MIT ughs uie for UMOC

During this week once again the Alpha Chi Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega is attempting to find the usurper man on the MIT campus. AFO wants all members of the MIT community to participate in this effort by voting at the UMOC booth in Buildings Ten. One cent equals one vote and they ask every voter to ask all his friends to vote, against hunger and illiteracy. In its 10th year, AFO has narrowed the field to six of MIT's gristmill.

First to the Jules Berman of East Campus who brings recommendation from the Globe's Daily, "Pure Ugli" and Mrs. Schneider, 5th grade teacher in FS 218 who recommends him as a potential choice. He is reported to have a coefficient of self-esteem of 45 when rubbed against the proper body.

His first attempt for the coveted title is chimney, Rufus of the Delta, who boasts qualifications of "flifty hippy (2 years)") and a level of inhibitory reflex potential = 479 ampl.

From Corner One comes a menacing letter from Ezra A. Lider, '70, on the meal ticket. He claims to be putting himself through MIT as a mirror tester. If they can stand him, they can stand any other candidate. He is worried that the dog has been asked on innumerable occasions to "carb this burst." He paints a 10,000-pound Snowflake, for that is Corner One's theme this year's UMOC contest. In the case the reader needs more assurance of his Ugliism, his Dawg assures him that "One look is worth a 1000 words.

Paul Superack of Baker House is running a campaign centered on the "Superugli" term, and our society has an obsession with superficial, external uglyness. The truly ugly man is he who is ugly on the inside, the Tech Tool." Superack offers himself as an example. It might be added that he has the external qualifications as well.

The sixth candidate needs little introduction to the campus, seer of ugliers on this campus, for as all MIT should know, "Tuna is back." Once again Alan Tuna will try to gain the title of UMOC after having "screwed out of the house by a good last year.

We must remember that you know who the candidates are, you can help them by stopping many times to vote for the UMOC booth between 9 and 5 this week. In addition, the Portfolio Committee invites you to meet the candidates at the portfolio event on Wednesday night, 7:00, in Room 10-2500. The issue of a permanently existing "Superugli" was studied by the relationship of MIT with the government of changing interests with society.

The self-criticism by RLSDS members of their actions and the actions of fellow members of the November Action Coalition centered around "getting hung up on tactics." It was expressed that serious political discussion of MIT issues didn't get much attention, because of the main body of thought concerned with what specific deeds would be done.

Additionally, the Coalition members are meeting around a date and specific inactivity around the overall ideas of the Movement. As such, the NAC took on the "Superugli" and is centering on one of a permanently existing Boise State Superugli for the upcoming movement. The NAc. Nov. actions were thought to be successful in that it brought the groups, including E-Labs, and the Administration together. Theself-criticism is now focused on the future NAC hopes to go other targets in the Boise area, and possibly even back to MIT.
"Oppenheimer" interviewed

This statement by Mr. Sporer shows why the play is a suitable topic for a symposium at MIT. It takes many issues about the tension between science and society.

One of the issues Sporer brought up in the play was the "unpredictability" of producing something like the hydrogen bomb. In the context of the emotional state of the world and our limited intelligence, he pointed out that the opposing arguments that "nuclear proliferation is not as dangerous as people think, but nuclear proliferation is dangerous for the world." Sporer continued this line of thought in his "Mental Health of the American People," where he discussed the relationship between mental health and nuclear proliferation.

Mr. Sporer’s comments are in the following form:

"...if some day the hydrogen bomb is dropped..."
Faculty to consider new student speaking rights

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tions were raised by several who said that the motion did not conform to parliamentary pro-
cedure. A standing vote to table the motion failed, but the topic will be added to the agenda of the next faculty meeting.

Several faculty members asked why the special meeting on Dec. 10 could not be used as an open forum to discuss the issues before the Institute, but President Jerome Wiesner rose and stated that he believed that the issues facing the Institute were broader than those of the Pounds Panel report. Thus, a separate meeting should be held in which these issues could be discussed without being confounded with the Pounds Panel report. Professor Anthony French of Physics asked for steps toward open Institute meetings instead of faculty meetings, while Professor Boris Magasanik, Head of the Biology Department, suggested that the rules be permanently amended to allow students to speak at all faculty meetings. It was further suggested that those speaking privileges conform to rules set up by the President and the Chairman of the faculty.

Professor David Botwinik of Biology sought faculty support for a petition asking the Justice Department to allow a prominent Belgian Communist to enter the U.S. to take part in the SACC convention conference planned for early December. Dr. Ernest Mezdel, Editor-in-chief of La Gauche was scheduled to appear at the conference, but Justice Department officials refused to allow him to get an entry visa, ostensibly because he did not conform to restrictions placed upon him during his last visit to the U.S.

Announcements.

* Real and theatrical participants in the drama of J. Robert Oppenheimer will discuss the issue of his career at 2:30 pm, today, in the Sala de Puerto Rico of the Student Center. Students and faculty will have the chance to meet with members of the cast of "The Matter of J. Robert Oppenheimer," now playing at the Colonial Theater in Boston. Professor Zacharias and several other members of the Department of Physics who were associates with Oppenheimer in the development of the atomic bomb will attend the meeting.

* The nominations committee of the Graduate Council will meet on Monday, December 1 at 5:00 pm in the Media Chapel. Dr. 120 Walker Memorial, to interview students interested in serving on the following committees: 1) Harvard Cooperative Society, stockholder (1) and Director (2); 2) Committee on Student Environment; and 3) Committee on Educational Policy.

* Tangent, the MIT literary magazine, urgently requests submissions from all those whose numeres lead them to see their work in print. Please contact Brad Warner at C17-7775.

* Anyone interested in becoming a freshman basketball manager, please contact Brad Warner at C17-7775.

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By Greg Arenson

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Toward human survival

Despite all the verbiage and palaver on this and other campuses about relevance and reform, even some of the most activist members of the academic community have overlooked two of the most basic themes which unite the various issues which we face: human survival and the responsibility of individual decision-making.

Human survival requires that we not destroy ourselves in a nuclear holocaust, or leave ourselves in poverty paying for the hardware to make it possible. To do so means mental assassination so that famine will not take those that the bomb misses. This means preventing the ecological disaster which our present technology appears to be preparing. It means finding new sources of energy and materials so that our society does not grind to a halt when our present set of natural resources is depleted. Finally, it means learning to live with ourselves so that we can worry about the relationship of our race to its environment instead of one another.

What should we do about these problems, as individuals and members of institutions? Traditionally, moral responsibility has been defined and developed between individuals. More recently, the powers of technology have made it more and more possible for some individuals and institutions to gain and maintain power over other individuals and groups. Yet real design is made easier only when political power is harder to acquire. In this country, one finds a situation of extraordinary interdependence among institutions and individuals. Speculative actions can have long-range consequences which can be only dimly perceived at the time the action is taken.

Faced with this, how does one determine the moral responsibility of institutions and the individuals who compose them? If an individual is part of an institution which undertakes an act which he believes is immoral, what are his responsibilities? Nuremberg made only an unsatisfactory stab at handling which is certainly more obvious than most we now face. Suppose an individual is forced, for political reasons, to carry out an action for which he considers to be morally obligatory? If so, how shall he be decided? This problem becomes especially tricky for the non-authoritarian university which is founded on a tradition of tolerance.

To deal with these questions, we must first recognize that these are bedrock of the current unrest. We would lie if we proposed that the MIT Commission consider two of the major problems of the time: the role of the Institute as an institution and the responsibility we owe to the students of the world who are more faced with the necessity of taking a stand than we are.

To provide the community with some serious, fulltime thinking on what the role is of the Institute as an institution should be within the context of society, we would like to propose the establishment of an Office of Institutional Responsibility. When the overall direction of the Institute's research effort has been altered, or if the reactions of many in positions of responsibility is to hide behind cliches of "academic freedom" rather than give a clear definition of what that term means to them. The reason that the Institute has not done so is simply that it can't: it has not considered the issue of its own responsibility and arrived at a state of self-awareness of what its responsibility is.

Responsible authorities of the Institute must lead, not merely provide a cover. We believe that the Office of Institutional Responsibility should lead, not merely provide a cover. We believe that the Office of Institutional Responsibility should provide an umbrella of leadership by helping members of the community identify new areas for work and determine and consider the consequences of projects in progress. It can also co-ordinate fundraising in areas where support is hard to find and (hopefully) provide some careful thinking in prickly areas where policy is now made in a de facto way such as determining the limits of "academic freedom." MIT does not permit CBW work, for instance) and deciding what sort of political acts (taking MRV, supporting October 15, etc.) are appropriate for the Institute and its subgroups.

We are asking MIT to establish an Office of Institutional Responsibility. For those who seek a major which will equip them to deal with the problems of the world which face the law third of the century, the department will teach the parts of traditional disciplines that are most relevant to the problems of the future.

We heartily endorse the campaign of Al Tuna to continue in the tradition of the Silent Majority who have not yet seen the virtues of the movement. Tuna is appropriate for the Institute and its subgroups.

Carson Agnew

Behind the scenes

The Aero Department held a meeting on "the limits of academic freedom," one morning this week. There was no impasse, no tense atmosphere, which the topic led one to expect. Rather, this reporter came back from it feeling more hopeful. At this meeting Prof. Leon Trilling gave a view of the limits of academic freedom, and then a few members of the opposing team: some finder work impinges on the lives of human beings. Many at this meeting praised this restatement of the hilly motto "do your own thing," but no one, at least while I was there, took the next step. Engineering work, because it is applied science, will usually impinge more heavily on people's lives than will direct scientific research. Think. The atomic bomb was an engineering feat—even if the first fission was done by scientists. Research in engineering is not like research in pure science, which is likely to be goal oriented, rather than ended, especially in a large lab. One engineer淅 me, represents some problems. As Prof. Walter Rosenbluth has said, the largest contribution of this world is outside MIT.

So it comes down to whether instructors must practice their profession, keeping up with the new, or whether they should engineer the tute should study the tute. Some world engineers are very true of engineering is knowing the difference between linear theory and real world systems and components under the direction of your professor. How indeed. Worrying in a large lab beats a single-programmed, single-projects (or maybe Trilling's analogy with medical intermits is appropriate) to support such a large teaching laboratory (Please turn to page 5).

SCHIZOCHYRE by Bruce Schwartz

1. There's never one around when you need one...!
2. Coming off the Washington Bridge last Saturday, straight from a three day engage-
ment in the nation's capital (what a gas) we had the misfortune of finding a traffic light. Traffic is a three way intersection; when you pull to the right, you're directly in front of you, per-
pendicular to this right, and in front of you. You're facing a traffic light. You're facing toward a stop sign; and that stop sign is directly in front of the New York State Psychi-
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Letters to The Tech

No answers

To the Editor:
I am not writing to offer any answers to the problems with which MIT is now grappling. Yet the personal experiences I have had seem to lead me to believe that there are relatively few problems which will be solved by any easy or ready solution, or even to easy definition.

As a new graduate taking my first job, I was elated that I would be working with a company with a background in the software industry. I was overwhelmed by the size and complexity of the problems we would face and at the need for studying and learning as much as possible. I felt helpless to do anything significant to solve those problems. Gradually, I learned to look for small, distinct areas of a problem that could be attacked and solvable, to be satisfied with working on those areas.

From my discussions with others in many different fields, I feel that my first work experience was rather typical. What happens is that an idealistic but inexperienced young person enrolls in a field and reads a few books, even in a field in which he has had special training. After a while, he finds himself mired in the routine, and complexity of the problems we face drives him into a state of confusion. I am sure that this is not one of the requirements for a cop. So far as I am concerned, the police story is about cops and drivers, N.Y.C. variety.

Weeks were hit at about 4:30 pm. After we had called the police the first time, we waited about 20 minutes. No police was called again. Still nothing.

Two men were sitting unattended in this intersection while the New York_News's last quarter was published. On a gray day, smoke showed up, and I missed a lot. Smoking, cutting off other vehicles, ours and 'Robin Hood's, zoomed past trying to imitate A. Craig Breedlove. One of our maniacs failed to pick him off, and then another. And another. And another.

According to police, the first time—we waited an hour after the shift. In the meantime, we were wondering about the address he gave us. The story is about cops and drivers, N.Y.C. variety.

Then another. And another. And another. And another. And another. And another.

Why waste time in details? Yes, it was a stolen car and yes, we didn't have any. See any identification? Sorry, he didn't have any. Why waste time in details?

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They knew how to riot...

Several hundred students milled around, set fire to large piles of rubbish blocking the gates. They threw bottles and other objects, and showed signs of protest. After 45 minutes of hassle, the rioters dispersed and dispersed the rioters, taking many down to the lockup to be arrested. The above scenario sounds so pacifist to the student body. You're wrong. It's the Bread and Freedom riot of 1957. Over 30 people ran into the forces of law and order during a protest over post-food service rent and rent increases.

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Political activity

The Editor:
In his letter to The Tech of Oct. 17 refers to my reminder to the faculty that the statistics for paying tax exempt organizations prescribe political activity by such organizations. Since my raising of a point of law is equated with "moral bankrupt-..." I am obliged to reply to Prof. Weinstein.

He says that "the speaking up of the institute (on a political issue) is a most urgent and patrio-..." Presumably he means that we should, as an Institute, forgo our tax exempt status. This would be a most courageous act indeed, and would change the nature of the institute beyond recognition. However, we would then be free as an institution to comment on all issues and events in such a political activity as we see fit. I assume we are not being instructed to ignore the law where some members of the faculty feel strongly about an issue. If we are to set ourselves about the law, even for the most lofty of purposes, we would compensate such organizations as the Kla Kla Klaan who ignore the law for federal and local statutes governing and important moral issues.

Unfortunately, it is impossible to separate political activity by the university from moral considerations. While all moral issues are not necessarily political, all political issues are also moral ones. The action of our faculty in taking a political stand, even for the most compelling of moral reasons, is one step and a very large one toward the politi-calization of the university.

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to be believed. You see, courts these days have such a backlog, and the judicial process has become so time-consuming, so loaded with technicisms (mainly so overburdened with automobile and property suits; they didn't get the miniature cars off the blackboard when I walked into the court) that, in order to speed up due process, they have decided the bailiffs and clerks and other supernumeraries must say whatever they must say as rapidly as possible. Thus the bailiff sounded like an auctioneer. In fact, during the arraignment of the Weathermen (approximately 45 seconds per Weatherman required) I had to repress an overwhelmingurge to jump up and shout "I'll bid $510!" when bail was set at 500. And you wonder: can justice really be served in such a pressure-cooker as this? Can things be right in our society when there are so many cases to be tried that there is no time to speak?

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If you believe the police, the Weathermen tried to kill someone in the station. If you believe the Weathermen, they didn't do it, but that's just the way the system is. The two Weathermen leaflets entitled "Weatherman V5 the Pig" are documents that will give a good idea of what Weatherman's politics are. They are long on slogans but short on analysis. They also betray a foolishness for violence (A quote from Eric Mann during the November Actions: "I like violence!") That should arouse not only Agnew but any lefty who still has his humanism intact. Not that revolution may not involve violence—but these leaflets drip such lust for vengeance and destruction on "the pig" that one wonders if Weatherman is really trying to build a better world or simply "quit" the old one.

For example, their final appeal in a leaflet in which they boast of leading the CIA is said: "Racist teachers are pigs. Cops are pigs. Professors who help the government are pigs. Rich people are pigs. Isn't there a pig you'd like to get?"

This sort of irrationality and hatemongering is straight out of Mein Kampf, and makes the Weathermen a real danger to society, more humane leftists. Breaking windows and beating up CIA workers don't really hurt the system. Also, those wealthy people's department stores the Weathermen smashed in Washington also included flower shops, lunchetteons, and drugstores—small businesses. The building a movement?

In truth, the Weatherman are an irresponsible and dangerous. And not to the pig, they can harass the Weathermen. They are dangerous to the rest of the Movement. They have already been shown that they will not hesitate to attack other leftist groups that don't agree with them, as demonstrated by their attempted shakedown of the New Mobe and their ramrodding of PL-WSA headquarters last Saturday in Washington. Not even the Black Panthers are idiotic enough to think you can attack the Man yet; anyway, the blacks have far more reason to attack the Weathermen. Blacks are right.

Well, if you're still convinced that the Weathermen are fighting (or think they are) for others. A Black Panther warned during the November Actions that Weatherman's tactics could only bring the boot down on everyone. They are right.

Nevertheless, the charges on which the Weathermen have been accused must be false if 24 people conspiring to take a potshot at police HQ? And such a clumsy potshot? That sounds too dumb for even a Weatherman. Then there is the "promotion of anarchy" charge, an obvious attempt to put the three charged with it away as long as possible. Are they kidding? If I tell you to walk naked down the street, wouldn't you convince me of guilt? I hope it won't convince a jury either. No matter what you do, this silly charge will never stick, no matter how much you disagree with anyone's politics, further misuse of the law cannot be tolerated. It's done every day but it must be resisted, especially in political cases, or next they may be going after liberal Republicans.

This column is proud (pervertedly) to announce it has made the big time. Yes, Joseph Alasoo ever so slightly distorted a quotation from my column of Nov. 12, along with getting the facts wrong on George Katashi and Marvin Sirbus, (see Washington Post, Nov. 19) Thanks, Joe, and it's nice to know you're reading the rag.

KOREAN EDITOR GETS SENTENCE OF DEATH

P'yongyang (LNS) - Kim Chil Lok, editor of a South Korean underground newspaper, was sentenced to death on Nov. 23, along with three other members of a left-wing political group: Kim Chil Lok's magazine, "Blood of Youth," circulated clandestinely in South Korea, the publication and the rebels' political organization, the South Korean Revolutionary Unity Party, demands the withdrawal of US troops from Korea and the reunification of the nation.

Korean Chil Lok's uncle, Kim Jong, was executed by hanging in a South Korean military prison last July 10, according to Prensa Latina, the Cuban news agency.

The death penalty was meted out by the Supreme Court of the military regime which controls South Korea. Testimony was provided by agents of the CIA, who testified that Kim Chil Lok "wanted to overthrow the government of South Korea in support of North Korea.

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Who's afraid of Agnew?

By Michael Meeropol

Mondale's (and LBJ's) has been suggested that Vice President Agnew has built up as a hatchet man, a right wing demagogue, so that Nixon will appear mild and liberal and "re sponsible."

This two-faced administration would then be able to appease both the Right and the Liberals. Meanwhile, Nixon will continue to maneuver his way out of Vietnam very slowly (too slowly for the liberals but too fast for the Right).

On the basis of this view, all the liberals (and probably numerous radicals) have been laughing at Agnew, chucking their tongues, and ignoring many of the things he has said. This could be a serious mistake.

In particular, one aspect of the second speech should not remain in the joke-box along with "moral equivocation" and "off fete impudent snobs." That is a statement that "If we have to have it and be done with it."

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Nixon's characterization of Vietnam. His characterization and attack on the liberals' "cut 'n' run" strategy in the recent speech should leave no doubt that this difference is fundamental.

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The one aspect of the two-faced admin istration is that it ignores the fact that Nixon's alienation from the liberals on the Vietnam issue, and his fear that Middle America, the middle-aged, white, middle class backbone of his support, is swining over to the Right, easy pickings for George Wallace. The liberals are ready to Viet nam off and hope to establish a different Pacific Rim, utilizing Indonesia, Malaysia, and Japan, not to mention South Korea, Taiwan, Australia and New Zealand. They will accept quick victory as the Dominican Re public and for inexperienced ones like Bolivia.

Meanwhile, on the other hand, supports the view that endless war is a better deal than the los
A single professor doing his research. For one thing, it has a diffuse conscience—as an organization, it cannot and hence does not continually consider the ethical or political implications of what it does. Its work—designing an inner belt, a bomb, or a guidance system—may affect hundreds or hundreds of millions of people. Its work, as Prof. Chomsky has said, is often political in nature. But an organization, unlike a linguist, cannot collectively decide to do anything.

How about the leaders of this amoral jelly which is any large organization? Can’t the leaders of the labs make the decision for the group—after all, the ethics are universal. It would be nice to think that a leader could make such a decision for a large lab, for a lab here or anywhere else. But the decision is a political one, and the kind of top-flight engineer who should run the lab if it is to do its job is not a statesman. He may be the expert on what the piece of technology his group is working on can do. But should he, can he make a good decision when the problem is political in nature?

Thus the dilemma, or part of it. An engineering school, unlike other parts of a university, must face both ways at once. Inward, toward the students and the sciences and outward, toward the problems which are there waiting to be solved. It can best solve the problems by the application of group effort. It can only keep ethically within the limits of academic freedom.

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Aero Dept. Looks at MIT Research
(Continued from page 4) you must have, in fact, a large laboratory doing things—things which, as I have said, affect the well-being of others on this planet in very direct ways. Nor is such a lab exactly like a sine professor doing his research. For one thing, it has a diffuse conscience—as an organization, it cannot and hence does not continually consider the ethical or political implications of what it does. Its work—designing an inner belt, a bomb, or a guidance system—may affect hundreds or hundreds of millions of people. Its work, as Prof. Chomsky has said, is often political in nature. But an organization, unlike a linguist, cannot collectively decide to do anything.

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Aero Dept. Looks at MIT Research
(Continued from page 4) you must have, in fact, a large laboratory doing things—things which, as I have said, affect the well-being of others on this planet in very direct ways. Nor is such a lab exactly like a sine professor doing his research. For one thing, it has a diffuse conscience—as an organization, it cannot and hence does not continually consider the ethical or political implications of what it does. Its work—designing an inner belt, a bomb, or a guidance system—may affect hundreds or hundreds of millions of people. Its work, as Prof. Chomsky has said, is often political in nature. But an organization, unlike a linguist, cannot collectively decide to do anything.

How about the leaders of this amoral jelly which is any large organization? Can’t the leaders of the labs make the decision for the group—after all, the ethics are universal. It would be nice to think that a leader could make such a decision for a large lab, for a lab here or anywhere else. But the decision is a political one, and the kind of top-flight engineer who should run the lab if it is to do its job is not a statesman. He may be the expert on what the piece of technology his group is working on can do. But should he, can he make a good decision when the problem is political in nature?

Thus the dilemma, or part of it. An engineering school, unlike other parts of a university, must face both ways at once. Inward, toward the students and the sciences and outward, toward the problems which are there waiting to be solved. It can best solve the problems by the application of group effort. It can only keep ethically within the limits of academic freedom.
Letters to The Tech

(Continued from page 4) and for me is the extreme. Yet they are completely dependent for support upon real political and economic bases in the society. In any confrontation with political and economic power from without, the universities lose every time. Ours are fragile institutions and can survive only with a mutually accepted principle that, whatever the political activities of their members, the universities themselves must remain apolitical. We can choose to have politics in the university, but as history amply demonstrates, we cannot choose the politics we get.

It is useful to ponder the significance of recent events. Franklin Long was removed from consideration as the head of the National Science Foundation for purely political reasons. Many of the cries of anguish over "politics in science" came from the same people who now push for universities taking political stands. We are in a poor position to protest the manipulation of scholars since we are engaged in the same activity.

It is the right and duty of members of our society to discuss from past and present public policy which they disapprove. Converting the university into a vehicle of protest may seem an easy way of discharging that responsibility. It is certainly more convenient than political action off the campus. The price we pay by subverting the principle of political independence is incalculable.

Sheldon Feinman
Department of Biology
Gaudy showplace
To the Editor:
For some years now, I have walked the rotunda of the second floor of Building 7. And in all good faith, I must admit it has slowly been transformed into the grandest showplace this side of Coney Island.

The saga started with the farewell gift of the Class of 1968: the purple carpet. At least, I told myself, it bellowed the halls and mellowed the footsteps. Then the walls became ablaze with orange and aqua lighting fixtures and mail, furred dots of something or other. I prayed for a kindred thief. I had to face the facts: there are no more Robin Hoods and the poor wouldn't take the stuff anyway.

One morning, it was the fingerprinted mobile. But then, I saw an empty milk carton and a banana peeling twirling around on it. So that's what it's for, I told myself.

Appeared on the scene next, the travelling death mask. Unfortunately, it remained static and never went anywhere.

But the other morning as I was coming in to work, there it was, the straw that broke the camel's back, the pièce de résistance of this penny arcade—the jaundiced plow. That really tilted the terrain for feminist and dissident. I would remain silent no longer.

Epilogue: It's a shame, isn't it time we returned it to him?

If it's decorative, Can't it adorn some other deprived area?

If it's meant to be functional, Then by all means let's hang up our costs on it.

And if it contains some message, Can't we turn it over to Goodwill?

Florine Theriault

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The plan behind Agnew-link liberals to radicals

publicly opposed the November March on Washington. The point is we should recognize the occurrences for what they are. Personal attacks ridiculing Agnew will not convince Middle America that the attack on Agnew is based on an endless war. We cannot afford to be buried by our own liberal splinter groups. Agnew's rantings, but must clearly see how in the Administration strategy both to split the anti-war coalition and to divert Middle America's anger from the war, taxes, and inflation to the "traitor" who supported the October Moratorium, have

"Who is keeping' us there?" and then suggested that Middle America not be taken in by Nixon's attempt to blame the Left for their dead sons.

Another side to this problem is radicals hiding their radical policies so that liberals will not be scared into "reactionary" politics. Thus, to keep the anti-war coalition together in the face of the Administration's blackmail radical organizers of the Mobilization might choose to tone down or even gag their own voices in order to capture the "prestige" of having Senators and other "acceptable" elements join their ranks. This just won't work. It is no more practical than liberals toning down their remarks about Constitutional rights in order to pick up faction support. Before long, they find themselves facing critics in practice if not in their hearts.

In short, political integrity is one of the highest importance. At the same time, radical dissenters ought to know that the enemy is planning so they can counteract it wisely instead of flabbergastingly up until it's too late.

CALIFORNIA COLLEGES PRESSURE NEWSPAPERS

SACRAMENTO, California (LNS)-Administrators of the California State college system are planning to come down hard on student newspapers.

S. I. Hayakawa has already suspended publication of S. F. State's Gator because of its stand during the strike last year.

A report from Chancellor Glenn Dumke's office recommends setting up strong controlling boards to "guard against misuse of the principle of freedom of the press." Dumke's idea is that if the papers have strong "controls" they won't have to have "censorship."

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Penn wins the War as sailors take third place

The War Memorial Trophy is one of the most prestigious matches in college sailing. It is a replica of the Jules Rimet Trophy and is now at the home of the University of Pennsylvania Sailing Team. Penn has won the trophy a record six times and this will be its sixth consecutive victory.

Ruggers lose; streak ends

The Mystic rugby club came out behind to hand Tech its first defeat of the season by a 9-8 score. Mystic "B" also failed to beat Tech "B" 5-3 while Beacon Hill crashed Tech "C" 17-0.

In the "A" game, Tech finally ran up against a scrum that was not exactly a little bit but hard, but had at least as much experience and drive as well. Tech was also hurt by a large number of penalties called against them. The Mystic forwards were able to convert two of these penalties for six of Mystic's points.

Mystic opened the scoring with 3 points on the first of several well-placed kicks minutes into the game. But Tech came right back to cut the lead. Dave Dunn started charged downhill on a Tech punt and block Mystic's attempt. The ball rebounded behind the Mystic try line and both backs and Mystic fullback sandwiched the Tech fullback for a try. After a missed conversion, the score was tied at 3-3.

Aided by the wind, Tech continued to pressure the Mystic defense until, with ten minutes left in the half, it paid off. A scrum breakdown created a situation where the ball was on Mystic's two yard line. Finally the ball squirted out of the back and the fullback hurriedly tried to kick it out of bounds. Instead, the ball squirmed, towards the corner of the goal with the left wing from both teams in hot pursuit. Tech's winger, Akin doved in first, giving Tech the lead. Peter Webster's conversion made the score 8-3.

For the rest of the first half the Tech defense held Mystic with less than ten minutes left until half. Tech's defense held Mystic to one final score in the second half for a final score of 8-13.

"Beak and Bare" meet again. The second the play remained even steady, Tech squad could have an offense against the strong defense. But disaster struck Tech the last time of a try. Mystic's pontoon which took an end-over-end bounce for 30 yards before Tech could catch it up. Before he could turn it out of danger, Mystic was on him. Tech support arrived quickly enough to lead an immediate offense and the Mystic scrum pressed hard for five yards. Several times Mystic won the ball from the hook to only have Tech's tackle force the Tech team to cause new rucks. But finally a big Mystic forward took the ball and crashed into the Tech goal for the first try scored against Tech by Mystic. This try confirmed the conversion, leaving Tech a tenuous 6-4 lead.

Marksmen suffer first loss of season to CG

Friday evening at MIT the varsity rifle team posted an excellent score of 3137 to easily defeat Boston College, who fired 2693. This win increased the team's record to 9-0. Leading the shooters to victory was Karl Lamson '71 with an outstanding individual score of 280. He was supported by Captain Dick Evans '70 at 269, Bill Swidish '71 with 256, Eric Kramer '71 with 259, and Jack Casey '71 at 254.

Friday's sweet victory was tempered by a bitter defeat on Saturday, as the team traveled to the Coast Guard Academy. Firing on the opposition's home range, the best the MIT team could do was a 304, their lowest ever at that range. Coast Guard shot a 338 to take the honors. The scores were Karl Lamson at 268, Bill Swidish at 265, Captain Dick Evans with 264, and Eric Kramer and Frank Leathers '72 tied up at 256.

This match was the first defeat for the MIT rifle team this season; their record is now 3-1.

In Council NULLS VARSITY ELIGIBILITY

Last Wednesday's Intramural Council of the University opposed the granting of varsity status to the Intramural wrestling tournament will be held. The Intramural Council considered the eligibility of varsity athletes for intramural wrestling.

Miss Jones allowed to play

Council president Bob Dresser reported on the Executive Council's decision that Kathy Jones be allowed to play IM wrestling next year. This will set Jones as Miss Jones will be the first female player in IM hockey history.

It was announced that the IM hockey tournament would be held today and tomorrow. The final of the swimming tournament will take place on Sunday. The hockey tournament will begin on Sunday. The IM hockey teams will have to wait till after the swimming tournament for the beginning of their season.

MUSICALS

Under new business, the council considered the eligibility of IM athletes for IM sports. There were many strong arguments presented for both sides of the question. However, the issue boiled down to a conflict of the rights of the individual versus the rights of the team.

By Ben Meyler

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