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At the center of Prof. George Bekefi's Physics III (8.03) Wednesday lecture was this belly dancer, whose movements were an integral part of a demonstration on oscillatory motion.

ARA changes on the way

By Lakshmana Rao

A remodeled Networks restaurant opened its doors to the MIT community on Tuesday after more than two months of renovations. The renovations are one of several changes being made to campus dining facilities by ARA, MIT's food service contractor.

The restaurant is "designed to be an eating and a meeting place, and features an attractive menu and an informal atmosphere," according to *What's Cookin'*, a new newsletter published by ARA.

Networks was closed on July 3 for renovations. The restaurant was originally slated to be renamed "Hackers' Haven." This

was later shortened to "Hackers" until the decision was made to retain the original name late this summer.

According to Alan Leo, director of housing and food services, "a decision to revert back to the original name was made since we got a negative feedback from some people" about the proposed new name.

"We felt that it was only necessary to change the concept, and not the name. The prices of items are lower, the service is much quicker and the place is now so busy with students," he added. The restaurant is open from 11 am to 11 pm on weekdays and 5 pm to 11 pm on weekends.

Leo said that "many dining areas on campus will be undergoing alterations over the Independent Activities Period [in January] to accommodate some permanent features. We are working on having a full bake shop and a permanent stir fry area at Lobdell, as well as a built-in shop with refrigeration at the sandwich cart in the Infinite Corridor."

The Morss Hall dining facility in Walker Memorial will be renamed "Traditions," in an effort "to reflect the essence of Walker's continued emphasis on traditional menus and services," according to *What's Cookin'*. The service area will be restored to look (Please turn to page 2)

FHC report to be discussed

By Reuven M. Lerner

The two-year-old report of the Freshman Housing Committee is receiving increased attention from students, and may once again become the subject of public debate.

The committee, which was appointed by then-Provost John M. Deutch '61, was asked to examine the way freshmen choose their living groups and are oriented when they first arrive at MIT. Among other things, the report suggested that all freshmen live on campus, with rush for independent living groups postponed until later that year.

Faculty Chair and Professor of

Student Housing at MIT

(Part one of a three-part series)

Ocean Engineering J. Kim Vandiver said the administration has been having "discussion about having more discussion" on the subject, but nothing more. Vandiver felt that "in the coming few months, you will see movement in the direction of bringing up the issues" that the report raised.

It would be "premature" to say that the administration has seriously discussed the issue in recent months, he added.

Dean for Student Affairs Arthur C. Smith thought discussion would begin "in the course of the next month." He added, "I don't think on an issue of this magnitude there is going to be a quick decision."

Students prepare for discussion

Despite such assurances, students are beginning to prepare for discussion of the housing issue.

Soon after the FHC report came out, a large number of undergraduate students met with the committee in 6-120. An overwhelming majority of those present said they were opposed to any changes in residence selection, and explained how they felt ILG rush, dormitory personalities and upperclassman-freshman relationships would be affected.

Since that forum took place, there has been little or no discussion of the report, with some stu-

dents — including some members of the Dormitory Council — believing that the issue was dead.

Undergraduate Association President Stacy E. McGeever '93 said the UA has been meeting with dormitory presidents over the last week in order to find out their opinions on matters relating to the FHC report. She said, "at that time, they seemed rather concerned about it."

At last night's DormCon meeting, McGeever discussed the report with dormitory presidents. She said that the UA was planning to distribute copies of the FHC report, as well as background information on the subject of housing, to them in the near future.

Residence/Orientation Week "is beneficial to some students, [although] I think that other methods [of orientation] would be beneficial to other students," she said, adding that she was not sure what the majority of students thought. McGeever added that she felt upperclassmen benefit more from R/O Week than do freshmen.

DormCon Chair Judy Chin '92 declined to comment on the report, saying that she had not yet read it.

Both Smith and Vandiver were positive that no changes would be made without consulting students. "I can't imagine this issue being something that doesn't involve very wide campus discussion," Vandiver said.

Smith dismissed the notion that there had not been any discussion (Please turn to page 10)

Three deans change in year

By Kai-Teh Tao

The past year has seen many changes in MIT's administration, from the selection of a new president and provost, to changes in the heads of three of MIT's six schools, to the selection of a new Dean for Student Affairs.

Professor of Chemistry Mark S. Wrighton was selected by President Charles M. Vest last fall as the new Provost. Professor Wrighton previously served as head of the chemistry department. During his tenure, Wrighton also ran one of the largest research groups in the department, concentrating on the subject of electrochemistry.

Wrighton said he has a broad vision of the Institute's future. "I see the Institute facing various challenging issues as we enter the next decade. I would like to see an increase in MIT's leadership towards influencing K-12 education in the Cambridge community and beyond. We will continue to actively recruit both women and minority faculty members. Our commitment to excellence in undergraduate teaching will continue as we implement programs such as the Faculty Teaching Fellows to recognize and enhance outstanding educators," he said.

"MIT will tackle the pertinent problems related to the global environment as we seek to understand and present a solution. I am extremely pleased at the success of our Campaign for the Future, a \$700 million fundraising program which will conclude next fall. Our efforts to expand MIT's revenue base will be reflected in the new facilities that are being built, including the Biology Building currently under construction," Wrighton continued.

Deans of EECS and HASS change

Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Joel Moses PhD '67 became dean of the school of engineering this January. Professor Moses succeeded Gerald L. Wilson '61, who had been dean since 1981. Moses, a former head of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, plans to continue the innovations begun by his predecessor to ensure MIT's rank as the number one engineering school in the United States.

Professor of History Philip S. Khoury moved from his position as acting dean of the School of (Please turn to page 10)



Tech file photo
Dean for Student Affairs
Arthur C. Smith

Recycling at ILGs, dorms moves into high gear

By Alice Gilchrist

MIT students have reached a high point in their recycling efforts, with every undergraduate and graduate dormitory and most independent living groups contributing to the overall effort.

All undergraduate dormitories are now recycling some of their garbage, including excess paper, metal, plastics and glass. Most dormitories organize their recycling by floors and then combine these materials into bins from the entire building. Similar programs are under way in the graduate dormitories.

The Office of Housing and Food Services pays a recycling company called Jet-a-Way, which picks up the recyclable goods from the dormitories every Saturday in its vans.

Each dormitory has a chairper-

son who organizes the dormitory's efforts. Kristen K. Nummerdor '93, the East Campus recycling chairperson, said that "East Campus puts out six or seven bins a week, which is quite a bit." East Campus and New House produce the largest turnout of recyclables, which Nummerdor attributed to the sizes of the two dormitories.

Fraternities and ILG's begin to recycle

Several fraternities and independent living groups have also begun to recycle. Zeta Beta Tau recycles newspapers, plastic bottles and glass, according to C. Eugene Gholz '92, the ZBT recycling coordinator. In addition, the fraternity uses only recycled paper products, Gholz said.

Dev P. Sinha '93 of Phi Kappa

Theta was the recycling chair last year for several houses on the Boston side of the Charles River. He explained that van trips have been organized by Advisor to Fraternities and Independent Living Groups Neal H. Dorow. The van runs twice monthly and is funded by MIT.

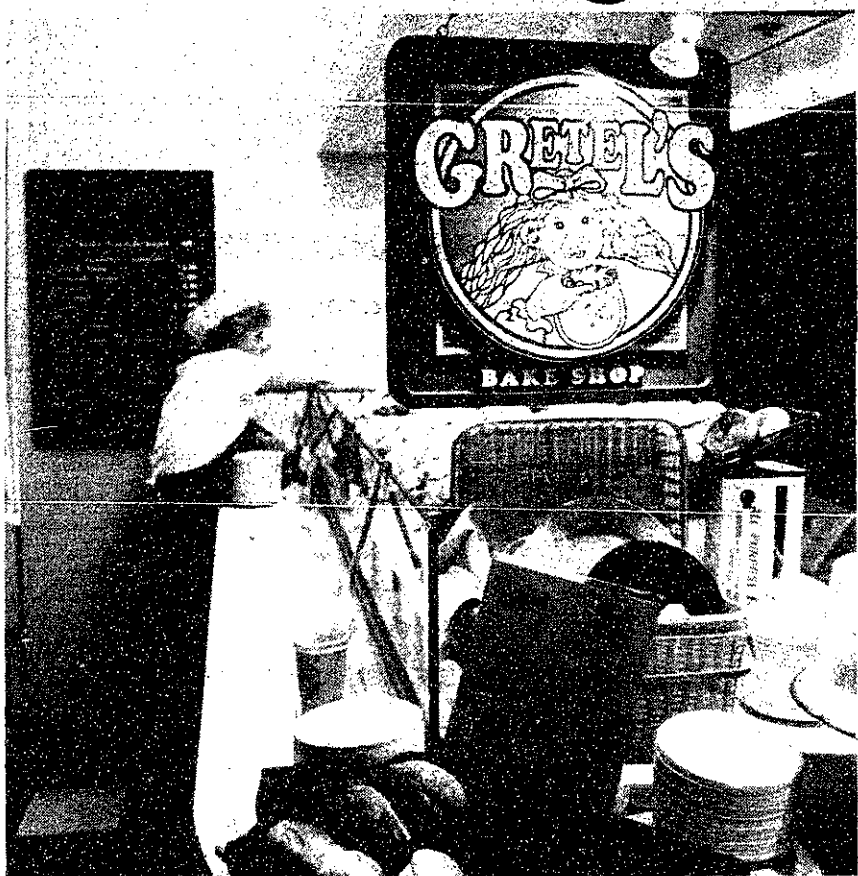
Sinha said that "hopefully there will be an increase in the volume of recyclables, so that the van will be needed twice a month."

The new fraternity and ILG recycling chair is Ateev Mehrotra '94. He explained that approximately 11 or 12 houses are involved in the recycling program, but that only about eight of them do so regularly. Mehrotra said that it is "more difficult to recycle in fraternities than in dormitories" because of the increased amount of responsibilities placed on the residents. Still, Mehrotra said that the program is growing slowly.

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Mad Dogs growl disparagingly at *The Pope Must Die*.
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ARA facing competition over contracts



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Gretel's Bakeshop is one of the recent additions to ARA service in Lobdell Court.

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like it did in 1916, when Walker first opened.

ARA will be supplying Dunkin' Donuts doughnuts and coffee to all of its dining areas this year. "We are also planning to introduce yogurt from TCBY in our service areas. We are negotiating contracts with Pizza Ring, Taco Bell and Pizza Romano to facilitate the use of meal plan cards for late night orders with these caterers," Leo reported.

ARA will be conducting surveys throughout this year to determine the most desired menu items and future food service needs on campus. The data from these surveys will be used to develop a long-range plan to sell the right products at the places, prices and times that meet the Institute community's needs, according to *What's Cookin'*.

ARA unable to win all Institute contracts

Although ARA was awarded the contract for student dining services, the company failed to

get all of the catering contracts from the Institute. For the second consecutive year, ARA did not cater the picnic for new graduate students organized by the Graduate Student Council.

According to Ramnath Subramaniam G, chairman of the GSC orientation committee, "The contract was awarded to S&S Delicatessen because the quality of food offered by them was much superior, and we established very good working relations with S&S from last year."

"The caterer for the GSC ori-

entation picnic is chosen by a special committee after inviting competitive bids from various caterers. It was a consensus decision of the committee this year that the quality of food and the service conditions offered by S&S was far superior than those provided by other caterers," Subramaniam added.

However, ARA did win the contract to cater the freshman picnic this year and receives many contracts from the Alumni office throughout the year, according to Leo.

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news roundup

World

Germany to aid Soviet Union

Germany announced yesterday that it has plans for an international campaign to provide food and other humanitarian aid to the Soviets in order to help them cope with shortages that are expected this winter. Germany conducted a similar program that provided \$590 million worth of aid last year.

USSR pulls troops out of Cuba

Since the Soviets decided to withdraw their troops from Cuba, they are pressing the United States to follow suit. Foreign Minister Boris Pankin said the Kremlin expects the Bush administration to remove US Marines based at Cuba's Guantanamo Bay and stop conducting military exercises in the area.

Baltic nations will join UN

The UN Security Council gave its blessing to the addition of Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia to the roster of United Nations members. The Baltic nations, which had been republics of the Soviet Union since their annexation in 1940, are expected to be admitted officially by the General Assembly next week.

Israel turns down PLO request

Israel has turned down a request by the Palestinian Liberation Organization to let approximately 200 Palestinians leave the occupied territories to attend a summit of the Palestinian parliament-in-exile. UN sources said that the request, forwarded by Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, was rejected by Israel on the grounds that the PLO is a "terrorist" organization.

Soviet democracy will be difficult to achieve

Soviet reformers said ethnic problems and hardliners may be a threat to democracy in the Soviet Union. But according to Moscow's mayor, reformers may be a bigger problem. He said reform-minded leaders have not been able to come together and work out the country's hardships. Other leaders, including former foreign minister Eduard Shevardnadze, agreed.

Hostage negotiations continue

Soon after the Islamic Jihad called for a "comprehensive solution" to the hostage crisis, there is word that Israel is trying to work out a deal to bring home the body of one of its soldiers. A Palestinian official said Israeli officials are in Austria, negotiating for the return of the soldier's remains.

Nation

Thomas discusses stand on abortion

Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas told the Senate Judiciary Committee that he will treat abortion cases with an open mind and with sensitivity to all sides of the issue. In three days of hearings, this is the closest Thomas has come to saying how he would deal with the abortion issue as a member of the Supreme Court. Thomas also said that he believed that single people as well as married couples have a right to their privacy.

Congressmen taking trips at lobbyists' expense

A consumer group said that members of Congress are getting what amounts to lobbyist-funded vacations by flying places at private expense. Public Citizen said House members took almost 4000 such trips during the last session — with trade groups or corporations picking up most of the tab. The group also said that many trips were to vacation spots. The total value of the trips was not available because Congress does not require members to report such information.

Edwards suing Milwaukee

The man who led the Milwaukee police to an alleged serial killer is suing the city for \$5 million. Tracy Edwards escaped Jeffrey Dahmer's apartment in handcuffs, then alerted police, who found the remains of 11 men and boys in the apartment. Edwards charges that police should have arrested Dahmer after a confrontation in May. He claims the escape caused emotional distress.

Bush may veto aid to Israel

President Bush said he will use his veto power, if necessary, to keep Congress from granting loan credits to Israel right now. Bush wants to delay granting the aid because he is afraid it will hurt chances for Middle East peace. The \$10 billion in loans is intended to help house Soviet immigrants in Israel, and some Arabs fear that those Jews will be placed in the occupied territories, where many Arabs live. Bush said he does not want to fuel that debate.

Cause of Continental Express crash may have been discovered

Federal investigators have found flight recorders that could help them determine what caused a Continental Express commuter plane to crash in the Eagle Lake, TX area. Witnesses have said that an explosion blew off a wing. *The Houston Post* said the Brazilian-built craft had 33 reports of problems since Continental Express bought it three years ago. The crash killed all 14 people on board.

Minority student population to grow

The College Board and the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education said that by 1995, one-third of the students in public schools will be from minority groups. The president of the College Board said that this makes it even more important to assure that all students — regardless of their backgrounds — are guaranteed an equal education.

Congressional blacks discouraged

There's a somber report out on the plight of black America. The word comes from the 25-member Congressional Black Caucus, which delivered its "State of the Union and Black America" on the House floor yesterday. Saying black America, "teeters on the brink of disaster," Rep. Cardiss Collins (D-IL) told of unemployment as high as 65 percent in her Chicago district. And Rep. John Conyers (D-MI) said the White House is "out of touch."

Discovery lifts off with ozone satellite on board

After a 14-minute delay, the space shuttle *Discovery* left the ground at 7:11 pm. The shuttle carries a five-man crew and an Earth atmosphere observatory. The satellite will begin a space-based effort to find out what earthlings are doing to their environment. The nearly 15,000 pound observatory will be able to look over virtually of the planet.

The launch was held up while engineers checked into a suspected communications problem between the spacecraft and mission control in Houston.

Worker safety laws must be improved

A man who saw 25 co-workers die in a fire says more inspectors are needed to enforce worker safety laws. Bobby Quick told a house panel about the blaze in a chicken processing plant in Hamlet, NC. Survivors said plant managers kept exit doors locked to prevent thefts by employees. Quick, who was a maintenance worker, said he couldn't get an exit key to carry out the trash — he said he was told the door was locked to keep flies out.

Senate approves counseling ban

The Senate approved yesterday a measure to revoke a ban on abortion counseling at federally financed clinics. The provision faces a possible veto from President George Bush, but the president has also said he might be willing to compromise.

Another part of Bush's busy day included praise for Americans wounded in the Persian Gulf war. In remarks prepared for a veterans' ceremony in Washington, DC, Bush said "no commander in chief forgets the sacrifices of America's veterans."

B-2 Bomber not so stealthy

Air Force Secretary Donald Rice said the B-2 bomber has not done as well as expected in recent tests of its ability to elude enemy radars. This comes as the Air Force prepares for the battle to preserve funding for the bomber in the midst of cuts in defense spending.

More teen smoking, study finds

A new study on teen tobacco habits suggests a lot of young Americans are either smoking or chewing. The US Centers for Disease Control found that more than a third of the high school students questioned had used tobacco in the previous month and that nearly one in five seniors were frequent smokers. The study found the percentage of young black smokers significantly lower.

Local

Karen Cross convicted of rape

A jury in Middlesex Superior Court has convicted teacher Karen Cross on one count of rape of a child. She was accused of seducing one of her 15-year-old male students in Tyngsboro. The jury returned the verdict Thursday morning. Judge Robert Barton sentenced her to three to five years in prison, and stipulated that she must serve at least one year. Cross broke into tears at the verdict and had to be carried from the courtroom.

The 33-year-old Cross had been on leave as a special needs teacher at Tyngsboro Junior-Senior High School. She denied the charges and contended that she had only sought to aid a troubled student with his schoolwork. The boy was a sophomore at the time of the incident.

The prosecution made no allegations of physical force, but the 15-year-old was not legally old enough to consent to the act. Prosecutors contend Cross had sex with the teenager between Feb. 14 and Mar. 31 of last year.

Carlin to fix Chelsea

Governor William Weld appointed former state Transportation Secretary James Carlin to take over the bankrupt city. Carlin took over the state Executive Office of Transportation and Construction under the administration of former Governor Edward King after the previous secretary went to jail.

Carlin is a Wellesley resident who is chairman of four companies and a former trustee at the University of Massachusetts.

Former hostage Tracy making progress after release

Officials at a Boston veterans' hospital said former hostage Edward Tracy continues his post-captivity treatment one month after his release. He is still undergoing psychological and medical examinations.

Tracy was kidnapped in Lebanon in 1986 by Shiite Muslims who claimed he was a spy. He was freed on August 11 and returned to the United States three days later.

Weather

Generally pleasant

Friday: A pleasant day with sunshine, a few patchy afternoon high clouds, with a high of 72°F (22°C).

Friday night: Cloudy, with a low of 56°F (13°C). There may be a shower Friday night.

Saturday: High of 74°F (23°C).

Forecast by New England Telephone

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opinion

EDITORIAL

Don't change the housing system

The MIT housing system has for years held the distinction of treating incoming and continuing students as adults with the capacity to make their own decisions. In addition, MIT housing provides the unique supportive environment necessary for students in the rigorous world of the Institute. *The Tech* strongly favors the current system, and urges both students and administrators to work toward maintaining and improving the existing housing process.

The largest threat to the current system is the Freshman Housing Committee's report, issued two years ago. The report said, among other things, that all freshmen should be assigned to dormitories. *The Tech* believes that this would be a step in the wrong direction. Freshmen are indeed capable of making their own housing decisions. While Residence/Orientation Week may not be the ideal system for choosing a living group, individual choice is vastly superior to random assignment.

Continuing students benefit from the fact that Institute houses, like ILG's, have distinct personalities. A strong identity and in-house government allow students to participate in the decision-making process where it affects them most directly — in their own living groups.

Under the current system, new graduate resident tutors are approved by the residents of the floor or entry where they would live. The residents are provided with a list of approved candidates, and can decide among themselves who will become their tutor. Associate Dean for Residence and Campus Activities James R. Tewhey recently told a meeting of house tutors that he is attempting to move toward a system in which the dean's office would select and assign tutors to each floor or entry. Taking this power away from the students would change the role of the tutor from one of being a friend who can give advice to one of a perceived plant from the dean's office.

Breaking down this power of choice would ultimately destroy much of the individual personality of the Institute houses. The distinctions between the dormitories provide an opportunity for students to choose an environment in which they feel most comfortable. The support available in one's living group is often the best, because it exists in an environment the student can choose as opposed to an Institute-selected advising system. The unique pressures and hazards associated with being an MIT undergraduate require this unique and supportive housing system, starting during the freshman year.



Keep the nukes, but safely

Column by Matthew H. Hersch

One of the first things to cause people to scream during the Soviet coup last month was the deathly fear that the mechanism by which Soviet nuclear weapons are fired would be compromised by the power struggle. The nukes, it turns out, were safe all the time. That fact has apparently not stopped a new arms control movement centered around lessening the threat of accidental release of nuclear weapons. How the movement's advocates intend to achieve this goal is, well, less clear.

Nuclear weapons — strategic nukes, weapons designed to destroy an opponent's military potential (factories, cities, people), and tactical, or battlefield, nukes — are subject to control and safety measures, regardless of the nation that deploys them. Land-based strategic nukes are probably the most insulated from accidental use, mainly because permanent communication and control structures prevent goofs and confusion. Submarine-based and tactical weapons, often on the move and isolated from direct communication with the outside world, are the least secure. If war occurred tomorrow, land-based, strategic nukes might lie dormant, simply because the control pathways needed to fire them may be destroyed early on. In time of peace or cold war, however, strategic nukes stand the least chance of being used unnecessarily. Many tactical nukes, on the other hand, are more responsive but less secure.

With arms control a hot topic of the month, many seem to believe that global treaties should exist in order to protect the sanctity of nuclear arsenals. One column in Tuesday's *New York Times* even suggested a international ban on all tactical nukes, just to prevent accidental launchings. Such a proposal would not only fail to achieve the crucial tightening of nuclear security, but would be destabilizing to the US defense strategy.

Eliminating tactical nukes to keep them from being used accidentally is as absurd as it sounds. Why limit weapons, when the real culprit is command, communications, and control networks? If nations are left with smaller arsenals, won't they be more inclined to loosen up on security measures to avoid being outmaneuvered in wartime? Nuclear forces don't need reduction treaties, they need better telephones and stronger locks.

Arms control treaties never work. As many people have noted, they are political chess pieces that superpowers swap while engaged in cold wars. They are a public sign of diplomacy and good faith, but are meaningless militarily, because they only limit pre-existing technologies in narrow fields of defense.

Reduction treaties are pacts between enemies;

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allies have no need for arms control. If the new Soviets are our allies, they will want to stabilize their arsenals and demobilize on their own accord. If they are enemies, they will maintain arsenals in secret, like the Iraqis. Treaties don't change global politics, localized political and social reform does. Until that reform happens, arms treaties are a waste.

Even worse, a comprehensive tactical nuke ban would destabilize the US defense posture. Tactical nukes, you see, are a good thing.

The doomsday scenario, in which a massive strategic nuclear attack by the Russians is answered by an equal American response is not a very controversial issue. Strategic nukes are messy. Because they are targeted at civilians, their use would involve important moral dilemmas. They should never be used, and since the Sixties, the United States has said that they would only be used in retaliation for a similar nuclear strike.

Using nuclear weapons in response to other threats is a tougher issue. At the beginning of the nuclear age, the United States said that any conventional attack upon the United States would provoke a strategic nuclear attack. This "massive retaliation" doctrine, was, however, too psychotic to enforce, and was discredited. This change left a hole in US defense strategy.

If Soviet tanks, let's say, crossed into Western Europe, or North Korean troops stormed below the 38th parallel, US forces would be caught unprepared. Too weak to defend their positions, and unsupported by a massive strategic deterrent, they would be easily crushed.

This is where tactical nukes fall in to place. The United States need not deploy a hundred thousand troops near every trouble spot — only a garrison force of a few thousand. If attacked, the troops would serve as a tripwire for tactical nukes — short-range, well-aimed nuclear weapons fired by soldiers at soldiers. Tactical nukes are cheap alternatives to massive troop buildups, and prevent the escalation of localized military engagements into city-against-city confrontations.

Tactical nukes came close to being used in the Gulf War, and it can be argued that their constant presence in the theatre prevent Iraqi chemical and biological assaults.

The Soviets, for instance, like this "prompt counterforce" doctrine. They are as concerned about saving their cities as we are, and have no desire to attack non-combatants. They have, as well, indicated that they would respond to a tactical nuke strike only with tactical nukes. Prompt counterforce, however, can only work if tactical nuclear weapons exist. Remove tactical nukes, and the world will be left with silos of apocalyptic city-busters and costly, drawn-out conventional wars that nukes were invented to prevent.

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THE OCEAN BLUE
With John Wesley Harding.
Cambridgeside Galleria, Sep. 8.

By SANDE CHEN
and ALBERT LAU

AS PART OF THE BACK TO COLLEGE Homecoming, WFNX and the Cambridgeside Galleria presented the Ocean Blue and John Wesley Harding in concert last Sunday at the Lechmere Canal Park on a floating stage located in the lagoon.

No kidding — the stage floated completely in the lagoon, and was connected to solid ground only by two rather thin and precarious catwalks. A police boat sat serenely in the middle of the lake, along with several paddleboats rented out by

some imaginative fans who came too late to get decent seats. Occasionally, a tour boat even joined the collection.

As John Wesley Harding walked on promptly at 2 pm for his solo opening act, he quipped, "I usually try to separate my water from my electricity." Throughout his hour-long performance, he entertained the audience with similar wry comments on MTV, VH-1, Don Henley, "political correctness" and the lagoon. After hearing "The People's Drug" and "The World (and All its Problems)," it was clear that this witty, cynical style was his trademark.

Harding then sang a few songs from an upcoming new album to be released late September on Rhino Records. He started off with "This Song isn't Any Good," which was dedicated to the MTV music (Please turn to page 7)

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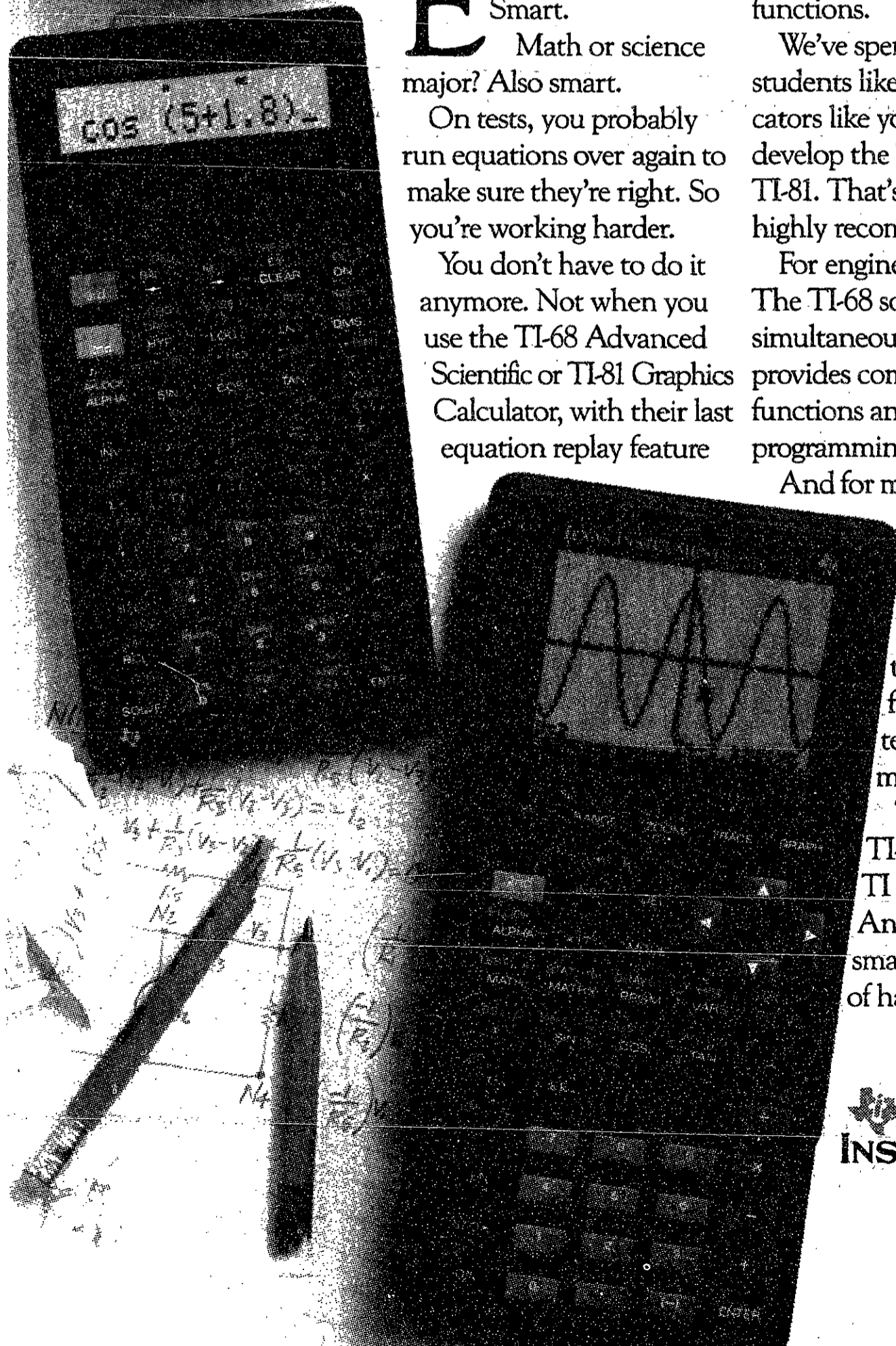
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By BRIAN ROSE
and ROY CANTU

IN OUR CONSTANT QUEST FOR THE Lord's forgiveness, the Mad Dog Movie Masters chose to renew our faith with *The Pope Must Die*. But we must confess — after this movie, we tattooed pentagrams on our heads and made reservations in Hell. Tempted by the controversial title, we were lured unsuspectingly into Satan's very den. Needless to say, the movie was a total waste of time.

The Mad Dog Movie Masters were pumped as we cruised into the theater last week with Gatorade in one hand and French loaf in the other. We had 250 seats all to ourselves.

The Pope Must Die opens as our dear Pontiff lays on his death bed, surrounded by his cardinals. Cut to a scene of Father Albinizi (Robbie Coltrane), a very large man of the cloth, singing to children in a run-down orphanage on an Italian hillside. As all this is going on, the Vatican's corrupt treasurer, Cardinal Rocco (Alex Rocco), arranges to place a Pope in power in order to assist the illegal financial transactions of the Vatican Bank and Vittorio Corelli (Herbert Lom), an arms dealer and all-around bad dude. Unfortunately for them, a mix-up occurs, and the cardinals select the wrong pope. And who turns out to be the next Pope? Our man Albinizi, the orphan entertainer. The plot twists really caught us off guard.

When Albinizi, now Pope David I, finally uncovers Rocco's sinister plan, he begins a noble and heart-warming cleansing of the Vatican's bad seeds. But wait —

the bad guys strike back, and the Pope is kicked out of office when an enormous sex-scandal is uncovered. The woman involved: none other than Veronica Dante, played by Beverly D'Angelo.

Guess what? Everyone's related. Rocco has a cute daughter, Luccia (Khedija Sassi), who stole Roy's heart with her rendition of "Daddy, I'm tired. I think I'm going to take a nap." Cut straight to her in a full metal stud jacket playing footsie with Gene Simmons' protégé, Joe Don Dante (Balthazar Getty), who just happens to be Veronica's and the Pope's love child. Catch all that? We almost died laughing as all this unfolded before our eyes.

Not.

Director Peter Richardson must take his audience for a bunch of idiots and certainly not true Mad Dogs, for anyone with a brain the size of one of our Milk Duds would surely be insulted by this movie's flailing attempts at humor. As for the acting, Coltrane's compassion for the orphans is unconvincing, and his comedy lacks consistency. He doesn't impress either one of us as anything more than a John Goodman wanna-be. At times, he appears to think that he is King Ralph, but in any event, fails miserably at every turn. Coltrane's attempts at drama and tenderness left us using his head for a bull's eye as we tossed French bread at the movie screen.

Alex Rocco succeeds in delivering the mortal blow to this cancerous animal of a movie. Agreed, he has two strikes against him — first by being in this film, and then by taking on such a pitiful role — but this boy's lack of talent sends him straight to the dugout. Rocco's paint-by-numbers acting is enough to turn inspirational pep talks into corny clichés. As with Coltrane, Rocco's sense of comedy quickly loses focus, and his performance yields few, if any, laughs. We both agreed that Rocco was branded at birth to pollute the wide screen in every B-movie ever created.

The Mad Dog Movie Masters rate Beverly D'Angelo's attempt at portraying the Pope's long-lost mistress as mediocre at best. If the writers had tried even a little, they could have elevated this role into something genuinely funny. However, D'Angelo appears to have walked onto the set of *The Pope Must Die* only to pay next month's rent.

As for Richardson's direction, stock footage of people cheering the Pope does not get the Mad Dogs' blood pumping, nor does a special effects budget consisting

of epoxy and ketchup. Nothing revolutionary here.

Yes, it's true, *The Pope Must Die* must die. This flick is so littered with B-actors from the cast of afternoon sitcoms that it must have been designed with the video store in mind. In fact, the Mad Dog Movie Masters want to put this puppy to sleep with a pitiful one out of four Mad Dogs. But readers, do not despair, for the Mad Dog Movie Masters will be back with an angry fury — our next movie is sure not to disappoint.

Ocean Blue shines at lagoon gig

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awards, and contained such lyrics as "This song won't make you dress in all black / This song won't make you get a new wave punk haircut."

After that, he covered Madonna with "Like a Prayer" and attacked the Live Aid benefit with "Live Aid," a song containing a revised version of "We are the World":

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We are rich bastards
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And this is the only line that
rhymes . . .*

"The Devil in Me" supplied a rousing ending. Refusing encores, he said in true John Wesley Harding style, "I don't want to get to the good part just as the Ocean Blue comes on."

The Ocean Blue, the lilting band from Hershey, Pennsylvania, arrived around 3:15 pm, intent on promoting their new album, *Cerulean*. Although technical problems continually plagued their hour-plus set, they still managed a fine performance.

They concentrated mainly on several

promising songs from their new album, but garnered the most positive audience response from singles "Vanity Fair," "Drifting, Falling," and "Between Something and Nothing," all from their eponymous debut album.

In the middle of "Ask Me Jon," from the same album, lead guitarist David Schelzel announced that his amp wasn't working. He switched guitars constantly afterwards, but the lead guitar was inaudible for some time. He thanked the audience for their continued patience, citing problems such as the blinding lights and sun, the malfunctioning amps, the slipping microphone stand, and "guitars acting funny."

The surprise of the day was the Ocean Blue's cover of the Smiths' "There is a Light that Never Goes Out," perhaps spurred on by the plethora of Smiths and Morrissey T-shirts visible in the audience. It seemed an extemporaneous decision because Schelzel skipped over the second verse and repeated the first twice. But for the first time during the concert, the audience sang along, and they cheered wildly. It was probably the closest thing to hearing the Smiths live in concert today, and a fitting ending to an enjoyable afternoon of music.



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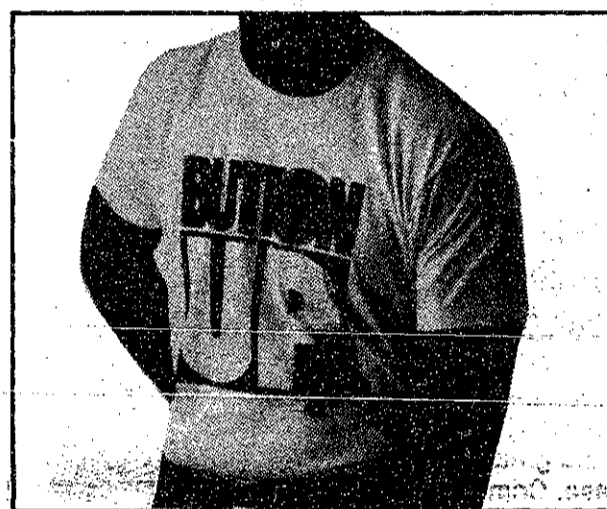
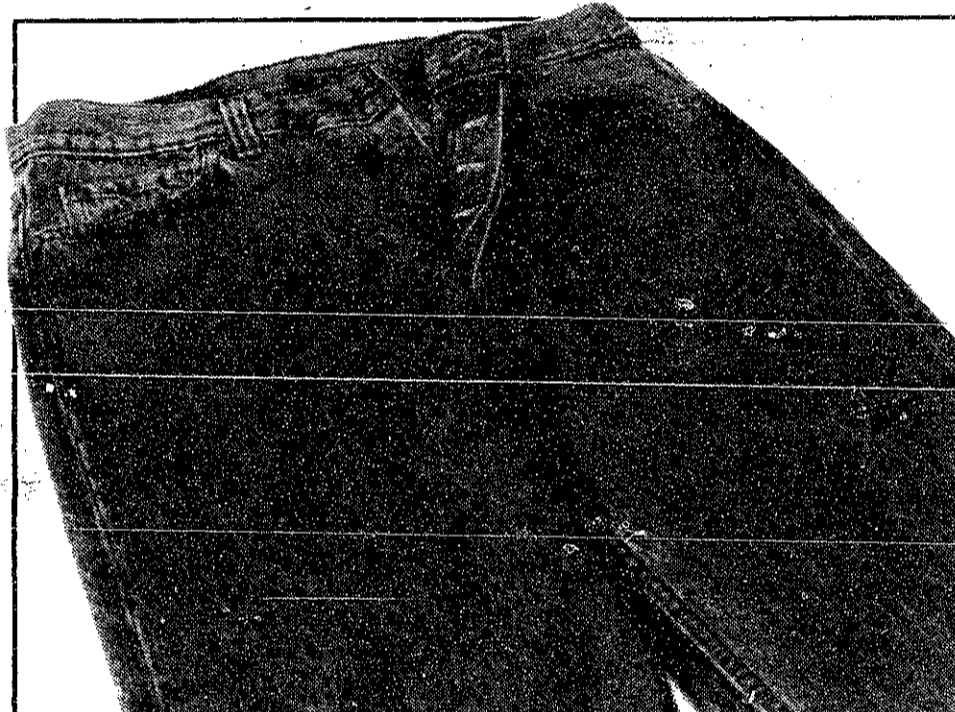
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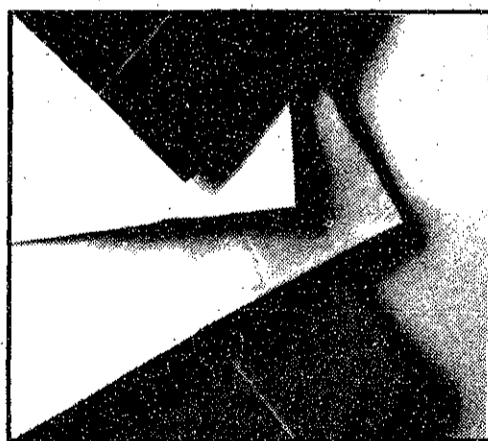
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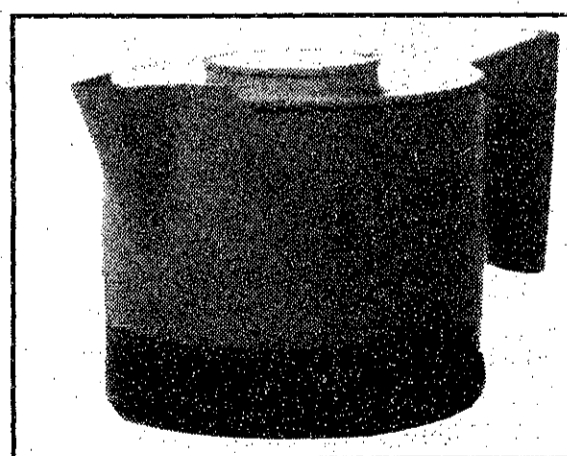


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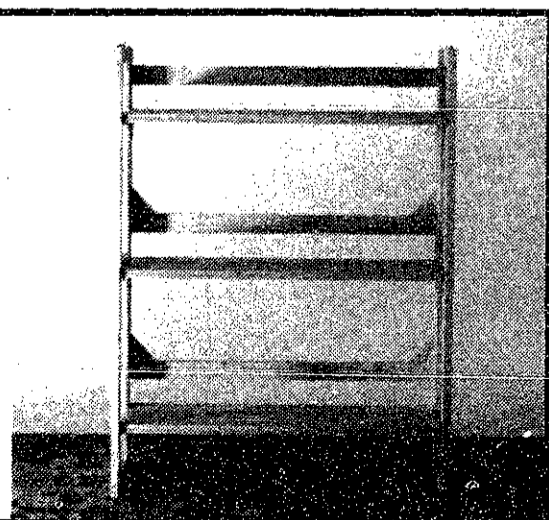
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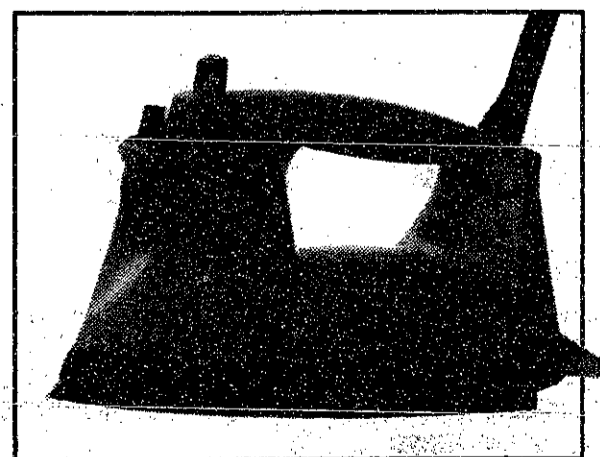
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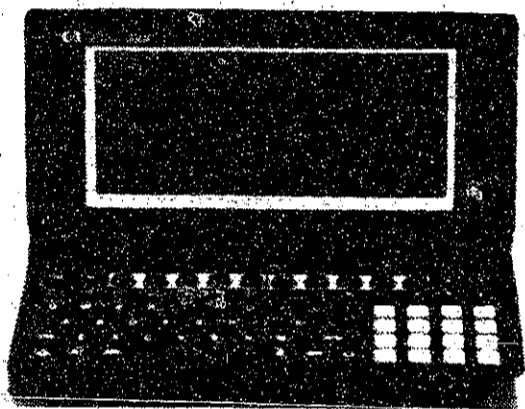
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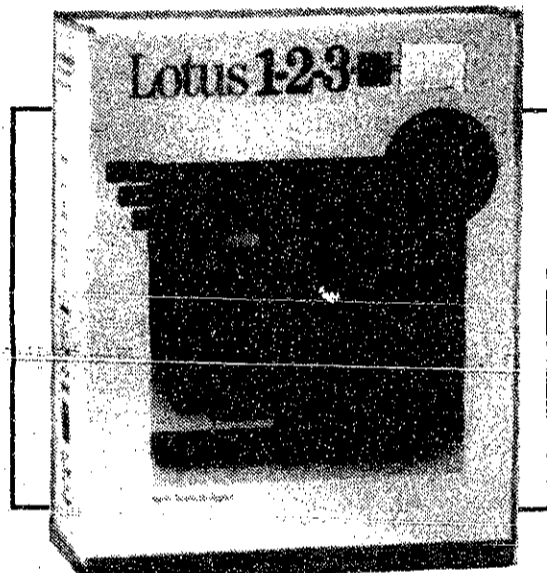


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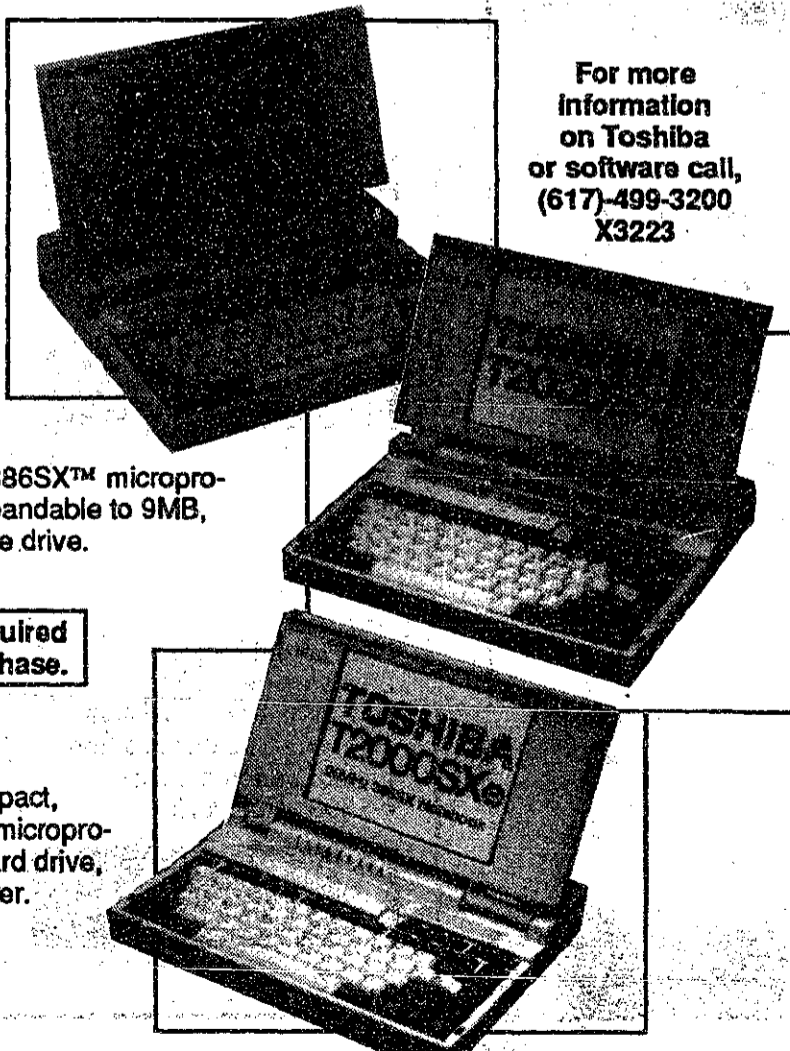
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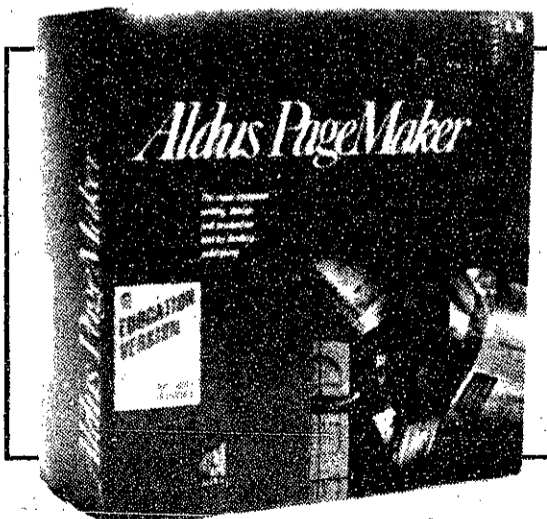
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DormCon discusses FHC report

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cussion of the report for the last two years in order to wait until concerned students graduated.

He explained that administrative turnover within the administration had simply left no time to discuss the issue until now.

A difference of philosophy

Smith felt that the report expressed a different way of looking at campus living groups. He said that some administrators and faculty members "would like the housing system to achieve some goals other than finding a place to live."

These goals, he said, included the feeling that "the residential unit is at the core of the educational experience. Where you live is almost a separate institution."

He added, "I find it a pretty good system as it stands. It is not perfect."

McGeever said that underlying the whole discussion is the issue of how best to integrate students into the MIT community. "The first question is not 'is this a good thing'; the question you should ask is, 'What kind of initiation do you want people to have to MIT?'"

Smith continued, "I think giving people the choice when they first arrive is a good thing. My

experience has been that all the students I've known within a week after R/O are quite happy with it. I've had almost no cases that I can remember when students felt they have made a bad decision. . . . In general, students are satisfied."

He added that his own children were assigned roommates at the schools they attended, and thought that such a system was not a "particularly satisfying way to start college."

"One way or another, this institution has to make a decision about the FHC report," Smith said. But, he pointed out, "We can accept part of it and not all of it."

New provost heads year of change

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Humanities and Social Sciences to become dean on a permanent basis over the summer. As dean, he will continue to face many of the issues that surfaced during his tenure as acting dean, including oversubscription of the Humanities, Arts and Social Science-Distribution (HASS-D) classes, and the future of a permanent psychology department following the dismissal of Associate Professor of Psychology Jee PhD '81 in 1990.

Khoury intends to develop the programs in international studies for both undergraduate and graduate students. "The addition of new programs such as the Chinese Language and Literature classes demonstrate our commitment towards expanding the school of Humanities and Social Sciences to meet the challenges facing us in the next decade," he said.

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Science dean will stress teaching

Professor of Physics Robert J. Birgeneau succeeded Gene M. Brawn, a biology professor, as dean of the School of Science. Professor Birgeneau previously served as the head of the physics department.

Birgeneau said he will continue to stress the School of Science's emphasis on undergraduate teaching. Promotions and tenured positions will be given to those who excel both in undergraduate and graduate teaching as well as research. Birgeneau also plans to increase interaction between the various departments and research laboratories within the School of Science to encourage more team oriented projects.

Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Arthur C. Smith was appointed to a two year term as dean for student affairs. Smith had been serving as acting dean since July 1, 1990. Smith stated, "Over the past year, we've seen a tremendous change in the faces of the members of the administration. I think we are still in the

process of learning our new jobs as well as adjusting to each other. In the next couple of months, the housing and academic issues may come up again. As a whole though, I am pleased with the way things are running."

The selection of these deans was marked by continuing pressure from the Undergraduate Association and Graduate Student Council to increase student involvement in the selection process. Hans C. Godfrey '93, chairman of the UA Governance Committee during these changes, stated, "Our continued emphasis on student participation in the dean selection process resulted in student representatives on both the Science and HASS dean selection committees."

"I hope Provost Wrighton continues to respect the input of the MIT student community for future administrative changes, including the upcoming selection of a new Dean of the School of Architecture," Godfrey added.

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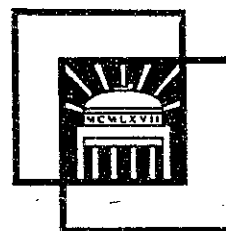
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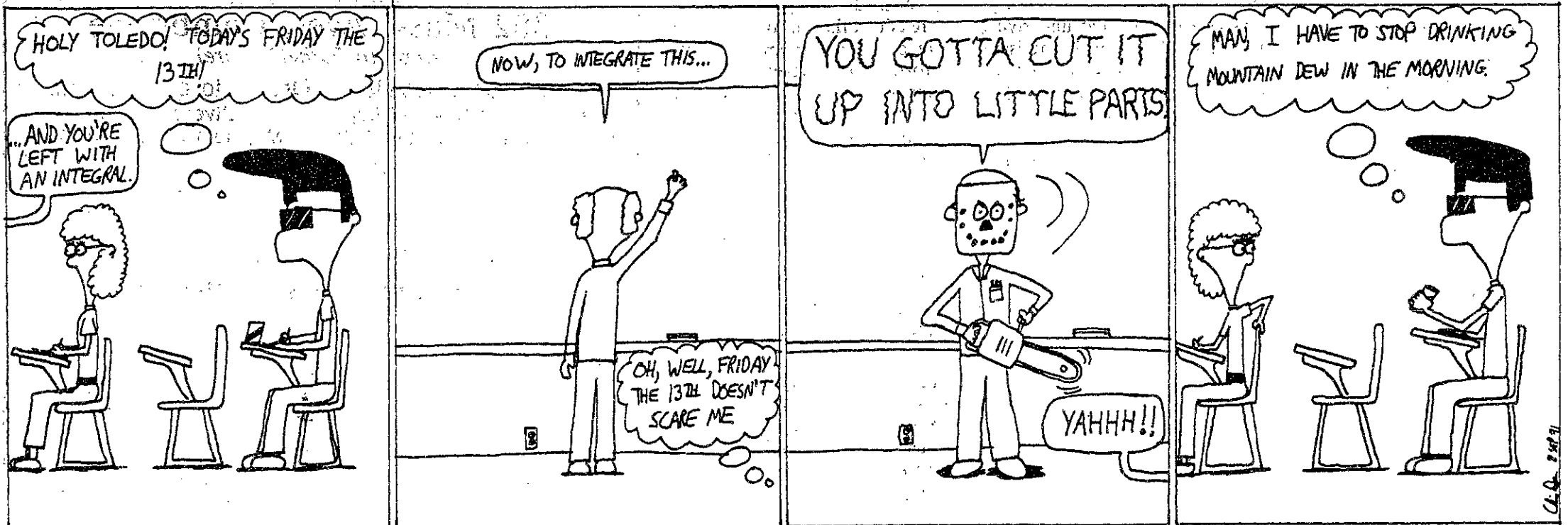
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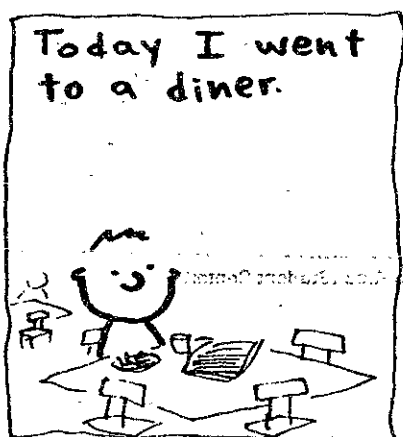
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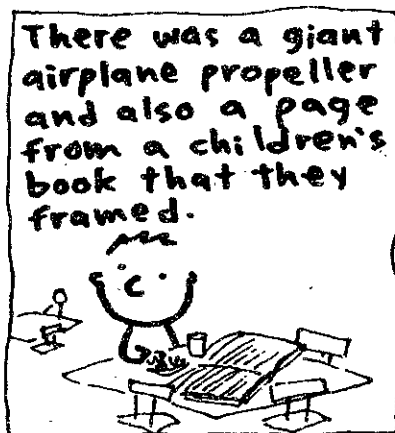


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Boston	75	65	.536	3½	W 1
*Detroit	73	66	.525	5	W 1
*Milwaukee	65	72	.474	12	L 4
New York	60	78	.435	17½	L 6
Baltimore	58	82	.414	20½	L 1
Cleveland	46	93	.331	32	W 2

WEST

	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak
*Minnesota	85	55	.607	—	L 1
*Chicago	77	64	.546	9	L 1
Oakland	75	66	.532	10½	W 1
*Texas	73	65	.529	11½	W 2
Kansas City	71	68	.511	13½	W 1
Seattle	70	69	.504	14½	W 2
*California	69	69	.500	15	L 1

* Late game not included

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EAST

	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak
*Pittsburgh	83	56	.597	—	W 1
*St. Louis	72	66	.522	10½	L 2
Chicago	69	71	.493	14½	L 2
New York	68	72	.486	15½	W 3
Philadelphia	66	74	.471	17½	L 2
Montreal	61	78	.439	22	W 2

* Late game not included

WEST

	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak
Atlanta	80	60	.571	—	W 7
Los Angeles	80	61	.567	½	W 2
San Diego	71	70	.504	9½	L 2
Cincinnati	68	72	.486	12	W 1
San Francisco	64	76	.457	16	L 1
Houston	57	83	.407	23	L 5

notices

Listings

Student activities, administrative offices, academic departments and other groups — both on and off the MIT campus — can list meetings, activities, and other announcements in *The Tech's* "Notes" section. Send items of interest (typed and double spaced) via Institute mail to "News Notes, *The Tech*, Room W20-483," or via US mail to "News Notes, *The Tech*, PO Box 29, MIT Branch, Cambridge, MA 02139." Notes run on a space-available basis only; priority is given to official Institute announcements and MIT student activities. *The Tech* reserves the right to edit all listings, and makes no endorsement of groups or activities listed.

Counseling

The Samaritans — someone to talk to and befriend you, are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The center, at 500 Commonwealth Avenue, Kenmore Square, is open from 8 am to 8 pm every day for people to come in and talk. Service is free and completely confidential. Call 247-0220.

The Beth Israel Hospital hosts a Rape Crisis Group on Tuesdays at 7:30 am for women who are experiencing disruption in their lives immediately following or up to six months after being raped. The long-term crisis group meets Thursdays at 6 pm. For more information, call (617) 735-4738.

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Counseling and HTLV-III blood screening services are available for individuals concerned about exposure to the virus associated with AIDS. For more information about this free confidential service sponsored by the Department of Public Health and Counseling Services, call 522-4090, weekdays from 9 am to 5 pm. Outside Boston call collect.

Parenting is a tough job. If you need help surviving the parenting experience, the Family Support Network and Parents Anonymous are co-sponsoring a support group for isolated or overwhelmed parents. Every Tuesday night from 6 pm to 8 pm at Roxbury Children's Service, 22 Elm Hill

Ave., Dorchester.

The Family Support Network is also sponsoring a support group for teen parents, every Thursday night from 6 pm to 8 pm at Roxbury Children's Service.

Getting High? or Getting Desperate? If drugs are becoming a problem, call or write: Narcotics Anonymous, 264 Meridian St., East Boston 02128, (617) 569-0021. Local meetings held at the MIT

Medical Department, E23-364, on Mondays from 1-2 pm.

The Greater Framingham Area Veteran's Outreach Center is holding rap sessions for Vietnam veterans every Wednesday (except the third week of the month, when they will be held Thursday) at 7 pm. There is also a group for the wives of Vietnam veterans. For more information, call 879-9888.

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Tuesday, Sept. 17, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 10:00 a.m. & 6:15 p.m.

CONSERVATIVE SERVICES

(Kresge Little Theatre)

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 9:00 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.

Tickets are required for all Tuesday evening Kol Nidre services.

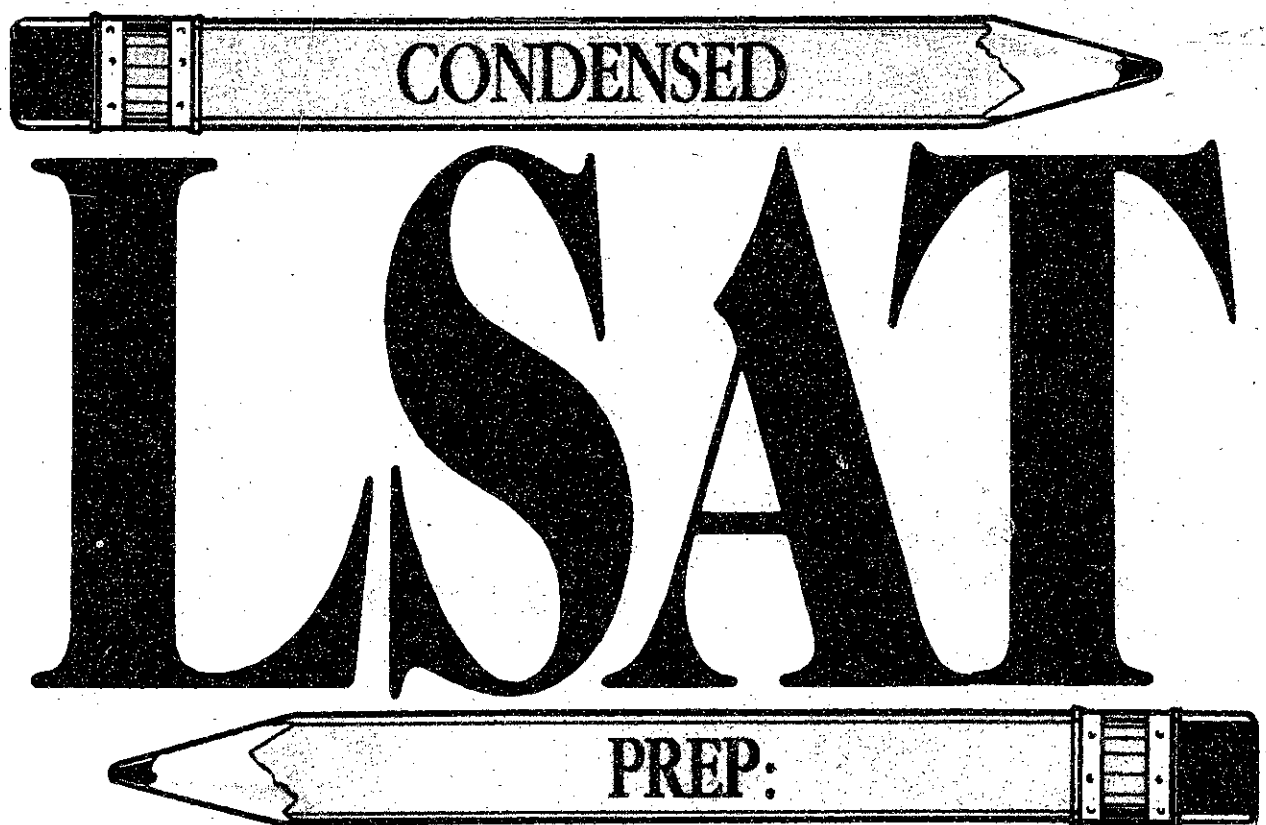
Tickets are available for all students. For students who are not Hillel members a \$15. donation is suggested. Non-student tickets are available for \$50. Holiday tickets can be obtained at M.I.T. Hillel until Monday, Sept. 16 and in M.I.T.'s Lobby 10 on Sept. 12 and 16.

A pre-fast meal will be served in the Kosher Kitchen (Walker Hall Room 50-007) on Tuesday, September 17 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Payment can be made with validine or cash.

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