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MIT quarterback Devin Graham '95 (#13) tosses a pass over his brother, running back Robert Graham '93 (#34), toward wide receiver Roderick Tranum '93 (#43) during last Saturday's homecoming game against the University of Massachusetts/Boston. The Beavers lost, 20-6.

Cambridge voters go to polls today

By Brian Rosenberg

MIT students will join thousands of other Cambridge residents in city elections today, during which voters will send nine of 19 candidates to the city council and six of 12 hopefuls to the school committee.

All nine incumbent council members hope to return to their seats, while only four school committee members are seeking reelection.

City council candidates have squared off over many of the usual local issues, including rent control, development and crime. This year's campaign has been more subdued than the 1989 race, when a controversial rent control referendum polarized candidates and brought many voters to the polls.

As a result, many expect a low voter turnout this year. The Cambridge Civic Association, a citizens' political action group, has been calling its supporters to re-

mind them to vote, said CCA staff member Karen L. Corcoran.

CCA and other voters' groups, including Cambridge First and a gay and lesbian activist group called the Lavender Alliance, have taken stands by endorsing candidates.

Most pertinent to MIT, as a prominent Cambridge landowner and developer, are the issues creating tension between residents and prospective developers. MIT, along with several Cambridgeport businesses, recently clashed with area residents over zoning plans for a large parcel of land. A proposal written by residents went before the city council and fell one vote short of the seven necessary for its passage.

Sarah J. Eusden, assistant to the president for government and community relations, said she did not want to make any predictions about the election. "I've seen so many polls that say this person is

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Calendar committee will reconsider IAP

By Sabrina Kwon

The fate of Independent Activities Period is "under attack by a certain faction of the faculty," according to Hans C. Godfrey '93, floor leader for the Undergraduate Association, and will be one of the main issues the presidential Committee on Academic Calendar and Independent Activities Period will examine when it begins meeting in the near future.

The committee, almost all of whose members have been appointed, will determine certain logistics of the academic year, including the length and number of terms, exact dates of vacations, the length and placement of Residence/Orientation Week and the length of reading periods and final examination periods.

It will consist of two graduate students, two undergraduate students and either seven or eight faculty members, said Chairman of the Faculty J. Kim Vandiver PhD '75.

Vandiver said that he and

President Charles M. Vest "have chosen a committee that are knowledgeable and represent a wide membership" across the different academic viewpoints, including representation from the engineering schools, who wish to eliminate IAP.

The UA's decision to reexamine the existing academic calendar means that major calendar changes could take place over the course of the next year, Godfrey said yesterday.

Committee will discuss eliminating or changing IAP

The most controversial change the committee will consider is the possible elimination of IAP, when faculty and students engage in creative learning, independent study and projects in the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program. Godfrey said the engineering school was the major force behind

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Safe Ride system expands New van hoped to relieve overburdened system

By Jeremy Hylton

A second safety shuttle van began operating this weekend, as part of an effort to relieve the heavily-burdened Safe Ride program. The two vans will continue to run on demand when community members request rides.

The Safe Ride program, which began last spring, has been used heavily by students and staff. "We have a very over-burdened system. We've got a shuttle running on demand and . . . you have to wait an hour and a half for a ride," said Anne S. Tsao '94, co-chairman of the Undergraduate Association Safety Committee.

Tsao was skeptical of the benefits a second van would bring.

Some people do not use the van because the wait is so long, but they may reconsider now that there are two, she said.

In an effort to make the system more efficient, the safety shuttles will probably begin running on designated routes in Boston and Cambridge later this year. Campus Police Chief Anne P. Glavin, who supervises the operation of the shuttle, hopes the new system will begin by December.

When implemented, the shuttle will be divided into two routes, one for Cambridge and the other for Boston. The Cambridge route will be approximately 20 minutes long and the Boston ride about 45 minutes. The two routes will

overlap outside Building 7.

The route system will be advantageous for two reasons: It will relieve the burden of the campus police dispatcher, and reduce the number of students using the shuttle for convenience's sake, Glavin said.

"We're hoping it will reduce the load on our dispatchers . . . and allow them to address emergency and medical calls," Glavin said.

The route system may also discourage students from using the van as a convenience, because they will no longer be able to call for rides.

Since the program started, there has been debate about the

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APO election declares Ugliest Man on Campus

Feature

By Joey Marquez

Joseph A. Powers Jr. '92 was named the Ugliest Man on Campus last week, according to results of the annual contest sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega, said APO Treasurer Michael J. Person '92. Altogether, \$656.02 was raised by the service fraternity, he said.

Powers collected a total donation of \$249.40, which put him more than \$40 ahead of any other competitor, Person said. Other candidates were "The Tick" with \$203.17, J. Paul Kirby '92 with

\$66.47, Stephen A. Rinehart '93 with \$50.72, "Bernice" with \$41.98 and Mike Smith G with \$23.84.

Voters expressed their support for each candidate by donating money in his or her name. The candidate who collected the highest total donation was declared the winner, Person said.

Person said the contest was very close. He said that on Thursday, when the money was counted, Powers and the Tick were "less than a dollar apart." But on Friday, Powers brought in more money than the Tick and was designated the official winner. He added that APO had

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UA begins survey on housing

By Reuven M. Lerner

With the debate over undergraduate housing scheduled to begin at Thursday night's Undergraduate Association Council meeting, the UA has begun a door-to-door survey to determine students' attitudes toward the current housing system.

The survey, which was sent to ILG presidents and dormitory representatives last week, asks students if they agree or disagree with many of the points made by the Freshman Housing Committee in their two-year-old report.

UA President Stacy E. McGeever '93 said in an interview last night that preliminary survey results would be presented at the next UAC meeting, when the UA will discuss undergraduate housing. "I would like to be able to state the results of the survey [on Thursday night] if there is enough there to be considered valid," she said.

Vijay P. Sankaran '95, a member of the UA housing committee, said that the purpose of the survey is to "find out what the student body feels about the report. We want to know how many people want to change the system."

McGeever said the survey would help focus discussion on issues that concerned students the most. "The results, when they are in, will show quantitatively what students perceive, off the cuff, to be problems with the housing system," she said.

Many ILGs are finished

Many ILGs had already conducted the survey or were planning to do it as of last night, McGeever said. UA Vice President J. Paul Kirby '92 felt there would be "near 100 percent" participation from the ILGs, in part because fewer people live in each house, making it easier for a single person to poll all the residents. He said weekly house

meetings also improved the chances for interaction between those giving the survey and other students.

Despite the success in surveying ILG residents, polls in the dormitories seem to be going slowly. Sankaran, who is in charge of polling Burton House and MacGregor House, said he had not begun to survey students, in part due to heavy coursework, but that he would have results ready for the Thursday night meeting.

Sankaran would not say whether his sample would be representative, but said that "we want to get as large a sample as possible." One of the students

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MIT polling locations

West Campus residents (Ward 2, Precincts 3 and 4) should vote at the MIT Athletic Center.
East Campus residents (Ward 2, Precinct 2) should vote at Pisan Center, 131 Washington St. (near Technology Square).
Residents north of Vassar Street (Ward 5, Precinct 1) should vote at the fire station at Lafayette Square on Massachusetts Avenue at Main St.
Anyone registered locally for the presidential election may participate in today's election.

Turnout expected to be low at citywide elections today

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going to be elected and this other person will not, but I don't know," she said. Eusden played a leading role in MIT's fight against the residents' proposal.

Incumbent candidates for the council are Ed Cyr, Frank Duehay, Jonathan Myers, Kenneth Reeves, Sheila Russell, Walter Sullivan, Timothy Toomey, William Walsh and Alice Wolf. Seeking to displace these councillors are Robert Hall, William Jones, Vivian Kurkjian, James McSweeney, Elaine Noble, Arnold Roquerre, George Spartichinio, Jane Sullivan, Alfred Vellucci and Thomas Watkins.

Two seats open on school committee

This year's school committee race is marked by the departure of two incumbents, Albert Vellucci and Fran Cooper. Vellucci, who seeks a city council seat, and Cooper, who is retiring, leave their seats wide open for newcomers.

School committee incumbents seeking reelection are Henrietta Davis, Fred Fantini, James Rafferty and Larry Weinstein. Challengers are Bob Buckley, Peter Cignetti, Ronn Crichlow, Henry Lukas, Betty Luther, David Maher, Denise Simmons and Carolyn Tabor.

Prominent school committee issues include recruitment of minority faculty, the elimination of tracking, a system which accelerates children according to their ability, and the resolution of problems created when opening and closing times of several elementary schools were changed earlier this year.

Both the city council and the school committee are elected by a proportional representation scheme. Under this plan, voters indicate their preferences numerically. To be elected, a candidate must receive at least a certain quota of first priority, or number one, votes. Candidates who receive more than this quota are elected and their excess votes are redistributed according to second choice. In order to get enough candidates over the quota, it is usually necessary that candidates who received the fewest number of votes be eliminated and their votes redistributed.

The quota is determined by the number of votes cast divided by one more than the number of seats available, plus one. With this formula, it is impossible for more candidates to be elected than there are seats available.

Ballot question calls for city food policy

Also on today's ballot is a non-binding question that asks voters

whether the Cambridge city government should "develop and implement a Cambridge Food Policy which would recognize the right of every resident to accessible, safe, nutritious, culturally acceptable and affordable food, without barriers and without stigma."

The question grew out of "several years of feeding people and watching the situation get worse," said Gerald Bergman of the Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee, who coordinated the effort.

According to Bergman, 5000 people go to various food programs in Cambridge each month, and as many as 3000 children go hungry or are at risk of going hungry.

Bergman said a city council committee on hunger created in May had met only once and had done nothing. He also said that if this effort proves fruitless, the CEOC is "prepared to get the signatures we need to put a binding referendum" on the ballot in two years.

The MIT Homelessness Initiative "definitely supports the idea" of such a food policy, said Mary E. Herndon G, a member of the group. "I wonder, however, if they will put their money where their mouth is. The city has shown a lack of commitment on this issue before," she added.

Committee to discuss ending IAP

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the anti-IAP movement, with many engineering professors complaining that semesters are not long enough to let them cover the amount of material they would like to teach. Eliminating IAP would let professors incorporate more hours of instruction each term by adding mandatory class hours in January.

Godfrey felt that IAP will probably survive the calendar committee's examination and evaluation. IAP "has become a necessary part of the year. Students love it for UROP and other employment and research possibilities, while faculty members use it to obtain research grants . . . and to prepare for spring classes," he said.

The committee will also review the Undergraduate Academic Support Office's report, *What's Right With IAP*, which examines the positive aspects of IAP. Associate Dean of Student Affairs Mary Z. Enterline and Professor of Materials Science and Engineering Linn W. Hobbs wrote in the report that IAP has the potential to contain much more educational content than the two lectures an extra week of classes would provide each term.

HASS finals, reading period prompt calendar reconsideration

Godfrey cited the implementation of the Humanities, Arts, and Social Science Distribution requirement four years ago as a key reason for the people's complaints about the existing calendar. Because students complained of an inadequate reading period to accommodate an additional final exam, IAP was shortened last year from four full weeks to three and a half weeks. A four-day weekend was also shortened by one day to accommodate the longer reading period.

"The [HASS-D] finals added a strain for time on everyone. The calendar was moved around to compensate, but the changes" did not suffice, Godfrey said. "The administration recognizes the need for some type of major change, and so [Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences Phillip S.] Khoury is deliberating whether or not to get rid of HASS-D finals," Godfrey said.

Vandiver said Professor of Chemistry Robert J. Silbey was chosen to chair the committee, but when contacted yesterday, Silbey said he did not know for

sure whether he would be in charge. Vandiver also said he could not release the names of the other faculty members who will serve on the committee because they had not yet received their letters of appointment.

The four student positions on the committee have not been filled. However, Godfrey said "the two undergraduate student members have the potential of making a fundamental change at MIT," and that the UA office will be interviewing interested students soon.

(Editor's note: Richard Chae contributed to the reporting for this article.)

Dormitories and ILGs probed on FHC report

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responsible for Baker House said that polling had not begun in that dormitory, either.

McGeever said it was more

important for the UA to have representative data than for all the data to be in by Thursday night. The UA is not "requiring surveys to be back by any date, but are keeping in touch" with the people administering them, she said.

She added that "the intent was not to get them by Thursday, although that would be nice. The point was just to get them."

Among the recommendations made in the FHC report were that all freshmen live on campus and rush be postponed until the spring term. The committee cited lack of diversity among living groups and a stressful housing selection process as reasons for these recommendations.



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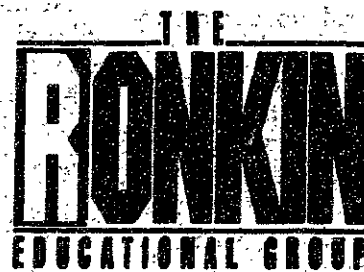
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Erratum

Due to an editing error, a story in Friday's issue ["Massacre rumors scare students"] attributed a statement by a spokesperson for *The Oprah Winfrey Show* to *The Boston Globe*. The quotation as printed was obtained by *The Tech*.

news roundup

from the associated press wire

Nation

Major bank reform bill soundly defeated in Congress

A major bank reform bill has been defeated in the House by 324 to 89. Lawmakers had been debating the legislation since last week, but in the end decided they did not like what they had crafted.

Just before the final vote, Rep. Richard Baker (R-La.) told his colleagues the bill was wrong and not in anyone's best interest. Baker called it a disaster saying, "This legislation will do for the financial marketplace what the Hindenburg does for air travel."

The vote to reject the entire bill represented a victory for the Bush administration, which objected to provisions banning commercial legislation, calling them too restrictive.

Senate committee to investigate servicemen in Southeast Asia

A special Senate committee will take a full year to try to put to rest the controversy over whether there are US servicemen still held captive in Southeast Asia. Defense Secretary Dick Cheney will be the leadoff witness before the committee as it begins three days of hearings today. Although it is not the first congressional inquiry into missing Vietnam War veterans, this new committee has the power to subpoena and a standing demand that all witnesses testify under oath.

University of Iowa mourning community members' deaths

There were memorial services instead of classes yesterday at the University of Iowa. Twenty-year-old engineering student Henry McGill presided over one ceremony on the Iowa City campus, where a former physics graduate student killed four people before shooting himself last week, apparently out of anger for not winning a prize for his doctoral thesis. McGill said everyone at the university joins the victims' families in feeling shock and dismay over the loss.

Actor Paul Reubens pleads no contest to indecent exposure charges

An attorney for actor Paul Reubens said that the *Pee-wee's Playhouse* star has agreed to plead no contest to indecent exposure charges.

Under the deal, Reubens, also known as "Pee-wee Herman," would pay a \$50 fine plus court costs and perform 50 hours of community service. The offer would also leave him free of a conviction on the misdemeanor charge. Attorney Ron Dresnick said that "it was an offer too good to refuse." He also said that "Pee-wee wants to get the hole thing behind him and to avoid the personal trauma of a trial."

The 39-year-old Reubens was arrested at an adult theater in July after detectives said he exposed himself.

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inducts new members

Jimi Hendrix, Johnny Cash and a slate of Rhythm and Blues performers top the list of newly announced Rock and Roll Hall of Famers.

The names of inductees were made public yesterday in Cleveland, where the Rock Hall is due to be completed in 1994. Paul Shaffer, music director of *Late Night with David Letterman*, announced the names at a news conference.

World

US military personnel cars set on fire

Just three days before the North Atlantic Treaty Organization summit opens in Rome, three cars belonging to US military personnel were set on fire in northern Italy yesterday. Police said that no one was injured in the attacks and no group has claimed responsibility. But an anonymous caller told the Italian news agency ANSA that the attacks were to protest "the signing of the new NATO treaty" and "imperialist wars and massacres."

Local

Irish couple win jackpot, but waiting for citizenship lottery

An Irish couple from Quincy has won a state lottery for money. Now they are hoping to win the federal lottery for citizenship. State lottery officials said that they claimed the \$3.5 million Megabucks jackpot from Saturday's night drawing.

The couple was identified as 36-year-old Conor Murphy, a jobless house painter, and his 34-year-old wife Elizabeth, an unemployed waitress. Both are entered in the the US citizenship lottery which opened last month.

Lottery spokesman Dave Ellis said that the money prize is paid in equal installments over 20 years. He said that after deductions for state and federal taxes, it means a yearly paycheck of more than \$134,000. The couple bought the ticket at a Quincy package store.

The Murphy s immigrated to the United States in 1986. They have two children and are expecting a third in March.

The citizenship lottery drew millions of applicants. The first 40,000 eligible people will get visas in December. The law requires that 16,000 visas go to Irish applicants.

Framingham Union Hospital cited by OSHA for violations

Federal officials said that they have cited Framingham Union Hospital for 27 alleged serious violations. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration said that it has proposed fines totaling nearly \$59,000.

Acting regional chief Thomas Guilmartin said that the alleged violations were found during inspections between May and October. He said the hospital has moved to ease the cited hazards. Guilmartin said that the citations should be a concern to hospital employees, but do not reflect on the quality of patient care. He said that the hospital has 15 days in which to challenge the findings before a review commission.

OSHA said that the alleged violations include procedures that might infect hospital workers, improper safety devices on power tools and failure to train workers dealing with hazardous material.

Real estate broker indicted for defrauding investors

The state attorney general's office said that a Barnstable grand jury has indicted former Cape Cod real estate broker Edward Blass. Scott Harshbarger said that Blass is accused of defrauding investors of more than \$160,000. The Cotuit broker faces four counts of larceny by false pretenses between March 1986 and January 1990.

Harshbarger said that Blass operated Landmark Real Estate of Osterville. He said that Blass allegedly took money toward purchase of property, but diverted it to speculate ventures of his own.

First round of Mideast peace talks declared a success

The Palestine Liberation Organization is expressing satisfaction with the first round of Arab-Israeli peace talks. A top PLO adviser said that the Palestinians have made it clear that they want peace with Israel. He has also predicted that Israeli and Palestinian negotiators will meet again somewhere in North America between Nov. 17 and 24.

There is no word on when or where the face-to-face talks between Israel and Syria will resume. Both sides are taking a hard line on the issue of the Israeli-occupied Arab territories. Just hours after their talks in Spain ended, Israelis inaugurated a new Jewish settlement in the Golan Heights. The settlers are vowing never to give up the territory Israel captured from Syria during the 1967 war. A key issue in the negotiations is whether Israel will trade land for peace with the Arabs.

Marcos back in Philippines after spending five years in exile

Imelda Marcos is back in the Philippines for the first time since she and her late husband Ferdinand fled after he was ousted by a revolution in 1986. The former first lady plans to visit her home province and to accompany a team of doctors to volcano-ravaged areas. Marcos is reportedly setting the stage for a possible presidential bid. President Corazon Aquino's government allowed her to return so it could prosecute her for tax fraud and other charges.

Weather

Snow threat

Our first full week of November will feature the coldest weather so far this term and the first real threat of widespread snowfall in southern and eastern New England this season. A cold anticyclone will crest over the region today and move offshore tonight as a cyclone develops in the midwest. This cyclone will pass to the north of our area Wednesday, spreading light to moderate snow from the Midwest into northern New England.

A cold front associated with this cyclone will begin to send even colder air into the region Thursday as a second cyclone develops along the southeast coast of the United States. This second cyclone will move northeastward along the Atlantic coast late Thursday and Friday spreading a mixture of snow, sleet and rain into central and coastal New England. Colder weather is forecast for this upcoming weekend.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny and cold. Highs 38-43 °F (3-6 °C). Winds north 10-15 mph (16-24 kph).

Tuesday night: Clear and cold. Low 28° F (-2 °C). Winds light.

Wednesday: Partly sunny and chilly. High around 45 °F (7 °C). Winds southeast 5-10 mph (8-16 kph).

Thursday: Increasing clouds with snow arriving after dark. High 38-42 °F (3-6 °C). Low 32° F (0° C).

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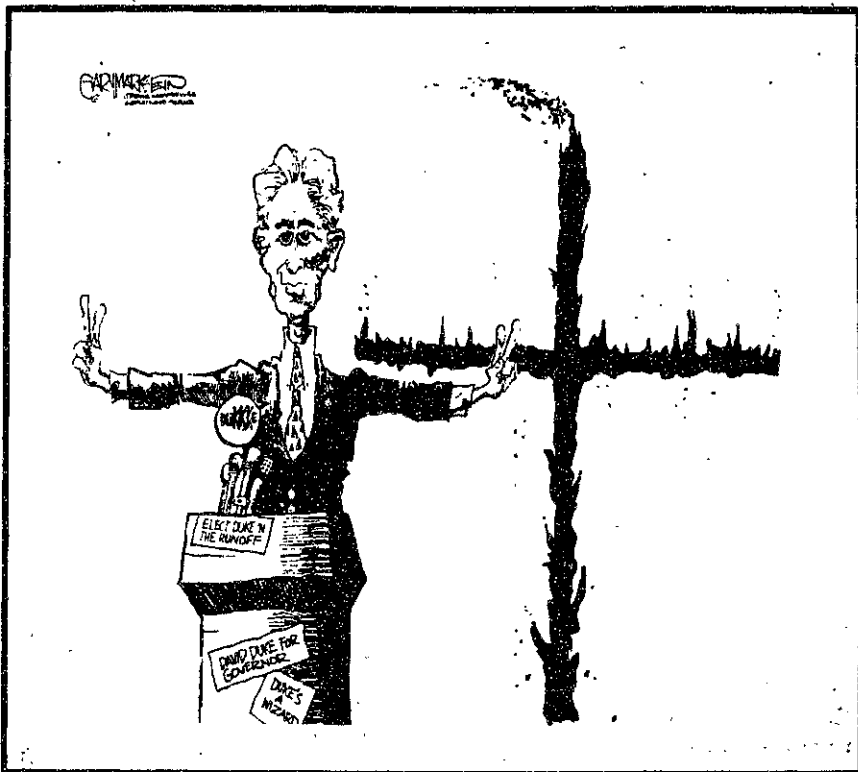
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opinion



Housing should be unique

Column by Bill Jackson

I predict that within three years, the Institute will tell all freshmen where to live.

But let me step back for a second.

When I was a prefrish, I heard all the usual warnings about why I shouldn't go to MIT. And, like all of us who are here, I was too stupid to listen to them.

I remember that on my prefrish visit to campus, I was placed in a fraternity across the river. One of the freshmen in the house agreed to take me with him to class.

My guide was going through the freshman stress; it was mid-October, and every test was giving him fresh underarm stains. After telling me that MIT was hell — common knowledge to me now, but relatively shocking back then — he told me how glad he was to live across the river. At least I don't have to live over at MIT, he said. It's nice to be able to go back over to the house and get away.

Now I'm a junior. During Residence/Orientation Week, I made the decision to live on campus. But, as my guide said, I didn't have to.

I looked at a few fraternities. Some I liked, some I didn't, and I ultimately decided to live on campus. I lived in a really cool dorm, with my own bedroom and a kitchen down the hall, and I made the choice to live there.

This helped a lot. Like all freshmen, I had my easy classes and my hard classes, although I hold no grudges against the hard ones, especially not 5.12, which was certainly well worth the forfeiting of my hobbies, social life and sanity for an entire damn term.

What kept me sane was my dorm. And it was, in a sense, my dorm because I had decided to live there.

What we're all afraid to say, because we don't want to sound obnoxious, is that freshman year at MIT is more stressful than freshman year at an average university. There, I've gone and said it. Flog me and call me an elitist.

Why am I willing to bet that we have it tougher than our counterparts at other universities? It's the damn phone calls! How many times have you talked to one of your high school friends, who is now at some other renowned college, and hung up the phone depressed because *they aren't doing any work!* It goes like this:

You: I'm tired. I haven't gotten any sleep in the last four days.

Clueless Friend: Me either. I was up until two last night and I had to get up at eight this morning.

You: I don't think you understand. I haven't slept. At all.

Clueless Friend: I know, I know. I only got six hours last night, for crying out loud. I was dragging this morning.

You: (fuming) Whatever.

Clueless Friend: Well, it's because I have so much work this week. I have a three page paper due tomorrow and a Freshman English test in a week.

You: (frustrated) I had three problem sets due today and another due tomorrow, along with a 10-page paper.

Clueless Friend: Yeah, I had three problems due today too.

You: Not problems, problem sets, you weeknight-beer-swilling, 56-hours-of-sleep-a-week-getting, television-watching, weekend-ganja-smoking, easy-school-attending loser!

This is why we don't tend to have many friends from outside the Institute.

This is also why I feel safe in saying that the MIT freshman experience is unique. Perhaps it isn't the toughest, or most difficult, but it is certainly unique. Which makes it unsurprising that our housing system for freshmen is also unique.

After suffering through yet another demoralizing test taken in the chipper atmosphere of the Walker Memorial gym, or pulling an all-nighter to do a problem set on Athena, you don't need to go back to your room to learn how to work with those of other backgrounds, or to celebrate diversity. You need to go back to your room to recover from MIT.

The Report of the Freshman Housing Committee, which has triggered the current debate, is long and didactic. It is written in the style of the wise old sages trying to calm the fears of the younger members of the tribe. "You just think you like your current system," it says, "because you don't know any better."

I would have guessed that the Residence and Campus Activities Office was excited about the report, but when I went there to find a copy, nobody in that office had one to lend me. In fact, as far as Eliot Levitt '89, staff assistant for residence programs, and Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Andrew Eisenmann '75 could tell, there were no copies of the report in that office at all. Dean Eisenmann finally suggested I look in "techninfo," a locker on Athena, which is where I finally found it. Look it up yourself. It's a fun read.

President Vest said in an Oct. 18 Tech interview that the report "raises some important issues that MIT has to continue to grapple with, and [I] consider it still to be an open issue." Does anyone else find it strange that such a report cannot be found in the Office of Residence and Campus Activities?

In a pat way, the housing report attempts to answer all of the arguments against itself: a "pre-emptive strike," if you will. Section VI of the report, "Problems and Questions," says that "The major arguments and responses to them follow."

The first argument, "Giving incoming freshmen this major choice means they are treated as responsible adults," is apparently simple enough to be summarily dismissed in one sentence. "The choice," says the report, "is often based on inadequate information and is made under the kind of pressure that does not foster a mature decision." That's it. I've quoted you the entire text of the report's re-

The obvious answer, since a mature decision is not fostered, is to not allow any decision to be made at all.

Wrong, my fair committee members.

Before 1966, those who wanted to participate in rush arrived a week early, rushed, and then the rest of the frosh arrived for academic orientation. It worked for quite a while before the present system was implemented. Why not change to a week of orientation, followed by ILG rush? (This, as a friend of mine has pointed out, means that we could call it O/R Week, attracting the medically inclined.)

This, of course, assumes that you believe things are bad in their current form. I personally don't. According to the report, I should be living with people just like myself. Of the eight people in my suite, six are non-caucasian. (If you haven't figured it out by now, I myself am so white I put Miracle Whip on my mayonnaise.)

And just how far would one take this plan? What about the frosh female who is randomly assigned to a coed suite, but needs to live in an all-female dorm for religious reasons? Will there be exceptions for minority students who want to live in an environment with other minority students? And if a male needs to live in an all-male house, will the Institute allow that one male to go to an ILG, or will the Institute once again make one dorm all male?

These are all good questions. And although we are by no means the University of Michigan-East, these are all going to come up and a good number of people are going to tell you that random housing assignments work everywhere else and therefore they'll work fine here. They might be right. If you go to the Undergraduate Association meeting Thursday night, you'll hear this. Maybe not in so many words, but you'll hear it. Before you agree, close your eyes and imagine the dorm on campus you despise the most. Hold that thought and think back about how tough your freshman year was. Now place your freshman year in that dorm you despise. It doesn't thrill me.

But in the happy world of the report, nobody has specific dorms they hate, all dorms are equal and everyone will be equally happy living in any one of them, and they'll be exposed to diversity, even if we have to stick it down their throats during their first exposure to hell.

This is why, as I said in the beginning, I predict that within three years, MIT will tell all freshmen where to live. Because MIT is just like everywhere else.

I say, let's apply this same logic over at the Bursar's office.

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opinion

Congress needs to set defense-spending priorities

Column by Matthew H. Hersch

I was hurtling down Massachusetts Avenue in a taxi the other night, talking to some friends about the mechanical milk suckers that slurp dairy products from cows; when my thoughts turned to technology, society and — tangentially — the B-2 bomber.

Congress is about to flush this expensive new radar-evading aircraft down the toilet, and for once it has the right idea. Initially expected to cost half a billion dollars and be invisible to all Soviet radar, the B-2 was designed to serve primarily as a cold-war deterrent. Flying during a US first strike against the Soviets, or alternatively in a retaliatory second strike, the Northrup-designed B-2 would slip unnoticed over the North pole and perform a tactic known as a cookie cutter: the systematic destruction of Soviet nuclear silos using pre-emptive nuclear strikes. The B-2 gets lousy gas mileage, though, so pilots who fly to Russia would not have enough gas to get back. War stinks.

Here's the catch: The B-2 was never meant to fly. It was intended to be an economic weapon, forcing the Soviets to ruin their economy in an attempt to build a comparable aircraft. The B-2 did that, so why do we have to buy them?

Three B-2s have been built so far, two

of them with cracked wings and radar-evasion problems. At \$865 million a plane, Congress is split, with the House eager to dump the lumbering bird and Senate anxious to hold onto it. Initial administration hopes for a fleet of 132 aircraft have been reduced to desperate pleading for an arsenal of 75. The House has only approved funding for 15 of those, and the new budget includes a plan to terminate production of this year's aircraft pending a review of the aircraft's repair.

Sure, the B-2 is nifty, and it would perform its primary mission better than any other aircraft in the world today. Unfortunately, the B-2 can't do much else. It can't fly low, it can't fly high, it can't fly fast and sometimes can barely fly at all. It is detectable by Soviet fighter-jet radar, satellite radar and many ground-based systems. Alternative mission roles, including the destruction of mobile missile launchers, are variations on the same basic theme. The B-2 however, is supposed to be a replacement for the venerable B-52, a 30-year-old airplane with a 17,000 mile range and the capability of carrying everything from nukes to leaflets while simultaneously jamming and evading enemy radar. Whatever happened to the B-1? It was supposed to replace the B-52 in the late

70s, but couldn't fly too well either.

The B-2 is a great airplane, but the United States cannot afford to replace its bomber fleet, its tactical fighter fleet and its attack sub fleet, and at the same time finance the construction of a space station, a National AeroSpace Plane and a Superconducting Supercollider. Congress must draw the line somewhere:

- Replacing the Air Force's inventory of fighter jets is a necessity. The United States has already sold its top-of-the-line aircraft, F-15s and F-16s, to practically every hostile nation on the planet at considerable profit. America must modernize its forces or it will fight itself in the next war.

- The Seawolf attack submarine program has production problems of its own, and should be tabled until those problems are corrected.

- The Space Station Freedom should be dumped. We would do better to spend money on unmanned activities than an expensive concept for an orbiting scientific platform whose components would fail before the station would ever be completed.

- The Superconducting Supercollider, a plan for a Texas high-energy particle accelerator, is the cutting edge. If Congress kills it, the United States will lose its leap in high-energy physics.

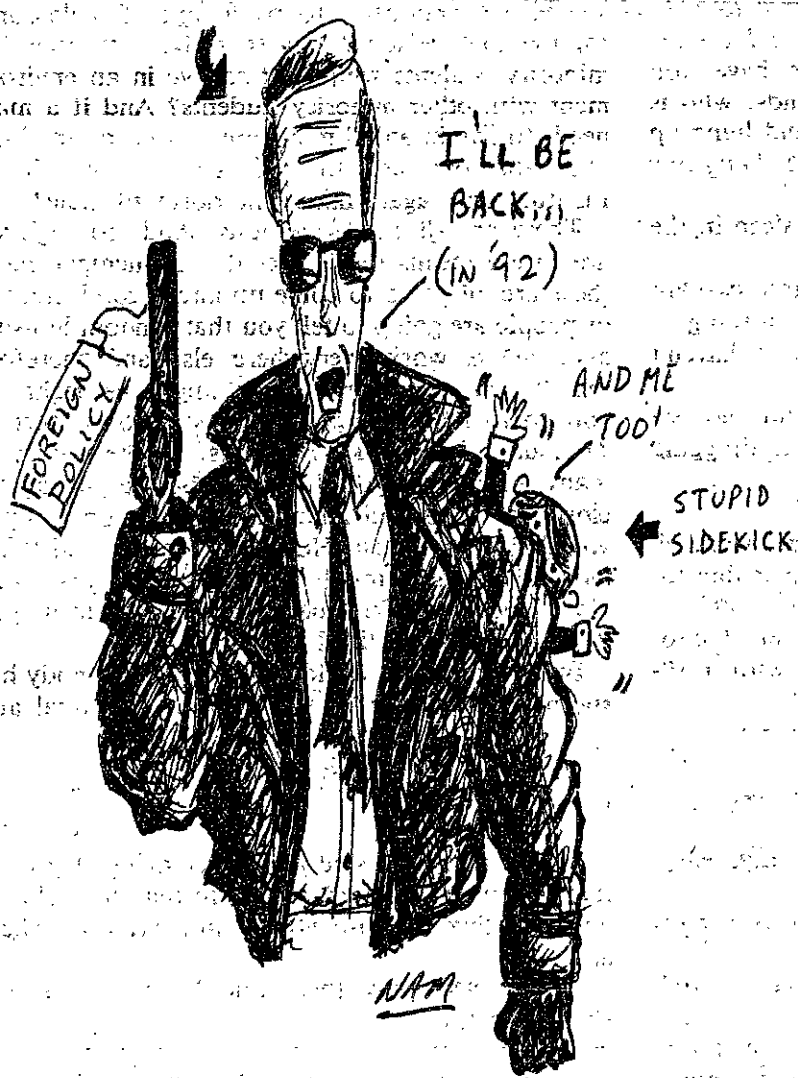
- We should keep NASP. An aircraft that would fly like an airplane into space (and back) is a great idea. Funds spent on encouraging exploration into new technologies for civilian flight and transportation are well spent. Nothing will help this depressed nation more than the growth of civilian technologies every industrialized country on the planet will want to buy. Defense companies could even help out.

- As for the Stealth Bomber, Congress should buy no more than 15 of these lemons. The purchase of those should be conditional on a significant redesign of the present B-2. Northrup must prove not only that the B-2 works, but that it can serve an alternative mission role, such as the reconnaissance or intelligence operations that the stealthy B-2 seems suited for. Short of this refitting, there is no reason to replace the B-52s now. Additionally, the B-2, unlike the B-52, has no civilian uses. While the B-52, U-2 and a host of other aircraft became excellent test vehicles for high altitude scientific studies, thoughts of a Stealth Airliner sound like little more than a hassle for air-traffic controllers.

Matthew H. Hersch, a sophomore in the Department of Physics, is an opinion editor of The Tech.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Religious issues need to be explored here at MIT

Although the oft-stated atmosphere at MIT is one of secularism and belief in the scientific method above all others, it intrigues me that religious questions still abound, as evidenced by your inclusion of two recent comic strips [Nermal, Oct. 11] and the Oct. 25 editorial strip by S. Kelly regarding Jimmy Swagart and a prostitute. It seems as if moral and religious questions just won't go away, so it becomes necessary to trivialize them. The questions of who we are in the fabric of the cosmos, how we know and what we should do are

very important questions that need to be answered in a meaningful way for each person. I invite you to explore them.

I would like you and your readers to consider what your definitions of religion, and in particular Christianity, are. It seems to me that many persons are not well-informed as to what the tenets of Christianity are, and are moved to place all religious speculation in the field of reactionary superstition.

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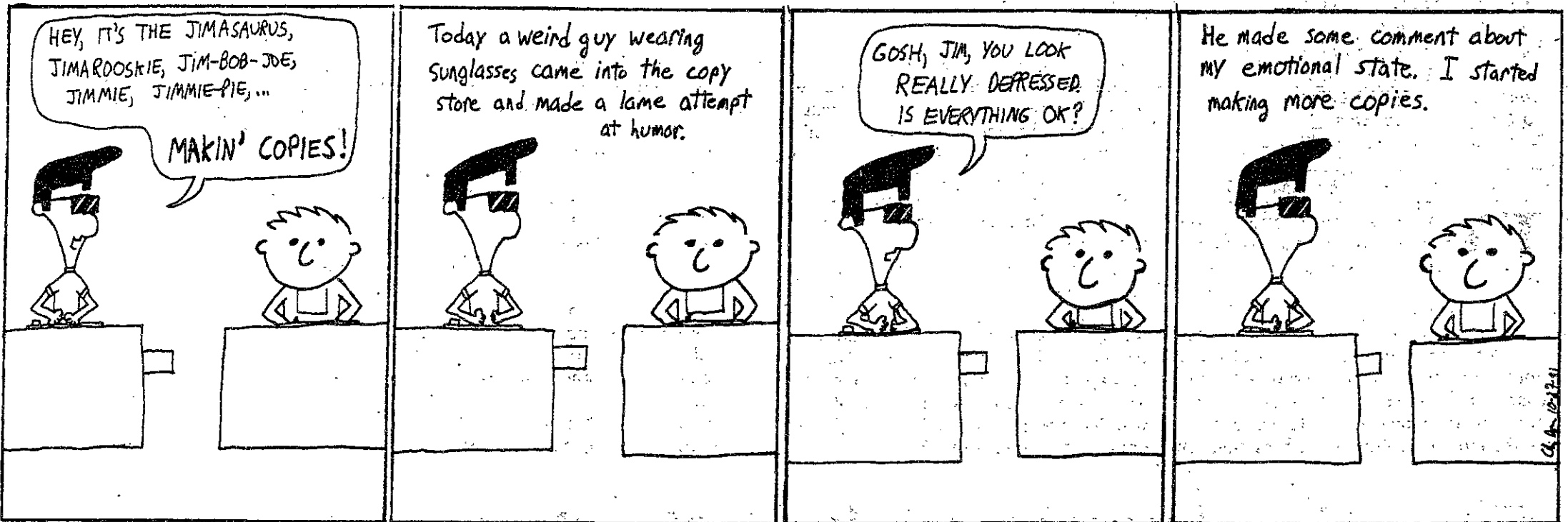


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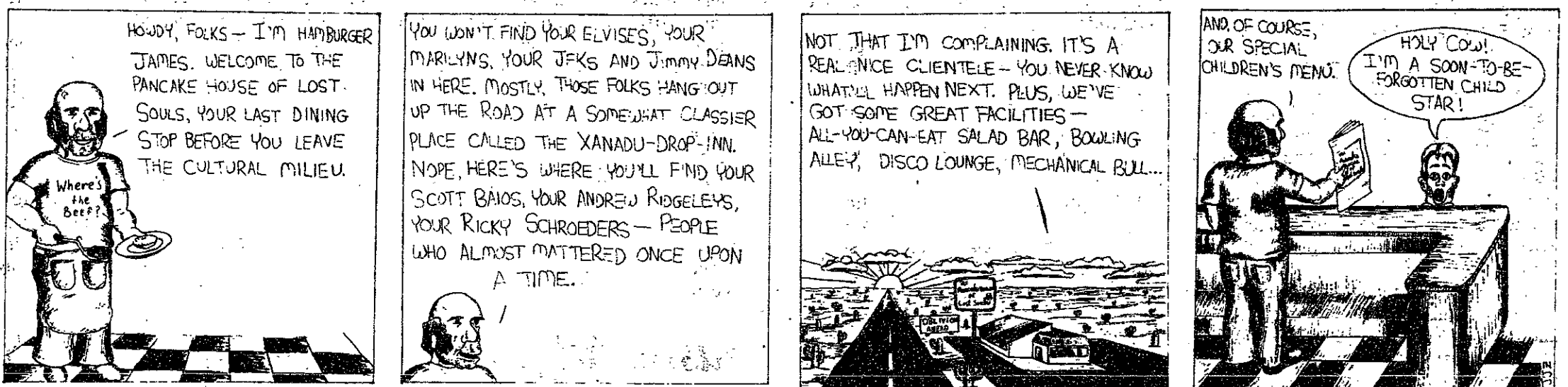
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G & S troupe brings tragedy, humanity to Yeoman

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By Gilbert & Sullivan.
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Conducted by Jeffrey Bellin.
La Sala de Puerto Rico
Nov. 7 & 8 at 8 pm, Nov. 9 at 2 pm.

By JONATHAN RICHMOND

DAVID HARRISON STOOD at the helm of this production by the MIT Gilbert & Sullivan Players of *The Yeoman of the Guard*. As powerful and professional a performer as one could hope for anywhere, Harrison turned the operetta into the kind of tragic opera Sullivan yearned to write. When his character, Jack Point, falls lifeless as the performance comes to an end, the effect is all the more horrifying for having built on

the tensions Harrison had developed all evening.

Jack Point is the archetypal Jester who must always generate laughs when his eyes would more naturally be saturated with tears. Harrison made Point an engaging character from the first moment, full of life and with a humor which brought genuine smiles, even while pivoting on the edge of pathos. Every movement was full of zest, and his expressions were characterful, too.

Vocally, Harrison has a wonderful way of drawing meaning from each word by the careful placing of stresses, and his sound is melodious as well as dramatic. His first "I have a Song to Sing-Oh" was moving. His last reprise of the number — with his intended wife lost to another — was devastating: his ensuing death has the impact of a crucifixion. Brilliant.

There are other good performances, too. Kathleen Keegan brings out all the calculating meanness of Phoebe Meryll, with some nice singing, too. Thomas Andrews brings crustiness to the Head Jailor and thumbscrew operative par excellence, Wilfred Shadbolt. Keegan and Andrews were at their best when on stage together.

Ginny Briggs — as Elsie Maynard — lay in the shadow of Harrison's Jack Point, but was not without her moments. Deborah Kreuze '91, as Dame Caruthers, had her moments, too.

Thomas Chadwick Jr. '93 was unfortunately miscast as Colonel Fairfax. This is a demanding rôle, and Chadwick's voice collapsed under the strain. Michael Hoch also came across as rather dull, as Sir Richard Cholmondely.

The choral performances took a bit of time to pick up, but were splendid at

times, especially as they invoke the fate of the prisoner coming to meet his doom. We could have been in the middle of a Greek tragedy at that point.

Karen Mueller's direction was static at times, but articulate enough to carry the action along. The lighting, by Mike Bromberg '70, was nicely done.

Orchestral playing had its rough touches: strings were sometimes on the thin side, and all was not completely precise or on target. Music Director Jeffrey Bellin nonetheless drew some wonderful rhythms from his band, and there were many passages of engaging playing. The woodwinds were especially felicitous. Most importantly, Bellin evoked the essence of Gilbert & Sullivan, and this production delivered it with a sense of tragedy and humanity, while allowing its natural humor to shine through.

Fine acting almost saves Mayor of Zalamea from weak plot

THE MAYOR OF ZALAMEA
By Pedro Calderon de la Barca.
MIT Dramashop.
Kresge Little Theatre
Nov. 7, 8 & 9 at 8 pm.

By NIC KELMAN

DRAMASHOP'S LATEST play leaves much to be desired. Written by 17th-century Spanish playwright Pedro Calderon de la Barca, *The Mayor of Zalamea* is simple-minded in its plot, and, through its characterization, in the message it tries to convey.

With the possible exception of Pedro Crespo (Franz Elizondo-Schmelkes '94) and Don Lope (Paulo Pereira '93), the characters are two-dimensional. They don't arouse any real sympathy or interest.

The play's message is banal, as well: *Barca* takes three hours to point out that one does not have to be aristocratic to have honor — and that being aristocratic does not guarantee one's honor. While this might have been a more revolutionary theme at the time of the play's creation, were audiences at that time enthralled by three hours of variations on that theme either?

Moreover, the story is nothing more than a backdrop provided for these dull characters and their tiring, blatant message.

The tale revolves around the town of Zalamea and deals with the conflicts that arise when several companies of soldiers arrive to be billeted for a few days. Beyond this, little can be said to happen in the way of a plot.

In addition to these failings, the translation does the play no justice. It swings be-

tween verse and prose with no apparent justification. It manages, furthermore, to make 17th-century Spanish soldiers appear as if they were modern-day London skinheads.

The play's direction was disappointing as well, with Michael Oullette's effort as flat as the characters. It lacked any personal touch and failed to do anything but make predictable usage of the few possibilities that were presented by the play itself.

It is unfortunate that the direction was so poor, since the representation of the town through the play's set was superb. Oullette chose to create Zalamea by doing nothing more than placing scale models of

the town in the backstage, leaving the set devoid of any other items. This simple device proved very effective. The lighting job was very professional, as well.

I was particularly disappointed that Dramashop chose this play because of some of the fine acting talent exhibited on stage. The Sergeant (Nelson Sharfman '91) gave a wonderfully flexible performance, with a razor-sharp and captivating sense for comic timing. Elizondo-Schmelkes also showed some promise as what could be considered the lead character, Crespo. His performance created a very interesting characterization and conveyed all the wisdom and good sense that Crespo was intended to have. On the other hand, it also

had an irritating smugness to it, and Elizondo-Schmelkes tended to be rather static in his use of his body and arms. With some more practice, this performance could be very good indeed.

Other worthwhile creations included Ines (Marivi Acuna '94), who was enthralling during her time on stage, despite the caricature nature of the role, and also Don Mendo (Philip Tracadas '95), who made a perfect idiotic, narcissistic aristocrat.

All in all, *The Mayor of Zalamea* is really only worth seeing for its performances. Most of these are nothing unusual, but a handful of them are entertaining enough to just about carry the play through its many other problems.

Kinnell brings his masterful poetry to the Media Lab

GALWAY KINSELL

Bartos Theater, Oct. 31, 7:30 pm.

By DEBORAH A. LEVINSON

“WHEN ONE HAS LIVED A long time alone / One wants to live again among men and women.” So begins the 11th section of Galway Kinnell's poem, "When One Has Lived a Long Time Alone," a work in multiple parts. The poem, taken from Kinnell's book of the same name, twines together the classic themes of love, sex, nature and death, at times joyful, at others contemplative, but all in all, a complete summing of the poet's work.

Kinnell, currently State Poet of Vermont, writes in casual, fluid free verse that flirts with iambic rhythm. One finds the roots of his style in Whitman and Keats,

and Kinnell recited selections from those poets at his reading on Halloween.

The organizers of the *Poetry at the Media Lab* series request that the poets read a few works by those who have influenced them; Kinnell, taking this request to heart, alternated his poems with his favorites by other authors, each pair of poems speaking to a common theme.

After opening with "The Bear" — a dramatic, gripping story of an Eskimo hunting and killing a bear, and eventually merging his personality with it — Kinnell began his official reading with a poem by John Clare, a contemporary of Keats. Clare's poem, which sounds much like a children's story, is full of birdcalls that Kinnell wrapped his rich voice around. Kinnell matched the Clare poem with the seventh section of "When One Has Lived a Long Time Alone," speaking of a "red-headed woodpecker clanging out his music

from a metal drainpipe, or ruffed grouse drumming thrump thrump thrump"

He followed that poem with Keats' "To Autumn" and paired that with "Oatmeal." "Oatmeal," also taken from *When One Has Lived a Long Time Alone*, is modern Kinnell, concentrating more on whimsy than on tragedy, a distinction that the poet himself noted later in the question and answer section. "I am aware that it is not good to eat oatmeal alone," he writes. "Its consistency is such that it is better for your mental health if someone eats it with you." The poet conjures a breakfast companion — John Keats — and spends a lazy morning talking about the origins of "Ode to a Nightingale" and "To Autumn," discovering that the latter poem was born of a morning spent alone, eating oatmeal.

Kinnell's fellow New York University faculty member, Sharon Olds, read "Oat-

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A Guide to the MIT Corporation

Hello. My name is Jennifer Lund and I am a member of the MIT Corporation. If your reaction to that last statement was "The what?" please read on. My purpose here is to present a factual overview of what the Corporation is and what it does. If your next reaction was "Why should I care?" let me just say that the actions of the Corporation do affect you. So, if you ever decide that you want to know more, please remember that this information was and is available to you. Most of the information here has been paraphrased directly from *Bylaws of the Corporation of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology*, copies of which can be obtained from the Office of the Secretary of the Corporation. This article—which hopefully will be made permanently available in an appropriate place such as the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs—is not meant as a commentary on which practices, policies, or structures of the Corporation are good, fair, effective, or otherwise. My point is merely that in order to make such evaluations one needs to be familiar with some background information.

What is the Corporation?

The Corporation is the governing body of MIT. (Similar bodies at other universities are usually called the Board of Trustees, Directors, Regents, etc.) The Corporation controls, directly or indirectly, everything about MIT—from budgets, tuition, and salaries, to the scope of research and educational programs, to the composition of the faculty, to the physical plant. Obviously, the Corporation does not handle the day-to-day administration of MIT. Instead, the Corporation controls indirectly, through its officers (primarily the President of MIT, who has responsibility for the appointments of provosts, deans, and other administrative staff) and through its committees (primarily the Executive Committee, which has responsibility for the ongoing superintendence of MIT). The Corporation meets four times a year, and its committees meet at various intervals.

Who are the Corporation members?

The Corporation currently has 98 members who are divided into four categories:

- *ex officio* (8)
- term (no more than 45)
- life (no more than 25)
- emeritus life members (no limit).

The *ex officio* members include the four officers of the Corporation (the President of MIT, the Treasurer, the Chair of the Corporation, and the Secretary of the Corporation), the president of the Association of Alumni and Alumnae of MIT, and representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (governor, chief justice, and commissioner of education). There are currently 43 term members, each of whom is serving a five-year term. An individual may be elected to the Corporation for a maximum of three five-year terms, only two of which may be consecutive. A term member can at any time be elected a life member, retaining membership until she or he becomes an emeritus life member. Emeritus life members have "retired" from membership—they may participate fully in the Corporation but they cannot vote. The Corporation currently has 25 life members and 22 emeritus members.

Anyone who is not currently affiliated with MIT (as a student, staff, or faculty member) is eligible for membership on the Corporation. Members tend to be alumni/ae (76% are now), although that is not a requirement. Most have distinguished careers in business, industry, academia, law, government, or medicine. Many head their own companies; many serve on numerous boards in addition to MIT's. This year, the average (non-emeritus) age is approximately 59. Other current statistics are shown in the table below. A list of the Corporation members and what they do is published in the *MIT Bulletin* as well as in the back of the *MIT Faculty and Staff Directory*.

	Term	Life	<i>Ex officio</i>	Emeritus	Total
Total	43	25	8*	22	98
Male	34	23	7	22	86
Female	9	2	0	0	11
White	37	24	7	21	89
Black	6	0	0	0	6
Other	0	1	0	1	2
Alumni/ae	36	20	3	15	74
Non-alumni/ae	7	5	4	7	23

* The commissioner of education has not yet been named, hence the discrepancy in the totals for this column.

How are Corporation members selected?

The officers of the Corporation are elected by the Corporation at the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Corporation. There is no predetermined length of term for these members, although tradition holds that a President shall serve for eight to ten years. The Chair of the Corporation, at the time of election, must be either a former (or retiring) President or a member of the Corporation. No such restrictions apply to the other officers. The four officers are the only salaried members of the Corporation, except that former presidents who are not officers may continue to be compensated (as professors) while they remain on the Corporation as life members.

Approximately nine new term members are elected each year. Three are chosen by the Alumni/ae Association, five at the recommendation of the Membership Committee of the Corporation, and one by special nomination of recent graduates (see below). Once the Membership Committee has recommended a slate of candidates, the Corporation votes on each nominee; however, in practice this is more of a formality.

One member is elected each year from MIT's "recent alumni/ae." Anyone who will receive an undergraduate or graduate degree from MIT in the current year or who has received one in the preceding two years is eligible for nomination. Nominations are solicited from the MIT community; the Corporation Screening Committee then narrows the field down to about six to ten nominees. A ballot is sent to the eligible pool (i.e. graduates of the three most recent classes), who then vote preferentially on the nominees. The winning candidate is recommended to the Corporation for membership. Nominations of eligible candidates are taken each November and December. If you are interested, you can contact any of the five current Corporation members who were nominated as "recent alumni/ae" (see list at the end of this document). Four of these five members are also currently serving on the Screening Committee. Additionally, each November an informational meeting with members of the Screening Committee is held for those interested in finding out more about the Corporation. This year's meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 13 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 491 of the Stratton Student Center.

Election of a term member to life member is recommended by the Membership Committee and voted on by the Corporation. Typically, only one or two new life members are elected yearly. Transition to emeritus status occurs at age 75 or at the request of the member after age 65.

Any member, including the officers, may be removed at any time by a majority (at least 25 members) of the Corporation at a meeting called for this purpose.

What are the duties and powers of the Corporation?

This question is best answered by describing the committees of the Corporation which oversee the various functions of MIT and make recommendations based on their observations. The Corporation maintains standing committees, visiting committees and other committees of annual recurrence, and special committees as required.

Standing Committees

Executive Committee: The Executive Committee consists of the Chair of the Corporation, President, and Treasurer (*ex officio* members), and seven Corporation members. The members are recommended by the Membership Committee and elected by the Corporation to serve five- or two-year terms. The Executive Committee has the following powers and duties:

- recommend candidates for officers of the Corporation to Corporation members.
- determine compensation for Corporation officers.
- appoint additional officers, if necessary, and remove such officers at any time.
- "general administration and superintendence of all matters relating to the Corporation. Typical of such matters are MIT's organizational structure; such faculty and staff appointments and salaries...; annual budgets; tuition; scope of educational and research programs; special contract services for the Federal government and other organizations; new plant and facilities; and...new funds for Corporation purposes." (*Bylaws 14.2.4*)
- may borrow money on behalf of MIT as necessary.
- may purchase, sell, or lease real estate for MIT.
- approve actions of the President requiring such approval.
- oversee the functions of all other Corporation committees (except the Membership Committee).

The Executive Committee meets monthly. Typical Executive Committee meeting actions are much like those listed above: approval of decisions concerning appointments and salaries, tuition, enrollment, allocation of funds, purchase of property, etc. Of course, the Executive Committee is relying in turn on the recommendations of departments about tenure decisions and other appointments and promotions; on financial operations about money matters; on the provost and deans about academic and policy matters, and so on. All the recommendations which need approval by the Executive Committee come from the President (or, in the case of investment issues, from the Treasurer). The President chairs the Executive Committee and is accountable to it for his or her actions.

Membership Committee: The Membership Committee consists of the President and the Chair of the Corporation (*ex officio* members) and five Corporation members. The members are nominated by the Chair of the Corporation and elected by the Corporation for a five-year term. The Membership Committee:

- proposes to the Corporation candidates for term or life mem-

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bership, or to fill vacancies as necessary.

- proposes to the Corporation candidates for membership on all other Corporation committees.

The Membership Committee generally meets three or four times each year and is chaired by the Chair of the Corporation.

Investment Committee: The Investment Committee consists of the Chair of the Corporation and the Treasurer (*ex officio* members) and seven Corporation members. Members are nominated by the Membership Committee and elected by the Corporation for five- or two-year terms. The Investment Committee shall:

- "establish policies and procedures with respect to all funds of the Corporation. It shall have general oversight of the investments of the Corporation and all special reserve funds..." (Bylaws 16.2).

The Investment Committee generally meets three or four times each year and is chaired by one of the Corporation members (not an officer).

Development Committee: The Development Committee consists of the Chair of the Corporation, the President, and the Treasurer (*ex officio* members) and various members of the Corporation, alumni/ae, and "friends" of MIT. The Chair of the Corporation chairs the committee. Again, members are nominated by the Membership Committee and approved by the Corporation for a three-year term. Basically, the Development Committee assists with fund-raising efforts (e.g., the current *Campaign for the Future*). The Development Committee meets annually.

Committees of Annual Recurrence

Auditing Committee: The Auditing Committee consists of five Corporation members, one of whom chairs the committee. The members and the chair are elected annually by the members of the Corporation. The Auditing Committee is responsible for hiring a public accountant to examine MIT's books and fiscal records. The Auditing Committee meets with the staff of fiscal operations, MIT's internal audit staff, and the external auditors to hear and approve reports of MIT's financial status.

Screening Committee: As previously described, the Screening Committee—consisting primarily of "recent alumni/ae" Corporation members—oversees the annual process by which a "recent alumnus/a" is nominated to the Corporation for a five-year term.

Corporation Joint Advisory Committee on Institute-Wide Affairs (CJAC): CJAC is a group of six Corporation members (one of whom chairs the committee), six faculty, and six students to whom "the Corporation can turn for consideration and advice on special Institute-wide matters requiring Corporation attention" (Bylaws 20.1). The Corporation members are chosen by the Corporation; the student members through the UA or GSC Nominations Committee proceedings; and the faculty members by the faculty nominating process. (The UA/GSC NomComm nominates students to many Institute committees on which students are entitled to membership. If you are interested in serving on a committee contact the UA/GSC.) The Chair of the Faculty, and the presidents of the UA, GSC, and Alumni/ae Association serve as *ex officio* members of CJAC. CJAC sets its own agenda according to what problems are currently of interest to the MIT community. Examples of past topics examined by CJAC include the issue of divestment, the housing problem, and a report on the issues facing MIT in the 1990s. CJAC meets five to six times a year.

Visiting committees: The purpose of visiting committees is to visit (surprise!) and inspect the various departments and programs of MIT. Visiting committees usually have fifteen to seventeen members. Typically, three to five of these are Corporation members (one of whom chairs the committee). The other twelve are respected experts in the area of interest, six nominated by the President and six nominated by the Alumni/ae Association. Most academic departments have a visiting committee, as do Athletics, Libraries, Student Affairs, Sponsored Research, and Whitaker College of Health Sciences and Technology.

When committee members visit (every other year for a period of two days) they generally hear presentations on a variety of topics, including an update from the department head on current and long-range issues; presentations from faculty and graduate students on their research programs; reports on the strengths and needs of the department, enrollment levels, and curriculum initiatives; and they often tour facilities. The committee meets separately with tenured faculty, untenured faculty, and graduate and undergraduate students to hear their concerns. (If you are interested in meeting with your department's visiting committee, contact your department head.)

At the end of its two-day visit, the committee meets with the Institute's senior administration to present its conclusions and recommendations. For example, the initiative to build the MIT Biology Building came from recommendations made by the Corporation Visiting Committee for the Department of Biology. A visiting committee might recommend that a department add a faculty position, increase student enrollment or industrial contacts, or pursue more aggressive recruiting of underrepresented faculty and students. The committee provides advice on ongoing and proposed departmental and interdepartmental teaching and research initiatives, and usually compares the department that is being visited with similar programs at peer institutions.

Special Committees

An example of a special committee created by the Chair of the Corporation is the recent Corporation Committee on the Presidency (CCOP). The Chair of the Corporation appointed a committee of Corporation members (one of whom chaired the committee) to spearhead the search for a new President. The faculty appointed their own committee, and together the two groups solicited advice (from CJAC, for example) and conducted interviews to find potential candidates. When they had made their choice, they gave their recommendation to the Executive Committee, which passed it on to the Corporation for approval and election.

How do committees report to the Corporation?

Visiting committees provide written reports which are submitted to and accepted by the Executive Committee. Although these reports are not public—except for Student Affairs—copies may be available from the Office of the Secretary of the Corporation. Visiting committee chairs also report orally to the Corporation at the quarterly meeting immediately following the date of the visit. CJAC also produces written reports from time to time. The other committees report orally to the Corporation, or through records of their meetings. It is expected that "the Executive Committee shall work intimately with the President and the Chair of the Corporation [to] receive and act upon the recommendations" of the various Corporation committees (Bylaws, 14.2.5).

A membership list of each committee is published annually in *The Corporation and Its Committees* (copies can be obtained from the Office of the Secretary of the Corporation) as well as in the back of the *MIT Faculty and Staff Directory*.

What goes on at Corporation meetings?

The Chair of the Corporation usually begins each meeting by asking for approval of the minutes of the previous Corporation meeting. The Chair then asks for questions or discussion about any of the actions of the Executive Committee as presented in summaries of its previous meetings. (Corporation members have had a chance to review all of these materials beforehand.) In March, June, and October the Corporation approves the awarding of degrees. The chairs of any visiting committees which have met in the interim since the last Corporation meeting present their reports to the Corporation. The Treasurer and the President both report on the activities of the quarter. Other standing or recurring committees may report if they have met recently. After each report there is opportunity for questions and discussion.

The Corporation membership as a whole makes very few decisions directly, but approves or disapproves of the actions of the various committees. As seen previously, most of the committees also do not make decisions as such, but give advice and recommendations. The bulk of decision-making power resides with the officers and the Executive Committee, all of whom serve at the pleasure of the Corporation members.

How is this relevant to me?

In some way or another, every action of the Corporation affects you. The majority are probably transparent to you, but then again some things like tuition raises are not. As noted earlier, this information is provided primarily so that you might have some familiarity and understanding when the activities of the Corporation are discussed or reported.

I am reasonably sure that I spent at least my first three years at MIT not having the vaguest idea what the Corporation was or what it did. I have tried to point out places where you can get more information if you want it, or can get involved as a student (or alum). I will write another article answering any questions I receive in response to this article.

If you would like to get in touch with me, or any of the other "recent alumni/ae" Corporation members, our names and addresses are listed below. The best way to reach me is through my email address.

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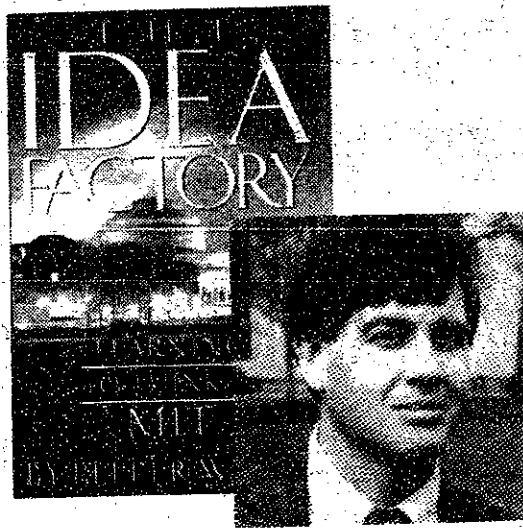
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Anner Bylsma, cello and John Gibbons, harpsichord. Program of Vivaldi and Bach. Tsai Performance Center, Nov. 2.

By JONATHAN RICHMOND

AS I WRITE, I AM LISTENING to cellist Anner Bylsma performing Beethoven's *Sonata No. 1 for Piano and Cello*, Op. 5, No. 1 (Elektra/Nonesuch 9-79152-2). This is one of my favorite recordings, not only because it casts Beethoven in such an airy, rapturous light, but because it inevitably generates a feeling of happiness and repose. Bylsma is the world's leading performer on original instrument cellos, and his tone never fails to captivate. His sound conveys untold depth, yet he projects it with a freshness and ease which makes it seem effortless.

Last Saturday night he presented a program of Vivaldi and Bach, together with harpsichordist John Gibbons. The three

Vivaldi sonatas they performed are indeed remarkable for their invention, conveying operatic and even romantic touches rarely seen elsewhere in Vivaldi's oeuvre. Bylsma chose a relatively straightforward approach, eschewing the more decorative ambience of cellist Christophe Coin on his recording of these works with Christopher Hogwood (it is a wonderful recording, but wonderful in different ways). In doing so, Bylsma illuminated the myriad and absorbing nooks and crannies of Vivaldiana, producing smiling sounds that applied balm to many a tired mind.

Bylsma also performed the Bach *Suite No. 4 in E flat*, BWV 1010, giving it a more intellectual touch than for the Vivaldi, while not losing sight of its humanity. This was intricate, detailed playing, but it was an exercise in song, and one could not but be hooked by his cello, which sung.

John Gibbons also played a solo piece, Bach's *Concerto in the Italian Style in F*, BWV 971. It was done competently, and not without excitement, but it was overall a bit on the dry side, and did not show Gibbons at his best.

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Kinnell's work celebrates life and nature

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"meal" at her MIT appearance last spring, and Kinnell returned the favor by reading Olds' "The Ferrier." Unlike his previous pairings, which matched poems of similar topics, Kinnell chose to counterpoint Olds' bittersweet, troubled musings about her father's death with "After Making Love We Hear Footsteps," about his son coming to greet his parents after the act that once created him.

One of the last poems Kinnell read was yet another stanza of "When One Has Lived a Long Time Alone," this one a celebration of life. He writes: "[O]ne envelops, in a towel, the swift / who fell down the chimney . . . and releases her outside / and watches her fly free, a life line flung at reality." And like the swift's flight, Kinnell's poetry is a life line, one which draws us closer to nature, and to the nature of existence.

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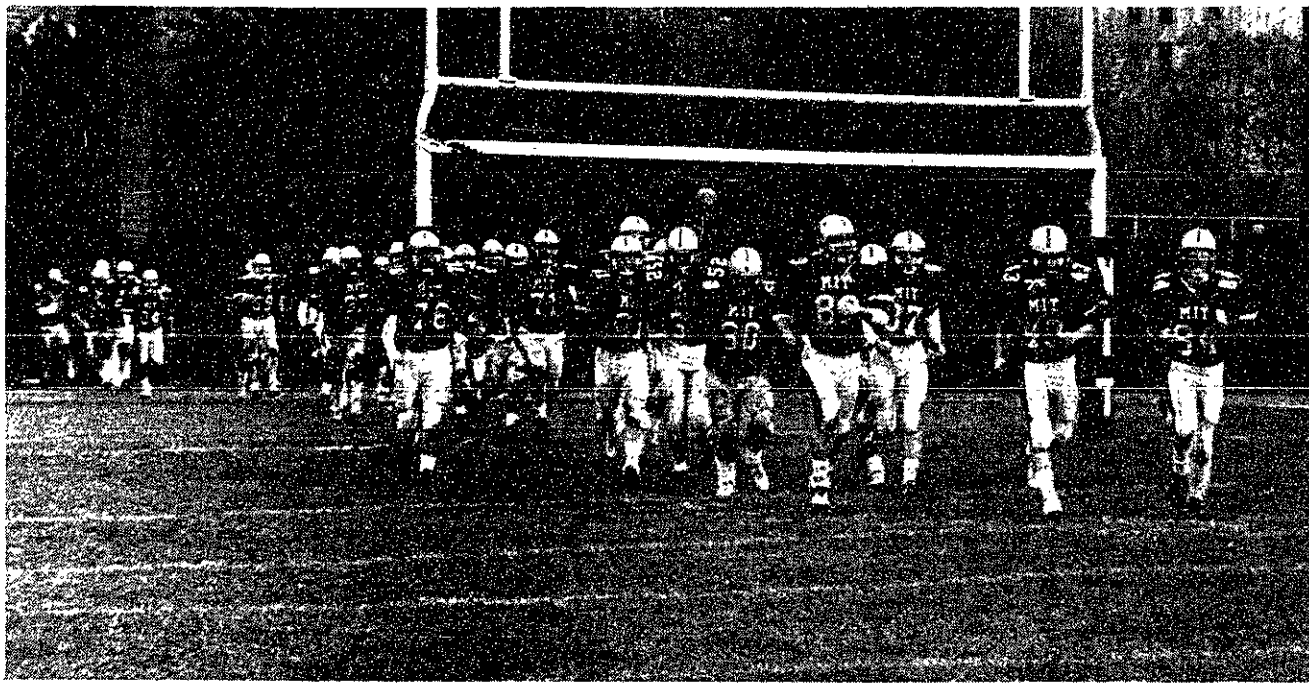
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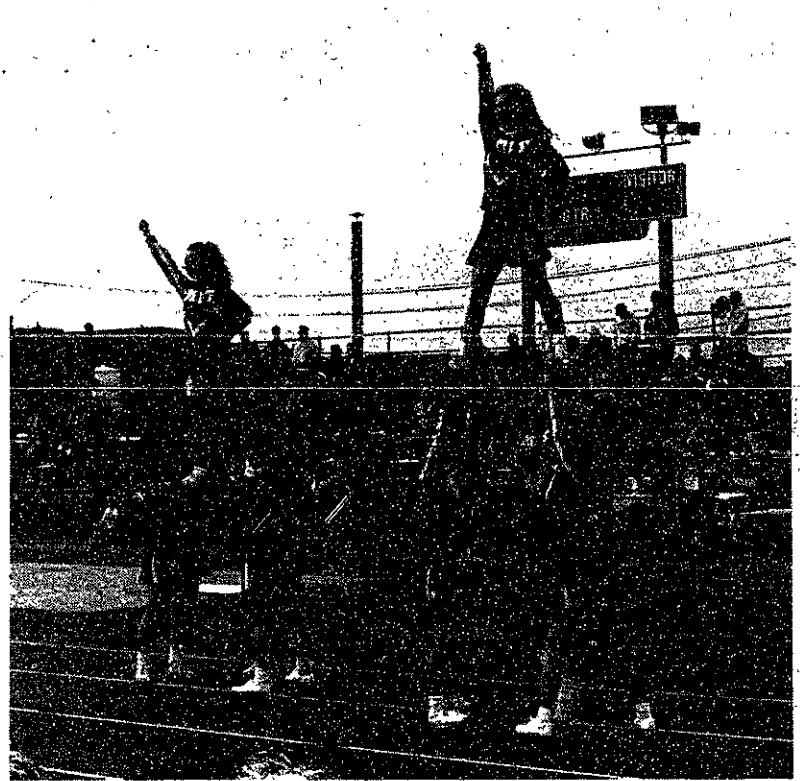
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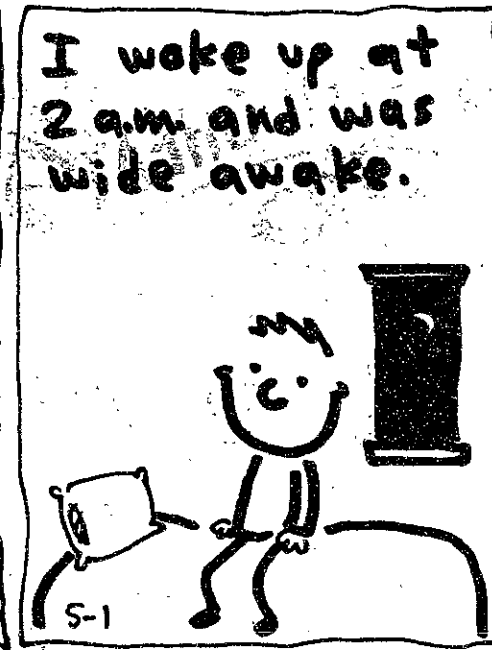
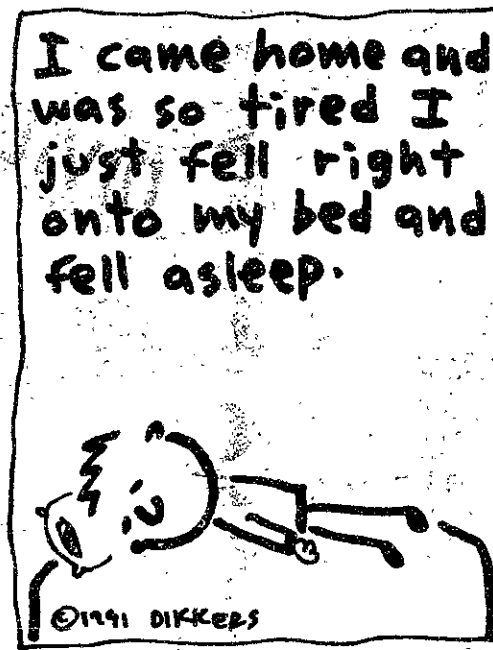
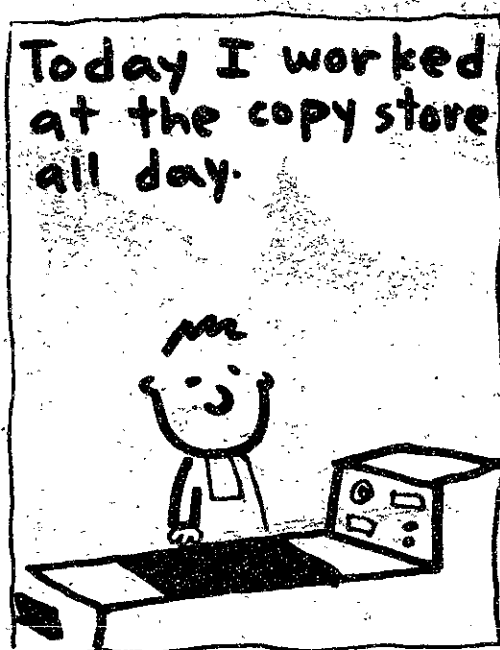


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Jim's Journal

by Jim

When I woke up today I was lying on the floor with Mr. Peterson snuggled into my neck.

I looked at the clock and saw that it was noon.

I was supposed to be at work at 9 a.m., so I hurried to the copy store.

When I got there Hal said, "Jim—we all thought you were dead."

I was glad that he didn't seem to care that I was so late.

Today I was walking down the sidewalk.

An ambulance drove by and its siren was so loud it hurt my ears.

Then I started thinking how strange the cracks in the sidewalk would be if you were really small.

They'd be like giant trenches with rocks and other residue collected in there.

Volunteer Opportunities

Saturday's Bread
Volunteer with M.I.T.'s Hunger Action Group to prepare and serve meals for homeless guests at Saturday's Bread, the Church of All Nations. Meet November 2 in Lobby 7 at 9 a.m. or contact Rosina at 225-6735.

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Salvation Army
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Campus Food Salvage Program
The campus food salvage program, sponsored by the M.I.T. Hunger Action Group presently donates surplus foods from Lobdell Food Court and the M.I.T. Faculty Club to the Salvation Army, CASPAR and Shelter Inc. of Cambridge. Volunteers are needed to help expand the program to include Walker Dining Hall. Access to a car is helpful. If interested please contact Mursaleena at 225-8432 or Geetha at 225-6197.

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Shuttle service to grow in future

(Continued from page 1) purpose of the shuttle. The program's initial goal was safety, but many students now want a full-blown transportation system, Tsao said.

Students must now convince the Institute that they want a convenience system, she said. If students argued strongly for it, "I'm sure [administrators] would be very favorable to a large convenience system," she said.

Campus Police will continue to advertise the shuttle service as intended for the safety of students and staff. "Our perspective is that it was designed primarily as safety transportation," Glavin

said. "We will definitely put the emphasis on the safety aspect."

The Undergraduate Association will discuss the issue at its council meeting on Thursday. Discussion will be limited though, said Tsao.

It is unlikely that the program will change in the near future, according to Glavin. "I think that the two [vans] should address the problem," she said.

If the program were expanded, it is uncertain whether the campus police would continue to run it. Eventually the program could be contracted out to a private company, according to UA President Stacy E. McGeever '93.

"It's certainly questionable that we would operate it if it became a full-blown operation," Glavin said.

Looking about 20 years into the future, a full-blown operation seems likely, according to Steven D. Immerman, director of special services. "One has to assume that the institution will evolve into a more fleet-type operation," he said.

More immediate expansion of the program is not very likely, Immerman added. "Between here and there [a large operation] is an awful long way and there are a lot of variables that haven't been answered," he said.

Ugly contest raises \$656

(Continued from page 1) counted 15,728 pennies while adding up the money for each candidate.

The victorious Powers could not be reached for comment.

Money to be donated to Boston City Year

The money APO collected from the UMOC elections will be donated to the Boston City Year, a "Boston peace corps-type organization" which leads young adults who work to improve life in the city through community service, according to John W. F. McClain '92, UMOC project coordinator.

Boston City Year entails the formation of corporate-sponsored teams comprised of individuals who provide services such as "teaching to help eliminate illiteracy," beautifying gardens and

refurbishing houses for the homeless, Person and McClain said. Reebok and Au Bon Pain have sponsored Boston City Year teams in the past, McClain said.

Participating on a City Year team is a like holding a regular job, McClain said. He explained that workers attend eight hours a day, five days a week, earn a \$100 weekly stipend and receive a college scholarship at the end of their yearly term, McClain said.

McClain said that the APO donation will be of great help since the Boston Foundation, another community service organization, agreed to match the funds raised by APO. This brings the total donation to Boston City Year to \$1312.04. McClain also said the money would be directed to help support the "Citizen's Team," which is sponsored by the city of Boston.

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Announcements

Project Contact: Undergraduates who are interested in communicating with high school students (and guidance counselors) about what it is like to be an MIT student are encouraged to join Project Contact. For more information please contact the Educational Council Office, Room 4-240; x3-3354.

The Cambridge Dispute Settlement Center has announced that it is making its service of mediating disputes available to roommates in the Cambridge area. Those interested in using CDSC's service to resolve a roommate dispute or any other dispute should contact the mediation center at 876-5376.

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"The present pattern of de facto segregation of ethnic and racial groups and of women and men is exacerbated by the norm that keeps most students in the same residential group throughout their four undergraduate years. This narrowing of residential experience to a small subset of students that is often unrepresentative of the diversity of students at MIT may deprive students of the personal, social, and intellectual growth that would be encouraged by more extensive interaction with people different than themselves."

"Freshmen are the target of lobbying and interviewing by upperclass students that is partly informational and partly a sales pitch, a mixture of disinterested concern and self-serving selection of desirable future colleagues."

"...[S]tudents seem to adapt successfully to a wide variety of systems and they then give credit to the system for their satisfaction. This bias makes it difficult to evaluate student support for an existing system, here or elsewhere. One should bear in mind that MIT had a very different system up to 1966, and it was the Administration that made the change to the present system, against considerable student resistance."

"By the year 2000, MIT could easily find itself with a racially and sexually segregated campus, unable to house a significant portion of its undergraduate population."

"At a university, the relevant basis of evaluation and achievement is intellectual, not social; the ideals are democratic, not exclusionary. Without denying the value of free association of like-minded individuals in [ILGs], it is nonetheless undesirable to have the selection into such groups be the first significant event of an MIT education. Nor is it desirable that upperclass students should play a role in determining which freshmen are placed in a given dormitory. Having been admitted to MIT, freshmen should begin college as equals."

"The upperclass students who introduce freshmen to their residences naturally try to present them in the best light, adding to the difficulty of making an informed choice."

"ILGs must govern themselves successfully to survive as organizations, and a student who joins an ILG understands this responsibility and presumably has a commitment to the group. This tends to promote an effective governance system. In contrast, survival of a dormitory as a place to live does not depend on the effectiveness and fairness of student governance ... [T]he consequence is that in some cases the students who do get involved lack full community support and may be seen by others as arbitrary or dictatorial. At times, majority vote in a house has governed decisions that are seen as oppressive by a minority group, most frequently women."

"Easy movement within the residential system...is not well-supported by the current system, which has built-in disincentives to changing dormitories or leaving (or later joining) ILGs."

**The debate about housing starts Thursday.
All undergraduates are invited to participate in
a meeting of the Undergraduate Association Council.**

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