Being Black at MIT: isolation

By Barb Moore

One of the least visible yet near, which is MIT, is the black student population. Although there are no statistics available on the number of black students enrolled, estimates range from 150 to 300, making it one of the smallest minorities on campus. Yet, the black student group, which comprises totally of black MIT students, is considered one of the most active and cohesive student groups at MIT.

Phil Hampton '76, chairman of BSU, pegs the group's membership at about 50. Although not all black students are members of BSU, its representation seems to be more complete than that of the Undergraduate Association (UA). Since the percentage of black students who belong to BSU is higher than the percentage of the overall student body who vote in the UA elections.

The black students at MIT express many of the same dissatisfaction that members of any minority group feel. There are often feelings of isolation and lack of support. Jimmie Russell '75 stated that although blacks are represented at MIT it is not necessarily a function of the Institute. "It happens to be the place where growing and maturing begin, and the black student begins to position his place in society. If MIT is the place where it happens, you have to deal with it." 

Debbie Thompson '75 agrees that MIT is not totally at fault. She said she is not less happy now than at another school. "Black at MIT is a very select group. You've already accepted the workload, the isolation, and having to deal with whites."

Most of the complaints center around the feeling that MIT is not responsive to the needs of blacks. Thompson continued that "MIT is not responsive to anybody's needs, including those of black students." Russell agreed that "students in general are treated poorly," at MIT adding that education ranks "about nine on a scale of ten in importance."

Carol Eisenhower, Dean for Student Affairs, stated, "Society has not faced the problems of the blacks; they are being ignored," She noted that MIT's interpretation of the particle as an institution has not been able to provide the atmosphere needed by minority students, especially those with poor academic backgrounds. "MIT is slowly and painfully learning to provide a more supportive atmosphere for minority students," she said.

By Gerald Radack

United States foreign policy has been and will continue to be imperialis in nature, MIT's Professor Noam A. Chomsky told an audience at Harvard Wednesday.

"The central concern of American foreign policy is to be that the oil reserves of the Middle East and control over them remain in the hands of the American oil corporations," Chomsky said. "This means not allowing the control over the Middle East to go to the Saudis."

"The United States has succeeded in constructing a stable system within the Middle East," Chomsky said, "and providing the United States has control,"

Chomsky added. "As a 'Teach-In on Cyprus,' which was held in an auditorium at the Harvard Science Center on Wednesday evening, the teach-in sponsored by the Cyprus Solidarity Committee, a group based in Cambridge, was held to organize relief efforts for 200,000 Cypriots who are refugees from the recent war on Cyprus."

"United States actions in July undoubtedly intended to support the coup that replaced Archbishop Makarios, who had abolished the Constitution of Cyprus independence in 1960, with the hope of securing United States aid for Cyprus," Chomsky said. He also noted that "it is clear that the United States did not expect the July 15 coup well over two weeks before it took place."

"It is obvious that the purpose of the 'Cold War' was for both superpowers (United States and Soviet Union) to remain in control over their respective dominions. This has now been formalized as detente, although a much more accurate word would be entente."
Six ugly competitors for UMOC 

By Mike McNamee

Campaigning started in the Ugliest Man on Campus contest yesterday, with six candidates vying for donations to the CARE Famine Relief Fund.

Contributions gathered yesterday in the Lobby of Building 10 totaled $1000 according to members of Beta Phi Omega service fraternity, which sponsors the annual contest. All the money gathered as “wages” for UMOC candidates will be donated to the CARE fund by APO after the contest ends at midnight Friday.

The UMOC candidates will campaign throughout the Institute during the week, as well as maintaining the booth in Building 10. They will also appear Thursday night at the Institute. The “Ugliest Man on Campus” campaign, which this year will feature an “equity sweatshirt and pointed black mask and claims to be uglier than those other turkeys.”

- Ed Schwalenberg, who is one of the six candidates this year are running for the Archaeology. The “Mask of Zero” (Bob Linz ‘77), who is running for second year in a row.-“The Mask of Zero”: Bob Linz ’77, who is running in a black mask and claims to be backed by Epsilon Theta fraternity. The “Mask” reportedly has scheduled a Black Mass in the Lobby of Building 7 for noon Thursday to aid his campaign.

New particle found

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It has half-life might be as much as 100 billions of a billion of a second – an extremely long half-life on the nuclear scale. Tests are still being conducted to determine what the particle from decaying more rapidly.

A small controversy over naming of the particle has arisen, with the East Coast scientists calling it the J-particle, while the California physicists favor calling it “pul.” Usage of the same in scientific works will probably eventually settle the dispute.

Career Planning Office to publish student resumes

By Mike McNamee

MIT students will have an opportunity to have their resumes printed in a book to be distributed to companies looking for science and engineering graduates, the Career Planning and Placement Office announced last week.

A letter has been sent to all junior candidates in scientific and engineering fields, inviting them to submit a resume for inclusion in the book. The book, which the Placement office hopes will include more than 400 resumes, will be sold to companies at a cost of about $40 per book.

Many companies have urged the Placement Office to start such a book, according to Robert K. Weatherall, Director of Career Planning and Placement. “We expect to print up about 200 copies, and there is enough interest that we expect easily sell 100 copies at $40 each,” Weatherall said.

The book will be divided into sections for bachelors, masters, Ph.D. and engineering degree candidates, Weatherall said. It will not be divided by fields, because “it can be very difficult to tell who’s in what field at MIT,” Weatherall explained.

If the book is well-received this year, the Director said, the Placement Office will expand it next year to include Architecture and Planning students as well. Graduates of the Sloan School of Management have had a similar book for several years, but undergraduate management majors could also be served by the service, Weatherall said.

Resumes for inclusion in the book should be submitted to the Office by Friday, Weatherall said. Resumes already on file in the Placement Office can be put in the book by notifying the office. Resumes longer than two pages will not be accepted, according to Weatherall.
Black students express isolation, support lack

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Some of the problems of black students evolve through differences in MIT's approach to education and that of high schools. One student interviewed by The Tech felt that he was not adequately prepared for MIT, even though he knew MIT would be academically more difficult than his high school. This disadvantage, combined with the competitive, "hostile" environment of MIT, caused some problems during his freshman year. Russell agreed that he too had to adapt to a new type of thinking at MIT - a new level of question.

Interphase, a program of "clearing a dead end," in the summer before the student's freshman year, is usually one manner in which MIT administrators hope to close the gap in educational background. Russell participated in Interphase, and viewed it as both a help and a hindrance. "It got me familiar with the campus and facilities, but the academic orientation could have been better."

Thompson feels that blacks help each other and academically much more than the institute helps them, through helping each other. There really isn't any response. There's very little a white administrator can do to give us support," she stated. Russell added, "I don't like the way the administration 'helps' us without asking us what we want."

Many blacks stated that positions in the administration dedicated to minority affairs are "little more than a clerk." Debra Carlton '75 said that the Office for Minority Education (OME) might be a help, if ever gets off the ground.

Thompson admitted that "I must assume some of the responsibility for my past in it (the OME)." However, she stated that the OME has been held up partially due to a miscommunication quarsel over where the office should go.

Some other black students are not so optimistic about OME's ability to help. Russell stated that he felt that the OME office would be one more bureaucratic committee given no real power by the administration. One student stated, "If it is not given the proper power, it will fail. That's the general trend of minority offices."

Plans for the OME were "closed" membership. Consequently, many BSU activities have admissions fees when funding may not be available.

Thompson added that many black students must "fight like hell" to get the money to attend MIT. "Blacks who need aid shouldn't have to fight like that," when asked if she saw differences between black and white student," she added. Many whites, she stated that they had no real comparison.

Despite the problems of being black in the predominately white environment of MIT, all the black students contacted by The Tech said they would still choose MIT. Thompson summarized the general feelings with his explanation: "Yes, I would still choose MIT because it is the best education available in science and technology. I would say no to on the basis of the hostile environment.

"I feel now that the education outweighs the problems, and I would still choose MIT."

-- by Bob Mitchell
Letters to The Tech

To the Editor:

Professor Vera Kistiatowsky, in a letter to The Tech appearing in your Nov. 15 issue, lists Institute departments with numbers of female faculty members who have: (a) received an H. D. degree, (b) had at least one paper published in a refereed journal, and (c) are on the editorial board of a refereed journal. Professor Kistiatowsky has done a most jarring interruption occurred in the form of the Patents Hall-time show. Perhaps I am not adequately moulded of three-ring circles, but a simultaneous demonstration of Patents Hall-analogous paradigm contrasting between truth and fiction. At some point, we may just have to face up to the fact that labels like "male" or "female" have become a low-risk high-profit enterprise, whether it favors women or men. The effect of this is to water down the concept of gender equality by suggesting that if we just give women equal opportunities, they will then use them to escape from what they feel is an unattractive career. The problem is that we are not providing women with the kind of education and training they need to take advantage of these opportunities. Without this, women will continue to be underrepresented in the fields where they are most needed.

Jim Holberg

Gym lockers

To the Editor:

There is apparently an abuse of the gym locker system throughout the Institute. In the past two years, there have been numerous complaints about the condition of the lockers. The problem seems to be that the lockers are not being used properly. After a user has placed their belongings in the locker, they often forget to lock the door, leaving their valuables exposed. In some cases, the lockers have been broken into, resulting in the theft of valuable items such as wallets and phones. We urge the Institute to take action to address this problem and ensure the safety of its students.

Robert MacMahan

In Case of Insomnia - Column 45!

By Storm Kelfull

Suffering from your usual chronic lack of subject matter, I have decided to remove a bit about mostly non-MIT matters. One could say (as I may have) that I should just go ahead and write. I am not going to be the first editor to have a lack of ideas keep him from progressing.

First of all, that unattractive composition to my left (your right) is an editorial written by my personal editor, as evidenced by the Editorial Board, which consists of Chairperson Bruce Moore, Managing Editor John Hanzel, Executive Editor Norm Sandier, News Editor Michael McNamara, and my not so shining self. The majority of the Editorial Board can decide to run an editorial written by any of the five. I should point out that I do not like editor-

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Thursday set as day of fasting

By Mike McNamara

The United States showed "callousness and disregard for the world community" by refusing to pledge greater food aid to needy countries at the recent World Food Conference, an MIT professor charged this week.

In a statement released Monday, Professor Nevins S. Scrimshaw, head of the Department of Hygiene and Food Science, said that the U.S. government has presented "little evidence" of willingness to "share"
in short- and long-term solutions" to the food problem.

Scrimshaw said that the U.S.
has "a much greater monopoly on food exports than the Arab countries have on oil exports," and should act to make more food available for poorer countries suffering from the food crisis. To do this, Scrimshaw proposed that grain surpluses be purchased by the Federal government for export, and that meat producers be encouraged to cut back on consumption of feed grain for meat.

Scrimshaw's statement was made prior to events scheduled at MIT Thursday for a nationwide "Fast for a World Harvest" day, Scrimshaw, a leading expert on nutrition and the food crisis, will be the main speaker at a teach-in to be held in conjunction with the fast.

The fast, part of a national movement by colleges, church groups, and community organizations, is designed to call attention to the problems of the food crisis, according to Nick Herman, an officer of the food crisis, according to Nick Herman, an officer of the New World Coalition. The Coalition, a Boston-based group, is organizing New England fast activities, with the aid of Oxfam-America, an international group which raises funds for research into problems of developing nations.

Donations made to Oxfam on the fast day and proceeds from sale of tickets to a "Hungry Banquet" to be held Thursday night will be used to sponsor further research on improving food production in developing countries, Herman told The Tech.

Organizers will be operating tables in the Institute Dining Halls this week, selling tickets to the Hungry Banquet and getting students to participate in the Thursday fast. Herman said.

Other colleges in the Boston area have planned similar activities for the fast day, Herman said, including a "rice dinner" at Wellesley College Thursday evening.

NOTES

* On Wednesday, November 20, at 4:00p.m. in the Navy ROTC, the lecture is sponsored by Capt. Alfred A. McFaren, USN, and will cover US explorations from Wilkins' voyage in 1931 up through approximately one year ago, including early diesel voyages, the historic cruise of USS Nautilus in 1958, and Capt. McFaren's own voyage in USS QUEENFISH in 1970. In addition, early Soviet and German diesel explorations, the nos British voyages, and the most recent knowen those not classified USSR explorations will be discussed. A question and answer period will follow.

* Proposals for new subjects, changes in units offered for subjects, and changes in descriptions of subjects for the 1976-77 Bulletin should be submitted by each professor charged this week. The bulletin, according to Dr. Mahmoud Shabandar, Special Coordinator, will be distributed to all members of the faculty and students in the form of a questionnaire. Changes in units offered for subjects, and changes in descriptions of subjects, will be the main subject at a teach-in to be held in conjunction with the fast.

* A program entitled "Knowledge You Can't Get in College" will be held on Monday, Nov. 18 at 5:45 and 7:00, to acquaint interested members of the MIT community with the direct experience of the sources of life which the Continental Guru Mahajar Ji claims to reveal.

* The Ethical Implications of Western Technology for Third World Communities will be discussed by Dr. Dennis A. Goelitz, visiting Fellow, Overseas Development Council and Organization of American States at 5:30p.m. Tuesday, Responding will be Professor T. E. Mollendorf, History of Science, Harvard University, and Dr. Mahamid Sallaridi, Special Program on Urban and Regional Studies, MIT. The lecture is sponsored by the Technology and Culture Seminar.

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** Slice Ball
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** Sloe Joe
Shake 2 oz. De Kuyper Sloe Gin and 1 oz. of lemon juice well with ice. Strain into cocktail glass or pour over rocks. Garnish with cherry.
MIT Debate Society tops Ford economy moves record of last five years

By Margaret Brandeis

Debate is as popular as any intercollegiate "sport" as MIT, although it is often not paid much attention.

This year the MIT Debate Society, home for most debates of MIT, has opened its season with its best performance in five years. According to Debate Society President, Jack Segal '76, this is due to the return of four top upperclassmen from last year and the addition of several good freshmen to the organization.

While last year the Debate Society did "fairly well," ranking first in New England and 20th in the country, the team has done much better this year, said Segal, "because we have more people more involved."

MIT's top team of Larry Summers '74 and Segal has won two of the four tournaments in which they have participated so far this year. At the Tarbel Invitational Tournament at the University of North Carolina held October 25-27, Summers and Segal placed first in a field of 67 teams, with Sumners being named the third speaker.

Segal said that the society is especially strong this year because they not only have a strong first team, but also have strong second and third teams. Mark Shermer '77 and Richard Steilberg '77 took second place at a tournament held at Brown, while Tomm Mattison '78 and Jeff Lillian '78 took third place, becoming the first MIT freshmen in the last two years to compete in and win the final round of a varsity tournament.

According to Segal, a person who is serious about debating spends 20 hours each week debating. While a student cannot receive academic credit for debating, "after a while it becomes a quasi-social activity," said Segal.

"To us it's a sport," Segal commented. "It's a team competition. We get as much shooting competition out of it as other people do playing basketball or hockey."

Using funds provided by the Finance Board of the Association of Student Activities, the Debate Society attends about 20 tournaments each year at colleges throughout the United States. "If you get really good," said Segal, "you get to go all over the country."

To combat inflation, Harris called for "immediate selective tax cuts for 'most taxpayers' and a tax increase for the Gattys and the Rockefeller and the Mellons."

"President Ford says nothing can be done about inflation until 1976. For many people, 1976 is a year at least ten years off. By 1976, Harris told us, "the situation will be such that the Navy won't complete at least ten boats."

By Gerald Radack

President Ford's economic policies were strongly criticized by retired Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird at a debate in the final round of a varsity tournament.

Outlining the alternative proposals for new submarine systems which would be large enough to carry powerful long-range missiles, Zimmerman explained that "Laird had closed off the President's options by going public." Nixon presumably favored a lower-cost program which would allow faster production and which would not require as strong a commitment as the Trident.

The Trident submarine which emerged from this controversy will be much larger than existing ones and will be propelled by a "natural circulating reactor." The range of its missiles will be over 6000 miles, and it will travel at speeds up to 24 nautical miles per hour, according to Zimmerman. Modular constructions will also allow the Trident to spend 70 to 80 percent of the time at sea, Zimmerman said, while 50 percent of the time of existing submarines is devoted to maintenance.

While the Trident is quite large, it will hopefully also be fast; this combined with its increased missile range indicates greater strategic effectiveness. Zimmerman delivered conclusive comment on this subject, saying "I don't think we know enough about detection phenomena to say much about the elusivity of the Trident."

Ten Tridents, each of which and approximately $1 billion for ships and missiles, are to be built under the current program. Trident has been justified as being economical in the overall sense of each boat carrying more and larger missiles, Zimmerman explained, skeptically observing that "a good bureaucrat can justify anything on any basis."

The first launching of Trident could be as early as 1976, and Zimmerman, expressing the belief that the program would be carried out, "The irreversibility of contracts and hardware is high; I can't envision any circumstances under which the Navy wouldn't complete at least ten boats."

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MIT default rate at 2.5 percent

By Roger Cogswell

MIT student loan funds, the largest source of financial aid for MIT students, lose almost $100,000 each year due to students failing to repay their educational loans.

That rate, however, is only a small fraction of the $3 million that the Institute lends each year. In fact, the actual default rate is less than half the nation-wide default rate, according to statistics from the US Office of Education.

MIT administers loans from a number of different funds, including the National Defense Student Loan Fund, loans from banks through the National Insured Student Loan program, and the Technology Loan Fund, an MIT fund used for making loans similar to bank loans. All these loans are low-interest and are repaid starting nine months to a year after graduation.

A number of collection problems peculiar to MIT help to hold the default rate here at about 2.5 percent, considerably less than the nationwide rate of 5.7 percent, according to John R. Rogers, the financial aid officer.

The large number of graduates who are employed outside their home states and the number of foreign students at the Institute are two factors in the default rate, according to Rogers.

Although students are required to come to the loan office and set up a repayment schedule before they graduate, many students fail to do so, Rogers said. These students, and others who drop out of MIT without notifying the loan office are usually impossible to locate if they fail to repay loans.

In such cases, Rogers said, MIT usually employs a professional collection agency to trace the students. However, the Institute has never gone to court to try to recover a loan.

Foreign students have special problems, for their countries are nearly impossible to overcome. In countries where the cost of living is much lower than in the United States, the student may make enough money to live very comfortably, but not nearly enough to repay the relatively massive loans which covered the cost of his education.

"Many nations also do not allow citizens to send large amounts of money to a foreign nation, such as the United States, for the purpose of paying off a loan. In cases such as this a graduate would have to secure enough money to return to the United States in addition to earning enough money to repay the loan.

In situations like these, Rogers said, when it becomes apparent after several years that it will be nearly impossible for the foreign student to cover his debt, MIT will work the debt.

Rogers cited the personalized nature of loans made through the Technology Loan Fund as the major reason for the relatively low default rate at MIT.

Each student who has received a loan is required to have a personal interview after his graduation for the purpose of discussing his repayment schedule. The personal interview allows the Students Account Office to format a personal repayment schedule on a completely individual basis.

About 10% of the students on financial aid fail to have this interview, Rogers said. Although a student's diploma may be withheld until he meets his obligation to have this interview, Rogers said that this has never been done.

According to Rogers, the first payment on any loan from the Institute is due nine months after the student graduates. This is done in order to give the student a chance to find a job and to discover how he can best repay the loan. Rogers pointed out that students are often given more than nine months before their first payment is due if they are not able to begin payment at that time.

The loan programs formulated through the Technology Loan Fund have been highly successful in confirming to a student's ability to pay, but the default rate of 2.5 percent is still significantly decreasing the amount of money available for student loans in the future.

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Dausman '76 took the league's sights, the MIT team competed admirably," said Mooar. "The final night, 2203-2169. We needed another win over a fine five nights," explained coach. Shore title which was not first six intercollegiate matches. League and winning four of its petition in the North Shore Rifle League and winning four of its first year of competition. Matsburt said, "I think the team performed admirably," said Mooar. "The league is made up by people of different skill levels, most of whom shoot with telescopes," Although the use of any sights, the MIT team competed with standard iron sights in preparation for the next season. In their opening collegiate game last season, so that was a good victory," Mooar stated. Excellence appears promising this year, showing considerable depth, with freshman shooters Berman, Lickliter, and Merckman fighting for spots on the first team.

5 A-league teams still unbeaten in basketball

By Jeff Singer

Unfortunately, neither Lambda Chi Alpha (4-0), paced by the consistent shooting of Mark Ashdown '74, had another strong week in A-league IM basketball play, handing the BSU (1-2, 2-1) by a score of 34-20, although receiving a score from winless members of the Macks in a very poor Western. They eventually edged, 35-32.

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Rifle season looks promising

By Dave Muller

The varsity appears promising for MIT as they beat the BSU by a single point last season, 2203-2169. We needed another win over a fine five nights," explained coach. Shore title which was not first six intercollegiate matches. League and winning four of its petition in the North Shore Rifle League and winning four of its first year of competition. Matsburt said, "I think the team performed admirably," said Mooar. "The league is made up by people of different skill levels, most of whom shoot with telescopes," Although the use of any sights, the MIT team competed with standard iron sights in preparation for the next season. In their opening collegiate game last season, so that was a good victory," Mooar stated. Excellence appears promising this year, showing considerable depth, with freshman shooters Berman, Lickliter, and Merckman fighting for spots on the first team.

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Morm's outstanding cross country team is the dominant force in New England. Cross Country Championship. Richardson ran the course in a fine 24:23 but was able to place only 15th among the best runners in the area, at MIT as a team finished 15th.

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