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## VP denies Patrol shake-up

By Paul Schindler

MIT Vice-President Phillip Stoddard labeled as "completely untrue" recent rumors about a widespread shakeup in the MIT Campus Patrol. He stated that in spite of three recent resignations there have been and will be no quick changes in the officer ranks, and that no further resignations are expected soon.

According to Stoddard (whose position as Vice-President of Operations gives him control of the Campus Patrol), three patrolmen have resigned, voluntarily, in recent weeks. He described the situation for *The Tech*:

Three patrolmen, who served night shift in the academic buildings (he stressed the fact that no dormitories were involved) were performing below standard on duty. They were not following their prescribed patrol beats, and were generally lax in performing their assigned duties. As a result of this, thefts occurred in their area which might not have occurred otherwise.

When presented with evidence proving their nonfeasance, the officers involved tendered their resignations on the spot. No further actions will be pressed, and the names of the patrolmen will not be released in order to prevent damage to their future careers.

He also stated that, while budget cutting was taking a big toll in the operation's constituency, it was not going to have a major effect on the Patrol itself. "Five extra patrolmen were authorized during 1969-70, when we had so many problems. Things settled down, and we never filled those positions, even though they were budgeted. Thus, we are getting a substantial, but relatively painless cut."

Stoddard went on to point out that, while the Campus Patrol could always use more men, Capt. Olivieri felt confident that the job could be done with the current force, which numbers on the order of 35 to 40 men.

## HEW eyes MIT job bias

By Norman Sandler

Discrimination in hiring procedures and MIT's employment process in general are to be the topics of a detailed report researched and prepared by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, to be presented to President Jerome Wiesner and Chancellor Paul Gray within the next few weeks.

According to Assistant to the Vice President for Administration and Personnel, Jim Culliton, the report will focus on the employment of minority groups, including women, in academic as well as other positions at the Institute.

The HEW review follows two executive orders by President Richard Nixon concerning discrimination in hiring for contractors of government funds, including universities. This puts HEW into the position of reviewing educational institutions.

The HEW report brings to light nearly three years of work on the part of MIT administrators in attempting to eliminate all discrimination in employ-



Rough road ahead for the Campus Patrol? VP Phillip Stoddard says no more resignations are expected. Photo by Sheldon Lowenthal

## APAC seeks MIT students

By Zachary LeBaron

In East Boston relevancy is a by-product of a resurrected "help-somebody-out" philosophy, hatched by the East Boston Area Planning Action Council (APAC), and planned for implementation by means of Boston area college students.

APAC was founded by an act of Congress in 1965. An offshoot of the Office of Economic Opportunity, APAC performs numerous functions, many with difficulty due to lack of adequate funds. One of their functions is to offer tutorial services to the residents of East Boston, mainly the young.

MIT students, because of their knowledge in certain areas (especially mathematics), are being sought with particular fervor. Alan Razak, director of the tutorial center in the Eagle Hills district of East Boston, said, "Frankly, we're a bit desperate. The need for tutors is so great it's unbelievable. From one school of three hundred in the Eagle Hills district, I received requests for a hundred-seventy tutors." Requests of this magnitude are obviously impossible to fill, and Razak noted that, con-

sequently, "we're only taking five or six tutees from each school." Even at that level, demands are difficult to fill, as APAC is experiencing "definite shortage of tutors." At this time, Razak has only four tutors to fill thirty positions.

"We're looking to MIT not only for its traditionally high caliber of education, but because we regard the students there as being generally level-headed, concerned individuals. We believe that if they know there are kids here in East Boston who aren't getting a break, that they'll want to help out. Through them, we're hoping to break through and give these kids a chance to get a good education in spite of their environment," Razak said.

The environment he speaks of is an important point - East Boston is dominated by Logan International Airport, making it an accordingly unsavory location of residence and an equally disquieting place to attempt to acquire an education.

Razak told of one school where "the students can look out the schoolroom windows and see the passengers' faces in

ment at the Institute. When the Nixon orders first came out, they called for institutions to develop their own "Affirmative Action Plans" for the elimination of all possibilities for discrimination against minority groups. MIT was one of the first government contractors to develop any such plan, which to date has included more and more "safeguard" procedures to insure that discrimination does not take place.

The HEW review will be an extensive examination of the total employment picture here, including academic, administrative, and all other personnel, as well as construction companies currently doing work for the Institute.

The review will examine salaries, promotions, and starting dates for all present employees, as well as all those who were referred and interviewed, and reasons for their not receiving positions.

Research for the report was largely completed last summer, with HEW researchers working

and cooperating with various Institute administrators, including the offices of the President, the Vice President for Administration and Personnel, and the Equal Opportunities Committee. The researchers conducted interviews with Institute personnel in all departments, and spoke with the heads or deputy heads of approximately 100 various academic and administrative departments to study both the employment statistics and the "good faith intentions" of those responsible for "hiring and firing" in the various departments.

With the findings of the HEW review due to be presented to the MIT administrators concerned with personnel sometime during the next few weeks, there is nothing but speculation as to what the findings will show or recommend. However, Assistant to the Vice President Culliton, who worked with the HEW group during the visit they made to the Institute, seemed optimistic as he thinks "they got a very good feeling of the Institute" while they were here.

## Nixon pushes R&D; nothing yet for MIT

By Alex Makowski

It is not yet clear whether MIT, or any other American institution, will benefit much during the coming year from a Nixon pledge to "stimulate more imaginative use of America's great capacity for technological advance..."

During his State of the Union address last week the President proposed a new emphasis on research and development directed toward improving the quality of life in America, and a companion article in *The New York Times* listed a number of civilian and military projects the Administration would press Congress to support.

But the money for these programs, MIT presidential assistant Herbert Holloman told *The Tech*, is not likely to begin flowing this year, given the tight national budget, and it may develop that Nixon's remarks were something of a "sound and fury, signifying nothing." Indeed, the federal budget released in Washington Monday did not seem to reflect a dramatic new push for technical R&D.

The Administration review of America's technological needs began in the latter part of last year when William Magruder, the special assistant to the President for research and development, contacted a number of institutions for their evaluations of what might help the country. Magruder divided the suggestions among the categories of transportation, development of national resources, socially oriented programs, urban and suburban development, health care, weather prediction and control, natural disaster prevention and recovery, and productivity and competitiveness.

By and large, Nixon's remarks and reports from "government sources" point to an administration emphasis of the last facet. During his State of the Union address Nixon spoke of the need to improve our competitive position vis-a-vis foreign countries overseas, and the budget includes money to be spent "to search for incentives to make industries, universities, and research associations pool their efforts for more effective research and development."

To clarify the President's remarks, administration sources released details of several research programs Nixon himself would propose to Congress. Prominent

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## 100 faculty want to see new ties to living units

By Lee Giguere

Over one hundred faculty members have responded affirmatively to a letter asking them if they are interested in "affiliating" themselves with a living group; efforts are now underway to encourage students to take the initiative and contact one of those interested faculty.

According to Bob Eccles '73, head of an ad hoc group to improve "student-faculty relations," the goal of the effort is to make interaction "easier," and end the "artificial separation" that now exists between faculty and students. Eccles hopes to establish "informal relationships" between faculty members and student living groups, but emphasizes that the relationship will probably be a "very flexible arrangement."

About 150 faculty replied to a letter sent out last term inquiring whether they would like to associate themselves with an MIT living group. Eccles reported that 80% of the replies were positive; "very few faculty said no outright," he added. Those who didn't want to join the project indicated that they were already involved with students in some other way, for example as freshmen advisors. The ad hoc committee is now

preparing a list of those faculty who are interested, and will, according to Eccles, assist living groups in contacting faculty members. He emphasized, however, that it is up to members of the living group to find a faculty member to "affiliate" with them.

Professor of Electrical Engineering Campbell Searle, who has advised the ad hoc committee, questioned about why faculty members have not sought closer interaction with students, explained that there are a "variety of complicated reasons," but did say that faculty were "afraid to be too pushy" and force themselves on students. Searle did not find the strong affirmative response surprising, adding his feeling that "more interaction helps teaching."

Dean for Student Affairs J. Daniel Nyhart commented that a number of faculty are "really interested in relationships with undergraduates," but don't know how to establish such relationships. He was optimistic about the potential of the program.

Eccles also noted that this was the "first initial big step;" once faculty-student interaction has been established, more things could be done.

# Nixon pushes R and D

(Continued from page 1) among them were the development of an automated mass transit system, implementing an electronic mail system, and creation of special technological teams to provide emergency medical service. Besides these planned civilian projects, the Times reported that the administration would seek additional funding for military programs it argues would bring long-term military benefits.

Administration officers here at MIT explained that there was no way to tell at this time whether MIT might be in line

for some of the increased government funding. Joseph O'Connor, assistant to the vice-president for research and development, noted that "we have people with interests and ideas for all of those fields" mentioned in the Times article, and J. B. Feldman, executive officer for the Draper Labs, said that some study for control systems for the Short Take-Off and Landing (STOL) jet had been undertaken at MIT, but that new projects are still months away.

Nixon aired his administration's plans for a new push in technological research during his

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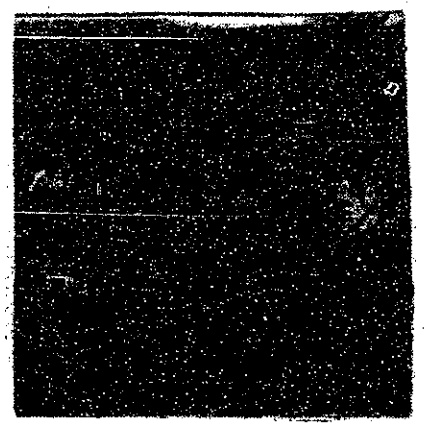
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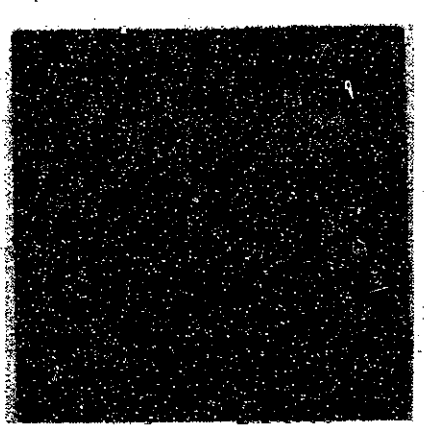
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A survey of five banks with offices in Cambridge revealed that none would cash personal checks for people who do not have accounts with them.

The announcement of the new charge and the end of personal check cashing services at E19-215, published in *Tech Talk*, was accompanied by an explanation of the new policy by Paul V. Cusick, vice president for business and fiscal relations. According to Cusick: "We are sorry to impose the fee, but the expense of running the service has to be offset. We gave some consideration to eliminating the

service altogether, but decided that people would probably prefer to pay for the convenience. However, there are four branches of local banks located in the vicinity of the Institute, and I am sure they will offer their services to the community."

Calls to the Cambridge Trust Co., the Cambridgeport Savings Bank, the Charlesbank Trust Co., the Coolidge Bank, and the Harvard Trust Co., all banks with offices in Cambridge, revealed that these banks do not cash checks for students who do not have accounts with them (this applies both to personal checks and to payroll checks, which the Bursar's Office does not cash at all). According to a spokeswoman for the Harvard Trust Co., area banks do not cash checks because of problems with bad checks. The spokeswoman stated that the purpose of the policy was to "protect the bank and its customers."

The *Tech Talk* article also pointed out that MIT, in addition to the cost of running the office, also has to pay for the delivery of cash and underwrite forgeries (last year totalling \$3,000).

By Gene Paul  
In a hum-drum election campaign, marked by a high degree of apathy, Roger Stucke '73 was elected General Manager of WTBS, the FM radio station located at MIT. He handily defeated the only other candidate, The Tech News Editor Paul Schindler '74. The tally was 16-7 (out of a station membership on the order of 60 people).

Observers state that personality played a large part in the campaign.

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## NOTES

\* "Seeing is believing." Optical Illusions, a new undergraduate seminar, will be given this term by Professor of Electrical Engineering Murray Eden, and is open to members of all classes. To register or to get more information, see Alice Bailey, room 7-105, X3622.

\* The Harvard-MIT program in Health Sciences and Technology will offer courses in: Cardiovascular Pathophysiology, Endocrinology, Musculoskeletal System and Skin, Reproductive Biology and Human Sexuality, Hematology, and Gastroenterology. All classes are one hour long and will be given at MIT. Application forms are available in room 16-512; the deadline for application is Tuesday, February 1.

\* The Female Liberation Orientation series of discussions are being held every Wednesday evening at 6:30 at 552 Mass. Ave., room 6. Part I is "The Family: Romance and Reality," Part II, "Crimes against Women." For more information call 491-1071.

\* Forced Motherhood - How to end it, a discussion of different strategies against the abortion and contraceptive laws will be held 8 pm Sunday, January 30 at Ell Center, Northeastern University.

\* MIT Hillel presents a special program "Jewish Medical Ethics" - a discussion program coordinated and led by Dr. William Kavesh, MD, a medical resident at the US Public Health Service Hospital; Friday evening, February 4 directly following Hillel services (MIT Chapel at 7:45 pm). The program will be held in the McCormick Country Kitchen at approximately 9 pm.

\* Sight Point Institute is an experimental summertime community of scholars which is being set up by a group of Reed College Students. It will be located on a farm on the coast of Nova Scotia, and in essence will be a small community of no more than 25 students who have gotten together to live in the country and study one another during the summer in a free and informal atmosphere. If you are interested, write to Alan Walworth, Box 1156, Reed College, Portland, Ore. 97202.

\* The topic of the 1971-72 Percival Wood Clement Competition for the best essay in support of the principles of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights is "The President as Commander in Chief: The Limits of Power." Four cash prizes, ranging from \$900 to \$300 will be awarded. Entries should be addressed to President Robert E. L. Strider, Colby College, Waterville, Maine 04901. Essays shall not exceed three thousand words, and must be accompanied by a complete bibliography. The cover page should contain the title, date and an assumed name. Each essay should be accompanied by a sealed envelope with the assumed name on the outside and containing within the real name, college and home address of the writer, and a statement from the registrar of the college verifying his status as junior or senior.

\* Square Dancing - beginners' dances are February 8 and 15 in 10-105, from 8 to 11 pm.

\* Crimes against Women, a panel of women speaking on rape, women prisoners, forced sterilization, illegal abortion, the oppression of gay women, prostitution, and economic discrimination will be held at 7:30 pm, Monday, February 7 in the ballroom of the George Sherman Student Union of Boston University.

\* The National Organization for Women, together with the MIT Department of Political Science, will sponsor a program on current Massachusetts legislation affecting women on February 8, 1972 at 8 pm in the West Lounge of the Student Center. Legislation for discussion includes: the prohibition of sex discrimination on juries, limiting term of sentences to reformatory of women, authorizing a married to use her maiden name, an equal rights amendment to the Massachusetts Constitution, and tax deduction for child care for working parents.

## Commentary

# Towards better communications

By Lee Giguere

A little more than four years ago, *The Tech* was the only major journal on the MIT campus concerned chiefly with campus news. But four years of dissension and controversy have left their mark: three new campus newspapers, and a history of special reports and emergency meetings. When dissent was at its height, it seemed that every cause sought a special hearing, the result being an incredible inundation of paper from a variety of sources. Everyone was shouting, but who was being heard?

Last year, one group at MIT looked at this proliferation of material and decided to suggest an alternative: a pure medium, the carrier of everyone's message but the advocate of none. *The Bag*, as it was called, was short-lived; the experimenters who produced it intended only to prod the community, to show us that there are better ways of handling communications than producing a hodge-podge of independent publications and a torrent of leaflets and handouts.

The message of *The Bag*, however, went beyond merely consolidating the distribution mechanism: the means of publication were to be opened up to a wider group by the sharing of costs. This concept, however, seems to have proved impractical; *The Bag* (or anything like it) never caught on with the MIT community, and an attempt on the part of *Ergo* and *Thursday* to save money by consolidating their business and production efforts failed. The reason for this failure, it seems, was the very reason the journals were founded - political differences.

Yet the essential problem still remains: how to provide a forum for discussion that will be open to all parties, yet will be able to support itself independently of any party and will be ready for use whenever an issue surfaces.

What we propose, then, is to provide that forum. *The Tech* is an ongoing concern, self-supporting and fairly independent of most MIT special-interest groups. It is an established medium, widely read on the MIT campus for its general content rather than for its coverage of certain special debates. Furthermore, as an on-going concern, it is always present, ready to cover special events, but also present when there are no apparent crises.

This February, *The Tech* will inaugurate an op-ed page, *Commentary*, to be run as a regular department of the paper, which will consist exclusively of articles written by people from outside our staff. We hope to encourage controversy and debate and to publish views which might not ordinarily find a hearing.

### What are our aims?

We intend to keep the page open to all members of the MIT community: students, faculty, administrators and employees. At a time when increasing importance is being placed on the opinions and feelings of "the people," we feel that it is important for the people to have a place to voice their opinions. "Objective" reporting, no matter how skillful, can never provide the whole story, for the personal emotional element, necessarily missing from this type of journalism, is an important part of the way attitudes towards major issues are formed. This sort of thing can only be provided by opinionated writing by partisan writers.

Several events which occurred during the 1970-71 academic year might well have been usefully examined in this way. For example, during the controversy over alleged racism at the MIT Faculty Club, articles by representatives of MITS, BSU, the Faculty Club and the MIT administration, appearing on the same page of *The Tech*, might have illuminated the issues that were being faced by the participants. Another incident where this tactic could have been useful might have been the controversy stirred up late last spring when MITS distributed posters labeling members of the Center for International Studies as war criminals; MITS, the offended professors and the MIT administration could have stated their causes plainly before the community.

In keeping with this goal, we hope to keep editing of op-ed material by members of *The Tech* staff to a minimum. At the same time, the constrictions of avail-

able space impose limitations on this venture just as they do on any other effort we may undertake. Therefore, while we will impose a limit on the length of the articles we will accept, we will not edit them.

In addition to providing a forum, we hope to go a step further. In order to stimulate discussion on important topics and to anticipate major issues, we intend to invite articles on specific topics from people both inside and outside the MIT community who have a special familiarity with the issues involved and have their own views on the subject. We intend to recognize the fact that here at MIT there are people who are experts in their fields and to encourage such people to contribute to *The Tech*.

For example, we might have been able to anticipate some of the discussion about optional commons early in the term by inviting students and administrators to discuss their views on the subject.

And finally, we hope to serve the MIT community. In the past few years, when differences arose within the Institute community, there has been no way to bring those differences before the community and examine them fully. *The Tech*, along with the other newspapers serving the community, has tried to provide its readers with an understanding of the events going on around them. We have done this by means of reporting and commentary. But this is no longer enough. The issues are often too compli-

### COMMENTARY

*Commentary* seeks articles of opinion from all members of the MIT community on topics of immediate or long-range concern. While articles on scientific and technical subjects are welcome, papers that only present detailed technical discussions without either personal commentary or an examination of the subject's non-scientific impact will not be accepted. No unsigned material will be accepted, nor will articles which can be construed as being libelous.

Submissions should be no more than two thousand words long (one word being considered to be five typewriter characters; two thousand words is approximately nine pages, triple spaced, fifty-five characters per line) and should be typed, triple spaced. They should be accompanied by the author's name, address, and phone number.

*The Tech* will continue to publish *Letters to The Tech* as they are received.

cated and our viewpoint too constricted. In the future, we hope to provide, by means of *Commentary*, an opportunity for all interested parties to have their views aired and their opinions heard and to provide the MIT community with the fullest possible discussion of the issues it faces.

## Letters to The Tech

To the editor:

I want to bring to the notice of readers of *The Tech* that newsworthy events have been occurring since the January 5th summary firing of Mrs. Valda Maeda, Slide Librarian at the Rotch Library. Around this issue there have been three confrontations by students, employees, staff and professors at the offices of Dean Snyder, Mrs. Freve (Rotch Librarian) and Professor Susskind. There have been several conferences with Dean Porter and Mr. Allison. There has been a picket line, political rallies, and thousands of leaflets have been distributed by Valda's supporters. Her supporters believe that she was fired because of her political activities and not for the alleged "uncooperativeness" in her job for which her bosses claim she was fired.

As most people at MIT know, Mrs. Maeda has been an effective political activist against MIT's unpopular housing and real estate ventures and policies. To say that Mrs. Maeda's political activities have been unpopular with certain hard-line segments of MIT's administration is to put it mildly. She has been a thorn in their side. Her activities have been with the SDS and UAG (University Action Group) on this and other issues.

Mrs. Maeda has asked me to be her Counselor in her case, and I am acting both in that capacity and as her friend and supporter. To me it is incredible that a charge of uncooperativeness could be used against her as a reason for firing. She is indeed a competent, intelligent, and cooperative person - in short, a very nice person.

As Counselor for Mrs. Maeda, I have heard bit by bit, the alleged misdeeds. Indeed, at this point I am simply appalled at the flimsiness of the Institute's case against her. It makes me laugh with bitterness when a Dean seriously reveals to you the nature of the charges - a couple of mislabeled slides, a Research Associate with some poor quality 35mm slides (in Mrs. Maeda's judgment) that he tried to get into the Rotch collection and was disgruntled at Mrs. Maeda's objection to taking them, a professor who was miffed because Mrs. Maeda didn't clairvoyantly (she didn't know who he was, and he didn't tell her) jump to the conclusion that he should be afforded "professorial rights" as he saw them, related to putting slides into the collection.

I publicly swear to all the readers of *The Tech* that this is the nature and the general extent of all the alleged misdeeds for which Mrs. Maeda was fired, insofar as the charges have been revealed to Mrs. Maeda and to me as her Coun-

selor. If there is more, MIT is not revealing it to us. They say there is more, but they will not reveal it to us because they "respect the rights to privacy of her accusers!" Indeed! Some of us are old enough to remember McCarthyism, and its devastating effects. Is it any wonder, with such flimsy cause for firing, that the Institute is desperately avoiding publicity on this case and denying any form of public hearing for Mrs. Maeda.

In Mrs. Maeda's plight other employees at MIT, especially the untenured academic staff (which includes, of course, employed graduate students) can see their terribly insecure position. Any one of you could be summarily fired at the whim or bad humor of your bosses. Unless you organize, as workers have been doing for scores of years, such outrages will continue to occur. Incidentally, this is not the first political firing from MIT. It is just one of the first in which an employee has decided to fight. And, believe us, it is a bitter, desperate struggle. The Institute will not give up its right to arbitrarily fire employees easily.

The charges that led directly to her firing came out of a dossier compiled by Professor Lawrence Susskind of Urban Planning, who is also a member of CJAC, and of whom it is fair to say has exhibited a strong extra-curricular interest in MIT's housing policies. When one considers that Mrs. Maeda's chief interest was this same housing policy, it is indeed noteworthy that it was Professor Susskind who compiled the dossier of complaints on her, and then conveyed them by confidential letter (Valda was not allowed to see this letter) to Mrs. Freve, Valda's immediate supervisor. It is also highly significant to us to note that prior to this letter, after which Valda was almost immediately summarily fired, she and Professor Susskind had never met. They were strangers. He never tried to work out anything with Valda. He never even told her that he was building a case against her.

I appeal to all fair-minded people at MIT to rally to Mrs. Maeda's cause and to demand a public hearing for her. She wants this hearing and needs it, and the untenured employees at MIT, the host of you who are likewise denied such a hearing, should use this opportunity to secure this right of a hearing and confronting your accusers in it. No such advance has ever been won without a bitter struggle, built around a real case, as the history of the labor-management struggle attests.

William H. Pinson, Jr.  
Associate Professor  
Valda Maeda's Counselor

# drama

*Such is the rule: an eye for an eye. Only a fool waits for an exception . . .*

Brecht's short, bitter play, *The Exception and the Rule*, aims at teaching a lesson about the morality of a system — capitalism — that sets man against man. Caravan Theater's spare, ritualistic presentation not only makes the point but illuminates subtleties only hinted at in the text.

The play describes the journey of the merchant Karl Langmann, who is racing competitors across the Chinese desert to Urga, where he hopes to close a big deal. The competition presses; the merchant drives his companions — a native guide and porter — even harder. This trio are described as "One who exploits and two who are exploited;" the guide, though friendly to the coolie, nevertheless whips him at the merchant's behest. The carrier, for his part, accepts his lot with stolid good spirit.

Now the merchant suffers from that nagging fear of the oppressed that haunts every ruling class, and suspects the guide of plotting with the coolie to slow the pace. Just before entering the desert, the merchant dismisses the guide. Before leaving, the guide gives the carrier directions, and, unknown to the merchant, an extra flask of water.

The merchant and porter lose their way in the desert; with thirst setting in, the merchant begins to fantasize about the coolie killing him for his water. When the carrier approaches with the extra water flask, intending to share it, the merchant mistakes the flask for a rock, assumes the coolie's intent is deadly, and shoots him.

Delivered to Urga by the competing caravan, the merchant faces charges brought by the porter's widow. The judge, in a legalistic travesty of justice, explains that since the carrier had reason to hate the merchant, and the merchant certainly knew this, the merchant was justified in his fear and hence in his "self-defense."

"Such is the rule."

Caravan's excellent production, with its minimal props and costumes, is well suited not only to the exigencies of low budget and limited space but also to the representational (as opposed to naturalistic) character of Brecht's didactic plays. The mer-

chant, guide and coolie are not so much characters as types; the dialogue as much debate as drama. But even if one regards the play as so much window-dressing to keep the audience interested while the points are made, it is nevertheless the window-dressing which creates the experience people seek in the theatre. Director David Klein has given us a lean, underplayed production skillfully orchestrated with stylized movements reminiscent of Kabuki dance, and with wood percussion and foot-thumping that emphasizes the incantatory quality of many of the lines.

Perhaps his best directorial decision was casting a woman (Aili Singer) as the merchant, thereby underscoring the two-edged nature of dominance; the seductive side of the oppressor, who woos his subjects even as he wounds them.

A play of this sort allows the actor little dimension for development of intensity or depth, hence to speak of good acting rarely means little more than crediting the cast with professional caliber diction, movement and expression — all of which describe Ms. Singer, Peter Kovner (the guide) and Stan Edelson (the judge). But Joe Volpe's performance as the carrier deserves special note. With his extraordinary mobile features, broad gestures and his interpretation of the carrier as a sort of dumb, but trusting "everyworker," he brought a depth to his character which the others lacked. But again, this reflects a nuance in the text. Brecht was always more sympathetic to the working class; he wrote revolutionary plays, exhortative plays:

What here's the rule, recognize as an abuse

And where you have recognized an abuse

Provide a remedy!

Bruce Schwartz



Photo by Sheldon Lowenthal

# music

*King Crimson, despite the turnovers and oversexed lyrics, seems to be back on the right track . . .*

*Islands* — King Crimson (Atlantic)

Along with Fleetwood Mac, King Crimson probably holds the record for most extensive and devastating personnel changes, as the group has not been able to put out two albums with the same line-up. Greg Lake had long since departed for Emerson, Lake, and Palmer; Ian McDonald and Michael and Peter Giles left to make music on their own, and other assorted personages have come and gone. The group's prior release, *Lizard*, was decidedly inferior to either of the first two records, and it seemed the band had lost the brilliant free-form jazz, improvisational and experimental feeling that had made the group so outstanding. This direction seems to have been somewhat recovered on *Islands*.

"Sailor's Tale" is the outstanding cut, as it features the highly distinctive, mellotron-centered sound that made their early albums so good. With Ian Wallace added as new percus-

sionist, the drum and cymbal work approaches its former refinement. "Prelude: Song to the Gulls" and "Islands" are somewhat classically influenced, soft, and beautiful, much along the lines of "Cadence and Cascade."

King Crimson seems to be back on the right musical track, and even though *Islands* can't compare to *In the Court of the Crimson King* or *In the Wake of Poseidon*, it's a definite step back in that direction.

Neal Vitale

SEE STARTLING AD ON PAGE 3: YOU CAN BE ON RADIO! (as an audience member)

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Monday, A&M singer/songwriter Paul Williams (who has such songs as "Old-Fashioned Love Song," "We've Only Just Begun," and "Rainy Days and Mondays" to his credit) popped into town for a press conference before heading south. The frustrated basketball was quite candid as we all sipped Chablis, and said that, though he wouldn't mind having a critically acclaimed album, he doesn't mind the financially rewarding hit route. For fans of the Carpenters, Three Dog Night, and such lightweights, pick up on Paul Williams; you've probably been enjoying his writing for quite awhile, and not even known it.

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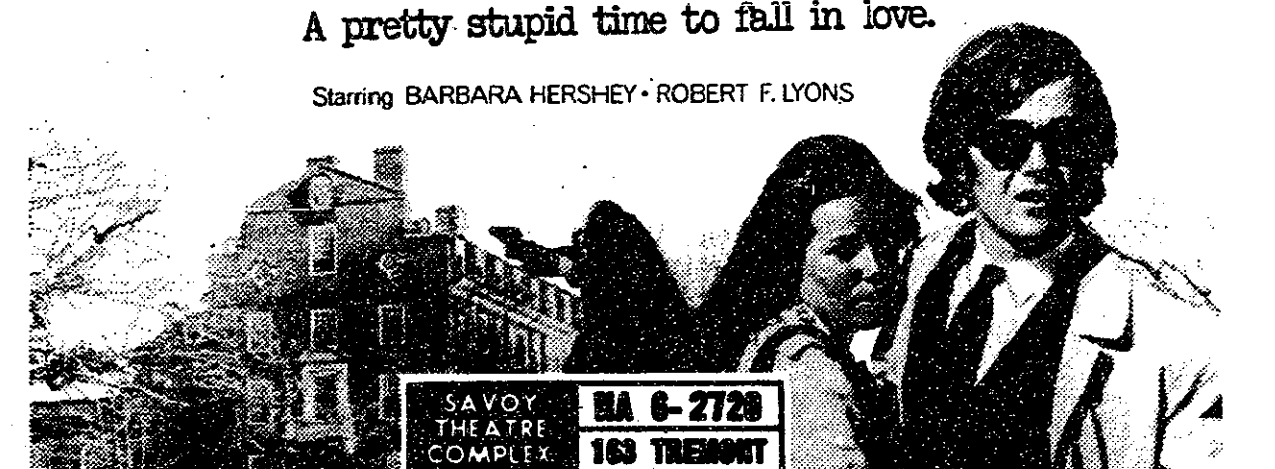
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**film**

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Let me try to be subtle about this: it is among the several most boring films I have ever seen. Others have called it things like "uproariously funny" and similar such adjectives, if one can believe the ads. It is anything but that; the long stretches of boring film are occasionally punctuated by mildly amusing moments, all of which are ribald enough to make the film an obvious candidate for the X rating, which it received.

The film moves at a glacial pace from foreseeable punchline to dull conclusion in a series of vignettes, only half of which are even slightly amusing. Those who thought that other Italian directors had cornered the market on ugly Italian people will be surprised by this film: these people are the ugliest ever put on film.

One of the vignettes gets off to its quick start with the hero falling into a vat of shit; he is experiencing something which is vaguely similar to that which all the other actors in the film must feel, and you can almost empathize with him.

The film is subtitled rather well, so you can follow every word of the trivial dialogue. As a matter of fact, if you want to practice translating your vulgar Italian, this your big chance.

There are a few things which can be said for the film: it is neatly photographed in color, some of the erotic scenes are mildly interesting, and occasionally a glimmer of acting ability sneaks through the haze of mediocrity.

~~~~~ P. E. Schindler, Jr.



Photo by Dave Tenenbaum

Last Sunday, a six-man group, the Works, gave a free concert at Kresge. They were loud and heavy, strongly reminiscent of Mountain. The resemblance was all the more heightened by the band's answer to Leslie West, heavyweight lead guitarist John Kalishes (who says he plays "better than West"). Unfortunately the sound was bad, the vocalist was a bit too much, and, past Kalishes' lead work, only John Duesenberry on electric piano was worth mentioning.

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Eager Ed (the handy) Hanley handed MIT 6 points with a double-arm tie up and figure-four on the head. Joyful Jon Backlund quickly cradled his fearing foe in 20 seconds. Dark-horse Chuch Meeder, 134 lbs., rallied from behind to stack his opponent for MIT's third straight pin. Then Bob Gahl, coming off a big cut from 165 to 142 lbs., made it four as he squeezed the life out of his man

with the "Bobby" pin, a double grapevine.

Bill Gahl followed, finding his foe's Achilles heel for four fast takedowns. Freshman Loren Dessonville at 158, sustained the slaughter's impetus by riding hard and heavy on his opponent. Dave "Crusher" Kuentz continued the catastrophe, catching his man in a single arm bar. Back on the pinning trail, Paul Mitchell at 177 rode legs and romped to a crossface and inside crotch pin. A half nelson did the trick for mangy Mike Murphy, and Gary Pullar scored an impressive 10-point victory at heavyweight.

The grapplers do battle with Amherst Wednesday night at 7:30 in duPont.

# SPORTS

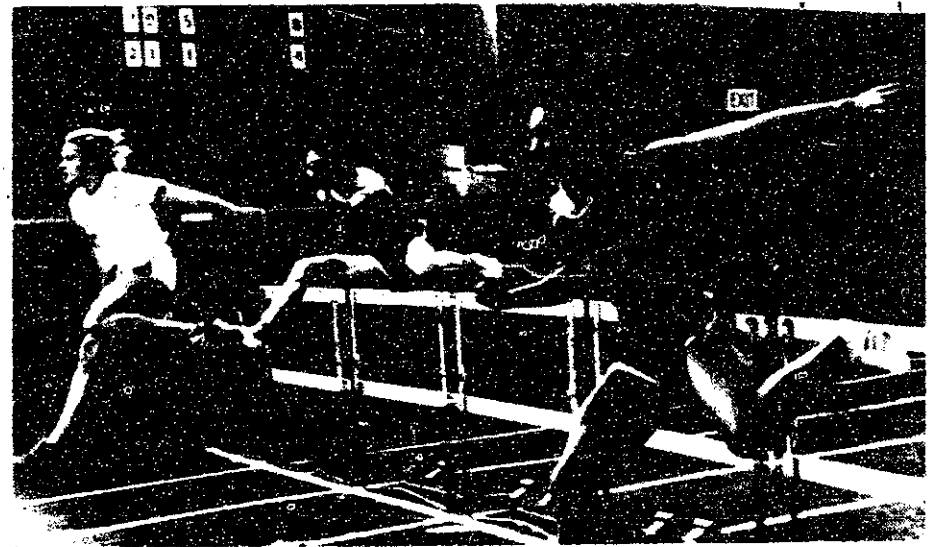
## Tech 2nd to Tufts in meet

By Mike Charette

The indoor track team lost to Tufts but pulverized Williams 64-53-19, in a triangular meet held at Rockwell Cage on Saturday. The thinclads, whose record is now 4-2, made some remarkable dents in Tuft's strong middle and long distance running attack, which forbodes some fascinating competition at the New England indoor championships next March.

Brian Moore '73 displayed his usual vigor in winning to both the 35-lb weight throw and the shot put with heaves of 56'2" and 49'5 1/2". Freshman Gary Wilkes and Alex Tschykrow '73 took second and third respectively in the shot. Dave Wilson '73, who has been perfecting his style, and hence sacrificing some height on a short-term basis, propelled himself to an elevation of 13'6" in the pole vault, with Ned Rich '72 taking fourth.

In the long jump, Scott Peck '73 and Al Lau '72 garnered five points by taking second and third places. Later in the day, Bob Tronnier '73 leaped 6'0" in the high jump for third place,



Don Wesson '74, foreground, and Al Lau '72 come off the hurdles in Saturday's tri-meet with Tufts and Williams.

with Peck and Lau jumping 5'10" to tie for fourth.

An exciting race was seen in the one mile, as Tufts' dynamic running duo of Dan Moynihan and Hamilton Amer, and Bob Myers '72 finished within six-tenths of a second of each other. The two mile was also close, with Amer finally pulling away from Craig Lewis '72 in the last lap to win in 9:40.8. Meanwhile,

Chip Kimball '72 took second place in the 1000 yd. run, and Bill Leimkuller '73 took third in the 600 yd. run in a fine time of 1:17.0, with Tom Hansen '74 acquiring fourth place.

New England's top high hurdlers, Bob Tronnier '73 and Don Slevin of Tufts battled fiercely in the 45-yd. highs, but Slevin's fast start provided a winning margin of one foot over Tronnier in a time of 5.8. In the 50-yd dash none other than freshman Gary "S.B." Wilkes took a fourth place.

Both the one and two-mile relays were tight races, with the one-mile team of Wilkes, George Chiesa '74, Dick Hester '75, and Leimkuller being defeated by six-tenths by Tufts. In the two-mile relay, the team of Myers, Jim Gorman, Hansen and Kimball defeated Tufts by 1.4 seconds. At the last handoff, both Dan Moynihan and Chip Kimball were neck and neck, but Kimball produced an excellent 61 second quarter to pull away from his opponent.

The team faces Bowdoin next Saturday afternoon at the Rockwell Cage.

### Results

35-lb weight: 1) Moore (MIT), 56'2"; 2) Nash (T), 47'6 1/2"; 3) Smith (W), 25'5".  
 Long jump: 1) Gorham (T), 22'7 1/4"; 2) Peck (MIT), 21'8 3/4"; 3) Lau (MIT), 21'5 1/4"; 4) Mertz (W), 21'2 1/2".  
 Shot put: 1) Moore (MIT), 49'5 1/4"; 2) Wilkes (MIT), 44'1"; 3) Tschykrow (MIT), 40'4 1/4"; 4) Smith (W), 33'2".  
 High jump: 1) Mertz (W), 6'2"; 2) Gorham (T), 6'0"; 3) Tronnier (MIT), 6'0"; 4) (tie) Peck, Lau (MIT), 5'10".  
 Pole vault 1) Wilson (MIT), 13'6"; 2) Bowen (T), 13'0"; 3) Harrison (T), 12'6"; 4) Rich (MIT), 12'6".  
 50 yard: 1) Elliott (W), 5.6; 2) Gorham (T); 3) Granatino (T); 4) S. Bear (MIT).  
 45 yd. highs: 1) Slevin (T), 5.8; 2) Tronnier (MIT); 3) Reed (W); 4) Debose (T).  
 600 yard: 1) Mabee (T), 1:15.9; 2) Davis (T), 1:16.3; 3) Leimkuller (MIT), 1:17.0; 4) Hansen (MIT), 1:18.0.  
 1000 yard: 1) Moynihan (T), 2:21.7; 2) Kimball (MIT), 2:24.0; 3) McPherson (T), 2:25.0; 4) Cleaver (W), 2:30.2.  
 One mile: 1) Moynihan (T), 4:23.5; 2) Ames (T), 4:24.0; 3) Myers (MIT), 4:24.1; 4) Connolly (T), 4:34.7.  
 Two mile: 1) Ames (T), 9:40.8; 2) Lewis (MIT), 9:46.2; 3) Farwell (W), 9:53.8; 4) Kaufmann (MIT), 10:15.0.  
 One mile relay: 1) Tufts (Debose, Davis, Palmier, Mabee), 3:40.7; 2) MIT, 3:41.3; 3) Williams, 3:46.2.  
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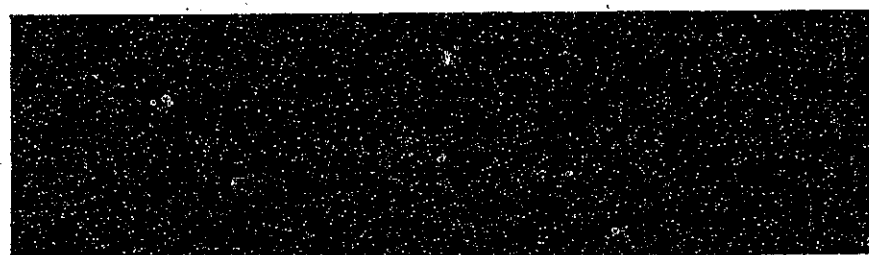
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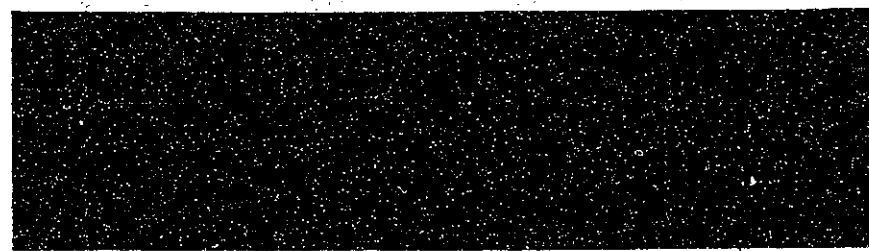
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# Skiers second at Intervale

After a poor showing two weekends ago by its Alpine skiers at the New England Intercollegiate Cup races and by its Nordic squad at the Hanover Relays, the MIT ski team got into full swing this past week, with an impromptu slalom and giant slalom race at Intervale, New Hampshire, followed by a night slalom at Bowdoin, Maine, a three-day Nordic and Alpine training camp at Norwich, and a Nordic meet next Saturday at Plymouth State.

The team this year promises to be slightly stronger than in past seasons. The entire Nordic squad is back, led by captain Lew Jester '72 (cross-country and jumping). Also returning are Bob Collier '74 (cross-country and jumping), Scott Weigle '74 (cross-country), and Drew Jaglom '74 (jumping and Alpine). They will be joined in jumping by freshman Evan Schwartz, a water-ski jumper, and David Boscardin '73.

The Alpine team will be slightly weaker due to graduation losses, but Steve Nadler '73 and John Nabelek '74 are continuing last year's good seasons. Newcomers Gary Ruf '75 and John Clippinger '72, along with Jaglom, round out the squad.

After the Norwich camp, originally scheduled for last weekend, was cancelled due to lack of winter (a factor which has hampered the team since it began training in September), the Alpine squad headed to Intervale to practice. Upon arrival at the area on Friday morning, the team discovered that instead of the standard bamboo slalom poles, the management of Intervale had kindly supplied cut saplings approximately two inches thick. After bruising shoulders carrying the young trees up the mountain, a slalom course was set, and a painful experience was begun. The team spent the day ramming fists, arms, and heads into unyielding

slalom gates. By the end of the day, one cracked head, two bruised fists, and several swelled forearms had been accumulated.

The team was then informed that Boston University, Northeastern, and Bentley would be arriving the next day for an informal meet. The Tech skiers left the area prepared for the next day's debacle.

Upon arrival at the area the team breathed a sigh of relief as they saw, beside the huge bus which had brought all nine Northeastern skiers, several bundles of bamboo poles. As the other teams arrived, a slalom course was set, and at 11am the race was begun, with a field of about thirty racers from the four schools.

The best finish for MIT was turned in by Nabelek, who finished second with a two-run time of 109.5 seconds, four-tenths behind Bob Morrow of Northeastern. Ruf was sixth with 116.7, Clippinger tenth

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with 121.2 and Jaglom twelfth with 126.1. Nadler was skiing well, but straddled a gate halfway down the course and was disqualified.

In team score, the total of the four best racers for each team is divided into a base time of the total of the top four finishers. Northeastern was first with 96.7 per cent, MIT second with 91.7 per cent; and BU third at 62.4, slightly ahead of Bentley.

A giant slalom course was then set up by the BU coach, who obviously had a strange sense of humor. Since there was a small built-up log jump marked by two red slalom poles, what could be more natural than to incorporate it into the course? This was done which made for an interesting race course. In the GS, Nabelek tied for second place with Ken Biederman of BU, in a time of 52.8, again just

behind Morrow, who finished in 52.5. Next was Nadler, in 53.2. Ruf was tenth in 56.1. Clippinger and Jaglom, both slowed by taking gate combinations backwards, finished sixteenth and seventeenth in 60.2 and 61.2 respectively.

The giant slalom was won by BU with 96.4%, followed by Northeastern with 96.2 and MIT with 95.1. Combined scores were Northeastern 192.9, MIT 186.8, and BU 158.8. It was a fair performance by the Institute team, but there is definitely room for improvement, which will hopefully come at the training camp this week.

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