



Dr. Kenneth Boulding, Professor of Economics at the University of Colorado.
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Rates will not be going up

By Greg Erwin Lemke

Dormitory and commons rates, defying the pressures of a runaway inflation rate, will not be going up next term.

According to Arthur Beals, Associate Director of Housing and Food Services, the difference between estimated and actual Institute housing and dining utility costs is such that the rate increases will not be necessary.

"As we see it now, our guesses were good enough to rule out the necessity of housing rate increases," Beals stated. "The situation as far as Commons is concerned is a little less certain, but I think that we can avoid increases there too."

The basic factors involved in the decision centered mainly around the question of MIT's utility bills, according to Beals.

"The way it came out, our heat rate estimates were right on the nose," Beals pointed out. "Electricity was somewhat higher than we had anticipated, but

with everything considered, we came out about even."

Beals said the reason for the late decision was one of procedure.

"Historically, these matters were decided in the spring and rates were then set for the following term," he said, "but last year we were really caught off-guard by the energy crisis. We ended up losing a lot of money."

"Consequently," he continued, "we decided that we would still make the decision then, but that any increases might be possible, contingent on our utility costs. We really have to proceed this way. We have a highly variable situation."

While promising no increases

in undergraduate housing for next term, Beals could not make the same guarantees as far as Institute apartment and graduate housing.

"The story as far as Ashdown and the apartment buildings (Tang and Westgate Halls) is different," Beals noted. "We really haven't come to a decision yet in this area."

The lack of revision in housing rates tends to stand out from the recent announcements of cost increases in other areas of Institute affairs.

"We actually shouldn't say that our costs haven't gone up," Beals noted, "they just haven't gone up faster than we had anticipated."

Vietnamese grad student faced with deportation

By Margaret Brandeau and Mike McNamee

A Vietnamese graduate student at MIT has been threatened with deportation from the United States, reportedly for his opposition to the Vietnamese War and the Thieu regime in Saigon.

Nguyen Hiu An, a first-year graduate student in electrical engineering at MIT, has had his passport and visa revoked by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) following his participation in 1974 anti-war activities.

An has charged that INS, along with the United States Department of State, acted under pressure from the South Vietnamese Embassy in revoking

educational aid given him and six other Vietnamese students by the Agency for International Development (AID). Since that aid was revoked, INS has been involved in repeated attempts to have the students deported back to South Vietnam.

The students are resisting the deportation attempts, An said, because of fear of reprisal by the Thieu administration against them. The students are all founding members of the Union of Vietnamese in the US, a group which has protested the Thieu government and called for implementation of the Paris Agreements for peace in Vietnam.

One group that has been working to support An is the Social Action Coordinating Committee (SACC). Last week the SACC was running a booth in the Building 10 lobby which was, according to John Roselli 75, "mostly information." "We're laying the base for our campaign now," said Roselli, "Then in January we can start to do a lot more." The SACC would like to have An speak to the MIT community at the beginning of next semester, perhaps along with another speaker. Roselli added that An also has the support of the MIT chaplaincy and "all the radical and leftist organizations at MIT."

"Only want peace"

In a recent two-hour interview in *The Tech's* office, An explained that his group wanted to see peace brought to Vietnam, where war has been raging

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Fiscal injustice here to stay

By Gerald Radack

The people of the United States will be faced with economic inequality for a long time to come, Kenneth E. Boulding of the University of Colorado told a faculty seminar last week.

"One of the most remarkable phenomena is [inequality's] remarkable stability," Boulding said. "Over the last 25 years there has been virtually no change in the relative distribution of income," he added.

Boulding stated that the "proportional" nature of the tax structure causes the stability of income distribution. "This is a national scandal," he remarked.

Although the federal income tax is designed to be progressive, Boulding said that it is offset by such "horrors" as a property tax which he called regressive, loopholes, and social security which he labeled a "nightmare for the poor."

"Ordinary people do not give a damn for equality," Boulding stated, explaining that "the demand for equality is a fraud thought up by the intellectuals." To support this, Boulding pointed to the popularity of the lottery, "a device for producing inequality."

In order to get people to "use their talents for the betterment of society" it is necessary to reward them — creating inequality, due to differing amounts of talent, said the session's "respondent," Kenneth J. Arrow for the Harvard economics department.

Inequality tends to "reproduce itself" in every generation, Arrow said, but he added that "a strongly egalitarian tax structure" would prevent that from happening.

"Total equality would be catastrophic, but is so unlikely that we don't have to worry," Boulding later said.

Among the causes of economic inequality among nations, "the relative price structure is important," Boulding said, "as the Arabs have discovered with great joy."

Boulding also stated that

"differential development" is a major contribution to equality among nations, but exploitation is not.

Noting the existence of a theory that the world population is limited only by misery, Boulding cited it as a reason for the present unpopularity of foreign aid in this country.

People feel that foreign aid amounts to "flushing money down the toilet," Boulding said. They feel that foreign aid creates

"a temporary alleviation" which causes an eventual increase in the total amount of misery.

Boulding accused the Democratic party of practicing social democracy, which he defined as subsidizing the rich in the name of subsidizing the poor.

In other areas, Boulding claimed that the elimination of death is the worst thing that could happen to the human race. "Death is the only thing that makes life tolerable," he said.

Book sale helps cover deficits

By Gerald Radack

The MIT Press had its annual book sale last week, attracting an estimated 22,000 people with reduced rate hardcover and paperback books.

All books were marked down at least fifty per cent from list price when the sale began on Wednesday December 4, according to Kirk Adams of the MIT Press, but by the end of the sale on Saturday December 7, the books were being sold at ten per cent of list price, he said.

In total, about 45,000 books were sold, according to MIT Press Publicity Manager Anne Sayre. "Almost all" of the books offered for sale were sold, Adams said.

The sale is "basically held to get rid of all unsalable stock," Adams said. Unsalable stock includes slightly damaged books and overstocks. The sale also provides a source of "ready cash," he explained.

MIT Press is presently in financial trouble, according to an October 30 *Tech* Talk article. Among the problems it faces are "high inventories, large accounts receivable, and a dramatic increase in the interest charges paid to MIT by the Press for working capital loans," according to a report issued earlier this year by MIT Vice President Constantine B. Simonides.

Simonides is acting director of the Press and is "aggressively looking for a new director," Sayre said.

As part of the attempt to reduce costs, 23 people have been fired, according to Sayre.

This leaves the Press with a staff of 48 people, she said.

The sale brought in \$53,000, according to Sayre.

At the beginning of the sale, the charges for "popular titles" were "a little stiffer" than last year, Adams said, "but by the end of the sale, we are running the same type of sale every year," he said.

In addition to the unsalable stock, a number of good condition hardcover books were brought in to attract people to the sale, according to Adams.

Although many of the books were sold at prices below their cost to MIT Press, the Press made money in the sense that "most of the stuff sold there

could not be sold" otherwise, Adams said.

Selling the books also saves the Press money by lowering its inventory costs, Adams said. Considering the cost of storing those books for one year, "what we sell the books for is almost immaterial," he added.

Thus, towards the end of the sale, hardcover books were being offered for one dollar each, and during the last fifteen minutes before the doors closed, any five of the books remaining could be purchased for one dollar.

In past years the sale has been held in late November, Adams said. "We always do it in the late fall to catch the Christmas buying spirit," he said.



Hordes of people throng to the MIT Press book sale each year. This year the MIT Press sold virtually all of the 45,000 books they put on sale.
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NOTES

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* Applications for 1975 R/O Coordinator are now being accepted in the FAC Office. Any students interested in this paid position should stop by the FAC Office, 7-103, to see Bonny Kellermann and pick up a job description. Proposals will be due no later than Jan. 10, 1975. If you have any questions, call x3-6771.

* Bake Sale in Bldg 10 Lobby, Dec 11. Cambridge DARE House, a group home for eight boys aged 12 to 16, is holding a bake sale to raise money for a new furnace. The home is also desperately in need of volunteers for tutoring as well as someone to design and implement a recreation program. If interested, please talk to the student volunteer at the booth anytime during the Sale. Coffee and morning pastries as well as other baked goods will be available from 8:30 to 10:30. There will be a few whole cakes to be sold from 2:30 to 4:30. Hope to see you there!

* MIT Chamber Players, Midnite Concert, Program: Bach, 4th Brandenburg Concerto; Wagner, Siegfried Idyll; Bach, December 13, Lobby 7 (77 Massachusetts Avenue), Open to the public free of charge.

* The National Theatre Institute Bus Company will present *Tom Jones*, a new musical based on Henry Fielding's novel, at Wellesley College on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 8pm in Jewett Arts Center auditorium on the campus. Larry Arrick, Director of the Institute, and Barbara Damashek, instructor of music, have written the adaptation which is set in a tavern in 18th century England. The performance, which is sponsored by the Wellesley College Theatre, is open to the public without charge.

* Fred Harris, the former US Senator from Oklahoma and a potential candidate for the 1976 Democratic Presidential nomination, will speak this Wednesday, December 11, at 8pm in the Winthrop House Junior Common Room, Holyoke and Mill Streets. The public is invited.



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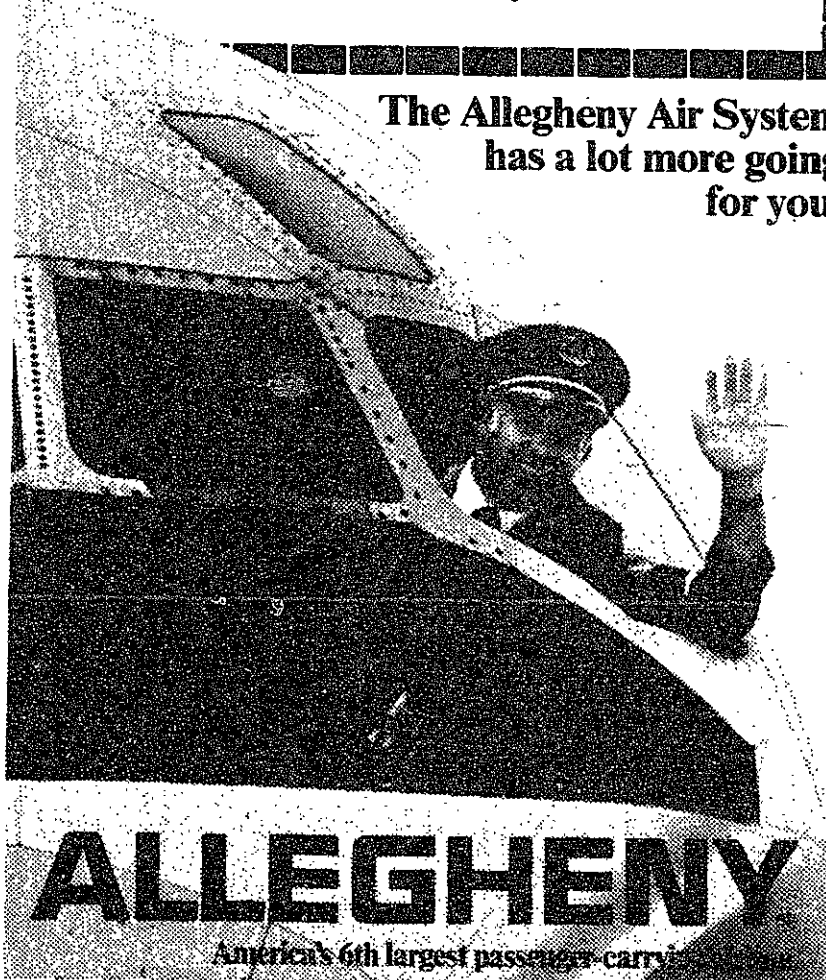
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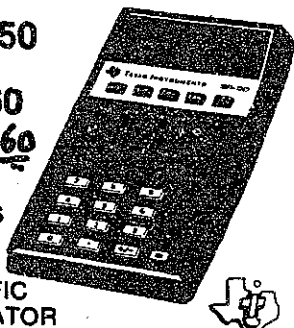
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New gaggle cops The Tech board

Special to The Tech
A new Board of editors and managers will take over operation of *The Tech* in February, following elections held Saturday morning in the newspaper's Student Center offices.

The new 20-person Board, elected in a three-hour-long meeting in a smoke-filled room, will be responsible for the 95th annual volume of the student newspaper. That volume will begin in February, 1975, and last for one year.

John H. M. Hanzel '76, currently Managing Editor of the paper, will head the new board. Chicagoan Hanzel, a management major, ran unopposed for the position of Chairperson, but was not elected until the 12th ballot, when he assured Board members he could still sign his name. The final vote was made by acclamation.

News Editor Mike McNamee '76 political science, was elected Editor-in-Chief of the new Board in what promised to be the closest race of the day. Although as many as six opponents had faced McNamee for the honor of the chief editorial spot, all had dropped out of the race minutes before the vote, leaving the tall Hoosier holding the bag.

The board then voted to leave the position of Executive Editor, created at the election meeting one year ago, on the Board, but to leave the post vacant for Volume 95. Incumbent Norman D. Sandler '75 was elected Con-

Foreign student to be deported

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since the 1940s. "We only seek to remain here until the Paris agreement is fully implemented," he said. "Then the Vietnamese people will be able to choose their own government, and it will be safe for us to return."

An explained that he came to the US in 1968 to study electronics at the Northrup Institute of Technology in Los Angeles, Cal., with help from an AID scholarship program. After his involvement in anti-war protests at the Vietnamese Consulate in New York City and in Washington, however, he was notified that his AID money had been withdrawn, and that his visa was being revoked.

An and his friends applied for political asylum in the United States, pleading that political conditions in South Vietnam made it impossible for them to return. Their request was turned down by INS, however, upon the recommendation of the State Department.

An said that he believes States recommendation was made under pressure from the Thieu government, which does not want to allow dissident Vietnamese to remain in the United States. He added that he believes that any of the students who returned to Vietnam would be imprisoned.

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The fourth race was predictable, as Julia Malakie '77, currently a Night Editor, ran unopposed for the Managing Editorship. Malakie, who is majoring in economics and mathematics, had collected more than enough votes for election in endorsements prior to the meeting, and so was elected by acclamation on the 13 ballot.

Freshman Business Manager John Sallay was also elected unopposed, when he explained to the Board that he was not misusing their money in any way.

Elections for other positions went rapidly after the Executive Board was chosen. Mark Suchon '76 was reelected Advertising Manager with no opposition, despite his plans for future student

political activities. Associate News Editors Margaret Brandeau '77 and Mike Garry '76 were promoted to News Editors, and Associate Sports Editor Glenn Brownstein was made Sports Editor.

Three freshmen were chosen to serve as Night Editors for the next volume. David Thompson, Bill Pritchard, and Mark Munkacsy were sworn in after being warned of the dire threat to their academic and personal well-beings entailed by the job.

Photo Editor Tom Klimowicz '77 and Arts Editor Neal Vitale '75 were reelected for their respective positions, and were joined by Photo Editor-elect Richard Reihl '77 and Arts Editor-elect Stephen Owades.

Outgoing Chairperson Barbara L. Moore '75 widely respected for her parliamentary skills

and heavy-handed control of the paper during her term as Chief, was rewarded at the end of the mammoth meeting by election to one of five Contributing Editorships — a position described by former Editor Paul E. Schindler '74 as "where we put people out to pasture." Also awarded this dubious honor were Sandler, former Chairman David M. Tenenbaum G, former Business Manager Len Tower, and former Sports Editor Dan Gantt '75.

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In Case of Insomnia - Budgeting MIT

By Storm Kauffman

Some time about now - when we students are trying to figure out how to pay for next term - the administration is trying to figure out how to pay for next year. This quaint process has been extensively reviewed by Paul Schindler '74 in his many long-winded and mis-numbered columns on the MIT misc but I will try a more concise summary.

The Institute is suffering from the inflation pangs that haunt everyone. Its costs are increasing at an enormous rate, but its income has failed to match pace. The major problem is that the sources of MIT's income (tuition, gifts, investment, and government contract) are all highly economic-health dependent.

Tuition is the only adjustable income, but increases cannot be made beyond what the market for quality education will bear (and a concomitant rise in final demand must be considered). When the rich are finding it difficult to afford a new Caddy or when their stock holdings have halved in value, they are unlikely to be making major gifts to even their beloved university (and, while MIT grads do well, they unfortunately do not often join the Top Ten). While prices and interest are up, the Dow Jones is down - MIT's endowment is mostly invested in "safe" stocks that are not endangered but are not high-return either. And we all know what the Republican (Nixon) Administration has done for governmental spending on science and R&D, especially at our (read small lobby, little political influence or big money) level.

So, what has MIT done in past years to break even? The order of the day (for the past six years) has been the *budget cut*. What began as an effort to trim the excess fat from Institute programs has been steadily approaching the vitals. In December 1972, Chancellor Paul E. Gray '54 told Schindler "two or three more years of this and we'll really be hurting." Gray also said that "the bottom of the barrel is plainly in sight, in some places we have cut almost to the bone." Still, in the past two years and in the upcoming year, the various divisions of the Institute are asked to make cuts.

We have all become accustomed to belt-tightening (both personal and organizational), but how long can this go on? Probably as long as necessary: most administrators still feel that the turnaround will come before important academic or student services suffer. (Though students' definition of "important" may differ substantially from their own.)

The prospects for MIT are not bad. The Institute has been running a deficit in the sense that Gray defines it - that "amount of unrestricted income which must be used to pay operating expenses." As long as MIT faces only this kind of deficit, it means only that growth of endowment is slowed (though the market value has recently dropped significantly). Endowment is one measure of the financial "worth" of a school (Harvard is tops by far) and is used to provide a steady and dependable income through interest and dividends. MIT dips into its unrestricted income, but other universities (like Yale) are forced to actually sell off their endowment because their operating plans presupposed an ever-expanding economy with ever-increasing stock values. Thus, while MIT may not be going forward very fast, neither is it losing its financial foundation.

With an upturn or stabilization of the economy, MIT can roll out an updated version of its big (I guess, conservatively, \$250 million) fund drive, ready and waiting for nearly a year. With more government interest in R&D, more money should come our way (MIT being DoD's favorite school). Given such chances, MIT can move forward again, though never approaching the '60s boom.

And they're off... or are they?

By Peter Peckarsky

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Kennedy and Mondale are out, Udall is in, and Jackson is lacing his track shoes. Yes, sports fans, the trial heats for the all-American 1976 Presidential sweepstakes are here even as the 1972 campaign hangover is being exorcised in a Washington courtroom.

The reasonable way to select a Chief Executive would be to place the following advertisement in the *Wall Street Journal*: "Large corporation with vast international interests seeks chief operating officer. Directors desire applicant capable of re-structuring internal operations while maintaining foreign commitments and returning company's balance sheet to black. Stockholders looking for stability after going through three leaders in under six years; want person of broad experience, gregarious nature, able to settle business differences amicably willing to devote two years to training and at least four to job, option to renew for additional four years. Benefits include large fleet of corporate aircraft, mansion conveniently located near business headquarters, many aides to clear way through crowds, 'football' carrying assistant ready and willing to throw the bomb 24 hours per day. Not an Equal Opportunity employer. Write E.P. Unum at Box WSJ-1976."

But this is America and so we shall be condemned to another unenlightening campaign culminating in the election of some Democrat indistinguishable from his Republican opponent. (A Democrat because since 1952 the voters appear to have settled on eight year cycles of alternating control.)

Several salutary changes could be made in this campaign which should have been made, but were not, in 1972. Chief among these is increased vigilance and skepticism among the electorate and the press. In a sense, journalists serve as surrogates for the voters who are unable personally to question politicians on their policies. If what reporters and editors allowed Nixon and his corps to perpetrate in 1968 was fraud (see *The Selling of the President 1968*), the journalistic myopia in 1972 came close to aiding and abetting murder (see *The Boys on the Bus* and Theodore White's chapter on Watergate in *The Making of the President 1972*).

The fact that the news editor of the Washington bureau of the *New York Times* thought Watergate was a third-rate burglary until February, 1973, did not help matters. Lately there have been signs that the Old Gray Lady of 42nd Street is learning. An example was a recent story on a press conference held by Secretary of State Kissinger. Usually, the *Times*, other papers, and the networks, treat Henry the K with the respect accorded the Almighty. This time the *Times* allowed

one of their reporters to expose the clubby atmosphere existing between the Secretary and the members of the State Department Press Corps. In addition, the *Times* White House Correspondent was directly quoted on his disparaging views of the performance of people who attend Henry's press stroking sessions. Better late than never. But, it is too bad that the *Times* did not see through Kissinger about six years ago as did more astute observers of the Washington scene.

The point is that people in responsible and powerful positions should not be coddled. They should be constantly reminded of who they are and who they work for, not themselves, not their party, not history, but the American people. If this process were to start now before the next President is elected, there is an admittedly small chance that the process might continue after the Inauguration.

Another beneficial change is the new campaign spending law which may reduce the abuses to which money has been put on the Presidential election level. The panjandrum who control the House were not willing to put stiff limits, reporting procedures, and enforcement mechanisms on Congressional campaign expenditures. But, hopefully with the advent of a new generation in the House this January, these controls will also be enacted. In addition to reducing the dirty tricks type of abuse to which contributions (or, more properly, extortions) were put in 1972, it may also be possible to decrease the absolute level of expenditure on the 1976 Presidential race. After all, if a President served the national interest and not special interests, would anyone be willing to spend \$50,000,000 to win an office whose salary over the four year term will be only \$800,000 plus a \$200,000 expense account?

Today, a person must be willing to devote upwards of two solid years to the task of becoming President if he already does not hold the post. John Kennedy set the precedent in 1958 and won. Goldwater, Nixon, and McGovern followed suit with less success. Sen Walter Mondale (D-Minn.) was doing it and decided a few weeks ago that he did not have the "insane desire" necessary to seek the Holy Grail and neglect his family and constituents over the next two years. Who's left?

Rep. Morris Udall (Ariz.), Sens. Henry Jackson (Wash.), and Lloyd Bentsen (Tex.) for the Democrats, Gerald Ford and Nelson Rockefeller for the Republicans, and Govs. Ronald Reagan (Calif.) and George Wallace (Ala.) for the nascent Conservative Party which *Human Events* editor M. Stanton Evans has been trying to organize, are all in the running.

It is past time for the voters and the reporters, who will devote much of their time from now until election night 1976

writing about and following the above-mentioned candidates, to concentrate on what these men have in mind to do for and to the country rather than to concentrate on their speech-making ability, how many votes they will garner on the convention's first ballot, how pretty their wives and children are, or myriad other irrelevant factors.

Letter Human Wed.

To the Editor:

December 11 has been declared "Human Wednesday" by the MIT Student Homo Sapiens League in an attempt to make the MIT community more aware of the presence of human beings on campus.

The idea of a "Human Wednesday" was originated by Mutual of Omaha and has already been tried nowhere. This maiden effort is expected to have earth-shaking effect, but it is unlikely that another will be panned until the millennium.

A spokesman for the Leavenworth-Ossining Human Inmates Association, who identified himself as "Fyodor Dostoevsky," a pseudonym, has been quoted as saying, "Human Wednesday is to make it possible for human beings to identify each other." Dostoevsky also said, "Man is a pliable animal, a being who gets accustomed to everything!"

The MITHSL urges all humanity to wear bluejeans on December 11. They believe that as much as twenty percent of the MIT student population are human beings.

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Pierre Boule is a pseudonym - Editor.

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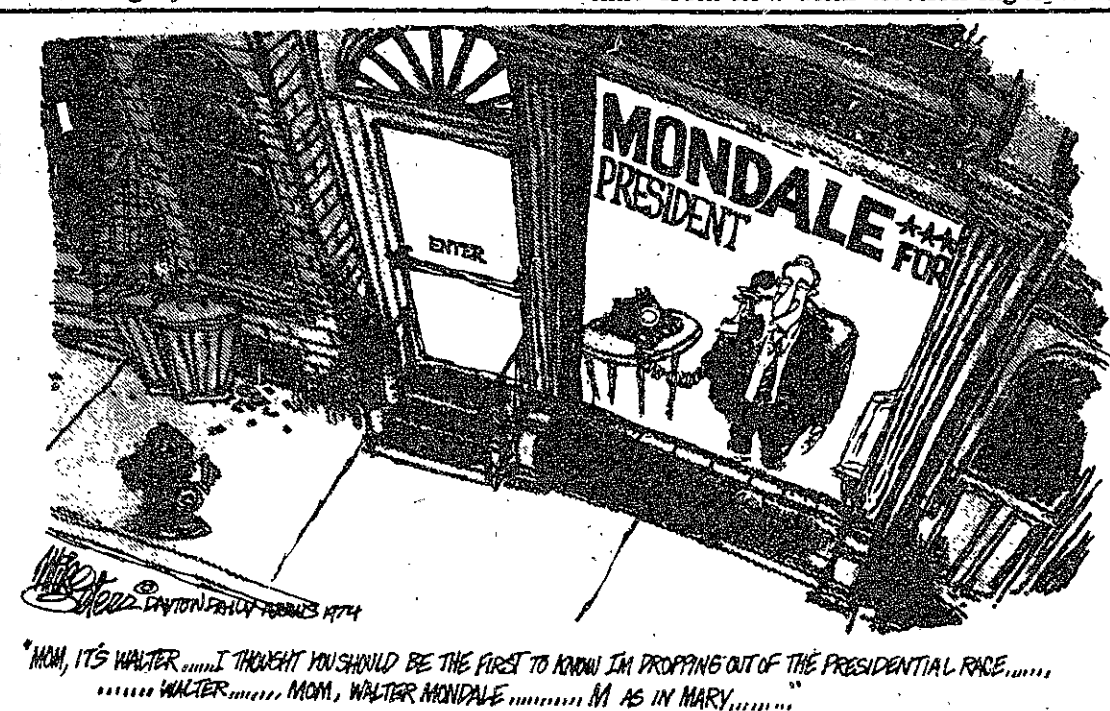
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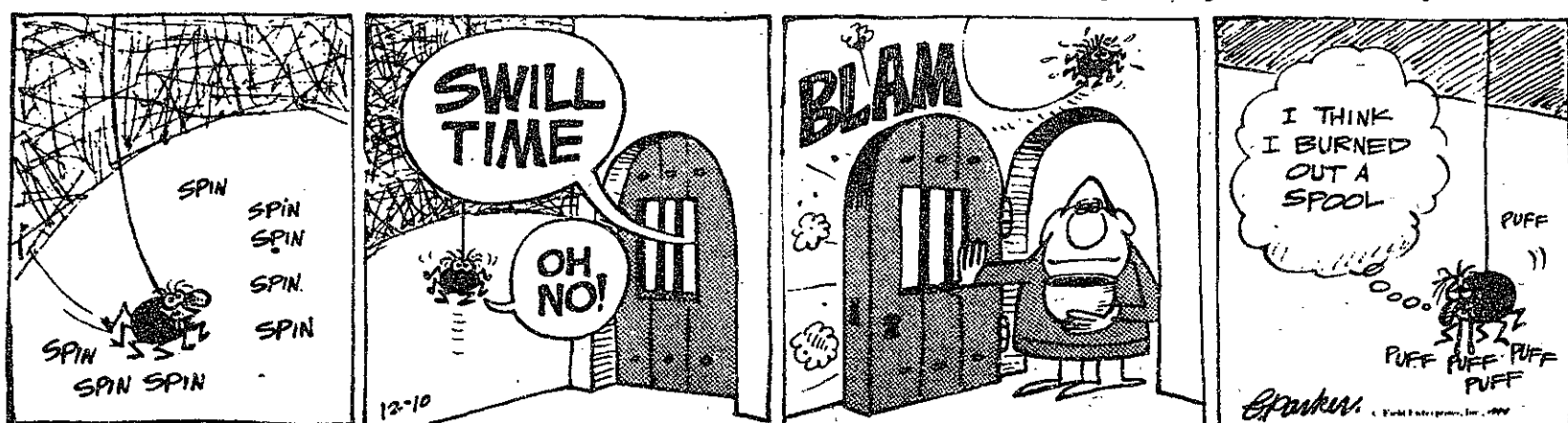
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Commentary:

YOUR police file

By Alex Jones

Do the police have a file on you? If you think not, because you never have been arrested, then think again. Chances are you're not only in their files, but in the FBI's massive data banks as well.

Here's a checklist:

- (1) Have you ever obtained a driver's license?
- (2) Have you ever been in the military?
- (3) Have you ever obtained welfare or food stamps?
- (4) Have you ever been a part of a political group?
- (5) Have you ever applied for a government loan?
- (6) Have you ever received a traffic ticket?

There are endless other criteria; the more you answer "Yes," the better the chances are that you would be found in a computer read-out from FBI files.

Only you can't see them.

The Church of Scientology's National Commission on Law Enforcement and Social Justice intends to change that and I, as their New England College Chairman have been on campus to talk about it.

The invasion of privacy is one of the major issues in the country today. Few people realize, however, the widespread harm that is created in our society by the violations of individuals' rights to privacy. For example, an educational research organization comes up with some valuable data on why students fail. However, when they present their findings, few are interested, and then suddenly, their funds are cut.

The result: a young, but badly needed program dies.

A careful look behind the scenes might uncover reports on the organization's members tucked away in some agency's secret files. These reports, containing inaccurate and fabricated information, had been spread around by the opposition in order to kill the group's proposed plan.

Just how extensively such false reports are used is not known at this time. However, with dozens of agencies, including the FBI, maintaining computerized information files on hundreds of thousands Americans, it is not difficult to see how it could occur quite frequently."

In addition, the freedom of every man, woman, and child in this country is being threatened by the collection and distribution of inaccurate information, especially by police agencies. The Commission is here to ensure individual Human Rights

are safeguarded as well as investigate the possibility that police may be purposely falsifying records to mask their own inefficiency.

Students desiring more information, or wishing to aid the Commission's research efforts should contact the college chairman. Furthermore, any person who has been or knows of anyone who has been abused or victimized by false reports is also urged to contact me.

For further information contact me: Alex Jones, New England College Chairman, 448 Beacon St., Boston, Ma., 02115, Phone: 617-266-9500, Ext. 48.

Alex Jones '75 is present a student in Course XXI.



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More letters to The Tech

CSE outline

To the Editor:

The Committee on Student Environment (CSE) is one of the standing committees of the faculty. Its membership includes, in addition to six faculty members (one of whom normally serves as chairman), the Dean and Associate Dean for Student Affairs, a representative from the Committee on Educational Policy, and undergraduate and graduate student members. The mandate of the committee is quite broad: to be "concerned with student life, especially with non-academic features which have a direct bearing on the education of the student as a citizen and a member of the Institute community." (From the Rules and Regulations of the Faculty).

The Committee has had a varied career at MIT, including hard work on several housing reports (one of which led to the "housekeeper" style housing) and many smaller projects (most recently the Ash-down dining hall report, urging that no more dining facilities be closed without a careful study of the objectives and purposes of dining facilities in student life at MIT).

The CSE most recently has been seeking a continuing role that plays to the strengths of the committee: its continuing nature, the fact that it is composed of individuals who are concerned with the quality of life, and the fact that it has no hurry-up duties that would prevent longer term consideration of issues. A constructive role also implies filling gaps in busy fabric of life at MIT, where environmental questions, quality of student life questions, cannot always be brought easily to the attention of the faculty and the community more generally.

There are two such roles for the committee. The first is to act as a continuing center for the consideration and resolution, where possible, of problems and concerns that cannot easily be dealt with through other channels. In this role, for example, the committee, as it has already done on occasions, can act as a constructive go-between for students and administrators.

The second role is to focus each year on one or two major issues of the quality of student life at MIT, to consider them at some length, and to make constructive suggestions and propose actions about them. During the last two years, the CSE has met with a wide variety of groups on campus to consider what might be the leading student life issues deserving of careful study - among those most frequently suggested are the advisory system; student faculty relationships, and the general quality of the social atmosphere.

Suggestions and opinions from students, faculty, administrators and other members of the community are welcome. The members of the committee and their phone numbers are as follows:

Ronald Bick '74 (VII), 628-7688; Thomas Cotner G (VII), DL9585; Mark Crane '76 (V), DL8216; Carola Eisenberg (DSA), x6776; Frederick Frey (Assoc. Prof. of Earth and Planetary Sciences), x2818; Eve Higgenbotham '75, (X) DL8946; Robert Holden (DSA), x6774; Joel Huberman (Assoc. Prof. of Biology), x4722; Margaret MacVicar (Assoc. Prof. of Physics), x6261; David Major, Chairman (Assoc. Prof. of Civil Engineering), x1991; Regis Pelloux (Assoc. Prof. of Metallurgy and Materials Science),

x3314; Russell Phillips '75 (VII), 628-7688; Theodore Wood, Jr. (Prof. of Humanities), x4456.

David Major, Chairman (for the CSE)

Union kudos

To the Editor:

This is an open letter to express my pleasure and congratulations to the bi-weekly and exempt employees on their decision to seek union representation. Their choice of District 65 as a union is an excellent one, as it has for many years maintained very progressive standards for its membership and not been prone to the unfortunate practices that many people have sadly come to associate with trade unions in some other instances. It is an outstanding organization, and one that puts the interests of its membership first at all times. Judging from its record it is also a truly democratic union. Members should have little fear that decisions will be made by unseen powers to their detriment. In such a union decisions to authorize a strike, for instance, remain solidly in the hands of the membership.

If the drive to unionize the bi-weekly and exempt employees is successful (and I very much hope and trust that it will be) this leaves only one major group here at the Institute unrepresented, the research staff (DSR employees and research associates). It should be obvious that this can only work to our disadvantage, since all other groups will then have someone to speak for them. As it is, very few of us have any idea how decisions on benefits, pay increases, contracts, etc. are made, or indeed, even what these decisions are. Perhaps we, too, ought to follow the intelligent lead of our fellow employees.

David Ozonoff, M.D. Research Associate

Energy contest

To the Editor:

Mike McNamee's article on the energy conservation contest was a little misleading. I came up with the idea of a dorm energy contest this summer while working on MIT's energy program. The contest was originated with the idea that the UAP's office would organize, administer, and publicize it. And so we have tried to do.

Most of the problem during October was not the "poor publicity efforts on the part of the UA [that] kept it from being effective," but a combination of the strike by the service employees and the ramifications of it. I held a meeting early in October with as many dorm presidents and managers as was possible and only one manager and two presidents could attend. Given the other duties of these two groups at the time, pressing them to do more work was considered ridiculous.

In addition, John Sallay is not working for Physical Plant, but for the UAP's office. He is one of the two newly appointed Secretary Generals, and; as such, one of his tasks is to administer the contest. I did the statistical analysis on Physical Plant's energy data during the summer myself under the supervision of Tom Shepherd, Superintendent of Utilities, and Shepherd does the monthly updates and validates the comparisons.

The primary purpose of the contest was to expand students' (and dorm residents' in particular) interest in the conservation program. We hope that by

simply remembering the problem of energy "over-usage" the students can also help themselves by lowering MIT's energy bill and thus the cost of an MIT education.

We will continue with the contest as long as it seems to be a viable mechanism for creating an awareness of the problem.

Steve Wallman UAP

The November winners of the contest are Senior House and East Campus, who tied for first - Editor.

Paranoia?

To the Editor:

It is very unfortunate that paranoia-laden features such as that by Peter Peckarsky (11/22/74) about Gen. George S. Brown's off-the-cuff remarks about the pro-Israeli lobby are to be found in your newspaper.

The facts as Peckarsky outlines them are, as nearly as I can tell, quite accurate. However his conclusions and recommendations are so irresponsible that I doubt his impartiality in this issue. Rather than address the very real and terribly important question of just how much influence a foreign government has in Congress, Peckarsky prefers to jump on the anti-Semitic bandwagon and demand the General's resignation.

To contrast the quality of journalism, let me point out that Time magazine (week of 11/25/74) also generally frowned upon the General's comments, but did go on to point out that while only 8 per cent of the country's daily newspaper circulation is controlled by Jews, all three national television networks are owned by corporations that are headed by Jews.

It is a common tactic by pro-Jewish groups to claim anti-Semitism whenever someone criticizes the Jewish influence in TV, newspaper, government, etc. and then to quote quite legitimate statistics that show Jews control only a small fraction of the pie in question. However, these figures are sometimes very misleading as in this case.

I am not defending Gen. Brown's statement since, when one examines his remarks, you can clearly see that his vague generalities are indeed in error and perhaps do require a reprimand or at least a correction.

However, I do very much object to Peckarsky's article which sidesteps the real issue and reverts to fashionable name-calling to divert attention from it.

I do suppose that Peckarsky could have an ulterior motive for demanding Gen. Brown's resignation. Maybe he feels that at some point in the future a decision will have to be made whether or not we are to invade the Arab states or possibly even resort to nuclear attack and jeopardize the continued existence of life on this planet in order to protect the sovereign state of Israel. Clearly it is not in Israel's interest if the chairman of the JSC is not completely committed to the Israeli cause and opts for peace instead.

Could it be that Peckarsky's feature is just another example of the pro-Israeli lobby?

Vincent S. Castellano



Exams

The following are additions and changes to the printed Final Exam Schedule for December 16 thru December 19, 1974:

Monday, December 16		
Chng 15.415	Finance Theory	E52-154 E52-155
Add 1.08	Geotechnology	1-350
Also Tues. 1:30pm		
Add 2.402	Thermodynamics	2-143
Add 2.451	Intermed Thermo	26-204 26-210 26-214
Add 15.564	Mgt Info Tech I	E52-075
Tuesday, December 17		
Add 1.08	Geotechnology	1-350
Add 17.07	Agression & War	26-302 26-310 26-314
Add 20.36	Human Nutrition	26-210 26-214
1:30pm		
Chng 6.201	Dyn Syst Control	4-161
Chng 6.241	Control Syst Theory	
Add 8.012	Physics I	Dupont
Add 8.03	Physics III	Dupont
Wednesday, December 18		
Add 18.04	Complex Variables	2-131 2-132
1:30pm		
Add 6.032	Prin of Quan Phys	50-340
Add 8.04	Comp Structs	Dupont
Add 2.55	Adv Heat Trans	5-233
Thursday, December 19		
Chng 1.711	Dynamic Hydrology	48-316
Cncl 18.101	Analysis II	4-161 4-163
Add 7.21	General Microbiology	50-340
Add 13.994	Buoy Engineering	5-216
Add 15.872		
15.852	Prin of Dynamic Sys I	E52-156

Duly Noted Paley at MIT

About this time every year, literary types on papers from the *New York Times* to the *East Overshoe World Journal and Massage Parlor* sit at their typewriters and select lists of the years especially significant books. The lists tend to be arbitrary, reflecting the cloistered view of the long suffering book reviewer. Rather than add to the clamor about the best books of the year, I nominate some for the "Erich Segal-Harold Robbins Award for The Worst Book of the Year."

THE RAPE by Robert Lamb, Bantam, combines the sensitive intellectual insights of a Joseph Wambaugh redneck paen with the readability of a horrid translation of Dostoevsky. About the only value lies in the treatment of the victim's ordeal during the pursuit and prosecution of her assailant.

DAUGHTER OF NIGHT by Lydia Bukhova, Macmillan, is the Russian version of the Adam and Eve story, done much better by Moses.

FEAR OF FLYING by Erica Jong,NAL/Signet, half-assed porn by a neurotic J.A.P. Best inflicted on your enemies.

In the periodicals category, the entire Mills-Foxe connection deserves nomination, as well as anything written about a recent football game between a small college in Connecticut and a liberal arts school in Cambridge. In the college publications, anything written by Larry Appleman for any publication, and the Institute Reports, both official and bogus, need no further comment.

Since this is my last attempt at journalism until at least January I wish you all happy holidays and a prosperous New Year.

— Thomas J. Spisak



Hard to be a Writer

It's a relief to know that pulp SF is not a failing peculiar to the USA. Arkadi and Boris Strugatski, writing from that great land across the ocean, bring us another dubious book through DAW press, their **HARD TO BE A GOD**. It is slow and incomprehensible for fifty pages or so, picks up interest without notice ably working too hard on the plot by the middle, and turns tolerable by the end, at which point, of course, it is too late, as everyone gets killed or drowns in their dialogue.

Here we go: according to Theodore Sturgen's back-cover blurb (You'd never get this from reading the book) the old Marxist history-is-the-evolution-of-cultures theory, we pop our well-meaning glorious revolutionary observers smack down in a dubious feudal state where they are supposed to observe and not interfere. Ignore the first ten pages, the fit nowhere. Cut to Lord Rumata, our noble disguised Earthman, bopping through the forest. Some random peasant clings to him for safe passage, the continue, get stopped by Brown-Shirts, and . . . but I can't go on. We have the old court plots, standard recriminations ("Can we stand idly by and watch these lumpenclods be slaughtered, even though we know this is necessary as a prelude to our Glorious State?") betrayal of the Code ("You know, my friend, we of the Service may not fall in love with the natives — and I have a hunch she will die in the last chapter, anyway, sad to say.") and so on.

This is not a bad book the way the Gor stuff is, or other pure pulps. There is remarkably little lecturing, in comparison to Mack Reynolds or late Heinlein and so on; the characters either know their Catechism or are supposed to ignorant

The contradictions are the most interesting part of Grace Paley's work. She is a short grandmotherly type with her hair up in a bun and trips to the PRC and the USSR to her credit. She wrote her first novel on her office typewriter while she was a secretary at Columbia. Most of all, while writing about the hopeless, the middle aged, and the old, she is excruciatingly funny.

Considering all this, her reading Monday night was extremely simple and without contradiction. Ms. Paley seemed determined to put forth an air of personal warmth, humor, and simplicity that won her audience completely. One had to pause and reflect to go beyond the humor.

After a few introductory bad puns by her former comrade from the anti-War movement, Ms. Paley popped up looking like she had just dropped her knitting and began by reading one of her best stories *Good-bye and Good Luck*. The story typefied the most constant and important element in her stories — the electricity. Writing and reading in a New York Jewish accent, Ms. Paley told the story of Rosie, the ticket seller in a Yiddish theater, who becomes involved with Vlashkin, the star of the theater.

The accent, repeated in the other stories she read, was an unforced music, keeping the audience laughing and reproducing the characters with an authenticity that would have been lost in WASP English. Paley has clearly studied the dialects of her native New York. The accents produce in her audiences a very human reaction — that a piece must be funny if it is ethnic. The reaction brings out a contradiction in Paley's writing. Her stories are funny but include a pathos. The characters in all Paley's stories are trapped. They are in dire peril of Old Age and despair. This is apparent in her stories. Her characters are as energetic as possible, trying to escape the perils of their lives, not for ever, only for a little while.

In her third story of the evening, "Wants," Ms. Paley shows another facet of her character, her political consciousness. *Wants* is about a woman meeting her ex-husband outside a library.

The characters are somewhat flat, and lord only knows what translations had done to this book. Some of the court intrigues are well done, and the book rarely offends by being stupid. But the Strugatski's effort comes off middle-of-the-line, neither bad enough to consign to the fires nor good enough to recommend. There are no machines, no skin scenes, no drugs save a few poisons, and very little other distracting cliches. I am not inspired to say much about this.

Instead, let me revise the record in the three-day wake of an article in here concerning yours truly. Yes, I am now a published SF writer. It is a bum business. Markets are bad and payment is worse. I have talked to too many other people around this place who think they are going to write, and/or sell SF stories, novels, etc. My advice: don't count on it.

For those that are interested, I will explain one route which can lead to selling stories to *World of IF* (their last issue, just my luck). It is not a route I recommend, but it is my own. First, go to MIT. Become Editor-in-Chief of *Thursday* during your sophomore year. Turn into a Literature Major. Do independent studies in writing. Get a UROP grant to write fiction one summer. (Less likely these days, but I had the idea first.) Teach a course in SF. (That was fun.) Graduate (In '73, Storm). Go to Clarion. (Optional but interesting.) Become a technical writer for Honeywell. (Skip this one and jump directly to being a bum.) Sell a story to David Gerrold. (Too late for the rest of you — but don't sweat it. As one editor said to me concerning this item, "I hardly count that as a professional sale." Sigh.) Then join the Science Fiction Writers of America. (After you've sold. But this has dubious merits.) Sell to *IF*.



Grace Paley

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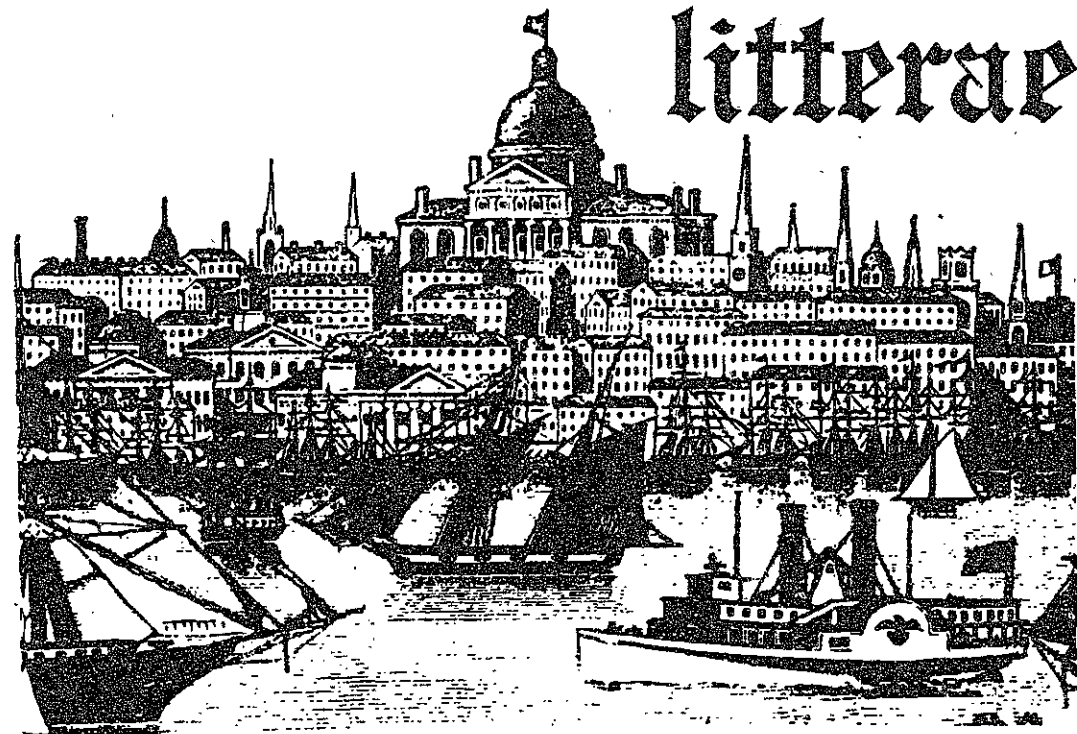
They discuss the reasons for the dissolution of their marriage in terms appropriate for situation comedy. The one liners, however, are about politics and bureaucracy. The husband says that he wanted a sailboat but she did not appear to want anything. The woman replies, "But I want something. I want to be a different person. I want to be the effective citizen who changes the school system and addresses the Board of Estimates on the troubles of this dear urban center. I had promised my children to end the war before they grew up." In this as in many of her later works, Ms. Paley shows a greater concern with social feelings as opposed to human pathos. The pathos is still there, but it shows broader roots than human conflict.

One of the important parts of Paley's writing is the juxtaposition of the mundane and cosmic concerns of humanity, which she uses to paint a flat, almost surreal picture of life among the failures in New York. In the last and most ambitious story of the reading *Enormous changes at the Last Minute*, she emerges from the mundane to deal with several heavy subjects. Paley exaggerates the surrealism of the situation to recapture the comic effects lost in the concentration on grim themes — a love affair between a spinsterish social worker and a cab driver,

their subsequent illegitimate child, and the slow death of the social worker's father. Paley's emergence from the mundane comes in the last line of the social worker's father, "Tragedy, tragedy. When will you face up to tragedy?"

In his introduction, Louis Kampf told the audience that Ms. Paley's stories were not autobiographic. The stories selected for this reading seemed to contradict him. There is a thread of Paley's self running through these stories. All dealt with middle aged women, either unmarried or divorced, taking care of children or an aged parent. In the later stories, there were flashes of a raised conscious. The selections, in an unconscious way, parallel her life. While perhaps not autobiographic, they give an insight into a complex, remarkable woman.

— John R. Beumer



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Write a novel. Rewrite a novel. Rewrite this rewrite. Type, proofread, submit. Plan second novel, find a job, put towel over typewriter, and hope they don't come looking for you.

I hope this is helpful to those budding science fiction writers among you. Beyond the faint promises of payment from *IF* and mounting postage bills, all I have to show for this nonsense is a phone call from a lady who wished to come over and visit my cat, whose face appeared below mine in the picture. But alas, Fuzzy has gone on to better places (Brookline, I think). A friendly white cat, name of Anthracite, has come up from New Jersey to give solace, and we welcome visitors. A free Russian science fiction novel to the first caller.

— Daniel P. Dein

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MIT 2nd in triangular meet

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man John Dillon placed second in the 600 and 1000, respectively, while co-captain Gary Wildes '75 came through with a second in the 50 and a fourth in the long jump.

The loss to the Judges Saturday was MIT's first ever to a Brandeis track team. The Engineer thinclads, however, were without the services of three of its top contenders. Distance ace co-captain Jeff Baerman '76, long and triple jumper Paul Kuzmenko '77, pole vault Jim Williams '77 were all out due to injuries.

Friday evening at 6:00, the MIT track team entertains the MIT Has-Beens, a team of MIT alumni who ran track for the Institute. The Has-Beens will attempt to avenge last spring's 78-76 heartbreaking defeat by

the varsity. On Sunday, MIT will compete in the Northeastern University Relays.

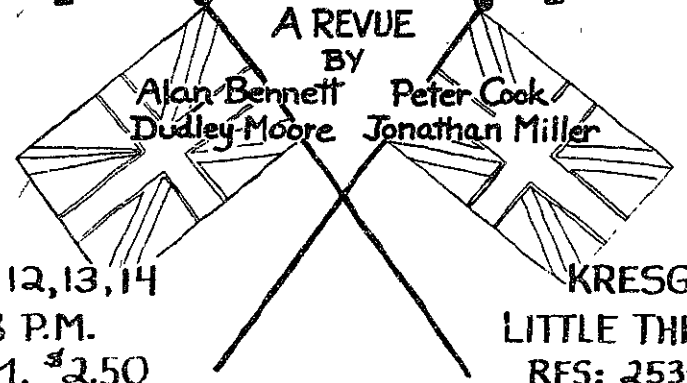
Summary of Events:

Shot Put: 1-Hoffman (BR); 2-Hunter (MIT); 3-Donnelly (BR); 4-Bunke (MIT); 51'5"
35 lb. Weight Throw: 1-Donnelly (BR); 2-Laub (BR); 3-Lundberg (MIT) 4-Cole (BR); 49'4-3/4"
Pole Vault: 1-Hyland (MIT); (only qualifier) 11'0"
Long Jump: 1-Visbaras (BR); 2-Varadian (WPI); 3-Donle (WPI); 4-Wilkes (MIT); 21'7-3/4"
High Jump: 1-Visbaras (BR); 2-Howe (WPI); 3-Edelman (MIT); 4-von Borstel (MIT); 6'3"
45 Yd. High Hurdles: 1-Okine (MIT); 3-Griffin (BR); 3-Sullivan (BR); 4-Perini (MIT); 6.0
50 Yd. Dash: 1-Okine (MIT);

2-Wilkes (MIT); 3-Smith (WPI); 4-Sullivan (BR); 5.8
600 yd. Run: 1-Thomas (BR); 2-Braun (BR); 3-Greehan (BR); 4-Ryan (MIT); 1:18.0
1000 Yd. Run: 1-Bostick (BR); 2-Dillon (MIT); 3-Jenket (WPI); 4-Gorfinkle (BR) 4:32.1
Two-Mile Run: 1-Bradford (BR); 2-Reinhold (BR); 3-Donoghue (BR); 4-Wnek (WPI); 9:36.0
One-Mile Relay: 1-MIT (Wilkes, Banks, Okine, Ryan); 2-Brandeis; 3:44.4
Two-Mile Relay: 1-WPI; 2-MIT; 3-Brandeis; 8:45.3
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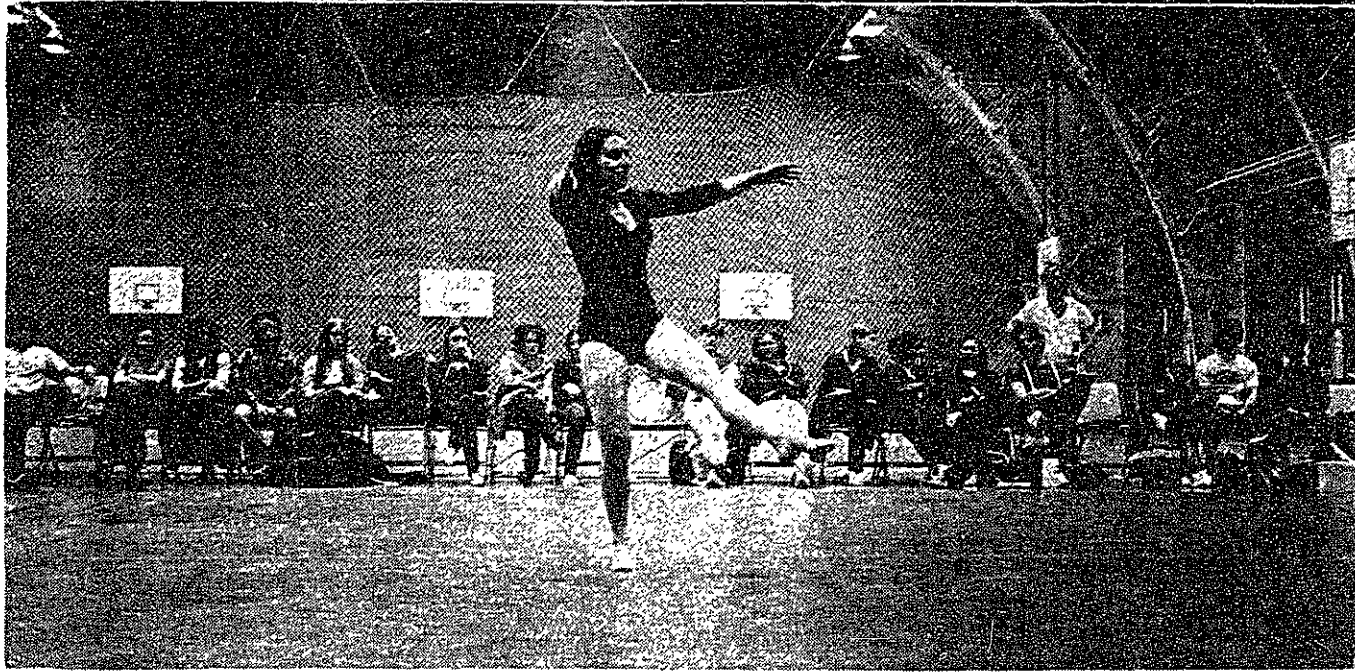
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Martha LaFerrier of the women's gymnastics club demonstrates a floor exercise movement in Sunday's opening meet against Penn. Although members of both the gymnastics club and team competed against Penn, only the undergraduate gymnasts' scores counted in MIT's 46.4-26.6 loss

to the Quakers. Sue Hanson '78 led the Engineers with 10.25 points, taking first place in the floor exercises, while Helen Miyasaki '78 earned MIT's other event win with a 4.4 routine on the balance beam.

Photo by Tom Vidic

Swimmers win one of two

By Jay Morris

The MIT men's varsity swimming team began its 1974-75 season this past week by splitting two extremely close meets. Tufts edged out the Engineers 59-54 Wednesday, but MIT came back Saturday to defeat Wesleyan, 61-52.

In the Tufts meet, MIT and the Jumbos battled back and forth, constantly exchanging leads as the meet remained closely contested until the final relay.

Steve Melnikoff '78, Gary Simpson '78, Tom Jacobs '75, and Craig Christensen '76 teamed up in the opening medley relay for a winning time of 4:04.6, a very good time for this stage of the season. This team should break the four-minute mark before long.

MIT took one-two in the 1000-yard freestyle with captain Peter Schulz '75 leading the way with 11:46.1 and freshman Dick Henze doing an excellent 11:50.5. Tufts then proceeded to take first and second in both the 200-yard and 50-yard freestyle events to tie the meet.

The Jumbos moved ahead in the 200-yard individual medley in spite of Simpson's fine second-place effort of 2:15.2. In the required diving, Rick Ehrlich '77 evened the overall meet score by gaining five first-place points. Jacobs put the Engineers back in front with a victorious 2:19.7 in the butterfly but Tufts came right back with first and second in the 100-yard freestyle.

Melnikoff and Schulz swam to respective victories in the 200-yard backstroke and 500-yard freestyle, and Ehrlich won the optional diving com-

petition to give MIT a tenuous 54-52 lead going into the final relay. Unfortunately, Tufts pulled out a win in the relay with a time of 3:53.5, winning the meet and dealing MIT a heartbreaking defeat.

The Engineers were not distressed by Wednesday's outcome as they knew they were capable of a better performance. MIT came up with such a showing Saturday to top Wesleyan.

The medley relay team improved its time three seconds to 4:01.6 in defeating its Wesleyan opponents, while Schulz and Henze once again captured the top two places in the 1000-yard freestyle, slicing seven and nine seconds off their times, respectively.

Wesleyan took the 200-yard and 50-yard freestyle races, but Simpson brought the Engineers back with a clutch 2:16.4 to win the 200-yard individual medley. Ehrlich won the one-meter

diving for MIT with an impressive 221.90 points, and Jacobs pulled out a victory in the 200-yard butterfly to move MIT well in front of the Cardinals.

Staging one last rally, Wesleyan placed first in both the 100-yard freestyle and the 200-yard backstroke to remain in the meet. Schulz and Simpson then widened the Engineer lead slightly, Schulz winning the 500-yard freestyle in 5:29.4 and Simpson cruising through the 200-yard breaststroke in a fast 2:28.5.

Ehrlich and Mark Snyder '76, mindful of Wednesday's final relay loss, teamed up for a one-two finish in the three-meter dive to put the meet away for the Engineers.

The final meet score was MIT 61, Wesleyan 52, as it appears, based on the squad's first two performances, to be a most promising season for the MIT swimmers.

Strong Brandeis team routs track; WPI third

By Dave Dobos

Rich Okine '77 sped to two individual firsts for MIT Saturday, but it only put a dent in a powerful Brandeis attack, as the Judges swept a triangular track meet from MIT and WPI at Rockwell Cage.

The Brandeis athletes enjoyed a super day, winning nine of the 14 events and setting three school records. The Judges finished with 74 points, MIT following with 44, and WPI's 24 trailing the field.

Okine took the 50 and the hurdles, and ran a leg on the winning mile relay team for 11½ points. Steve Hyland '77 picked up an easy win in the pole vault for five more. Weightmen Greg Hunter '76 and John Lundberg '77 both turned in excellent performances in their respective events, Hunter tossing the shot 46' 5½" and Lundberg heaving the 35 lb. weight 46'9".

George Braun '75 and freshman (Please turn to page 7)

JV fencing teams beat Northeastern

By Patrice Desvigne

This Tuesday, MIT's JV fencing teams opened their seasons with impressive victories over Northeastern. The women's team, after only two months of training with coach Eric Sollee and maestro Silvio Vitale, proved to be too formidable an opponent for Northeastern, routing the Huskies twice, while the men's team scored a convincing 10-3 win over their Northeastern counterparts.

The women's first match victory was led by Barbara Altenburg '76, who won all three of her bouts. Judith Austin '77 gained two victories in three bouts and Jeannette Wing '78 outdueled one Husky opponent to clinch the match for MIT by a commanding 6-3 score.

Shaken by its first defeat, Northeastern had trouble locating the elusive MIT target in

the second match of the night, scoring only eleven touches and winning one bout of nine.

Meredith Boice '78 and Cathy Medich '77 both went undefeated while Karen Kaufman '77 defeated two of her three opponents, accounting for MIT's 8-1 win over the discouraged Northeastern team.

MIT's men's JV team completed the Engineer sweep by taking seven of nine bouts in foil and three of four in saber.

Mark Smith '78 went undefeated for the Engineers in foil, while David McAllester '78 and Siang Chua '78 compiled 2-1 records to gain the weapon victory. MIT continued to dominate in saber, as David Karp '78 disposed of two Northeastern opponents and Tom Stefanick '78 notched one win, completing the JV's 10-3 triumph.

Sports

Gymnasts lose to LTI, trounce Pennsylvania

By Paul J. Bayer

The MIT men's gymnastics team opened its eighth season this past weekend with encouraging performances in a loss to Lowell Tech and a win over the University of Pennsylvania. After losing five key team members to graduation, this is a rebuilding year for the Tech gymnasts, and the weekend's meets showed some surprisingly good scores from men filling the open spots.

The outcome of the LTI meet on Saturday was simply a question of available talent. The Lowell all-around men — Bissen, Corbett, and Kirsck — came close to winning the meet by themselves. LTI specialists were then able to raise the team score sufficiently for an easy victory over the Engineers, 125.25 to 115.8.

The only event win for MIT was on the parallel bars, where Andy Rubel '74, Alan Razak '75, and co-captain Curt Thiem '75 took second, third, and fourth to beat LTI by 3.7 points. Thiem led Engineer scorers with a total of 23.8 points, while Jon Johnson '76 picked up MIT's only individual first with a score of 8.35 on the rings.

Penn on Sunday had two good all-around men — Schina and Greenberg — but they could not support them with specialists, especially on parallel bars and high bar. The teams were close through four events, virtually matching up man for man.

On pommel horse Penn took first with an outstanding 8.6 by Gasperini, but Wes Taylor '76 and Steve Kirsch '78 too second

and third with 6.8 and 6.7 to give the Tech men an edge. Similarly on rings, Penn took first, but the MIT depth of Johnson, David Lu '77 and Thiem gave the Engineers a 0.4 edge.

After four events, MIT led by only 1.1 points but again, the parallel bar team showed itself to be the best of the MIT event squads. Razak, Thiem, and Rubel swept the top three places, beating Penn by 8.4 points and turning the meet into a runaway. Senior Scott Foster's 8.0 effort on the following event, high bar, clinched the easy victory for the Engineers, 122.5-106.1.

Lu had an excellent meet, recovering from a mediocre total of 21.95 on Saturday to lead all scorers with 32.8 points Sunday, including individual firsts in floor exercise and vaulting.

Most encouraging for the rest of the season were the performances of the Tech gymnasts never or rarely seen in the scoring column before. Co-captains Alan Hart '75 on floor exercise and pommel horse and Curt Thiem on rings, vaulting, and high bar led the way. John Troiani '78 and Jay Krasner '76 traded scoring spots on floor exercise, and Steve Kirsch scored twice on pommel horse.

For the remainder of the season, the outlook is bright. While the team is not as good as last year's, there is great potential for improvement. In addition, a number of other New England schools are down this year, so a winning season or even a strong winning season is not out of reach.



Co-captain Curt Thiem '75 performs on the still rings in Sunday's gymnastics win over Penn. Thiem, who led all Engineer scorers in the Lowell Tech loss on Saturday, placed second individually to David Lu '77 as MIT captured its first win of the season. Photo by Tom Vidic

Gordon tops hockey 3-2

By Danny Naddor

A fired-up MIT varsity hockey team gave Gordon College a run for its life before finally bowing, 3-2, in a truly exciting game last Saturday night at duPont ice rink.

Going into the final period of play, the Engineers trailed Gordon, 2-0, but aggressively struck back on goals by John Nangeroni '75 and Bob Laurenson '75 to knot the score at 2-2. Then, with 3:47 left in the game, Gordon got the clincher after a scramble in front of the MIT goal, sending the Engineers reeling to a toothgnashing defeat.

The first period ended without a score, as the action was highlighted by fast skating and rough checking (13 penalties were handed out during the game). Despite the tenacious defensive play, both teams threatened but could not score. MIT goaltender Al Lewis '75 made a spectacular save on a

2-on-0 breakaway to thwart one Gordon scoring attempt, while his counterpart at the other end of the ice made some difficult stops as well to stymie the Engineers.

However, with 14:48 gone in the second period, Gordon lit the scoring lamp on a close-in shot, and followed with another goal just twelve seconds later which actually deflected off an MIT defenseman.

Not to be outdone, the Engineers retaliated in the third period with a vicious press featuring aggressive forechecking and containment of the puck in the Gordon zone. The move paid off as Nangeroni netted the rebound of a David "OJ" Ojemann '78 shot at 10:51, and Laurenson rocketed a 30-foot slap shot past the Gordon goalie on an assist from Evan Schwartz '75 with 5:50 left to play. The Engineers continued to dominate the action, narrowly missing on several scoring at-

tempts, only to have Gordon snatch away the victory with just 3:47 remaining in the game.

On a darker note, Herbie Kummer '75, a stand-out defenseman for the team, suffered stretched knee ligaments in the third period and will be forced to sit out the next several games. His presence will be painfully missed.

In an interview before Saturday's game, Coach Wayne Pecknold exuded cautious optimism for the remainder of the season. "This year will be one of rebuilding," Pecknold explained, as only two defensemen and one complete line from last year's varsity team are returning, while starting goalie Lewis saw little action with the squad last season. By stressing defense and position play, Pecknold expects the team to drastically improve on its 1973-74 record of 0-19. "Spirits are high," the coach added, and based on the Gordon game, they certainly should be.