

Humanities changes approved by faculty

By Mike McNamee

A new Institute requirement in the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, approved by a vote of the faculty Wednesday afternoon, will take effect next September.

The faculty approval of a motion from the Committee on Educational Policy to accept the new requirement prepared by the School of Humanities and Social Sciences was the main business conducted in the two-hour-long meeting.

The faculty also amended their Rules and Regulations to allow CEP membership for the Associate Provost.

The new program (for the complete text, see page 2) provides for a 72-unit requirement structured around three Distribution subjects and three- or four-subject Concentration in one of fifteen Fields. The requirement will take effect in the fall, and will apply in a slightly modified form to the classes of 1975, '76, and '77.

Debate over the requirement at the faculty meeting centered on an amendment, offered by Assistant Professor of Humanities Murray Biggs, which would have modified the definition of the Distribution subjects. Biggs' amendment, according to an accompanying statement was in-

tended to "ensure that all students take at least *three obviously humanistic subjects* some time during their MIT career." [emphasis original]

The Biggs' amendment was defeated by a vote of 81 to 76 after over an hour of debate. The faculty then approved an amendment by Professor of Mathematics William T. Martin which modified the wording of the Distribution definition. The amended requirement was passed almost unanimously.

Introduce flexibility

The first business conducted by the faculty at the monthly meeting was the amendment of the Rules and Regulations of the Faculty to allow Associate Provost Hartley Rogers to take the place of the "Undergraduate Planning Professor" in an *ex-officio* seat on the CEP. Rogers was recently appointed to the post of Associate Provost, which was temporarily discontinued in 1971. The post of Undergraduate Planning Professor, which has been vacant for several years.

The change, which was discussed in detail by President Jerome B. Wiesner at the February faculty meeting, was approved with little comment.

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Sherman Skolnick speaking last Monday night.

Photo by Alexander Peterson

Skolnick: 'Watergate is murder'

By Dave Danford

"Watergate does not stand for burglary, but for murder," Sherman H. Skolnick, a Chicago legal researcher, told an MIT audience Monday night.

Skolnick stated, in a lecture entitled "The Watergate Plane Crash - Who Killed Mrs. E. Howard Hunt?", that MIT is "the home of the CIA." "I heard their computers whirring and clicking in the basement of this

building," he said.

Dealing with the air crash in which the wife of Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt was killed, Skolnick claimed that a disenchanted Dorothy Hunt was trying to "freak out" Nixon by threatening to release damaging information concerning the Watergate scandal. Skolnick listed peculiarities involving the December 8, 1972 plane crash near Chicago's Midway Airport in which she was killed.

During the last quarter-hour of the flight, Skolnick said, the air-data computer failed, the electrical system went out, the captain's altimeter jammed, and Midway Airport's outer marker, a navigational aid, temporarily went out.

"Further," Skolnick said, "waiting for the plane were 200 FBI agents. Now dig this," he continued, "the FBI did not allow medical people to attend the victims." He also contended that "CBS ordered the immediate cremation of their reporter [Michelle Clark] who was on the flight."

Skolnick said that Watergate was part of a much larger conspiracy. He claimed that since the Alger Hiss and Rosenberg trials of the late 1940's, "Nixon has been covering up for the super-elitist bankers and big oil." He personified the bankers and oil men as the "Rockefellers," who by planning the leak of the atomic secrets, set up the destruction of national security.

Skolnick also alleged that air crashes in Alaska killing Representative Hale Boggs, and more recently, nine high level oil

executives, were sabotages to cover up the linkage of big oil to Watergate. Within his proposed conspiracy, Skolnick said, "Nixon is on a level somewhat lower than Rockefeller. Rockefeller runs the oilgaters of the CIA. Nixon has fallen into the Mafia end of it." He suggested that the Rockefeller faction of the conspiracy is trying to dump Nixon and, to that end, planned Watergate.

Describing countermeasures to the resistance he has met in his investigations, Skolnick alluded to janitors who steal judges' files which eventually end up on his possession. In specific relation to the plane crash, Skolnick described another "rip-off." He said, "I can tell you, because we thought it was patriotic, because we are not square, we reached an impasse with government. We liberated, we stole, the entire Midway file on the crash!"

Skolnick introduced a surprise speaker, Alex J. Bottos Jr., who claimed to have been held without charge, hearing, or trial, in a "behavior modification prison" in Missouri. Bottos, who presented his credentials as a former industrial spy for a Milwaukee beer company, said, "We're being methodically decimated and split apart in this country." Bottos discounted conventional politics, saying, "There is no left and there is no right." He went on to predict, "We are headed on a collision course with dictatorship of one kind or another... the planned murder of all the minds that don't agree with whoever takes over at the top."

Dorm rates to rise sharply

By Mike McNamee

Rents in MIT dormitories will probably rise as much as 20 per cent next year, according to members of the Dormitory Rate Review Committee.

Increased costs of oil and electricity are responsible for most of the sharp rise in prices, which would send average rents in the more-expensive Institute dorms over \$950, for the 1974-75 academic year.

Arthur Beals, Associate Director of Housing and Dining Services and a member of the Rate Review Committee, told *The Tech* last week that it was "too early to predict" precisely how much rents for residents of the seven Institute houses would increase next year. "We haven't set the final numbers yet," Beals said, "but I expect a large increase."

The committee is "closing in on the housing rates," according to Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Ken Browning '66, and expects to announce the new rates early in April. Prices of Commons and Dining Service, also under discussion in the committee, "still have a little way to go," Browning said.

Dormitory rates went up an average of about 8.3 per cent for the 1973-74 academic year, while dining prices rose 9.1 per cent (*The Tech*, April 27, 1973).

Energy crunch

Unexpected increases in the costs of energy have hurt the housing systems, along with the rest of the Institute, Beals said. "The cost of oil has sky-rocketed, and oil is basic to energy," he explained. "We were caught this year by the rising costs, and we have to try to anticipate next year's prices to set the dorm rates."

The Institute subsidized the increased expenses for energy in the housing system last year, Beals said, so that cost "won't be passed on to the students. We don't anticipate making the costs retroactive," Beals continued, "but next year's rents have to rise to a new level."

The Rate Review Committee has dropped the "house-cost/system-cost" analysis that they have used in the past two years for this year's analysis. Under that system, rents figured by dividing the costs of the system into house costs - those determined by the particular house, such as desk service, housemaster/tutor, etc. - and system costs, which were more-or-less equal throughout the system.

The rent would then be determined by dividing up the two costs among the residents, and by adjusting with a "quality differential," so that rooms in the newer dorms - Burton, MacGregor, and McCormick - were more expensive than those in East Campus, Senior House, Baker, and Bexley.

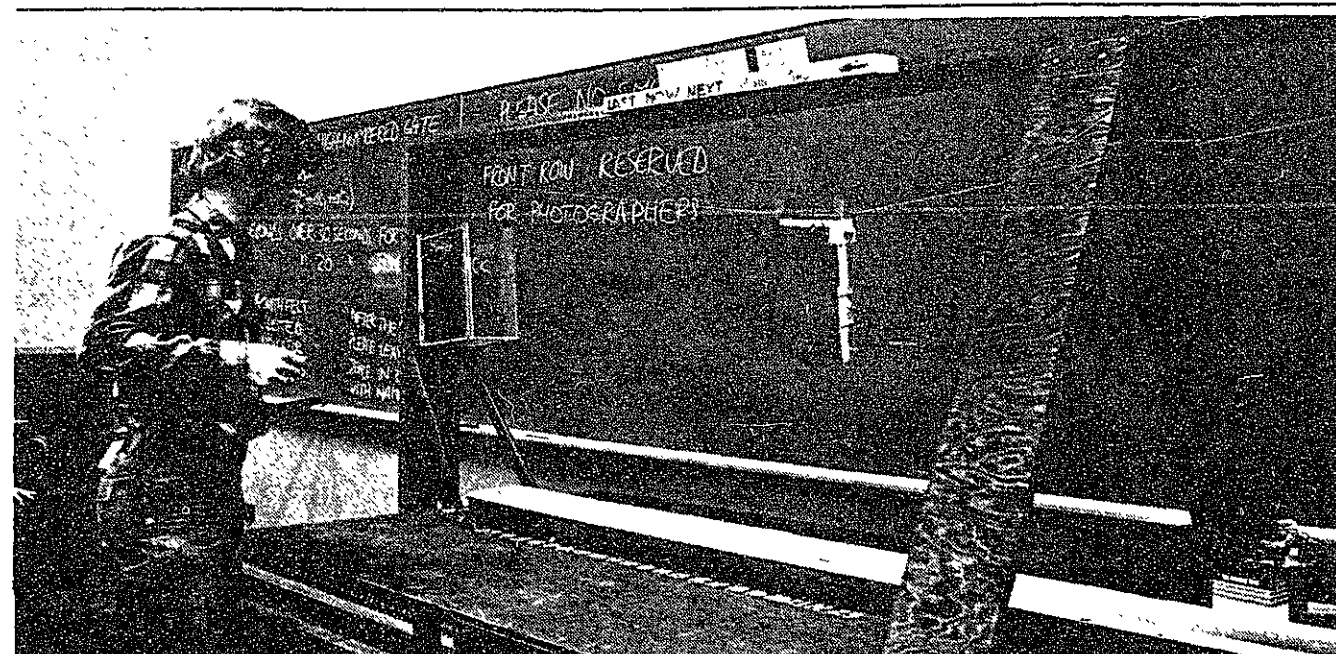
"The house/systems cost plan was just extra work," Jim Moody '75, Baker representative on the Committee, said. "Almost everything ended up as a systems cost, and the differentials between houses were becoming the most important elements in the rents."

This year, Beals says, the differential system will "probably be used," Moody told *The Tech* that he expected the differential between the three expensive dorms and Senior House (used as the baseline for dorm rents) to increase from its current level of about \$150 per year. "The expensive dorms will feel the increase more," Moody said.

The Housing Office is also considering, Beals said, a "floating rate" structure for next year. This system would set a rate for next fall now, based on the best information available, and then would revise the rate for next spring upwards or down after observing the costs that are incurred during the fall term. Beals pointed out that "there is no way of saying how much the adjustments would be," but adds that they would probably be small.

The Committee will take its recommendations to the Dormitory Council early in April, Beals said, and then will announce the rates for next year.

Members of the Committee did not seem to feel that the increase would cause too many dorm residents to leave the housing system. "Apartments and the cost of living in general will be going up too," Moody said. "It won't be that much more attractive to move off."



"The Watergate Contest" - see page 5.

Photo by Richard Reihl

Fac changes humanities

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Professor of Nuclear Engineering Elias Gyftopoulos, chairman of the faculty, then introduced the CEP's motion to accept the proposed humanities requirement. Stating that "The momentum of the change is now," he urged the faculty to "get moving for next fall" and act upon the proposal as soon as possible.

Speaking for the proposed requirement, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences Harold Hanham stated that he felt it was "a proposal which is flexible enough to allow us to move forward." Establishment of a committee to administer and monitor the requirement, he said, would "allow us to look at the problems of the requirement from year to year, not just every twenty-five

years."

The new requirement, Hanham continued, would "allow us to end up with an interesting range of humanities subjects, not narrowly defined." This, he said, would break away from "a tendency towards rigidity that affects the humanities programs at many schools."

"We have to try to develop courses peculiar to MIT's needs," Hanham said. "If we get stuck in a narrow humanities mode, we will tend to look back at what was done in the past, and not forward at what we can do."

Educational priorities missing

Biggs contended that the proposed requirement was "missing a set of educational priorities that would tell students what we want to emphasize in their educations." "There is a need to

ensure a place for humanistic styles," he said. His amendment, which would establish five criteria that a subject would have to meet to be considered a Distribution subject, would help to provide those priorities, Biggs said.

"All that is needed at this meeting is a show of support for a humanistic program," Biggs concluded. "I don't think that's too much to ask."

The faculty debated the Biggs amendment for over an hour, with much of the discussion centering on how restrictive the proposed criteria might be. Head of the Philosophy Department Professor Richard Cartwright stated that under the proposed criteria, "No course now taught in the Philosophy Department would be eligible. No ordinary Shakespeare course would meet the standards, and I am certain that introductory music would not meet these standards." He added, "Where are the courses that will meet this amendment?"

Biggs replied that he had found 50 courses in many different fields that would meet the criteria he set forth. "The subjects now offered that qualify are broad enough to eliminate coercion," he said.

The faculty voted on the Biggs amendment, which was defeated 81-76. Martin then offered his amendment, which changed the wording of the original proposal by including the word "humanistic" in the definition of the Distribution subjects. The faculty accepted Martin's motion.

Two further amendments to the proposal that accompanied the humanities requirement were tabled until the April meeting of the faculty.

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French-German house to start

By Bill Conklin

French House and German House may share one floor of newly renovated Ashdown next year, and then move into the new dorm.

According to G.D. Nelson, Assistant Professor of Foreign Literature and Linguistics, there has been interest in French and German Houses ever since Russian House was started. "It's been in the works for four years now," commented Nelson, Ger-

man House's faculty advisor. "The main problem has been getting into the housing system."

Students interested in the houses are now recruiting new members to attain the 30 people necessary to fill a floor in Ashdown.

"We will be looking for about four freshmen for each house next year," stated Dider Herman, who is recruiting for German House. "That means we're only asking for about ten to twelve upperclassmen each."

According to Don Proper '76, French House is still far short of the ten to twelve upperclassmen they need. "I don't know yet. We're not as organized as German House at this point, but we just got the okay from the Dean's Office a few days ago. We're putting up posters and sending letters to people who have taken French here. We're not that worried about getting enough people."

"This is the culmination of an effort that's been going on for a while," said Herman. "The space problem has been the main thing. When Burton House was renovated, Russian House, which

was older and more organized than either French or German House, was able to get an entry there. This is the first chance we've had since then."

German House has had 15 to 20 people living together in various fraternities and dorms during IAP for the past four years. During this time, they have had dinners, readings, guest speakers, and outings, according to Herman.

"I would guess there will be a bigger turnout for French than for German," commented Marcia Kaufman, Assistant Professor of Foreign Literature and Linguistics, and French House's faculty advisor. "Many freshmen come to MIT with four years of French, and we get many foreign students who speak French."

French House will hold a meeting on Thursday, April 4 at 4:40pm in 14n-225 for all who are interested in joining the house.

Kaufman didn't feel that there would be any problem in getting enough students. "We're starting with modest expectation," she said, "and if things improve from there, well, so much the better."

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In Case of Insomnia — Random gripes, bitches, and complaints

By Storm Kauffman

Being a person who is easily annoyed, I have been collecting a long list of various complaints about things around MIT. I would hardly be doing my job as editor if I did not take an opportunity to tell you about some of them, but to make the whole thing more interesting I also attempted to get the other side in each instance

Dial 190, and wait

If you've tried to make a long distance credit-card or collect call by dialing 190, you've undoubtedly come to the conclusion that all the operators must be dead or unconscious at their switchboards. If you were sufficiently tenacious (in my case, downright stubborn) and let it ring for anywhere from five to 20 minutes (slightly less during the day), lo and behold, a real live operator answered. The operators will only tell the irate caller (me) that they were "busy," and they will sometimes even go so far as to say "busy with other calls." (Cursing at them only gets you back where you started: a dial tone.)

But being skiptical (besides tenacious, irate, and easily annoyed), I waded through an operator and two supervisors until I got one New England Telephone official to not tell me how many operators are on duty at any particular time. (Dialing 190 connects you to the NET Franklin 3 exchange, which is totally outside of MIT's jurisdiction.)

When I pointed out that (however many operators were on duty), I usually had to wait over ten minutes for an answer, she assured me that the number of operators was sufficient. I contended that it was most certainly *not* sufficient, and that some people at MIT (which sounds more impressive than "me") were becoming very upset about the quality of service. She replied with a decidedly unhelpful verbal shrug, though she did admit that there had been some equipment trouble but that was all past. In a last effort, I asked if there was any "least busy" time which she could suggest. "Early morning (7-9am)" she said, "but we're pretty busy then, also." (If they are so damned busy all the time, why don't they put more operators on?)

The only salve that I have found for my annoyance is to call the MIT Telecommunications Office (x3-3651) and register a complaint. A lot of people have noticed a certain NET lethargy, and MIT has been keeping a list of gripes which they regularly pass on the NET. For all the good it does.

Doors, and no doors

If you've been wodering what's been happening to some of the outside doors at the Institute or if you've felt inconvenienced at having to make a detour around a boarded up doorway, you will be relieved to know that Physical Plant is keeping down your tuition costs by saving on maintenance costs. I was assured that those single pane of glass doors are too limber (but the architects like them) and I personally feel that people keep driving carts through the glass while trying to open the doors. So physical plant takes the doors off and sends them out to have cross-pieces added and have a special (safety) glass installed. Despite all these improvements, I don't see why it took two weeks to do three doors on the first floor of the Student Center and another three weeks plus to do the other three.

Commentary:

Ellsberg: priorities of the press

By Steve Wallman

A column on the Ellsberg lecture was written last week by Mike McNamee. In it, McNamee addresses himself to the treatment of the press by the Student Center Committee (and the subsequent arrangements in the hall) and to the participation, reaction, and size of the audience. There were a variety of inaccuracies about the alleged "discrimination" against the press and blatant factual errors about the audience's role.

The SCC requested that Ellsberg speak at MIT because they felt that many of the members of the MIT community would be more than interested in what he had to say. The SCC was asked to put aside a front-row section for the press so that they could cover the lecture. The SCC, recognizing that members of the press would be interested in hearing Ellsberg, but also wishing to make available as many seats as possible for MIT people, set aside the choir loft for use by the press.

Since the entrance to the loft is in the stage area, it did not allow itself for use by the general audience and so the reserving of it for the press caused no conflict. These arrangements were satisfactory for other newspapers' reporters. Ellsberg could be heard easily in the loft as opposed to McNamee's statement: "that the only way [the reporters] could hear was to listen through the monitors on their tape recorders."

The SCC never sat down to formulate an "exclude-the-press" policy. The policy formulated was that of setting aside the choir loft which is anything but exclusion. In addition, after MITV explained that their best camera shot would be from the orchestra floor. Also, when they requested extra-lighting, the SCC hired (at SCC expense) an electrician to come in and provide the extra spotlights (which Ellsberg later commented on as being harsh).

As for McNamee's "exclude-the-press" policy, he was informed that if he wished to sit in the orchestra area, he could wait in line with the other MIT people who cared enough to arrive early, secure in the knowledge that he was reserved a seat in the loft anyway. This, in general, is the policy that the SCC thought was proper to follow, a far cry from "discrimination against the press." McNamee's ego being bruised, he decided not to wait in line with the others.

As for McNamee's opinion of Ellsberg, he is of course entitled to state whatever he feels about the subject. ("a rambling, ill-prepared address, [that] was one that any bright 15 year-old could have discovered. Unfortunately, there aren't too many bright 15 year-olds (making \$2000 a night) on the lecture circuits, so we were stuck with Ellsberg . . . The fact that Ellsberg is making a living as a public speaker is, at best, a tribute to the appeal of a big name at worst, a sad commentary on gullibility.") However, even in columns, it would seem to be standard practice to keep to the facts. McNamee for some reason departed from standard practice. Not wishing to confuse him with the facts any more than he already is, there is an obvious obligation to the public to provide them with an accurate story.

To begin with, Ellsberg's fee for speaking was one-quarter of McNamee's implied \$2000. The audience's reaction (that we have received) has run strongly in Ellsberg's favor. At the end of the lecture, as McNamee might have noted, there was a standing ovation. McNamee's comment: "Most of the back sections of the hall were sparsely populated at best, and lots of seats went begging" is a blatant lie. By the time Dr. Menand's introduction was over, there were no (zero, nil) empty seats in the auditorium and there were still people standing in the

aisles. One wonders how it is that McNamee makes the statements he does with a straight face. As for the seats taken by SCC people, all committee members were there for the purpose of (and actually did) ushering. It would be hard to tell people to come early and usher and then tell them to sit in the back rows.

McNamee continues with: "Few people stayed for the question-and-answer session afterwards." Over 500 (a conservative estimate) remained for the session (about half the audience.) If that is McNamee's definition of a few, it would be nice if he clarified his unique use of the English language. Perhaps McNamee would have been more accurate if he had stayed for the question-and-answer session himself. But then again, perhaps not.

The SCC is always looking for responsible comments and opinions concerning any of its programs. We appreciate McNamee's attempts to aid the SCC in putting on better programs; however, they cannot be taken as credible and worthwhile if they are inaccurate and misleading.

(Steve Wallman is chairman of the SCC.)

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Letter to The Tech

Recycling

To the Editor:

In *The Tech* of Friday, February 15, 1974, you presented a very misleading article entitled "Recycling efforts failing due to sponsorship lack." Hopefully this letter and a subsequent article will clarify some of the issues.

First, the recycling efforts are not failing — the plan that was developed and established over a year ago is still functioning and is doing, so far, more successfully than its originators imagined it would. It is true that there has been a decline in the enthusiasm and therefore the amount of paper recycled, but people in the offices with the special wastebaskets are still cooperating with the program and not contaminating their paper wastebaskets. Checking over the records from March 1973 when the program started (not Nov. 1972, as your article indicated) to the present, 23 compacted 40 yd³ loads of recyclable material were collected representing somewhere between 150-250 tons of paper. Only one of these loads (the second one) was found to be contaminated, and that was attributed to several custodians misunderstanding the program and putting rubbish in the wrong compactor.

Second, there is no lack of sponsorship. Although I graduated last June, I have not abandoned the program as your article implied. Also, there are currently

more students and MIT staff working on the improvement of the program than when the program was originated. Following a few initial setbacks when the program began last March (some buildings we had hoped to include in the initial program were immediately eliminated due to problems in providing separate dumpsters), we have both expanded the program on the MIT campus and helped to initiate similar programs in other places, including Harvard. Just last week we expanded the program to include the soil research labs which were originally not included in our program for fear of contamination. Currently there is an effort to expand the program to include buildings like the Sloan School which cannot be serviced by the one compactor we have on campus for recycling.

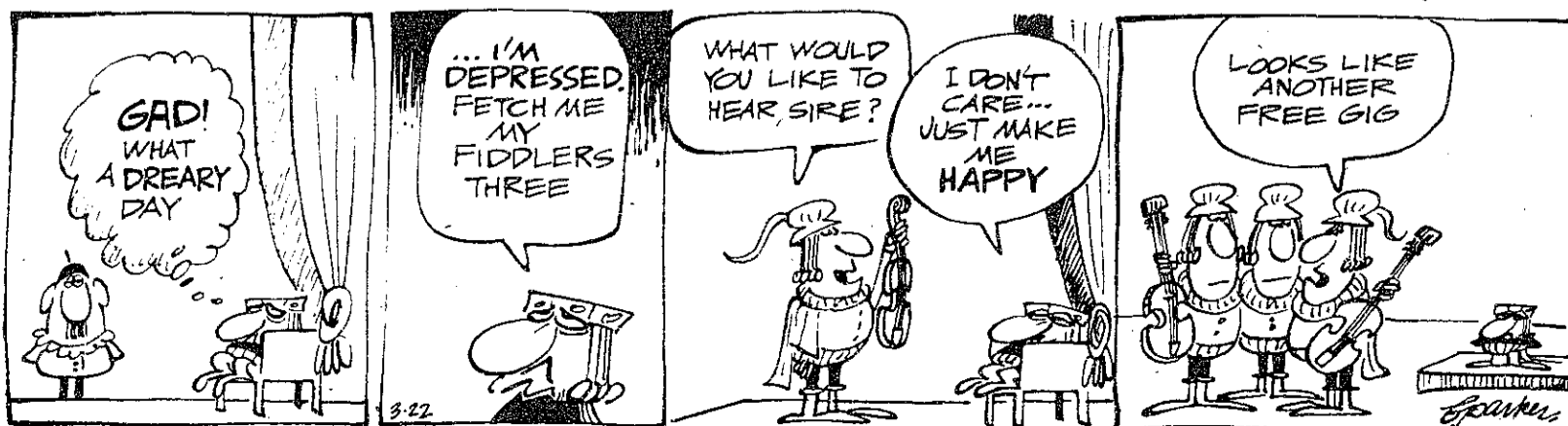
(Your article indicated that there were "dumpsters that were designated for recyclable materials which often have trash thrown in them by people who do not realize their intended use." To my knowledge, we have only one compactor for recyclable materials which is locked and only accessible to physical plant personnel).

Finally, I suggest that if you wish to serve the MIT community in terms of a recycling effort, that you at least find out what really is going on and write a new article, perhaps entitled "Recycling Efforts Continuing; Sponsors Seek Further Cooperation."

Fred Gross

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by Brant parker and Johnny hart



The Wizard of Id appears daily and Sunday in *The Boston Globe*.

Blood drive gets 1894 pints



By Dave Danford

1894 pints were collected in the MIT Spring blood drive according to Gail Rubin '76, TCA blood drive publicity chairperson.

Undergraduates donated 740 pints, or almost two-fifths of the total, according to TCA figures. Graduate students accounted for 17%. Draper Lab and Institute employees both donated over 200 pints, 12% and 11%, respectively. Staff donated 155 pints, while faculty supplied an even 100. Spouses and other donors

gave the remaining 17%. The total donation from MIT since September now comes to 3811 pints.

The Spring drive marked milestones for sixty donors, who as of this donation, have given exactly one, two, three, or four gallons. The one new four gallon donor is Dario Franchetti Sr., a Draper Lab employee.

Rubin expressed TCA's thanks to the Tech Matrons, Tech Wives, Personnel Office, and the staffs of *The Tech*, *Tech Talk*, and *Thursday*.

NOTES

* The internationally known Kathak Dance Company of North India will give a performance at 8pm April 1 in Kresge Auditorium. The program is the first public event sponsored by MIT's new Center for Asian Music and will be presented in conjunction with the 26th annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies to be held April 1-3 in the Statler-Hilton Hotel, Boston. General admission tickets will be \$3. Tickets for MIT and Wellesley students will be \$2 on presentation of identification cards.

* Classes in Kundalini Yoga will be held during fourth quarter on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 7-8:30am in the Exercise Room of duPont. Registration is necessary and will be held Monday, April 1 from 1-3 and on Tuesday, April 2 from 10-1 and 2-3, in the lobby of duPont. Enrollment is limited. Class instruction will include exercises, chanting, meditation, breathing techniques and philosophy.

* The Young Socialists are sponsoring a book and record sale in the lobby of building 10 between 10am and 2pm today.

* Nominations for the Goodwin Medalist are now being accepted by the Dean of the Graduate School. Please submit the names of any candidates to Dean Irwin W. Sizer, Room 3-136, before Monday, April 1, 1974. Nominations may be made by any student or faculty member and submitted through the Head of the nominee's department, the Undergraduate Association, or the Graduate Student Council. The Goodwin Medal is awarded in recognition of conspicuously effective teaching by a graduate student who is either a Teaching Assistant or an Instructor. Further information may be obtained by calling extension 3-4869.

* Today is the last day for seniors to specify an elective for pass-fail grading.

* The Rocket Society of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology will host the seventh annual Technical Model Rocketry Convention, Friday (March 29) through Sunday (March 31) in the MIT Student Center. Highlight will be a rocket launch Saturday (March 30) at 8am on Briggs Field, according to Geoffrey Landis, a freshman at MIT from Winnetka, Ill. who is convention secretary. During the launch there will be a boost-glide competition—gliders launched from airborne rockets and judged on duration of flight. Other competitions during the convention will be plastic model rocketry, judged primarily on appearance, and research and development projects in model rocketry, judged on practicality and execution. The research projects will be presented in ten minute oral reports.

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Technical Notes

By Storm Kauffman

RCA predicts that a new system of tellite-based transoceanic air traffic control and communications will be necessary to prevent international aviation from strangling on its growth. The requirement for improved transoceanic control can be answered by Aeronautical Satellite Program (Aerosat) being initiated jointly by the US, Canada, and the European Space Research Organization (10 nations). Airline passenger traffic is predicted to double by 1980 and increase sixfold by 1990, and accommodation of the increased number of flights will not be possible without system improvements. Aerosat will be an experimental program employing two synchronous satellites to relay communications directly between aircraft and air traffic control centers in North America and Europe. An operational aerosat could also provide an entire spectrum of new inflight communications services, including passenger telephone and inflight processing for customs and immigration. The FAA will lease capacity in the experimental system and conduct experiments to develop procedures for an operational program. The system should be implemented by the early 1980's, before the predicted breakdown of the present system. Current communications take 75 to 80% of capacity during peak traffic periods and does not allow direct contact between pilot and air traffic controller for most of a flight. Aircraft positions cannot be pinpointed directly. These limitations dictate wide separation of aircraft routes for reasons of safety, but the future system, by providing more precise communications and air traffic control, will permit the reduction of separation standards without a sacrificing safety. Future Aerosat services planned for the Pacific and Indian Ocean air routes, whose communications are also approaching the saturation point.

would be rugged, highly reliable, and potentially low in cost. The CCD is expected to be almost immediately cost effective for limited applications requiring its sturdy reliability, but economies will be necessary before public usage becomes widespread. The way a CCD eye works is this: when an image is focussed on the CCD, the sensor's electronic elements transform the picture into individual charge packets which are then rapidly read by charge transfer techniques. The resulting information can then be processed and displayed as a TV picture. In the RCA CCD, half of the elements form the imaging array and the other half are for storage and readout.

* RCA and McDONNELL DOUGLAS have signed an agreement for the aerospace firm to augment the payload capacity of the Thor/Delta rocket by 30 percent, the first time that private industry has set design requirements and provided funds for modifying a launch vehicle. The improved payload capability of the rocket will provide RCA with the most economical means of placing high-capacity domestic communications satellites into geostationary orbits above the equator at an altitude of 22,300 miles. An investment of \$3,750,000 will result in a payload capacity of 2000 pounds versus the present 1550. In combination with a reduced weight 24-channel satellite, the augmented launch vehicle will make it possible to put the satellites in stationary orbit for substantially less than the \$30-35 million cost for an Atlas/Centaur program. The satellites are part of a system pending approval by the FCC — the program calls for orbiting of two satellites and construction of nine earth stations to serve the US. The 24 transponder channels will each have the capability to handle 24 TV channels or 24,000 voice-grade circuits, the largest satellite communications capability to date. Under the RCA agreement, McDonnell-Douglas will have NASA develop all necessary support equipment and

facility modifications needed for launch. The first augmented Thor/Delta is expected to be ready for launch by mid-1975.

* PRATT & WHITNEY have developed an accelerated endurance testing program aimed at defining problem in jet engines before they arise in actual flight operation. The JT9D engines, which power Boeing 747s and the Douglas DC-10-40, are put through two testing cycles which repeat engine transitions between idle and takeoff, emphasizing the most punishing phases of aircraft operation. This type of cyclical testing subjects more critical parts such as disks, cases, and the hot section to the severest test in the shortest possible time, providing the equivalent to at least three or four years of actual service. The results are being utilized to develop more durable engines by enabling the extension of the service life of the most critical components.

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Sports

Beavers expect good year

By Dan Gantt

With regulars returning at seven of the nine positions, MIT's varsity baseball team should fare pretty well during the upcoming season.

Although the Beavers play one of the roughest schedules in New England, Coach Fran O'Brien is not at all pessimistic about his team's prospects. Citing a veteran infield, a solid outfield, and two top starting pitchers as his major assets, Coach O'Brien is sure that MIT will at least "be in every ballgame."

After experiencing some difficulty defensively last season, the infield appears to have finally jelled. Anchored by Greater Boston League all-star and team captain Dave Tirrell '74 at second, and third-year starter Herb Kummer '75 at first base, the gaps at short and third should be ably filled by Mike Dzieken '76 and Vince Maconi '76 respectively, both with a year's playing experience to draw upon.

Left fielder Kevin Rowland '74 and Steve Reber '74 in center both have plenty of varsity

experience to team with Roy Henriksson '76, a newcomer in right, to provide a potent outfield both at bat and with the glove.

The only big question marks concern the battery. Bob Train '74 will take over the catching chores from last year's captain and should be more than adequate. However, some problems are presented by the pitching. While Dave Yauch '75 and Mike Royal '76 are excellent starters, a lack of depth beyond these two becomes painfully apparent. Regrettably, the schedule calls for 24 games in a seven week span, far too much work for these two to handle.

Coach O'Brien, however, does have a pool of personnel from which to draw for the mound chores, among whom are Don Proper '76, Ken Smith '77, Scot Pounds '77, Shin Yoshida '76, Pete Wolczanski '76, and Vince Maconi. Hopefully, one of these will emerge to share the bulk of the pitching.

The Beavers travel to Florida this weekend to open their schedule, and make their New England and Greater Boston League debut Tuesday, April 2 at Boston College.

Return of starters, new goalie to help lacrosse

By Glenn Brownstein

Lacrosse, the "fastest game on two feet," comes to MIT every spring in its intercollegiate version, promising fast action and heavy body contact, surely a spectator's dream. This year's spectators will not be disappointed, as MIT's varsity faces a tough New England schedule with every hope of greatly improving last year's disastrous 0-14 record.

Coach Ben Martin, in his 29th year as MIT's lacrosse mentor, feels that this year's squad will certainly improve upon last year's mark, citing an unusually solid defense, adequate attack, and a new goaltender, Jeff Singer '77, who should decisively lower last year's 14.0 goals-against average.

Singer, who played three years in goal for a strong Long Island high school team, should be one of many bright spots on the Engineer squad this year. Forming the basis for MIT's defense will be co-captain Rick Bye '75, and returning letterman Gerry Tourgee '76. The addition of one or two promising newcomers or subs from last year should complete the best defensive corps in several years. On attack, the Engineers will have co-captain George Braun '75, and returning lettermen John Rueter '75 and Bob Connor '75 (converting from midfield, his position last year).

MIT's biggest problem this year, according to Coach Martin, will be depth. Although the Engineers appear to be set on starters, the bench squad will be

quite thin on talent. MIT will feel this problem most at the midfield position, with only three or four experienced players returning. Most collegiate lacrosse teams require about twelve middies in order to substitute freely (midfield is the only position that requires a player to play in both offensive and defensive territory) and guard against injuries. Still, if untried players develop well, the Engineers may be able to compensate.

JV lacrosse this year will be comprised almost entirely of people with no prior lacrosse experience, as a way of interesting more MIT athletes in the game. Many of the varsity players came to the Institute without having played high school lacrosse, and the JV experiment this year is pointed at providing experienced players for future varsities, hopefully to avert depth problems in the future.

This year's varsity schedule is basically the same as last year's, with a couple of changes. First of all, there will be no spring vacation trip this year due to the energy shortage. Instead, MIT will scrimmage local clubs in order to prepare for their New England schedule. Also, the Engineers will travel to Boston College this year in what is believed to be the first night lacrosse game ever scheduled in the Boston area.

The season opener for MIT this year will be Tuesday, April 2 against Connecticut at Briggs Field. Game time is 4:00.

Golfers going to Georgia

By Bobby H. Jones

This spring could easily be the best season the MIT golf team has had in a long time. The fall season record and improvements like changing to a much nicer and closer home course indicate that the team's standard of accomplishment will be several notches higher.

The team normally takes a trip to Florida for two weeks, one of which overlaps the MIT Spring break, to play schools around the Miami area and other schools from the Midwest whose players are also down there to get in shape. This year, the trip was jeopardized by the gasoline shortage. After waiting to see if the situation would ease or worsen, it was decided to cut the trip back to only one week and go to Georgia instead of Florida. Furthermore, to allow three other players to go along, the final plan calls for five players to fly and five to drive. The three extras will drive both to and from Georgia while two of the seven starters will drive down and two other starters will drive back with the three extras.

While in Georgia, the players will face 36 holes of golf a day. The players going on the trip include starters Gordon Deen '74 (captain), Greg Turner '74, Dave Macartney '74, Pete Wolczanski '76, Jim Harrison '76,

Bob Nilsson '76, Leo Bonnell '77, and alternates Alex Pankow '75, Bob Kneeland '77, and John Nugent '77.

Preparation for the coming golf season began in February when schedules were set for regular workout sessions of running and hitting golf balls into a net inside Rockwell Cage. This regular workout schedule will continue until the team goes south to Georgia on Saturday, March 23, for their intensive spring training.

Netmen to improve

By Ken Davis

The MIT tennis team will start off their spring season with the now-traditional southern trip over vacation. Coach Ed Crocker's squad will take on Georgetown University in Washington, and then move on to North Carolina. North Carolina opponents include UNC, North Carolina State, Davidson, and High Point.

The team that will play is virtually the same as the one that competed in the fall. Captain William Young '74, defending New England Class A singles champion, heads the roster. Number two man will be Ted Zouros '74, while Lee Simpson

'75, who shares the New England doubles championship with Young, and Wally Shjeflo '74 battle for the number three spot. Gerard Lum '74 and Jim Dadish '77 round out the team.

The squad's local opponents will include Harvard, Yale, Brown, Dartmouth, Amherst, and others. Captain Young sees a definite improvement in the team which was fourth overall in the region last year. "Just about everyone has improved since the fall," he said, "especially Shjeflo and Zouros." As for Young himself, he hopes to repeat last year's success which saw him winning two New England Championships.

Debaters triumph in District VIII tourney

The MIT Debate Team of Larry Summers '75 and Jack Segal '76 placed first at the District 8 Debate Tournament held at West Point. District 8 is composed of New York and the New England states, and this year 17 schools participated in the tournament. In each of the tournament's eight debates there were two judges. In 6 of its rounds MIT won both judges, while in the remaining two, the judges split, leaving MIT with a 14-2 record. Boston College and the University of Massachusetts tied for second with records of 12-4. MIT's first place finish in the District allowed it to qualify for the National Championships to be held at the Air Force Academy in Mid-April.

At the District tournament, the teams debated this year's national debate resolution: Resolved that the Federal Government control the supply and utilization of energy in the United States; this is debated at all major tournaments during the year. The resolution permits affirmative teams a wide variety of interpretations. Teams advocate such diverse policies as restricting nuclear power, controlling oligopolies in the oil industry, installation of new energy and fuel technologies, banning of strip mining, and recycling. MIT's affirmative case argues for reversing our national commitment to the automobile, through expanded and improved mass transit facilities, as well as conserving energy. This policy we claim will increase transportation safety and reduce air pollution.

In preceding weeks, MIT has done well at a series of major tournaments. At the Dartmouth tournament, Summers and Segal,

debating as MIT's top team, turned in a 7-1 record in the preliminary rounds. The team went on to defeat Wyoming in the octafinal round before losing to Georgetown, a perennial national power, on a close 3-2 decision in the quarterfinals. Summers was the tournament's fourth rated speaker. MIT's second team of Mark Sherman '77 and Joan Darby, Wellesley '75, had the misfortune to be paired against several very strong teams in the early rounds, and ended up with a 4-4 record. However, the combined performance of the two teams was sufficient to gain MIT an award as the third place school at the tournament finishing behind Georgetown and Harvard.

Prior to Dartmouth, the top team has reached the elimination rounds at the Harvard, Seton Hall, and Northwestern tournaments. At Harvard, the team of Summers and Darby placed 5th out of 100 teams. Summers received individual speaker awards for being among the top ten speakers at each of these tournaments.

On the basis of this record, MIT appears to have an excellent chance to do well at the Nationals. At any rate with all four of MIT's top debaters being underclassmen, MIT can look forward to being one of the top teams in the nation next year.

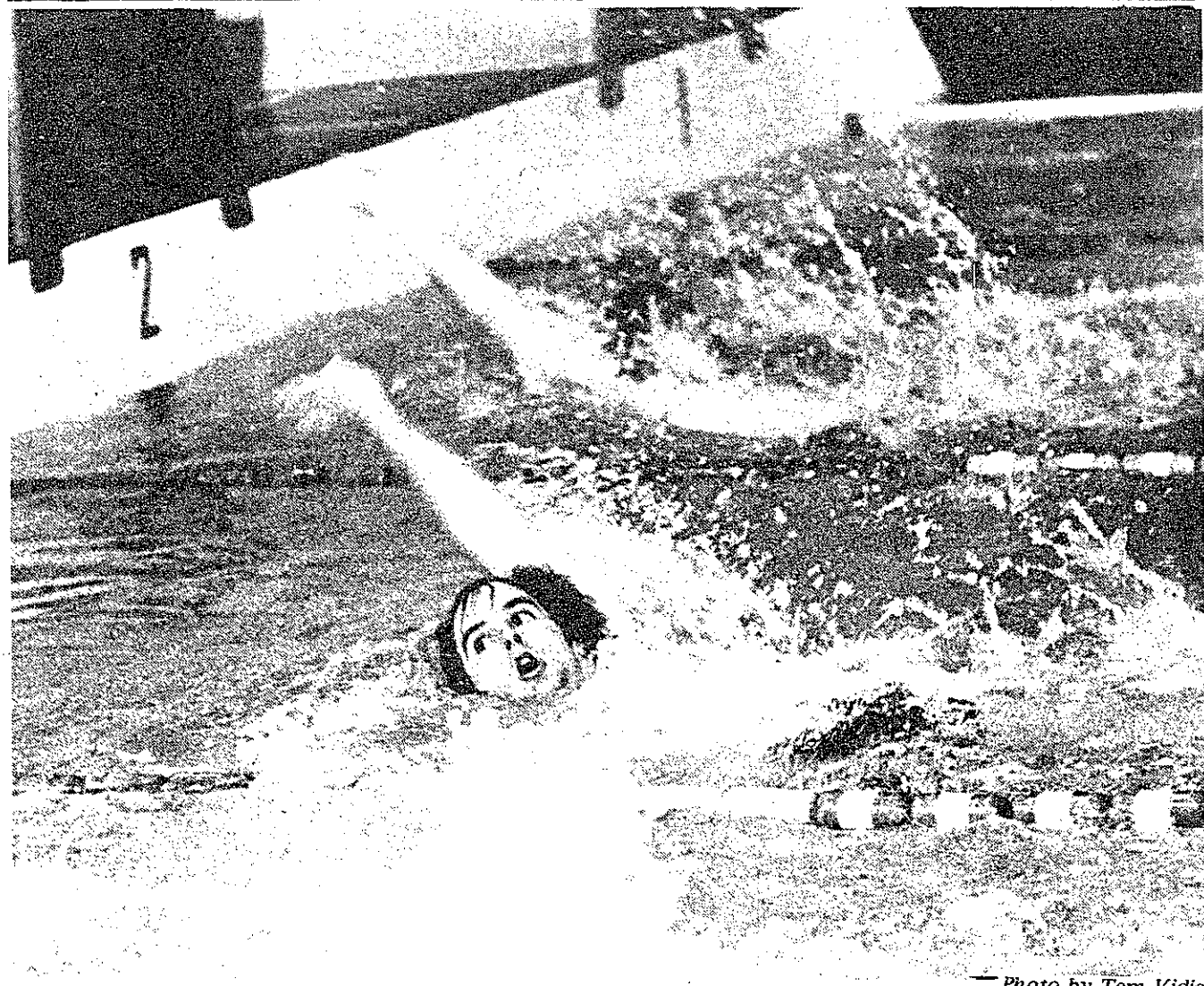


Photo by Tom Vidic

This year's IM swimming meet was held at the Alumni Pool over three days this year, with trials on Tuesday and Thursday of last week, and finals last Saturday. Shown here is 100-yard backstroke champion Mark Thorne-Thomsen '76 of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. DTD went on to win the team championship with 74 points as well as a number of individual events. Delta Upsilon finished second.

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