

## GA faces gay mixer issue

By Lee Giguere

The General Assembly's special committee on the gay mixer, while stressing the highly complicated nature of the issue in its report tonight, will recommend that the mixer be allowed.

The report will give a summation of the many arguments for and against the mixer. It will include the committee's own conclusions that the administration's objections be overruled, according to Mike Salomon '71, a member of the committee.

### Report to Nyhart

The main thrust of the report will be aimed, not at the GA, which was receptive to the SHL proposal two weeks ago, but at the MIT administration, and in particular at Dean for Student Affairs J. Daniel Nyhart who objected to sanctioning a gay mixer.

When interviewed on Sunday night, Salomon was pessimistic about the committee's chance to change Nyhart's mind. He was

convinced, though, of the Dean's concern over the problem.

The issue, Salomon explained, was much more than the simple question of minority rights the delegates discussed two weeks ago. The question involves an individual's right to determine his own life style and his concurrent right to examine opposing life styles before he makes his decision.

### Fear of seduction

Dean Nyhart, in his letter of two weeks ago, gave as one of his objections the fear that students who were undecided about their own sexual identity might be "seduced" into homosexuality and would be less happy than they might have been as heterosexuals. Salomon, after discussing the problem with a number of social psychologists at Boston University, felt that Nyhart's reasoning might be false. He explained that it was not necessarily true that homosexuals are less happy than

heterosexuals. He pointed out that he had spoken with several very happy homosexuals.

### Adjustment

Salomon believed that Nyhart's objections about the possibility of seduction must be weighed against the possibility that a student who might actually be more happy and

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## Campus Panel invited to air unrest findings

By Duff McRoberts

Members of the President's Commission on Campus Unrest have been invited to MIT for open discussions of the Commission's report and its implications. Appointed by President Nixon in May, the panel recently released its findings.

It is hoped that one or two members of the Commission will attend a program in the form of a Compton Seminar sometime this month, according to Jim Tsang (G,VI) and Dr. Ben Snyder, Dean for Institute Relations.

Plans for the forum have not yet been finalized, but the sponsors hope to know by the middle of this week what members of the Commission, if any, will be able to attend.

### University response

Dean for Student Affairs Dan Nyhart related that interest in such a program has arisen out of a feeling that the university should "address itself to the questions [the report] poses."

Nyhart said that President Johnson, Provost Jerome Wiesner, Associate Provost Walter Rosenblith, Prof. Eugene Skolnikoff (XVII), and several others had expressed interest in what the MIT community should do to follow up on the report.

Tsang remarked about the report that there are "some interesting questions raised about what it means in specific terms." He mentioned the "general point of community" and centrifugal forces that have tended to create a student subculture as possible topics of special interest.

### Political context

Snyder saw the formation of the Commission as a possible political act on the part of President Nixon, which resulted in "not putting the finger where Agnew would like to put it."

He noted that many people on campus agree with Agnew that permissiveness has gone too far. The aftermath of the Commission's report is a good time, he feels, to promote efforts by these people and their adversaries to understand each other.

## NET sponsors study of computer excesses

By Alex Makowski

Two graduate students at Harvard are exploring various ways of sabotaging computer information systems as part of a larger investigation on technology and privacy.

National Educational Television will sponsor this fall a 90 minute TV special discussing the crucial impact of modern science and engineering on individual rights. The producers hope the

## MIT action group schedules forums on imperialism

The University Action Group (UAG) will sponsor this fall a series of weekly lectures investigating the United States role in Latin America.

The first seminar this Wednesday will be "Impressions from a Recent Trip to Cuba," by Biology professor Ethan Signer. The talk will begin at 4:00 in the Bush Room.

### 'Political Education'

UAG was organized this fall to provide for political action on college and university campuses throughout New England. Believing that successful reform through the electoral process is impossible, these faculty members, staff, and grad students will concentrate their efforts on investigating various local, national, and international issues and conducting "political education" for the public.

The imperialism series on Latin America will focus on "the need and possibility of revolutionary change." Subsequent seminars will examine events in Guatemala, Brazil, Bolivia, and Haiti. A central theme will be "the history of the struggle of the people of Latin America against their oppressors."

### Urban renewal

Other projects will include an investigation of MIT's role as a landlord and, on a regional scale, a look at what part universities have played in various urban renewal decisions.

show will warn a presently ignorant public of the dangers involved with large institutional data banks.

Harvard students Jerry Popek and Mark Tuttle are responsible for amassing suggestions of various methods open to those people seeking to strike back at computers. The entries will be judged in four categories (see page eight of Friday's *The Tech*), with cash awards and national exposure for the winning suggestions.

### Quaint or exotic

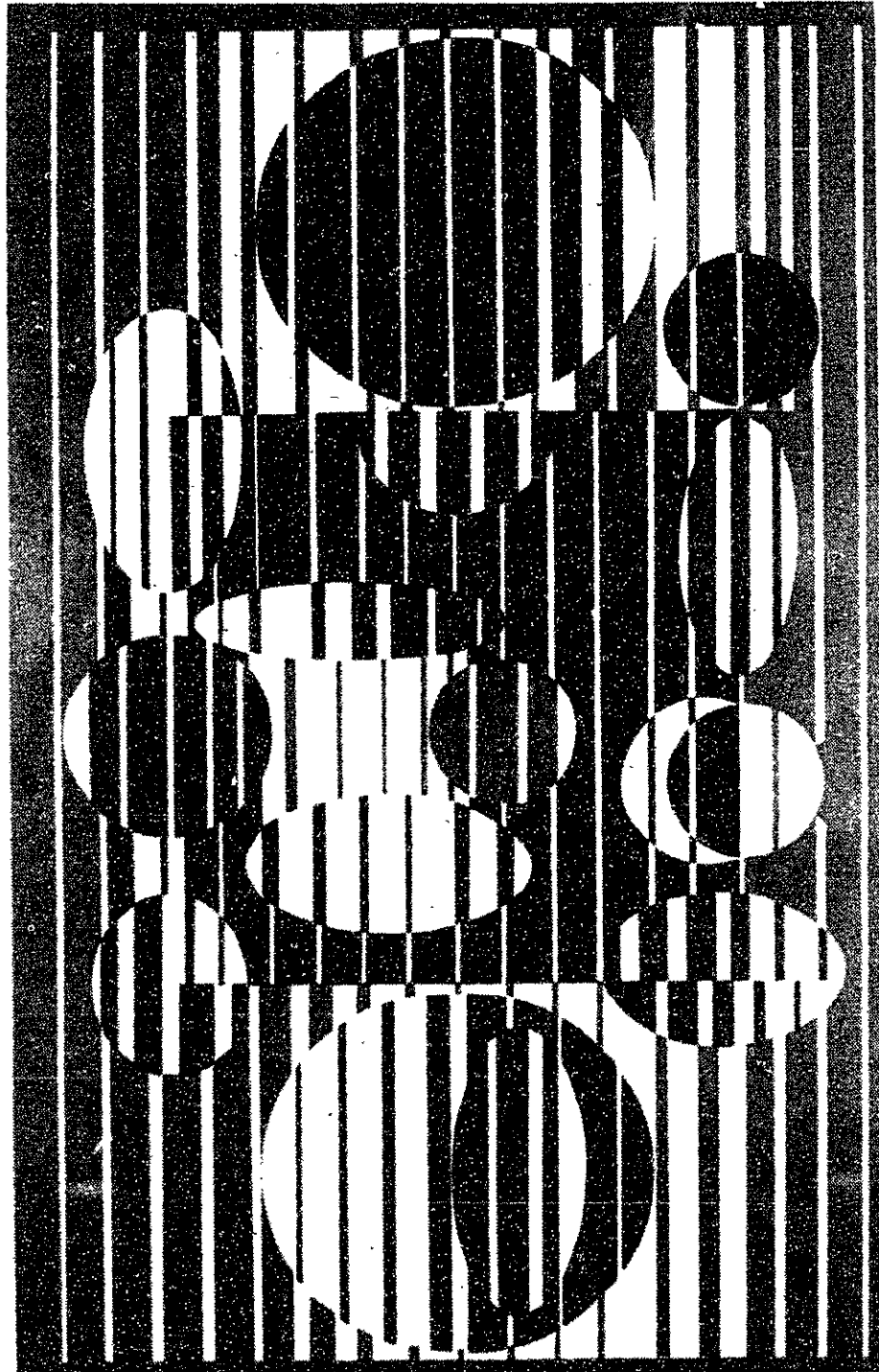
Ideas can be as quaint as punching extra holes into a billing card or soaking an IBM-type telephone bill in water. Alternatively, Popek expects some of the real computer jocks to come up with ideas for reprogramming or rewiring the large government machines.

When reached by *The Tech*, Popek explained that his job had both its humorous and serious implications. Though some proposals may seem ridiculous or far-fetched, there is a real need to break down the myth of infallibility the public ascribes to computers. Too many billing companies, for example, use this aura to extract money from innocent people.

### Individual rights

And the study focuses on the larger issue of individual rights. For example, borrowing a book on Karl Marx from the library may, when viewed as an isolated case, seem perfectly innocuous. But if your name is included on an FBI computer file of all Americans reading communist literature, the incident may not be deemed so innocent.

The idea for the special developed from a *Newsweek* article on computers and privacy this summer. That magazine's reporter sat down with Tuttle and Popek to discuss various ways Americans might strike back at these large data systems. When NET decided to make the issue the topic for its first fall special on national problems, *Newsweek* recommended the two Harvard grad students,



UNTITLED, 1966, by Victor Vasarely. The Committee on visual Arts is sponsoring an exhibition of Original Graphic Art from the Catherine N. Stratton Collection in the Student Center, 2nd floor, October 5-16, 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Mon. through Fri. MIT students may register their preferences of prints during the exhibition, and a lottery drawing will be held on Friday, Oct. 16. Winners will have the prints loaned to them free of charge for school year 1970-71.

## Impersonator cons frats

A young woman, posing alternatively as different members of several wealthy families, apparently has succeeded in tricking a number of MIT students into paying for her living expenses.

The most recent incident occurred this summer, when two MIT students were left holding over \$500 in hotel bills, for which they had been led to believe they would be reimbursed.

This woman was using the same gambit in the Boston area two years ago, when she victimized two MIT fraternity members, and a member of a BU chapter.

This summer, she called one student, claiming to be a lawyer for Ann Hughes, supposedly a relative of billionaire Howard Hughes, in Boston to "clear up" the "scandal" caused by her earlier activities. She struck up a conversation with the student, and on a later call appeared in town "in need of money." The student signed for a new hotel bill after having been led to believe

that he would be repaid later. Instead, he was forced to pay the bill out of his own pocket.

A second student received a call from a woman claiming she was a doctor trying to get in touch with a member of another fraternity, for she had an "urgent message." She called him back four days later, to thank him, and succeeded in becoming acquainted with him. He was led to sign for a room at the Fenway Commonwealth Motor Lodge for the caller's "lawyer," "Thomasina Mellon," for which the bill came to \$50.

After talking to an Institute psychiatrist who recognized the story, the student was referred to the Dean's office.

According to Dean of Students J. Daniel Nyhart, the young woman is the same one who defrauded students last summer. She is also apparently the same person who appeared in the area in October of 1968, when she used the same aliases and a very similar story.

While the Boston Police have

been called in on the case, said Dean Nyhart, "as far as anybody knows, there has been no action." He understands the police are cautious about the possibility that they might make a false arrest, and are waiting for a formal complaint which can only come from someone to whom the woman owes a legally binding debt. The Dean believed that the woman might owe money to at least one Boston hotel, but knew of no action which had been taken in that area.

The October 1968 case had been handled largely by Dean Sorenson. At the time of that case, there had been some suggestions that the woman might be committed for psychiatric observation but that had not been done because, then, as now, there were not sufficient grounds for legal action by the police. During the summer, there were unverified rumors that "Ann" had apparently escaped from a private institution in southern Massachusetts.

## Bethlehem officer lauds corporate, university ties

(Ed. Note: . . . the following article was mailed to our office from Bethlehem Steel recently and deemed of sufficient community interest to warrant its publication.)

A plea for greater recognition of the close and inseparable bonds of interest between the college campus and the corporation was made in Detroit recently by Steward S. Cort, president and chairman-elect of Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

Addressing a noon meeting of the Economic Club of Detroit, the Bethlehem executive asserted that the flow of assistance from society to the college campus must be intensified.

"We depend on our colleges and universities and they, in turn, depend on us. We need their help . . . and today — right now — they most urgently need ours. It is the latter part of the equation that appears to be in jeopardy today."

Citing the business community's need for well-educated young men and women, he pointed out that it could not survive without such talent because of a reliance on ever more sophisticated technology and advanced techniques of business management.

### 'Young Look'

"But, in a larger sense, college students are equally important to us because they are influential representatives of that fast-growing portion of the total population known as the younger generation. Our population has acquired a new look, and it is a *young* look. As recently as ten years ago all individuals over thirty years of age slightly outnumbered those under thirty . . . but today the under-thirties are forty percent more numerous than those who are over thirty . . . and, within only five years, young people under thirty will overwhelm us old-timers by fifty-seven percent.

"This is something to think about, hard and long, especially in view of the forthcoming 18-year-old voting age."

### Revolutionaries

Touching on "the highly publicized revolutionaries who raise our hackles by taking full advantage of the liberties and material benefits of our society to preach its overthrow," the Bethlehem official described them as "only a tiny fraction of the total college population." He said the national major pollsters show that college students have some comprehension about the fundamental role of business and industry. He regards this as a reason to be hopeful but not complacent.

"I am mindful of the finding that some 94 percent of college students subscribe to the view that business is overly concerned with making a profit, and too little concerned with social responsibilities. This does not discourage me unduly, because I am confident that it results from a combination of idealism and a lack of knowledge of the facts. Speaking from my own experience, young critics are invariably astounded when my associates and I describe my company's aggressive involvement in such programs as recruiting of minority group employees, educating and training the disadvantaged, and improving and preserving the quality of our environment. Most likely your own observations have been similar to mine."

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**UrbanAction needs people**

By David Searls

Six years ago, before phrases like "concerned students" and "underprivileged children" had become cliches, a group of concerned students created the MIT Social Service Committee, with the intent of tutoring underprivileged children.

The original premise of the founders was simple and very personal: each of them, in considering his own education, had decided that his life had at some point been highly influenced by a "significant personality," in most cases a teacher. With this in mind, they collectively decided to become significant to the lives of needy children, with the hope of guiding them to achievement.

That group, after a circuitous but successful genealogy, is now MIT-Wellesly UrbanAction. Last Thursday, an UrbanAction Open House was held in the Student Center West Lounge, primarily for the purpose of recruiting new volunteers. Despite methodical advertising with posters and leaflets, attendance was relatively sparse.

**Youth apathy**

"Something is in the air this fall with these kids... I don't know." The woman saying this was pleasant and matronly, a

resident of Cambridge. Her concern was not revolution or drugs on campus; she had worked closely with students for several years as a parent-administrator of Tutoring Plus, the program that is one of the main concerns of UrbanAction. What she referred to was common apathy — nothing as exotic as beurocratic or corporate apathy, but something more distressing — youth apathy. She considered it to be a crisis.

**Personal involvement**

"We've recruited at all the local colleges — MIT, Wellesly, Harvard and Radcliffe, Simmons, and more... The kids just aren't interested this year." Normally, some 150 children are paired off with tutors at the beginning of the school year. This is done on a one-to-one basis, with a matching of needs and special skills if possible. Volunteers spend from three to five hours a week in the homes of their students, and the time is not restricted — field trips, to museums and even movies, are encouraged. All of this works toward a goal of personal involvement from each side.

**Funds and volunteers**

Tutoring Plus is directly descended from the original Urban-

Action, but has since become essentially independent with the influx of parental involvement in administration. The primary function of the UrbanAction group now is to provide funds and volunteers — the problem at present is with the latter.

The whole scope of UrbanAction, in fact, has experienced several trends in recent years. One is a shift toward administration and coordination, rather than control, as more and more programs are initiated or incorporated. Another is an increasing political involvement, not in a partisan sense, but in terms of practical experience in such programs as Welfare Rights and the Greater Boston Committee on the Transportation Crisis.

**Fellowship Program**

As far as intense personal involvements are concerned, the real core of the organization is now the Fellowship Program. Utilizing funds from the President's office, some 21 students are granted fellowships for summer work in health, education, housing, etc. In the fall, part of their work continues in the form of a seminar which surveys urban problems from the vantage of experience.

Programs which fall under the administrative auspices of UrbanAction include: Tutoring Plus and Dorchester House, for children; Education Warehouse and Community High School, for high schoolers and older; G.B.C., the transportation crisis; Columbia Point, the EB-Well Project, and The Organization, housing and community problems; Welfare Rights; and the Bancroft Teaching Assistant Project, a new program to aid bilingual classes on the South End.

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# Homosexual Mixer

Tonight the General Assembly will receive a report from its own study group recommending that the Student Homophile League be granted permission to hold a mixer at MIT. *The Tech* first reported on this issue two weeks ago; we feel that the delegates have had ample time to poll their living groups and prepare for a vote.

There are two closely related aspects of the problem. First, the community must decide who should make the decision. Second, the criterion for the decision must be established, and the decision made.

We believe that ultimate authority for this issue should rest with the undergraduate government. Clearly, the faculty and staff need not concern themselves with such a problem involving students. The only debate seems to center on what role the administration should play.

Dean for Student Affairs Dan Nyhart has argued that, because of the moral and legal issues involved, his office should have a veto over the mixer. But his comments, both to *The Tech* and the Assembly, indicate that his over-riding concern is protecting the welfare of MIT students, both homosexuals and heterosexuals. Apparently, community relations and legal problems are not nearly so serious as the perceived threat to the student body.

While genuinely thankful for Nyhart's advice, we feel that the students themselves are responsible enough to make this decision. The Assembly study group has done a thorough job of investigating all facets of the problem; enough facts are available for a reasoned decision. The Assembly should decide for itself the merits of the various arguments.

As for the decision itself, *The Tech* suggests that SHL be allowed to run a mixer. Just as with other mixers, of course, precautions should be taken to see that MIT does not suffer any physical damage. The mixer must be carefully marked, so all students will understand what is happening. We urge the SHL to establish a screening procedure to ensure that only students are admitted. Finally, the Assembly must leave the Student Center Committee the flexibility to schedule the mixer with an eye to what space is available and what other (possibly more numerous) student groups desire use of the facilities.

We would close by reconsidering a crucial point. This issue concerns the students far more than any other group in the community. If Boston University can hold a gay mixer without bringing down the wrath of the city fathers and the local media, MIT runs no risks. The student government must be allowed to decide this issue.

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Over the summer *The Tech's* editorial board changed its membership, and the new board felt that now, at the start of the term, was an appropriate time for a statement of policy.

Our primary goal is to provide accurate and unbiased news coverage of events at MIT and in the surrounding community. The editors devote a large fraction of their time to arranging news stories, feature articles, sports coverage, and entertainment. We pride ourselves for continually emphasizing the value to the community of an objective news presentation.

Secondarily, *The Tech* provides a forum for student opinion. Editorial policy through the coming year will be the consensus of views among the news editors and the editor-in-chief. When too large a division exists to permit a consensus, individual board members will write signed columns discussing their views.

*The Tech* welcomes written contributions from all members of the community. Works from students will be run as either letters or columns, while all other articles will be run as letters to the editor.

# On student government

By Steve Ehrmann  
(Ed. Note: ... Steve Ehrmann is vice president of the MIT undergraduate government.)

The predominant emotion pervading student government these days is frustration. A recalcitrant administration? A faculty that won't listen to reason? Let me list you a list that may go a distance in explaining things.

1. Student Committee on Environment (SCE) - has a charge covering all aspects of the MIT environment and student life plus a budget. Has two active members.

2. Open House - every two years, students run a well-budgeted program of opening doors to the outside community. Free policy rein. One volunteer thus far.

3. Incorporation - a draft charter for a student corporation now exists but there is no one to carry it forward.

4. Committee on MIT Responsibility - comes up at tonight's GA meeting. If confirmed as task force, will examine issues of MIT's corporate responsibility to society. Three members.

5. Communications Board - heart of the government. Charged to be in touch with doings of all student, faculty, presidential committees. Ideal vantage to learn how MIT functions. Three members.

6. Christmas Convocation - the only event of the year that brings the entire community together. No volunteers.

The tale of woe goes quite a bit further. Almost without exception, our working groups are undermanned. There is freedom and money to start new projects. No takers.

The worst gap is in the "executive" area. It's the most difficult to fill because the type of person we're looking for likes an overview, can mostly define his

own work, and is able to get things done with a minimum of fuss.

History tells us that this has happened before. It still is tough to take.

An amazing phenomena has swept the campus. For the moment at least, there has been a great disengagement from the issues, any issues. What makes this a matter of exquisite pain for me is that the quotient of student willingness to work for change divided by Institute changeability has never been lower. The place is wide open.

Perhaps it was the strike. Perhaps many people have found no answers at all for the problems they see. Whatever the reason, the heroic loads being lifted this term by an army of rejuvenated tools would put the old MIT to shame.

Which brings me to my point. Heavy loads I do not knock. I (Please turn to page 6)

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# Letters to The Tech

## COMPLAINTS DEPT.

To the Editor of *The Tech*:

In his article about Karen Burstein's speech, Harvey Baker found it necessary to mention that Miss Burstein wore "a brown pantsuit and peace symbol necklace." I wonder why. This is rarely found in articles about speeches by male Congressional candidates.

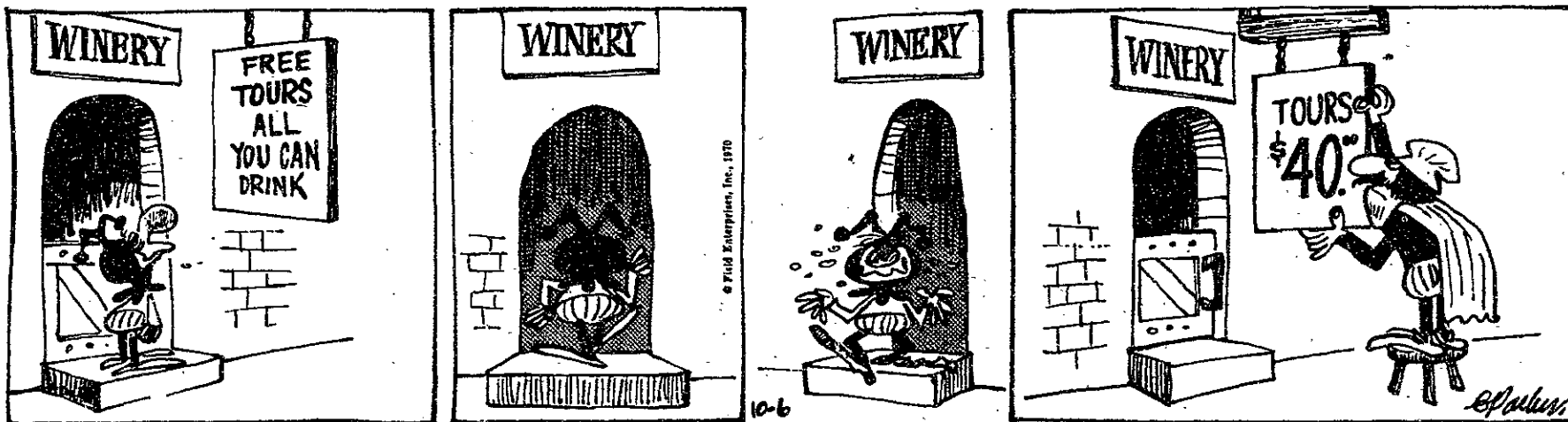
This is just one more confirmation of the fact that men are unable to look at women

without seeing sex first and everything else second, including the particular characteristic which is important at the moment. Men notice what women wear (women do too, and this of course compounds the problem), and rarely listen to what they have to say. I must admit that the writer seems to have listened at least superficially to the speaker, which is a step in the right direction. But that one small descriptive phrase was so obviously out of place in the context of the article, that it could not fail to escape the notice of ...

a non-radical-but-becoming-more-so Woman  
(Ed. Note: ... this is not the first complaint we have received regarding stories we publish about female political figures. The phrase referred to was included solely as a journalistic technique to describe Miss Burstein's clothing. Obviously, whether the candidate was wearing blue jeans and a T-shirt or a minidress is important, wank or it blow)

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## Making a Woman

By Harvey Baker

*How to Make a Woman* at the Caravan Theater is one of those plays in which specific incidents of dramatic quality stand out in your mind for weeks after

"Keep it clean. Keep it clean. Keep it clean."

The crisis, of course, comes after the house is all cleaned up, when the prisoner is forced to ask herself, "Now what do I

crazy.

Along the same line lies perhaps the play's major weakness, the stereotyped characters of its men as wolves, hunters, and leeches. No man is ever given a non-oppressing role. Perhaps the cruelest (and most deserved) swipt the play takes at men is at dress designers, who by implication also see their role as to design women generally.

The acting itself is genuinely fine, for the cast of five plays continuously in strenuous, even exhausting roles for nearly an hour and a half. Their versatility is demonstrated by convincing simulations they give of a crying baby, of little girls, of stereotyped housewives and mothers, of sexual intercourse ("Wow," says the hunter), and of childbirth. Of particular note is the way the stereotyped, "normal" (unliberated) men and women play act their roles. The lines are so real that the images evoked in one's mind are frightening, for even while the play went on inside the Caravan, the same lines were being acted out, only for real, two blocks away in Harvard Square.

Woman power to the women people.



Aili Singer and Barbara Fleischmann respond to their male-dominated society in a Caravan Theater's long-running, improvisational satire, "How to Make a Woman," running every Friday and Saturday night.

you've seen the play.

The theme of *Woman* is probably well-known to most Cambridge students by now, for though this is a new season, the same work played at the Caravan regularly last year. Basically, the play explores the oppression of women throughout their lives, emphasizing the continually limited number of options open to them.

Women are given the choice of either being warm, sweet sex objects or of being rejected by men (and other women too) and living unfulfilling lives. Women who choose to move forward to forge new careers of their own find that society has stacked the deck against them.

The dramatic incidents that are so remarkable are effected without use of elaborate props. For example, the home of a typical woman is nothing other than a pure white cage with lace curtains surrounding it, imprisoning its female victim inside. At first, the newlywed is thrilled with her new home, and polishes it up nicely, muttering the words her mother imprinted in her,

do?" Her husband, a hunter, ("It's my thing," he explains), comes home, with tales of how hard he has worked, and shows no concern for his wife's own feelings. He is the provider, and she exists only to satisfy him.

Symbolic irony abounds throughout the play, as a little girl's suppressed feelings come to light much later in life. Little girls are supposed to be feminine ("Little angel," mother says) and cannot enjoy getting themselves dirty. At another point, a prop, a basket of papers, earlier very important to a man moving to a new job without consulting his wife, becomes used as "the garbage," and the question of who is going to take it out provokes a major battle between a leeching man and his wife.

Most significantly, the issues raised by the play are never resolved satisfactorily, for, as in real life, the oppression of women (and men too) into stereotyped roles continues, and for the authors to have provided a happy solution would have been hypocritical. The play ends with the actors going slowly



Aili Singer screams out against her role as "Big Mama," in the Caravan Theater's Production of "How to Make a Woman."

## Ike and Tina Turner

By Carolyn Mook

After fifteen years in professional music, Ike Turner is finally approaching the top of his field. He and his wife/co-star Tina, produce one of the most dynamite R&B shows currently available. Both have worked for years as performers playing behind the Stones and other top-name groups, but only in the last year has their notoriety spread to the American public.

Their Friday night performance at the Boston Arena did not do them justice. Having caught their performances live in L.A. and San Francisco several times, it was evident to one that the entire Boston production was suffering from a lack of coordination on the part of the management. The sound man had no feeling for balance or volume, and the resulting echo

and boom made it hard to pick out the sensitivity that their show requires; still, the performance was well worth the rather expensive tickets.

Hopefully, the "Ike and Tina Turner Revue" will return to the Boston Arena soon. In a press conference following the concert, both made it evident that they hadn't enjoyed their Boston show, and were disappointed in the set-up at the Arena. There are indefinite plans

for a TV special, and several "underground" movies with segments containing parts of the Revue. WBCN is already playing tracks from their next album, which will be released in a couple of weeks.

Ike and Tina will be back in this area soon. They're into a thing that is extremely hard to do well, and in a tough field they're at the top. If you're not into them yet, look it over; it's worth the effort.

## Lovers and Other Strangers

By Emanuel Goldman

Although it is not exactly Desmond Morris (*The Naked Ape*), *Lovers and Other Strangers* does attempt to survey the mating habits of *Homo Sapiens*. Several pairs of people at various stages are exhibited: a young couple entering courtship, another young couple getting married, slightly older couples fighting, or on the verge of divorce, middle-aged adultery, and old-aged habituation. By spreading itself so thin, the film, as might be expected, fails to penetrate human behavior with any depth.

One constantly senses the possibility of deeper thrusts into human activity. A young man, trying to explain to his father why he wants to get divorced, complains that he and his wife are strangers. "We're all strangers, but you become deeper strangers," father replies. "There must be more to it than that," the boy asks. "There is no more," father answers. At another point, the fellow says "We're not happy together." His parents reply "Who's supposed to be happy? Don't look for

happiness -- you'll only be miserable."

Working against the film's potential are several frankly banal and repetitious routines; they're funny at first, but they soon become a bore. In particular, the lecherous man trying to make it with the inhibited, intellectual girl, is overdone, as are several other sequences. The film is trying too hard to be funny, in a stagey kind of way, instead of allowing the natural events and activities to stand by themselves. There is ample humor and pathos simply in the characters, without having to manipulate and contrive the situations around them.

The overall implication of the film is that although our mating system seems to be a failure, there's really not much we can do about it, except to hope that the next pair will do better. The film does no more than tell us what we already know, without exploring the *why* of it all -- something we might have hoped for from those few genuine moments in the film. *At the Pi Alley Theatre.*

## Things of Life

By Emanuel Goldman

There is a school of psychiatrists who argue that in order to fully appreciate life, one must be aware of death. *The Things of Life* is a film dedicated to that proposition. The opening scene depicts the aftermath of an accident: a car wrapped around a tree, onlookers milling about, and the driver lying unconscious in a field nearby. The camera then goes into reverse. *Voila*, it is twenty-four hours before the crash; we follow the victim's dealings with his lover (Romy Schneider), his ex-wife, his son, and his best friend, up to the accident and afterwards.

His mistakes, the time he wastes, and his failures in communication, are so much more painful to us, for we are watching a condemned man in action. If he knew it could be his last day, would he behave the same?

Priorities shift and different values emerge, under a death sentence.

Detracting from the philosophy is a somewhat melodramatic and middle-class storyline. As in *A Man and a Woman*, memories and muzak accompany the hero as he drives along: sailing with his family, outbidding everyone for an antique chest at an auction, vacationing at his Mediterranean island summer home -- not exactly a hard life. His ex-wife is far too young and glamorous to be the mother of a twenty year old boy. And though the romanticism is pretty well disciplined, at times it gets embarrassing, as when his lover declares: "I love him -- nothing else matters; even if I only see him from time to time, I'll do whatever he wants." It reflects a naive love-is-slavery-no-matter-what mentality that rarely has any sustained applica-

tion in actual human interaction.

Furthermore, the fleeting thoughts that go through the hero's mind after the accident, are questionable. Accident victims who suffer concussions seem to have no rational thought processes; if they recover, they sometimes fail to remember anything at all about the accident.

Despite the unsatisfying setting, the film does, however, make a serious effort to present communication among people as the most important value, especially in the context of death. Also, the accident is one of the most exquisitely photographed sequences I have ever seen, both in slow and fast motion, and from different perspectives. *The Things of Life* will be remembered for this sequence alone, if not for anything else. *The Things of Life* in French, with English subtitles at the Kenmore Sq. Cinema.

# On student government

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just happen to think that doing a little honest toil for one's community ought to be part of that load.

A note on ideology: I personally am not a revolutionary, nor do I happen to think that the methods of revolution will accomplish anything particularly desirable either in our society or at this institution. I do happen to think that a little intelligence and a lot of sweat can accomplish something. For evidence, I call on anyone who graduated from this place four or more years ago. The changes are not nearly complete. They will not happen by themselves however. We are going to have to get out and push.

If we're good and we're lucky, we might just see a new judicial system this year and the beginnings of a community-wide power base in governance. A little student involvement in the budgeting process may possibly occur and hopefully a revamped system of funding for the activities. I think the student government may become a little more useful to students this year if we get a few more people to care. For the record, I do not expect that we will be able to end all defense-related research (although we may be able to keep track of the D-Labs divestment if we can find some interested sleuths) nor do I expect an end to racial violence.

We're not asking for much, just a few more people who think it might be fun and part of

their education to try to change this place around. If you happen to be interested in that sort of thing, or if you just want to register a complaint or need help in coping with a hostile environment, give us a call at x2696.

One more thing: the issue of the Student Homophile League's proposed mixer will come up again tonight at the General Assembly's meeting in the Sala. I've talked to a few people about it and found myself in disagreement with just about everyone in one respect. No matter how people felt, pro or con, they seemed to think it was a simple issue. Either it was out of the question that the League be allowed to hold a mixer or it was completely obvious that they should get the space. I personally don't believe the issue to be

simple and I hope that nobody forgets that real people, fellow students if you will, both homosexual and hetero, are at the center of the issue. The General Assembly did the right thing two weeks ago to table the issue for study and if we are lucky, we may yet set things to rights.



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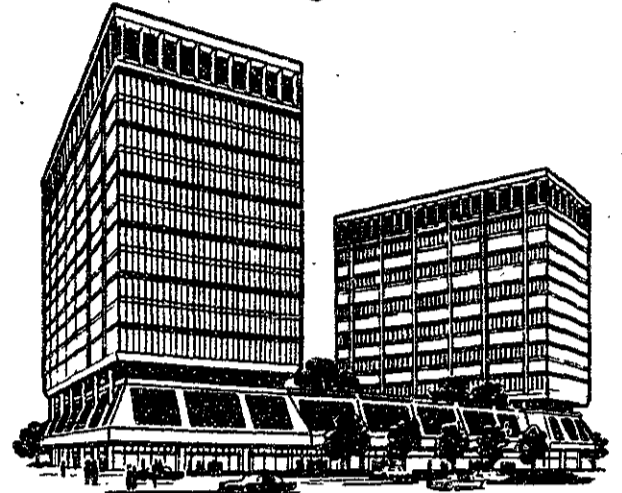
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At their September 23, 1970, annual meeting the Stockholders elected Alexander Zavelle, the General Manager, a Director.

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# Bisplinghoff gets NSF job

By Dave deBronkart  
 Prof. Raymond Bisplinghoff (XVI), Dean of the School of Engineering, said Tuesday that he will begin a "two or three year" leave of absence early this month. He has been appointed to serve in Washington in the capacity of Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation while NSF undergoes a period of reorganization and adjustment to changing obligations.

Tech, Bisplinghoff said that the adjustment will mainly involve incorporation of increased support for university research into NSF's structure. His association with such research, he feels, was instrumental in his appointment (the Senate confirmed President Nixon's appointment last week).

### DOD contracts cut

The NSF will be taking over many research contracts which had been sponsored by the Department of Defense, but had been ended by the Mansfield Amendment. Last winter Congress passed the measure, which

stipulates that all Defense Department-sponsored research must be directly defense-oriented, leaving many ongoing projects without funds. Much of the work involved is done by universities, Bisplinghoff said; he cited MIT's National Magnet Laboratory as an example. The NML has for years been supported by the Air Force.

### NSF lends support

Congress had decided that much of the support for this research will be shifted to NSF. This will involve extensive widening of NSF's involvement with university research; Bisplinghoff feels this was a major factor in his gaining and accepting the appointment. He mentioned that "It was for this reason that I felt it important that I spend two or three years of my life in Washington."

Bisplinghoff will be returning to MIT upon completion of his work with NSF.

# Gay life investigated by B.U. psychologists

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well-adjusted as a homosexual would be discouraged from pursuing his inclinations and repress them. This, he felt, could lead to just as many psychological difficulties.

### Need for mixer

Salomon questioned the assumption that a person would be happier as a heterosexual, per se. If, in fact, this were not true, then banning the mixer would prevent some students' from forming a sexual identity which would better suit them. The mixer, he said, "would help people find out whether they would be happier as a homosexual or a heterosexual."

In his discussions with psychologists at BU, Salomon heard arguments both for and against the mixer. Some of those for asserted that no one would go to such a mixer unless he had

already made a commitment to that way of life, while others argued, in agreement with Nyhart, that there was a possibility of someone being seduced into a role in which he would be truly unhappy.

### No 'pat' answers

Salomon characterized the decision as a choice between probabilities, further asserting that his research had led him to believe there was no simple answer at this point. Salomon said that the study had made him aware of a complexity which he had not seen in the issue before, and clearly stated that there could be no "pat" answers when so many of the "experts" disagreed.

The Committee was formed to look into the issues along the lines of Dean Nyhart's objections, in the hopes that he might be convinced to reverse his decision.

### 'Why not?'

Gay mixers have already been held at Harvard and Boston University, with the BU mixer having the university administration's approval. Salomon characterized the BU administration's attitude as "Why not?"

The homosexual mixer issue surfaced last spring when the MIT Student Homophile League requested permission to hold an open mixer in the Student Center. When their request was turned down by the Dean's office, SHL members sought help from the undergraduate government.

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# Baseball team loses 14-0, 10-4 to CCNY

By Steve Goldstein

This weekend the varsity baseball team took its annual fall trip to New York to play two games against CCNY. The sophomore and freshman-laden Tech squad dropped Saturday's game by a 14-0 score and Sunday's by 10-4.

Saturday's debacle was a definite show of power from a strong CCNY team. The previous week, CCNY had competed in the prestigious St. John's tournament and defeated two of the best teams around. They took the national-rank and previously undefeated St. John's team, and then beat an undefeated LIU team to finish second in the tournament. The Tech hitters only managed 2 hits. Gary Williams '73 managed to hold CCNY to a 1-0 margin until the

fifth inning. After that, the roof literally fell in. The CCNY team pounded in 6 runs in one inning and then 7 runs in the next to completely demolish the Engineers.

Saturday saw the Tech hitters, outhit CCNY by a 9-8 margin but the inexperience of the young team showed through. Chuck Holcom '72, coming off of his 2 hitter against BU, gave up 6 runs, only two of them earned, over the first seven innings. The CCNY cause was helped by a total of 5 MIT errors. Bright spots included Steve Reber and Bob Train, both freshmen, each of whom went 3 for 4.

The team will play BU again on Wednesday and Brandeis on Thursday, both at home on Briggs field at 4:00 pm.

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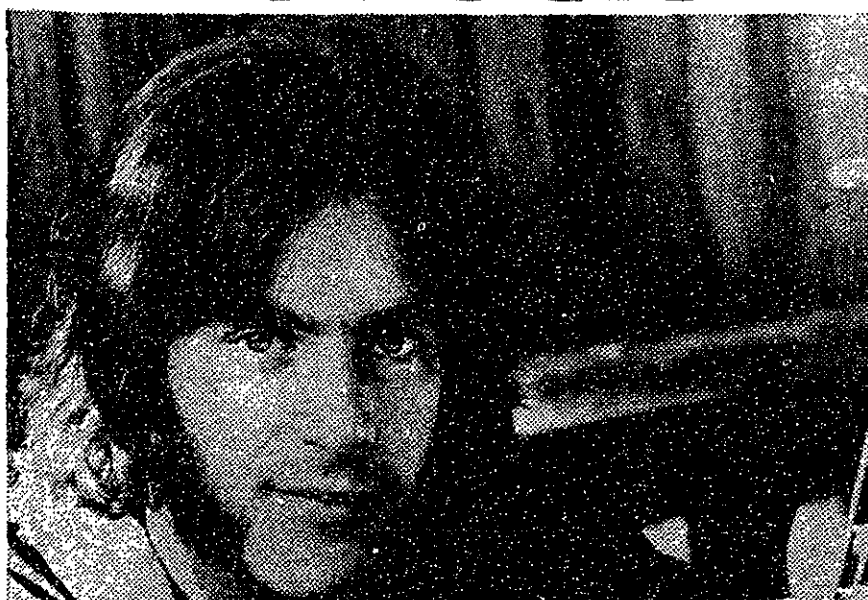
  
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# Tech booters top Trinity 2-1

By Nakir  
 "We just don't realize how good we really are," was the post-game comment from coach Bill Morrison, after his Tech soccer team had triumphed over Trinity 2-1 in Hartford on Saturday. As close as it seemed, the Engineers appeared to be much the superior team in this, the first hard test of what is one of the finest teams in years.

The Techmen started right from the beginning, dominating play with the help of a fairly strong wind factor. The offense, supported by some good clearing, passed from the fullback line, worked time and time again into the Trinity end for shots. At about the 7 minute mark of the first period, a Trinity handball gave MIT a penalty shot, but all-New-England Jerry Maskiewics '71 failed to convert it. Maskiewics made up for it, though, when at the 16 minute mark, he took a pass from left inside Iain Glendinning '72 and beat a defenseman to the outside on the right wing. From about 20 yards out from the right edge of the penalty area, he put a fine shot to the lower far corner, which hit the post and bounced in.

With the changing of sides after the first period, the wind advantage also changed. While Trinity only managed one shot on goal in the first period to MIT's five, the margin was 7 to 2 for Trinity in the second. Most of the 7 shots were from well outside the penalty area due to some fine defense but in the first minute of the period, a lapse causing an inability to clear the ball left Snyder, the Trinity left outside, open with a loose ball, which he converted to tie the score. With the score at 1-1, one Trinity drive broke open their left outside, who sent a cross to the head of one of the insides. With the ball headed for the upper left corner, freshman goalie Rich Straff '74 made a great diving one-hander deflection to hold the game to 1-1 at halftime.

With the beginning of the third quarter, MIT again had the wind advantage. The turning point of the game, however, came at the 8 minute mark when Ken Stone '72 took a pass on

the wing from Glendinning and sent a pass in the direction of Maskiewics, all alone in the penalty area. To stop the pass, the Trinity fullback had to commit a hand-ball foul, causing a



**Soccer Coach Bill Morrison.** "We beat a good team on Saturday. We just don't realize how good we really are. MIT was definitely the better team out there." The booters topped Trinity for the first time since 1961 by a score of 2-1.

penalty shot. Center-halfback Rich Eskin '72 took the shot and placed an impossible-to-stop shot which grazed the left goalpost.

The fourth quarter saw Trinity playing a game of desperate catch-up soccer. They kept only one fullback back and crowded the middle of the field with players trying to keep the ball in the MIT defensive end. With pass after pass they tried to hit Koro, their tall strong-footed center forward sophomore from

Gambia, but were foiled. Though out-shot 7-0 the Tech defense held tight with excellent play from fullbacks Al Levin '71, Tony Reish '72, and Lew Jester '72. Jester drew the job of guarding Koro in the middle allowing him only 3 shots, all of them forced. Again though, it was goalie Straff who made the difference. With the ball on the right corner, one of the Trinity attackers sent a bullet shot for the upper far corner that seemed to be destined to score but for the diving deflection from Straff and drawing awed applause from the partisan Trinity crowd of well over three hundred.

The only unfortunate spot in the game was an injury to starting right halfback Danny Bocek '72, who suffered a bruise of a calf muscle and had to leave in the third period. Luckily he should only be out for a few days. His position was amply filled by John Fetrow '73 and Marty Bregman '72.

This victory was a long time in coming since MIT hadn't beaten Trinity since 1961. In winning though, as coach Morrison said, the team didn't realize how good it was. Though dominating play for the first 3 quarters, and playing a tough defense in the fourth, there seemed to be a definite "running scared" attitude towards the end.

This week the team looks to avenge two of last years losses to WPI and Middlebury. The WPI game is away on Wednesday and the Middlebury game is Saturday at home at 2:00 pm.

# Sailors 2nd in Wood win sloop elimination

By Randy Young  
 This year's Tech sailing teams began their season on September 19, and already have noted a number of successes. The Men's Varsity, Freshman, and Women's teams, under the coaching of Hatch Brown, Ed Shaw, and Stu Nelson respectively, have all sailed several regattas, and appear to have the potential for a winning season.

On September 19, the Varsity sailors won a regatta over an eight boat field at Tufts. Alan Spoon and Larry Bacow, both sophomores, and Tom Bergen, '72, did the sailing and beat second place Tufts on their home water.

John Lacy, Dwight Davis, Steve Shantzis, and Bob Hart traveled to the University of Rhode Island on September 26, and finished second in a seven boat fleet, only one point behind the leader and host school U.R.I. Almost all intercollegiate sailing is done in fleets of five or more schools, and a second or third place finish can usually be considered quite successful.

On September 27, MIT finished second by five points to Tufts in an eight boat fleet, sailing in the Hap Moore Trophy Regatta at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut.

Peter Nesbeda '71, back from France where he finished fifth in the World Championships of the Tempest Class, skippered the MIT crew to victory in the Sloop eliminations at Coast Guard on Saturday, October 3. Pete and his crew of Tom Bergen '72,

John Avalon '72, and Dwight Davis '71, finished first, third, and first in the three races held in winds of 10-15 miles per hour. They were tied with U.R.I. on points, but were awarded the victory on the basis of having beaten U.R.I. in two of the three races. Both MIT and U.R.I. advance to the finals and will be competing for the White Trophy. Also competing on Saturday were Coast Guard, Bowdoin, Holy Cross, and Stonehill.

Also at Coast Guard, Kathy Jones '71, and Maria Bozutto '73, represented the Tech Women's Team in the Sloop regatta, and beat second place Boston University by approximately forty points.

Sandy Warrick, John Lacy, Alan Spoon, and Don Kollish sailed at Tufts on October 3, and won over a nine boat field, twelve points ahead of second place Boston State.

The Freshman squad placed first in a five boat fleet at Tufts on September 20, with Steve Cucchiaro, Wayne Matson, Paul Shapiro, and Randy Young doing the skippering. On September 27, the frosh finished fifth out of nine schools at the Harvard Freshman Regatta, and they placed second in the MIT Regatta on October 4, with Paul Shapiro, Arsenio Nunez, Wayne Matson, and Ronald Todd sailing.

Also on Sunday, October 4, the combined Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Freshman squads placed second out of five schools in the Jack Wood Trophy Regatta, beaten only by Harvard. Co-skipper Larry Bacow and John Avalon won the Junior Varsity division, while Steve Cucchiaro and Randy Young took top honors in the Freshman division. Sailing for the Varsity were Tom Bergen, Pete Nesbeda, Sandy Warrick, and Al Spoon.

Other schools participating in the Wood Regatta were Coast Guard, Dartmouth, and Brown.

The Women's Team beat Radcliffe and Boston University in the Cape Cod Tech regatta held on the Charles on Sunday. Skippering for the women was Kathy Jones.

### On Deck

#### Today

Soccer(F)—Brown, away, 3 pm  
 Tomorrow  
 Soccer(V)—WPI, away, 3:30 pm  
 Baseball(V)—Boston U., home, 4 pm

#### Thursday

Golf(V)—New Haven, home, 12:30 pm  
 Baseball(V)—Brandeis, home, 4 pm

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# Ruggers fall to Mystic RC

By Frank Spahn

The MIT rugby steamroller showed an occasional lack of competitive fire last Saturday — resulting in a 15-8 Mystic RFC victory. The loss evened the Rugger's season record at 1-1.

Mystic scored first after using a good kick to penetrate deep into Tech territory. The Mystic hooker won the ball in a set scrum and their scrum half caught Tech's defense flat-

footed with a lightning-like dash around the blind side to score. After the unsuccessful conversion, Mystic held its 3-0 lead for 10 minutes while the ball traveled up and down the field several times with neither team able to cross the try line.

Finally Tech came charging back after blunting a mild Mystic drive on Tech's side of mid-field. The ball was carried inside Mystic's 10 mainly on two

excellent runs by fullback Wayne Book. Both these runs were set up by crisp execution and coordination in Tech's back line. The second run resulted in a line-out. Tech's forwards won the line-out and then pushed their way across the try line displaying impressive strength and ferocity. Ed Walker was on the bottom of the pile of Tech forwards who grounded the ball. Walker's successful conversion gave Tech a short-lived 5-3 lead.

Mystic regained the lead for good on the following kickoff with the help of a Tech off-side penalty. This gave the Mystic kicker a shot at a 25 yard field goal making the score 6-5.

Things went from bad to worse in the second half. A strong Mystic line movement brought the ball into a ruck on the left side of the field near Tech's try-line. Quick work by the Mystic forwards started the ball back down their line in the opposite direction. Unfortunately, Tech's line had been slow reforming, allowing Mystic to create an overlap, and a swift wing carried the ball into the corner to make the score 9-5.

Mystic's next score was a gift. The ball had been kicked along the ground towards Tech's goal out of a vigorous ruck. With most of the field charging down at them, several Tech players attempted to kick the ball back off the ground instead of picking it up. The kick was weak and an obviously off-side Tech player reached for the ball reflexively. Mystic was awarded a penalty kick from only 10 yards away from the posts, and the score was 12-5.

Tech kept itself in the game by driving downfield and scoring a penalty kick of their own booted by Walker, but Mystic ended the game by scoring another cheap try as the game ended.



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