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Distinguished MIT Alumni and Canadian Statesmen Dies

The Right Honorable Clarence Decatur Howe '07, distinguished Canadian statesman, died in Montreal on December 31. Mr. Howe was a prominent MIT alumnus, and a member of the Corporation, having elected a Life Member in 1958.

Mr. Howe graduated in Civil Engineering, and after a brief stay on the civil engineering staff he joined the faculty of Dalhousie University as Professor of Engineering.

He was elected to the Canadian House of Commons in 1935 as a member of the Liberal Party and in the following decades turned his energies to the economic and political development of Canada. At various times during his public career, he held the offices of Minister of Railways and Canals, Minister of Marine, Minister of Transport, Minister of Munitions and Supply, Minister of Reconstruction and Supply, and Minister of Trade and Commerce.

As Minister of Defence, Mr. Howe was instrumental in the coordination of Canada's wartime industries during World War II.

Mr. Howe retired from politics in 1957 to a post as Chancellor of Dalhousie University.

Student On Probation

JudComm Takes Action On Baker House Incident

By John E. Smith, Jr. '61

Upon investigation of a complaint concerning damages done in the east hall of the first floor of Baker House during the Christmas Latin party of November 12, 1966, the Institute Committee Judicial Council found that the conduct of the individual responsible was less than desirable.

During the course of the evening, the individual concerned, in the east hall of the first floor of Baker House, at some point during the Christmas Latin party, went into the east hall of the first floor. He was observed by several residents of Baker House removing light bulbs and smashing them against the walls. When asked to stop this and leave he was rather offensive to the residents concerned. The individual was under the influence of alcohol at the time the incident occurred.

During the same evening similar damage was done to a men's room in the same hall. There were no observers present when this damage was done.

In light of these events, the Institute Committee Judicial Council takes the following action: The individual concerned is ordered to pay for the damages caused. This order will be brought to the Judicial Committee probation until he graduates from the Institute.

A letter of complaint was heard by the Institute Committee Judicial Council because the individual concerned is a resident in Baker House. The Committee feels that when a person enters another living group as a guest, he is responsible for the observance of the rules and normal standards of behavior of that living group. In future breaches of conduct of this nature, this Committee will tend to be less lenient in its actions.

Choral Society's "Christmas Oratorio" Success

By Dennis Johnson '63

Sunday afternoon, December 18, found Kresge Auditorium filled to capacity for the MIT Choral Society's presentation of the "Christmas Oratorio" by J. S. Bach. The size of the audience was an indication of what the audience expected from the Choral Society, and the magnitude of the applause was an indication that it got what it expected.

The Oratorio is divided into six parts, and covers the twelve days of the celebration of Christmas — from Christmas Day to the celebration of Epiphany. Quotations directly from the Lutheran Scripture, sung by the Evangelist and the solo soprano, bring forth responses from the other soloists and the chorus. The familiar words, "Now it the dynamic c..." were non-existent... It was non-existent... The familiar words, "Now it the dynamic c..." were non-existent... The familiar words, "Now it the dynamic c..." were non-existent... It was non-existent... The familiar words, "Now it the dynamic c..." were non-existent...

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1961: YEAR OF DECISION

Well sir, here we are in 1961, which shows every sign of being quite a distinguished year. First off, it is the only year since 1551 which begins and ends with the Figure 1. Of course, when it comes to Figure 1’s, 1961, though distinguished, can hardly compare with 1911, which, most people agreed, had not just two, but three Figure 1’s! This, I’ll wager, is a record that will stand for at least two hundred years?

1911 was, incidentally, notable for many other things. It was, for example, the year in which the New York Giants played the Philadelphia Athletics in the World Series. As we all know, the New York Giants have since moved to San Francisco and the Philadelphia Athletics to Kansas City. There is a movement afoot at present to move Chicago to Phoenix—the city, not the baseball team. Phoenix, in turn, would have most of course to move to Chicago. It is felt that the change would be beneficial for residents of both cities. Many Chicago folks, for example, have never seen an iguana. Many Phoenix folks, on the other hand, have never seen a frostbite.

There are, of course, certain difficulties attending a municipal shift of this size. For instance, to move Chicago you have also to move Lake Michigan. This, in itself, presents, no great problem, what with modern scientific advances like electronics and the French cuff. But if you will look at your map, you will find that Lake Michigan is connected to all the other Great Lakes, which in turn are connected to the Atlantic Ocean. You start dragging Lake Michigan to Phoenix and, willy-nilly, you’ll be dragging all that other stuff too. This would make our British allies terribly cross, and I can’t say I blame them. I mean, put yourself in their place. What if, for example, you were a British workingman who had been saving and scrimping all year for a summer holiday at Brighton Beach, and then when you got to Brighton Beach there wasn’t any ocean? There you’d be with your inner tube and snorkel and nothing to do all day but dance the Lambeth Walk. This, you may be sure, would not make you NATO-minded!

I appeal most earnestly to the residents of Chicago and Phoenix to reconsider. I know it’s no bowl of cherries going through life without ever seeing an iguana or a frostbite, but I ask you—Chicagoans, Phoenixians—is it too big a price to pay through life without ever seeing an iguana or a frostbite? But I digress. We were speaking of 1961, our new year. And now it is! There is, for one thing, new pleasure in Marlboro Cigarettes. How can there be new pleasure in Marlboros when that fine, flavorful blend, that clean easy draw filter, have not disappeared nor dwindled into dull routine. Each pack, each cigarette, each puff, makes you glad all over again that you are a Marlboro smoker!

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The makers of Marlboro and of the new unfiltered king-size Philip Morris Commander join Old Max in adding their good wishes for a happy and peaceful 1961.

Coming back to MIT after a vacation is rather like crawling back into a cocoon for most of us. The process of insulating oneself away from everything but quizzes, problem sets, and labs usually takes but a short while.

As MIT students, so cognizant of so many things in their own respective fields, we somehow manage at the same time to be totally unaware in a number of other, more important ways.

Technion as a rule choose to be unaware of their standing relative to other science and engineering students in this country. They have a strong tendency to tie their entire outlook and frame of mind to the present level of their curriculum. Dowmining a perennially unhappy existence if their grades are not what they should be. These men would be well-advised to spend less time in the pursuit of grades as such, and more in the pursuit of knowledge.

MIT students tend for the most part to be unaware of the literary and intellectual world of the humanities. C. P. Snow, a British scientist and novelist who last month gave the Godkin Lectures at Harvard, discusses this problem in general in his recent publication The Two Cultures and the Scientific Revolution, a book which MIT men would be well-advised to read. The lack of communication and vague sense of distrust between us and our Harvard counterparts is mutual, we would submit that the denizens of the scientific world, in particular the MIT denizens, are somewhat better acquainted with the world of the humanities than they are with each other. An MIT man may have read and understood a Shakespearean play, but ask someone who has had a “good liberal arts education” to explain the Second Law of Thermodynamics to you. We are not excused. Our knowledge is still trivial; the gap, abysmal.

MIT tries, in a vague, general way, to punctuate the insulation, to bring us to an awareness of the “other culture”. It is an improvement over the years. It is an improvement relative to the school’s past, but hardly enough. The general aim exists, as set forth in the General Catalogue; but too frequently the policy of broad education is not implemented by the instructors who are in daily contact with the undergraduates.

The spirit of the humanities does not have a general foothold outside MIT classrooms. In deed, this may be the key. MIT seeks to educate “whole men”; a number of (very good) humanities courses are instituted over the years. MITmen, responding as Technicians, treat them as just what they are: courses. Like thermodynamics and calculus, to be taken and hopefully passed. And then, along with any of the rest of his courses which have not impinged sharply on his existence, have not “come home” to him, to be forgotten.

The world, in the midst of the Scientific Revolution, needs scientists and engineers conversant with more than the technicalities of their own fields, says Snow. They must be able to see themselves in historical context, to have some idea of the relationship of their world to the world of the humanities.

Such men are not produced by writing a “humanities requirement” of eight courses into the curriculum. This is a start, but nothing more than that. A different atmosphere from the one that now prevails outside the classroom is necessary. Somehow the man who is uninterested in a history or a philosophy course must become the odd stick, not the reverse.

As one of the most respected sources of technically and scientifically educated men, MIT will be expected to produce the sort of scientist and engineers Snow describes. It is not doing so now.

**Why?**

Just for the sake of completeness, we wish to note that on the Thursday before vacation, the Athletic Board passed the motion that the Intramural Council had wisely defeated the week before. Yes, you guessed it, all men on inter-collegiate teams are to be denied participation in all intramural games, except with written permission of the proper coach.

We are convinced that in so doing the Athletic Board acted contrary to the best interests of the MIT student body; we have defended this point of view in print on four separate occasions in the past. Our opposition was voiced early and often. Then too, a vote, on December 5, of fraternity presidents speaking for their houses (the living groups most directly concerned) revealed a 26-2 sentiment against the measure.

In the face of this antipathy we feel that the Athletic Board owed (and still owes) the MIT Undergraduate Association, a public explanation of its reason(s) for passing the measure.

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Authors of "I Was a Teen-age Dwarf", "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis", etc.
Pistol Team Splits 2 Matches

Tech's pistol team opened its five-meet intercollegiate season in the week before vacation, downing the University of Massachusetts and losing to Army. The totals read Army 1398, MIT 1299, UMass 1275.

Six men fired for Tech, and ten for Army, with five scoring. The meet leader was UMass's Fritz, a top contender for national honors.

In Greater Boston Pistol League competition, the Tech squad is second to the MIT Faculty team in B division. Coast Guard will fire the Techmen at the Armory tomorrow, and Navy will shoot here next Saturday. Another match with Coast Guard is scheduled in February before the sections at West Point February 18.

Icemen Are Defeated By Colgate And UMass.

The varsity hockey team dropped its last two games before the vacation, losing to Colgate, 9-4, on Briggs Rink and falling at the University of Massachusetts, 4-2. The losses brought the season mark to one win, two defeats and one game (New Hampshire) cancelled due to snow.

The predominantly at-home schedule resumes tomorrow with WPI here at 7 p.m. Last year Tech downed WPI twice. Following an away game at Amherst Wednesday, Pennsylvania invades the Tech rink next Friday in the last game before the term break.

Bowdoin Nips Cagers, 71-65

Two Home Games Next Week

By Edward M. Schneider '62

As its foul shooting goes, so goes the MIT basketball team. The Engineers dropped their third in a row, to Bowdoin, before the Christmas holidays, after falling apart on the free-throw line.

In the first half, Tech was eleven for eleven from the foul line. Phil Robinson's '62 twenty-foot push shot with seven seconds left in the half gave MIT a 37-36 edge. It was a real battle in the opening minutes with Bowdoin controlling the play but committing an unhealthy number of fouls.

With Dave Koch '62 hitting Tech moved out to a 49-41 lead with seven minutes gone in the second half. A minute late when Chuck Gamble '62 swished a running push shot, the Engineers had a seven point lead. The tables turned. MIT missed five foul shots in a row while Bowdoin hit from all corners.

With two and one-half minutes left, it was knotted at 61-61, and Bowdoin pulled away a 71-65 lead as the buzzer sounded. Tech was only eight for fifteen from the foul line in the second half. Koch had seventeen points while Tom Burns '63 chipped in with sixteen.

MIT will try to start the new year off right as they travel to Coast Guard tomorrow, with Union and Lowell Tech in games on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Squash Team Is Beaten By Visiting Army, 7-2

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Coeds See Action

**Riflemen Extend Victory Streak**

The last Friday before vacation saw the MIT Rifle Team defeat an old nemesis, Northeastern, by a score of 1426 to 1395 at the home range. The range was graced by the presence of two Northeastern Coeds who turned in creditable performances for their team. Scott Draper, also of Northeastern, had the top individual score of 290. Nevertheless, last year's New England League and Greater Boston League champions had been hard hit by graduations and were soundly defeated. The top MIT shooters were Bob Clark '63, 289; Steve Smith '62, 286; and Richard Lodeman '63, 280.

Latest tabulations show MIT leading the 16 team New England League with an undefeated record and a high team average of 1423. Tech men also hold six of the top twenty places in individual averages and several others are close behind.

After a two week vacation lapse, serious practice is now underway to prepare for the Naval Academy match on January 17 and a series of seven matches against equally strong competition at mid-term. Though Navy traditionally has one of the strongest teams in the nation, last year at Annapolis the midshipmen won by only ten points, 1426 to 1416.

The primitive MIT range should be quite a shock to the Navy shooters who are used to Greg Brown '62 maintained his undefeated status to head the victory. Only ten points, 1436 to 1426. Co-captain Dave Latham '61

Through Navy traditionally has before vacation, whipping Wil

**Wrestlers In 18-6**

**Win Over Williams**

The varsity wrestling team preserved its undefeated status before vacation, whipping Williams, 18-6. Tech won six of the eight matches. No pins were recorded.

Co-captain Dave Latham '61 scored a 2-0 decision in the 130 pound class to head the victory. Greg Brown '62 maintained his undefeated record with a 5-0 decision in the 147 pound competition.

Also scoring victories for Tech were sophomores Jim Evans 137 (7-6), John Sullivan 175 (6-1), Tom Gerrity 167 (5-2) and Mike Williams 177 (5-0). Defeated for the home squad were Joe LaPrade '62 in the 123 pound match.

In their only test this month the matmen travel to Coast Guard Wednesday.

**On Deck**

**Today, January 6**

Fencing with Cornell

7:30 p.m.

Rifle (F) at Northeastern

Rifle (F) at Harvard

Fencing (F) at Harvard

Rifle (F) at Northeastern

Basketball with Princeton

Wrestling at Coast Guard

Basketball with Union

Swimming at Coast Guard (V&F)

**Monday, January 9**

Swimming with Wesleyan (V&F)

Fencing with Trinity 2 p.m.

Hockey with Pennsylvania

Swimming with Tufts (V&F)

**Tuesday, January 10**

Basketball at Coast Guard (V&F)

Basketball with Union

Swimming at Coast Guard (V&F)

Hockey at Harvard

Swimming with Tufts (V&F)

**Wednesday, January 11**

Rugby with Cornell

**Thursday, January 12**

Basketball with Lowell Tech

Basketball with Union

**Friday, January 13**

Hockey with Pennsylvania

Squash at Princeton

**Saturday, January 14**

Swimming with Coast Guard

Basketball with Lowell Tech

Wrestling at Coast Guard

Basketball with Union

Rugby with Cornell

**Sunday, January 15**

Hockey at Harvard
Ten Students Participate

**Russian Dorm Set Up In Atkinson**

Ten second year Russian students have formed the first language dormitory at MIT on third floor Atkinson. The development of fluency in verbal Russian is aided by their faculty advisor, Mr. David Perlmutter.

Almost in Russia

The purpose of the group is "to live in Russian." In the dormitory, students converse and joke in Russian. Daily Mr. Perlmutter places dialogues of important conversational idioms in certain unavoidable places. Most of the signs, maps, and wall decorations are in Russian or concern Russian culture.

In addition to regular school Russian the group has learned a complete vocabulary of Russian obscenities so that all aspects of living can be carried on normally.

Like many serious language students, they have a keen desire to visit the country in which the language is spoken. Most of the members have tentative plans to visit Russia in the near future. One of the ultimate goals of the language dorm is an exchange studentship with Russia. A student exchange program of this type is already in effect at Harvard and Columbia.

"It is the first year that MIT has had a language dormitory, and as such it is somewhat of an experiment. The group hopes that it will be able to continue and expand the program next year. There is a definite possibility that language living groups in other languages will be formed in the near future."

The students have developed a keen interest in everything Russian. One of their favorite pastimes is singing Russian folk songs to the accompaniment of a guitar. Some of the students have even obtained records of Russian folk songs.

Recently Miss Joan Barth spoke informally to the group on her experiences in Russia. Miss Barth, a participant in the 1969 American Exhibition to Russia, was accused by the Soviets of having recruited Russian youths as American spies.

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