avenue, Boston. Tickets: \$5 gen-
eral, \$4-10 MFA members, students, and
seniors. Telephone: 267-9300.

*** CRITICS' CHOICE ***
The Brattle Theatre begins its series *A
Tribute to Wim Wenders* with *Wings of
Desire* (1988) at 4:45, 7:15, and
9:45 at 40 Brattle Street in Harvard
Square. Tickets: \$5.50. Telephone:
876-6837.

Friday Sep 13

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

*** CRITICS' CHOICE ***
Sling performs tonight and tomorrow
at 7:30 at Great Woods, Routes 140 &
495, Mansfield. Tickets: \$35, \$21.50,
\$19.50, and \$12.50. Telephone:
(603) 999-2999.

Heretic, Apollo Landing, and Stomp
Box perform at Nightstage, 823 Main
Street, Cambridge, just north of MIT.
Tickets: \$10.50. Telephone: 497-8200.

The Raindogs, Immortals, and Mary Dee
Reynolds perform in an 18+ ages show
at T.T. the Bears, 10 Brookline Street,
Cambridge, just north of MIT. Tele-
phone: 492-0082.

Bim Skala Bim and Chuck perform at
the Paradise, 967 Commonwealth Ave-
nue, Boston. Telephone: 254-2052.

Spam Paris, Outbound Symphony, Crab
Daddy, and The Bells perform at Bunrat-
ty's, 186 Harvard Avenue, Allston. Tele-
phone: 492-8430.

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Shy Five perform at the Tam, 1648 Be-
acon Street, Brookline. Tel.: 277-0982.

The Concussion Ensemble, Roger Miller
and No Man Common Allments of Ma-
turity, Mr. Dizzy, and Carbuacle perform
at the Rat, 928 Commonwealth Avenue,
Kenmore Square, Boston. Telephone:
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Rage of Angels, Subdivision, and Imager
perform at Club 3, 608 Somerville Ave.,
Somerville. Telephone: 623-6957.

A.C. Reed with Luther "Guitar Jr."
Johnson's Magic Rockers and Chuck
Morris & Sidewalk Blues perform at Ed
Burke's, 808 Huntington Avenue, Bos-
ton, on the E' green line. Telephone:
232-2191.

Autonomy and Superchunk perform to-
night in an 18+ show at the Channel, 25
Necco Street, near South Station. Tick-
ets: \$5.50 in advance, \$6.50 day of the
show. Telephone: 451-1905.

Response performs at the Black Rose, 50
Church Street, in Harvard Square. Tele-
phone: 492-8430.

RTZ performs at 8 at Citi Club, 15
Lansdowne Street, Boston, near Ken-
more Square. Tickets: \$17.50 and
\$18.50.

Winston Greenan Ska Rock Band per-
forms tonight and tomorrow at The
Western Front, 343 Western Avenue,
Cambridge, near Central Square. Tele-
phone: 492-7772.

Les Tetes Brules and Estafa perform at
8 pm at the Somerville Theatre in Davis
Square. Tickets: \$15. Tel.: 876-9240.

JAZZ MUSIC

Norman Zocher Group performs tonight
and tomorrow at the Willow Jazz Club,
699 Broadway, Ball Square, Somerville.
Telephone: 623-9874.

Stanley Turrentine at 8 pm at the Regga-
tabar. See Sep. 12 listing.

FILM & VIDEO

*** CRITICS' CHOICE ***
The Brattle Theatre continues its Fri-
day/Saturday series of new prints and
special screenings with *Lawrence of
Arabia* (1962, David Lean) at 3:30
and 8 on Friday and noon, 4, and
8:10 at 40 Brattle Street, Harvard
Square, Cambridge. Tickets: \$5.50
general, \$3 seniors and children. Tele-
phone: 876-6837.

*** CRITICS' CHOICE ***
The MIT Lecture Series Committee
presents *Des Set* at 7:30 in 54-100
and *Dances with Wolves* (1990, Kevin
Costner) at 8 in 10-250. Tickets: \$1.50 with MIT/
Wellesley ID. Telephone: 253-8881.

The *Armour of God 2: Operation Condor*
at 6 and *Once a Thief* at 8 at the Mus-
eum of Fine Arts. See Sep. 12 listing.

Saturday Sep 14

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

*** CRITICS' CHOICE ***
Mozambique, Casselberry-Dupree,
Young Nation, Wildest Dreams, and
others perform as part of *WorldFest*,
Oxford America's multicultural festi-
val, today and tomorrow at 11:30 am
on the Charles Street end of the Bos-
ton Common. Suggested donation:
\$3. Telephone: 482-1211.

Casselberry-Dupree and *WorldFest* per-
form at Johnny D's, 17 Holland Street,
Davis Square, Somerville, near the Davis
Square T-stop on the red line. Tele-
phone: 776-9667.

Special Beat, featuring former members
of the English Beat and the Specials, per-
forms in an 18+ ages show tonight and

American Screenprints: 1930s-1960s continues through Sep. 29 at
Museum of Fine Arts.

Museum of Science on



OFF CAMPUS
Fall Faculty Exhibition 1991 continues
through Sep. 15 at the School of the Mu-
seum of Fine Arts' Grossman Gallery,
230 The Fenway, Boston. Gallery hours:
Monday-Friday 10-6, Saturday 10-5,
Sunday 1-5. Telephone: 267-6700, x656.

Scenes of Southern France, paintings by
Henry Hogue, continues through Sep. 22
at the French Library, 53 Marlborough
Street, Boston. Library hours: Tuesday,
Friday, and Saturday 10-5, Wednesday
and Thursday 10-8. No admission
charge. Telephone: 266-4351.

American Screenprints: 1930s-1960s,
highlighting the use of screen prints from
social commentary to surrealism and ab-
straction, continues through Sep. 29 at
the Museum of Fine Arts, 465 Hunting-
ton Avenue, Boston. Tel.: 267-9300.

*** CRITICS' CHOICE ***
William Wegman: Paintings, Draw-
ings, Photographs, Videotapes, an ex-
hibition of the Massachusetts-born
artist famous for the humorous pho-
tographs of his pet Weimaraners in a
variety of poses and costumes, contin-
ues through Oct. 6 at the Institute of
Contemporary Art, 955 Boylston
Street, Boston. Gallery hours are
Wednesday and Sunday 11-5, Thurs-
day-Saturday 11-8, closed Mondays
and Tuesdays. Admission: \$4 general,
\$3 students with valid ID, \$1 U Mass-
Boston and MIT students, free for
ICA members. Telephone: 266-5152.

Prismatic, a juried exhibition of Boston
Visual Artists Union members' works in
various media, continues through
Oct. 23 at the Federal Reserve Bank of
Boston Gallery. Museum hours are Mon-
day-Friday, 10-4, including holidays. No
admission charge. Telephone: 973-3453.

Gems, featuring ancient treasures, natu-
ral stones, rarely-seen private collections,
and spectacular baubles, continues
through Oct. 27 at the Museum of Sci-
ence, Science Park, Boston. Museum
hours are daily 9-5, Friday 9-9. Admis-
sion (includes regular admission): \$8 gen-
eral, \$6.50 seniors, students, & children,
\$2 with MIT ID. Telephone: 523-6664.

Geo-Luminescence, a sculptural installa-
tion by Ritsuko Taho, continues through
October at the Carpenter Center for the
Visual Arts, Harvard University, 24
Quincy Street, Cambridge. Telephone:
495-3251.

Interrogating Identity, a mixed-media ex-
hibition investigating the meanings of the
term "Black Art," continues through
Nov. 3 at the Museum of Fine Arts, 465
Huntington Avenue, Boston. Telephone:
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Introducing the World of Textiles, a se-
lection of the textiles collected by Isabel-
la Stewart Gardner during her lifetime,
continues through Nov. 3 at the Isabella
Stewart Gardner Museum, 280 The Fen-
way, Boston. Museum hours: Tuesday-
Sunday, 12-5. Tickets: \$6 general admis-
sion, \$3 seniors and students, free to
children under 12, free to students and
Fenway neighborhood residents on
Wednesdays. Tel.: 566-1401.

*Nine American Masters and Related
Works*, linocuts, drawings, and printing
blocks of famous Afro-American person-
alities by Edward McCune, continues
through Nov. 10 at the Museum of the
National Center of Afro-American Art-
ists, 388 Walnut Avenue, Boston. Admis-
sion: \$1.25 adults, \$.50 students and se-
niors, free to members. Tel.: 442-8614.

Yankee Brass Band Instruments, an ex-
hibition featuring important examples of
19th New England-made brass instru-
ments, continues through January 5,
1992 at the Museum of Fine Arts, 465
Huntington Avenue, Boston. Telephone:
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Romantic and Fantastic Landscapes, 25
eighteenth- and nineteenth-century land-
scape paintings depicting the idyllic
scenes of nature, continues through July
1992 at the Museum of Fine Arts, 465
Huntington Avenue, Boston. Telephone:
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Upcoming Events
Molisev Dance Company at the Wang
Center September 19-22. *Pere Ubu* at
the Paradise on September 25. *Public
Enemy and Anitrax* at the Orpheum on
September 25. *Sandra Bernhard* at the
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ber 27. *Crowded House* and Richard
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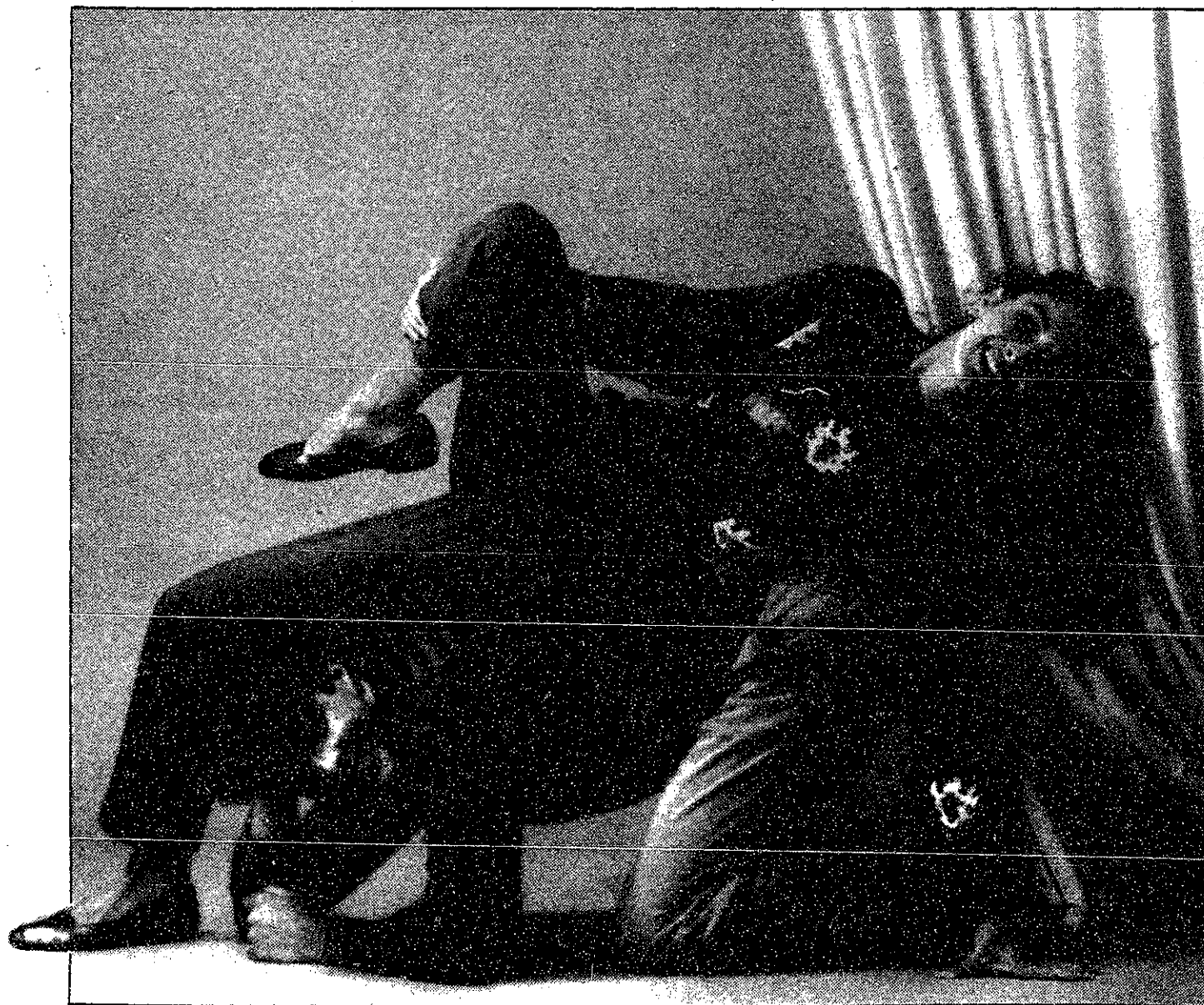
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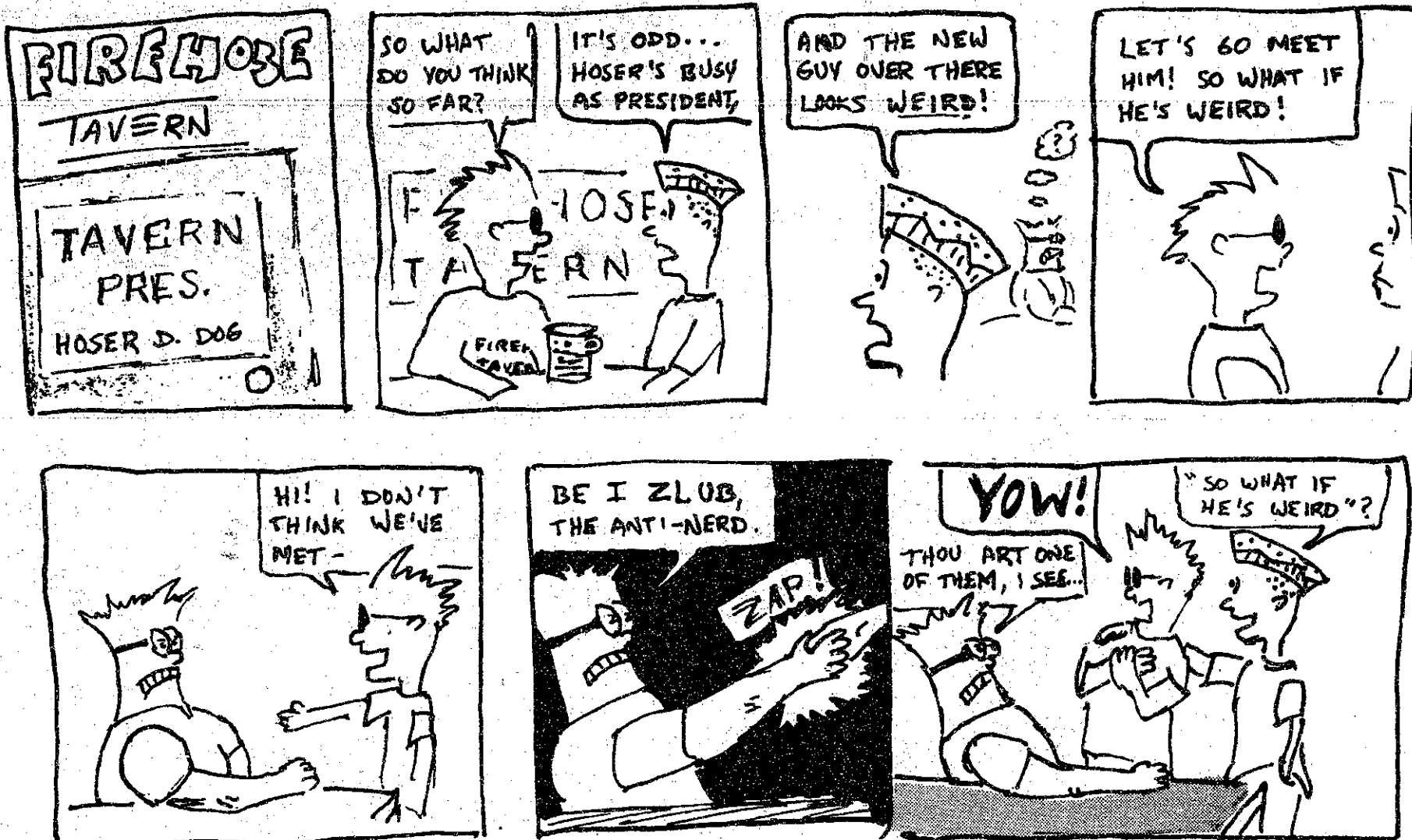
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Meeting Times

The Tech Model Railroad Club meets every Saturday at 6 pm in 20E-214. Visitors are always welcome. For info, call x3-3269.

The MIT Folk Dance Club sponsors two evenings of international dancing at MIT on Sunday nights in the Sala de Puerto Rico and Wednesday nights in Walker Gym, both at 7:30 pm. Beginners are welcome; no partner is needed. Call 253-3655 (FOLK) for more information.

The MIT Outing Club holds office hours every Monday and Thursday from 5:30-6:30 pm in W20-461. Stop by and help plan, lead or participate in trips ranging from one day outings to month long treks. The club is especially active in rock climbing, kayaking, canoeing, backpacking, hiking, and winter mountaineering. Beginners are more than welcome. The club rents a variety of equipment at low rates and has two cabins in NH available for rent. Contact Dave at 492-6983.

Every Tuesday at 1 pm in Walker 220, there is a Japanese Lunch Table. Bring a bag lunch, make friends and join this lively group. All levels are welcome!

Men Against Sexual Assault: Monthly discussion group for concerned men on issues of rape and violence against women meets the first Wednesday of every month from 7:30-9 pm in room E51-218. The sessions are supported by the MIT Office of Student Affairs and sponsored by MIT students. Sessions will be devoted to such topics as discussions of rape, sexual violence, sexual harassment, pornography and rape, and other subjects. The discussion group is aimed at university students as well as the larger Boston/Cambridge area community. For further information, call Jeff at x3-2633.

Fellowships, Scholarships, Grants, and Awards

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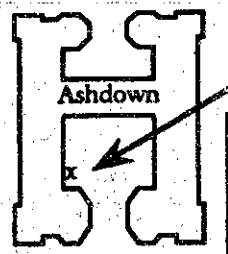
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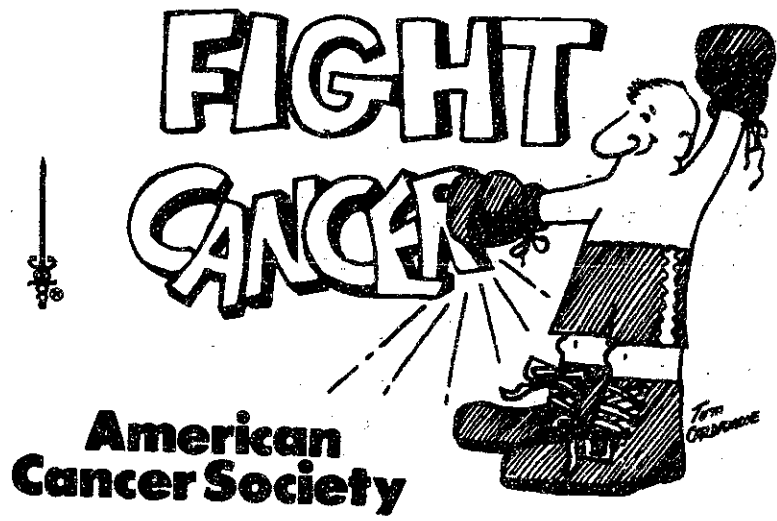
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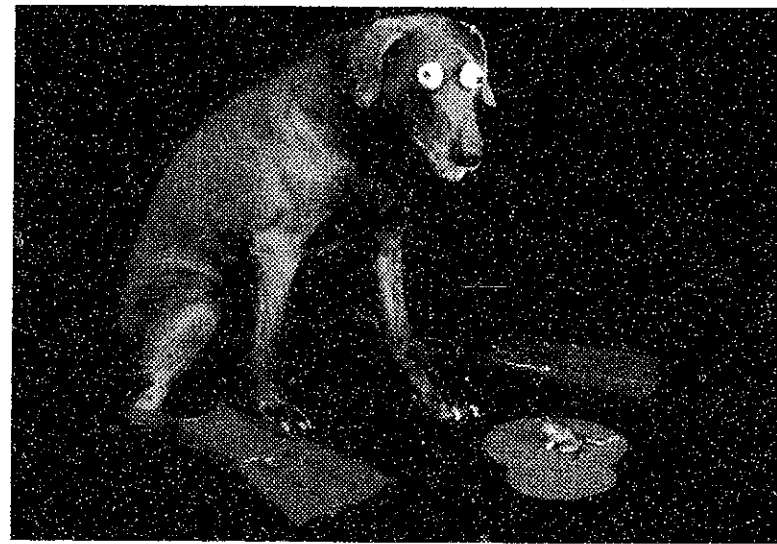
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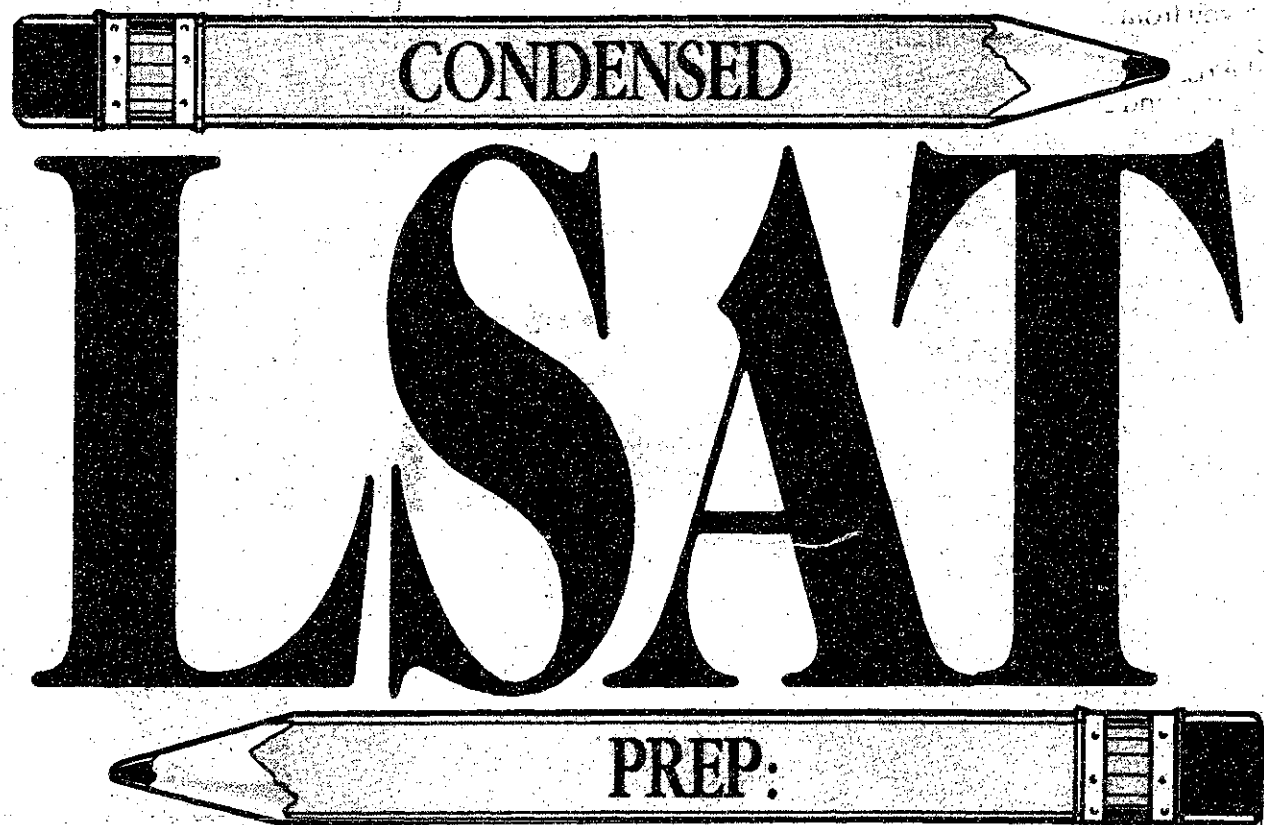
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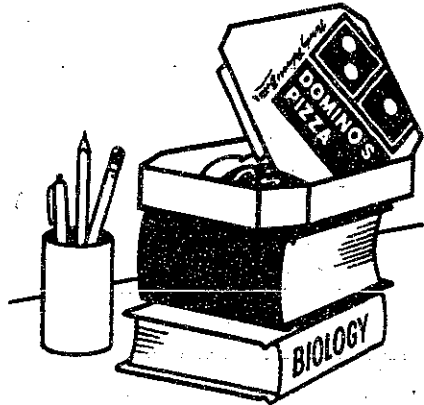
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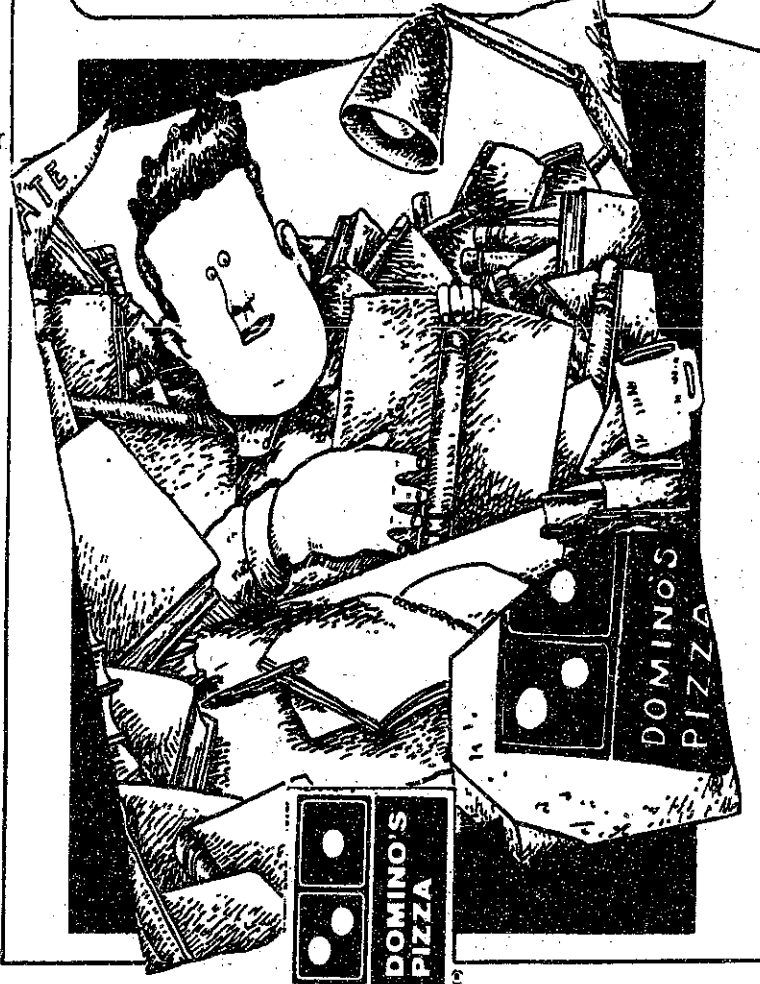
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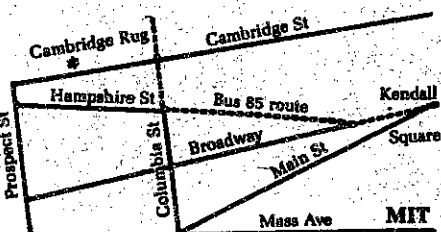


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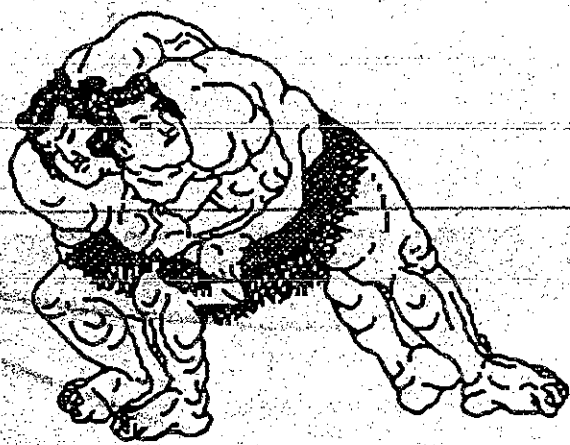


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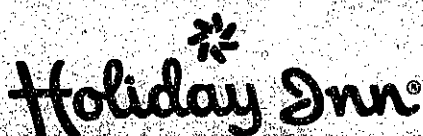
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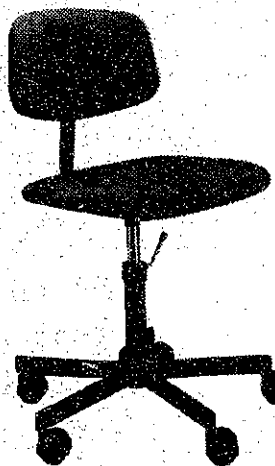
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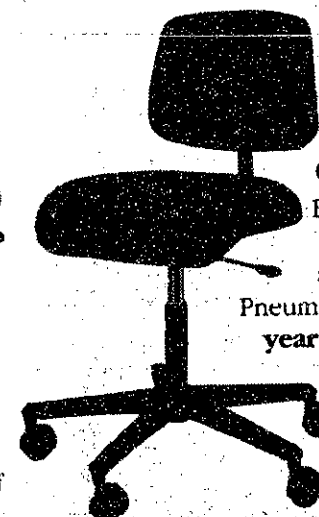
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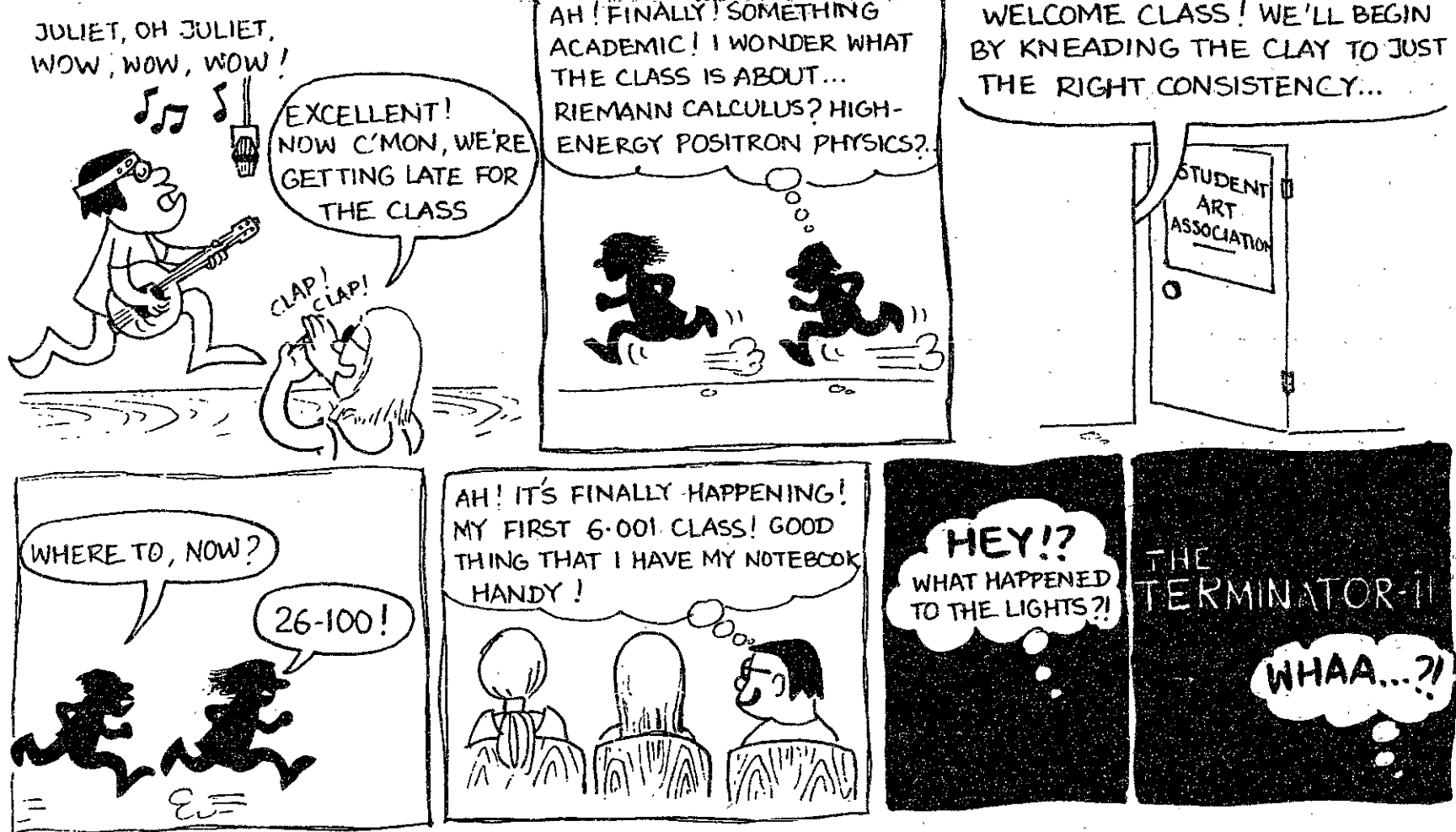
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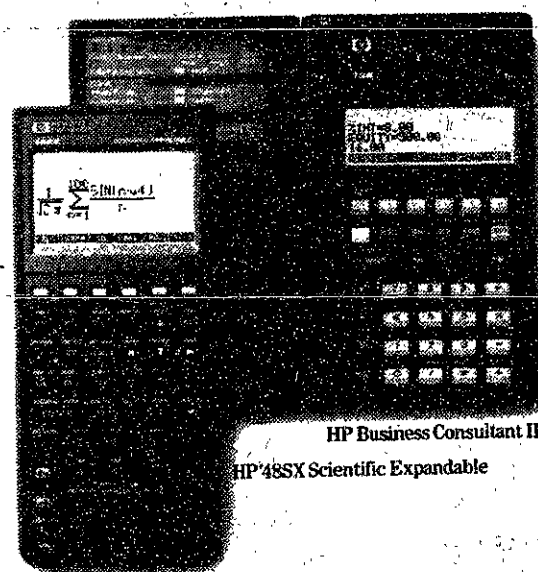
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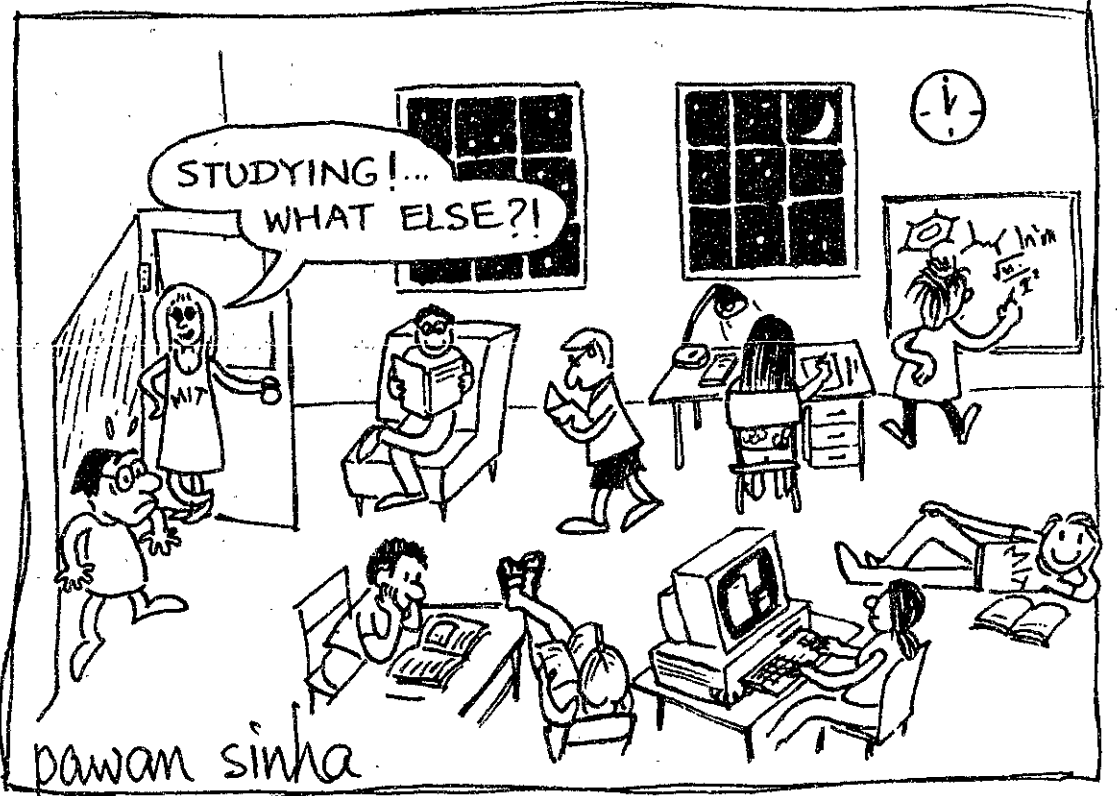
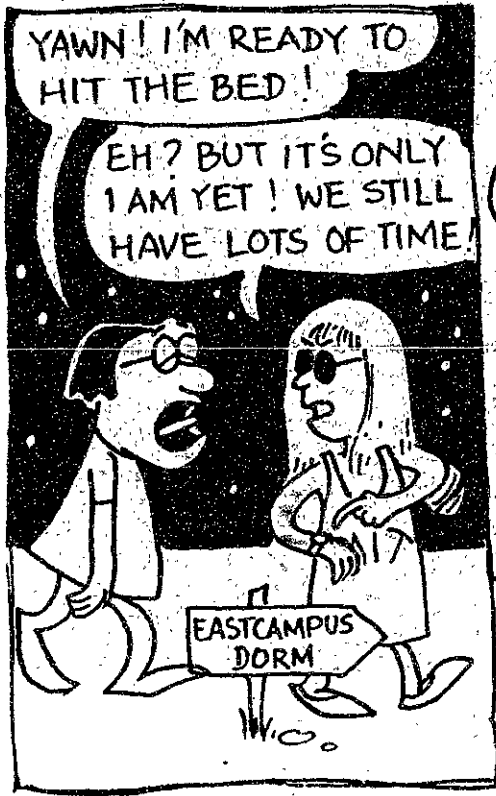
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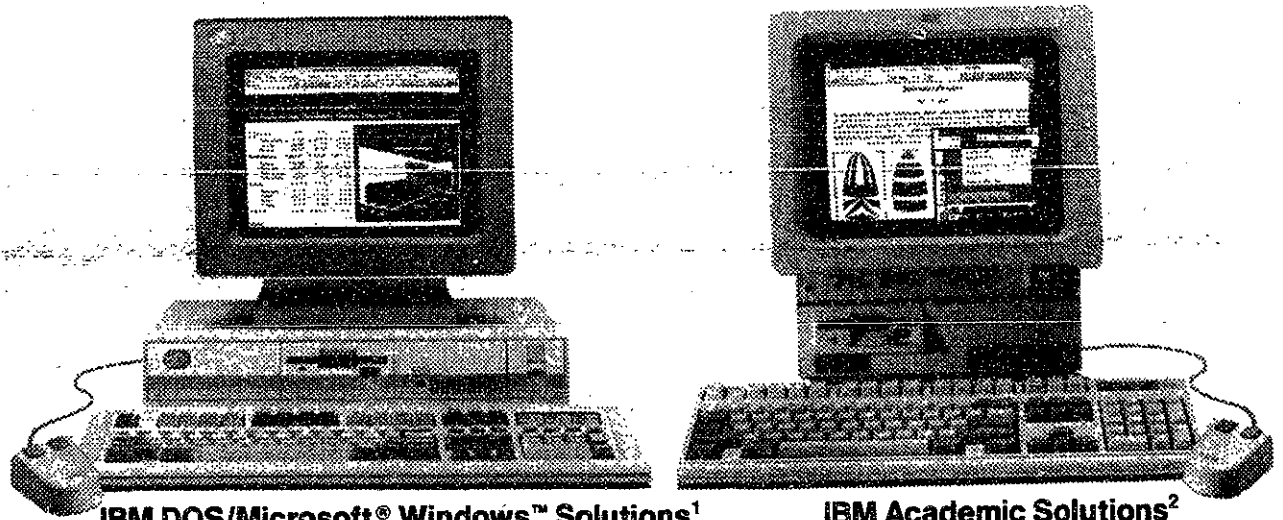
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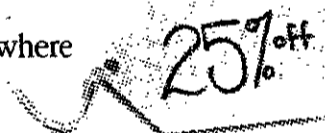
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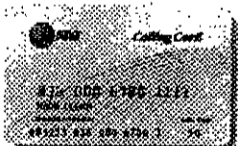
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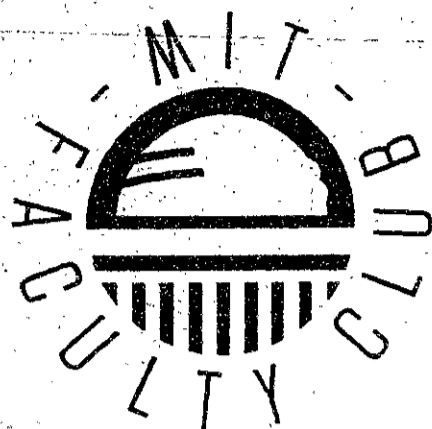
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Undergraduate Association Office
Room W20-401

Graduate Student Council Office
Room 50-222

Information Center
Room 7-121

The deadline for nominations is Friday, September 20. In addition, suggestions may be filed with Mr. Furio Ciacci — President of the Graduate Student Council, Ms. Aileen W. Lee — President of the Class of 1992, Miss Mary L. Morrissey — Executive Officer for Commencement, and Professor Martin F. Schlecht — Chairman of the Commencement Committee. All suggestions will be reviewed and a list will be submitted to President Vest for consideration. The list will not be made public nor will it be rank ordered. The responsibility and authority for selecting a Commencement speaker and issuing an invitation will rest with President Vest.



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