

MIT's global influence

ASA space decision: Ergo to stay in office

By Michael Garry

Ergo, the student newspaper that had been threatened with eviction, has been permitted to remain in its office on the fourth floor of the Student Center.

Since last October, the Association of Student Activities (ASA), which is in charge of allocating space for student activities in certain sections of the Student Center and Walker Memorial, has been considering giving *Ergo's* office space to another activity in response to complaints that there were not enough MIT students working for *Ergo* and that the newspaper was only being published on a sporadic basis.

However, during the past several months, *Ergo* has been joined by several additional MIT students and has been regularly published once a week, convincing the ASA executive committee that it deserves to continue to occupy its Student Center

office, according to ASA President Forrest Krutter '75.

The ASA has also completed meeting out office space to other student activities and informed them of its decision in a letter sent out yesterday. Krutter said that the executive committee provided space for all activities requesting it, with the exception of the Division of Academic Projects, which he described as "not an activity, but an administrative monstrosity."

The group is appealing the ASA's decision to a special appeals board consisting of Krutter, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Jon Hartshorne, UAP Lee Allen '76, and members of the Graduate Student Council.

Associate Dean for Student Affairs Robert Holden must approve the ASA's allotment of office space before it can become official.

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Exchange innovations due

By Gerald Radack

In the seven years since its inception, the MIT-Wellesley Exchange has grown from an experimental program involving a handful of students into an accepted supplement to the academic offerings of each institution.

Now the political science departments at MIT and Wellesley have announced a new experiment which will involve teaching MIT and Wellesley political science courses alternating each week between the two campuses.

Like the Wellesley Exchange itself, the political science exchange is intended to "supplement the academic opportunities" available to students, according to Professor of Political Science Jeffrey Pressman.

Pressman called the two Wellesley and two MIT subjects being taught as part of this program "truly joint classes," and said the departments are hoping to have as close to a one-to-one ratio of MIT students to Wellesley students as possible.

People often complain of the 45 to 55 minute bus ride necessary to get from one campus to

the other in order to take courses there. Pressman said the political science departments have tried to solve this problem by scheduling the courses to meet once a week. Since the courses alternate between the two campuses, he noted a participant will have to go to the

other campus only six times during the term.

Imbalances cited

When the Exchange was started seven years ago, administrators predicted that Wellesley students would take science and engineering courses at MIT, and

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Seifert: Saudi contract lost due to MIT 'overprotection'

By Mike McNamee

MIT's attempts to "overprotect" itself against possible political ramifications of a research contract with Saudi Arabia led to Saudi refusal to sign that contract last week, according to an MIT faculty member involved in the negotiation.

The "sole issue" in the Saudi refusal to accept an MIT offer to conduct research on development in that country was whether the contract might have been used to pressure MIT into embarrassing the Saudi government, Professor of Civil Engineering William W. Seifert told *The Tech*.

Seifert returned from Arabia Wednesday to report to MIT administrators on Saudi refusal to sign a \$1.7 million, 3-year research agreement for MIT research into water resources and electrical power needs for Saudi urban development. Seifert, who originally proposed such research two years ago, was a chief MIT negotiator in the talks with the Arabs.

"The real question all along," Seifert said, "was whether some group of people might pressure

me or MIT into sending people to Arabia who might not be acceptable to the Saudis."

Saudi policy on visas for foreign visitors, which requires special consideration for Jewish visitors and visitors who support the State of Israel, has been a primary concern for MIT officials throughout the talks.

This concern led MIT to insist on an unusual contract clause, giving either party the right to cancel the contract with 60 days notice to the other party. This clause was to be used if a "systematic" Saudi policy of exclusion of MIT researchers developed, Seifert said.

The immediate cause of the refusal to sign was a result of this clause. In a letter to Prince Mohammed ibn Faisal, chairman of the Saudi group, President Jerome B. Wiesner stated that MIT would terminate the contract if such a systematic exclusion developed, adding, "MIT cannot legally continue in any activity which has associated with it discrimination against any individual on the basis of characteristics such as race,

color, national origin, religion or sex."

This letter, which Prince Mohammed termed "threatening, deeply affronted the Prince," Seifert said. "There are many things that an Arab will agree to in person, but which he will not accept in writing. The letter was too much for the Prince to accept," he said.

"Hindsight says we overstressed our concerns," James Bruce, Associate Dean of the School of Engineering, explained. "The Prince, we think, was aware of our bind on the discrimination issue, and understood completely what we had to say. Spelling out explicitly offended him, and that seems to be why he cancelled."

Bruce said the strong wording in the contract and letter had been aimed at reassuring the MIT community that the Institute's actions were proper. "A number of people thought we should be very explicit so MIT people would not misunderstand our position on this," he said.

Seifert, for one, felt that the

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Night phone cutback protested by students

By Stephen Blatt

MIT's decision to close down switchboard service in the early morning hours effective June 30, has brought widespread complaints from students.

The cutback in service, which will primarily affect dormitory residents, also elicited criticism from many students including a resolution condemning the move from Baker House at a meeting there earlier this week.

"Why does the Institute always turn to us when they want to save money?" one student told *The Tech*. Many feel that the projected \$23,000 savings that will result from closing the switchboard is meaningless compared to the Institute's multi-million dollar deficit.

At a briefing for dormitory officers last Friday, Morton Berlan, head of the Office of Telecommunications, explained that telephone service from midnight to 7:30 — when the incoming service will be cut off — is monopolized by persons

calling into the dormline system, which has always been a satellite of the main MIT telephone system. "The dormline system has to stand on its own two feet" financially, Berlan said.

Two operators will be leaving on July 1, which will permit operator shift schedules to be rearranged to eliminate the midnight to 7:30am shift without laying off any permanent employees, Berlan said, adding that this will result in a savings of \$23,000.

"This is not a decision cast in stone," Berlan noted. "We are trying to be flexible. What will be happening on July 1, 1975 may not be the same as what happens on July 1, 1976."

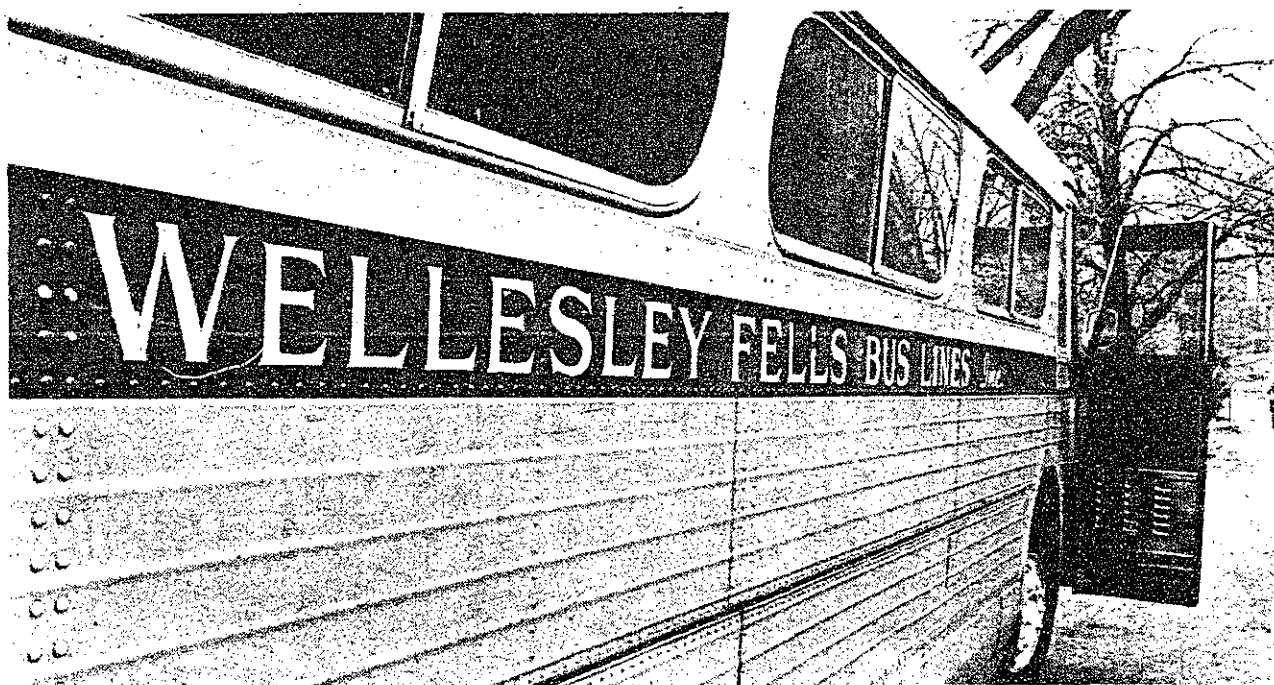
According to Berlan, the decision to close down the switchboard at midnight, rather than at a later time, was made because midnight is the starting time of the more expensive night shift, and because the Kendall Square subway station closes at 12:30am, which means, he added, that operators would be unable to get home if the shift started any later.

An alternative to the cut, suggested by students at the hearing, was that students be hired as operators. Berlan responded by saying that students are not dependable enough.

Another suggestion was that the switchboard be kept open at certain times, such as weekends and Residence/Orientation Week. Berlan, however, asserted that if the service were kept open only during R/O Week, then "someone would call during that time and find the switchboard open and when he called three months later and only got a recording, he would be upset."

Students have pointed out that at many other colleges, students operate the switch-

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Despite the 45 minute bus ride between MIT and Wellesley, the 7-year-old Wellesley Exchange is flourishing.

Mike Garcia

Polysci program set

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MIT students would take humanities courses at Wellesley.

Although MIT students do indeed take liberal arts courses at Wellesley, Wellesley students also take humanities and liberal arts courses at MIT, according to Jane Sauer, MIT's Wellesley Exchange Coordinator.

Sauer listed the most popular areas for Wellesley students as humanities, psychiatry, political science, and architecture.

Professor of Mathematics Kenneth Hoffman, chairman of the MIT Faculty committee which oversees the Wellesley Exchange, said that "students participate in both directions for the change in environment - the urban one here and the peaceful one at Wellesley," and to take subjects that are not offered at their own institution.

"In the past, there was a feeling that there were social reasons," Hoffman noted, "but I don't have that sense at the moment."

This term there were 120 MIT students taking Wellesley courses and 305 Wellesley students taking MIT courses, according to Dorothy Moeller, Wellesley's exchange coordinator. Moeller said that the number of requirements for MIT students, and the fact that they are "always busy" and do not think they have the time for a one-hour bus ride or for taking courses unrelated to their majors "tend to defeat us in trying to get a balance in students."

Sauer agreed that many MIT students consider taking Wellesley courses "a luxury they can't afford."

Ex-CP trial starts June 4; Stinkbomb reward offered

A trial has been scheduled for James Mattie, the former MIT and Boston University Campus Patrolman who was arrested early in March and charged with receiving goods apparently stolen from MIT's duPont Gymnasium. The trial is scheduled to begin June 4 in Brockton.

Brockton police had held Mattie after his arrest, but have since released him on bail. A total of 15 charges have been brought against Mattie, including additional charges of receiving stolen goods.

Hired by the MIT Campus Patrol in 1971, Mattie, 33, was discharged by the Patrol Jan. 27 for improper conduct.

The Lecture Series Committee is offering a \$25 reward for information leading to the

Update on the news

identification of the person or persons responsible for setting off a "stink-bomb" Sunday evening in 26-100 during the first showing of the LSC movie "Bedazzled." The first showing was relocated in 10-250 and a second showing was held in the Student Center.

L-labs staff aids inmates

By Robert Feron

Members of the Lincoln Laboratory are participating in a new program at Concord State Prison aimed at providing greater contact between Concord inmates and the outside world.

The program, known as the Information Center, has received financial support from the MIT Community Service Fund.

The Information Center was started as a "Job Bank" giving inmates a chance to look through job listings and providing a telephone for contacting prospective employers. This helps to give inmates an idea of what sort of jobs they can try to obtain after they are released from prison. A \$2000 grant from the Community Service Fund pays for telephone expenses.

Also aided by Concord-area residents, who help inmates maintain contact with the nearby community, the center is primarily operated by long-term inmates who lend it stability and who provide valuable advice to the young, short-term inmates who make up the majority of the prison population.

In addition to receiving newspaper and job listings, the center has published an information booklet about the prison and helps straighten out misleading rumors, which pervade any prison and can lead to unwarranted discontent and sometimes violence.

The center also teaches inmates the nature of a job interview, telling them what an interviewer expects and what an interview is like. Practice interview sessions are held and are

considered one of the primary activities of the center.

Although in the past members of the MIT community have done volunteer work at the prison, tutoring inmates and participating in an electronics program, only a handful are presently active in the prison.

One such person, Jack Raffel, a trustee of the Community Service Fund and a member of Lincoln Laboratory, played a role in getting funds for the center. He spoke favorably of the center to *The Tech* but complained that certain educational programs found in other prisons have not yet been adopted by Concord. "Why is it that Norfolk has always had a college program and Concord hasn't?" he asked. "A number of men here are obviously college material, but there just isn't adequate preparation here."

Raffel's wife Margaret, one of the most active volunteers in the prison, added: "What we need out here are the basics - an English course, an introductory math course, or even a political science course." She, along with inmates and other outside volunteers, is on a prison advisory board which sets guidelines for

Police Blotter

Police Blotter is a compilation prepared by Campus Patrol to report crimes occurring in the MIT community.

Alert Officer Captures Two Thieves

A lone Patrol Officer captured two suspected auto thieves, both convicted felons, in the Westgate I parking lot early Monday morning, as they worked beneath the dashboard of a parked car. Beyond capturing the pair, the Officer seized a quantity of narcotics in the possession of one of them, and recovered the car in which they had been riding, which had been reported stolen earlier in the evening in Providence, R.I. It was subsequently determined that both suspects have records as convicted felons, one having been twice convicted of narcotics offenses, the other having been convicted of armed robbery. Both were arraigned Tuesday in the District Court.

Larcenies from offices

The Campus Patrol has been investigating an unusual number of larcenies from offices - either pocketbooks left unattended for a few minutes or calculators left exposed. Members of the community will assist in a crime prevention program by keeping personal property under their control at all times. An office door was found open by the patrol officers during the night and three typewriters had to be secured until a defective lock could be repaired. Do not leave office equipment that can be easily carried away.

Bicycles

The advent of the good weather increases the percentage of bicycle thefts on the campus. The safest area to leave a bicycle is the bike compound behind Building 13 which is attended during the day. The bike racks

allow the machine to be properly secured and provide a reasonable degree of security. Bikes left around the campus unsecured present an invitation for larceny.

Use of Nitrous Oxide Gas

The Campus Patrol is investigating the use of Nitrous Oxide (Laughing Gas) at parties held in Dorms. The improper use of this gas could be injurious to the health and in some cases prove fatal. The storing of nitrous oxide cylinders in dormitories is in violation of the Institute Housing Regulations.

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News Analysis

Overseas troubles ahead?

By Mike McNamee

Five years of work — developing contacts, making proposals, travel to and from Saudi Arabia — ended in disappointment last week for Professor William W. Seifert of Civil Engineering when a Saudi prince refused to sign the research contract Seifert had labored so long over.

He was "absolutely completely bowled over," he said, sitting in his MIT office reflecting on the failure of the negotiations — literally at the last minute. The Saudis had been in complete agreement with the contract, it had been ready for signatures — and then they refused, taking affront at MIT's insistence on safeguards against visa discrimination.

"I'm not interested in the political aspects," he said. "It was the exact kind of technical job that offers good research opportunities, good thesis work for students."

"It's most unfortunate that political considerations inter-

vened." The effect of political considerations on research has been a contested issue at MIT since the anti-war movement first attacked MIT and its Special Laboratories for conducting military research. But concern over political questions in a variety of programs has become increasingly important as two MIT programs involving work for foreign governments have touched off controversy in recent months.

In the Saudi case, the political questions involved MIT's insistence that Saudis not systematically discriminate against Jewish or Zionist researchers — or, at the very least, MIT fears that the Institute might be forced into an embarrassing position on the discrimination issue. In the case of the Iranian nuclear engineering program, the political questions involved the nature of MIT's contract partner, the Iranian government — whether, as some opponents said, MIT wanted to be connected with a

"repressive government which practiced widespread torture."

MIT, despite many studies and reports dealing with political problems, has never resolved the question of how institutional activities are judged on political grounds. As Associate Dean of Engineering James Bruce said, "Faculty views differ from 'anyone do any research he wants,' all the way to 'do work only for 'good guys' in the world.' There's no answer to that problem."

But political/research questions are not the only ones raised by the foreign programs. One problem noted by Seifert — a problem which, he says, accounts largely for the failure of the Saudi contract — is the cultural barrier faced by MIT faculty when they deal with foreign officials on such programs.

"MIT as an institution is not very experienced in dealing with foreigners on such programs," Seifert explained. "We know how to deal with the NSF, but Arabs are quite different." Greater understanding of Arab culture, he said, might have kept MIT from sending the letter which angered Prince Mohammed ibn Faisal and made him cancel the contract.

Finally, MIT — and especially the faculty committee appointed last week to study international commitments — is going to face the very basic question, to whom does MIT "belong?" Is it a national resource of the US, an international institution and thus a resource of the world, or what? That question may be the hardest to grapple with.

The Saudi negotiations, Bruce said, "were educational — for them and for us." MIT's education on these matters might well expand rapidly in the years to come, as more and more countries turn to the Institute for aid in solving the technical, social, and economic problems they face.

MIT 'overprotection' lost Saudi research contract

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degree of specificity was not necessary. "I think we could have handled pressures that we faced internally without problems. We tried to overprotect ourselves."

"... the deal is dead."

Neither Seifert nor Bruce expressed optimism on possible reopening of negotiations with the Saudis. The administration is awaiting Prince Mohammed's reply to Weisner, in which the Prince is expected to formally refuse the contract before taking any further action. That reply is expected in about a week.


"Reports seem to indicate that the Prince indicated the deal is dead — quite definitely," Bruce said. "But we have not gotten a direct response yet, and a communication with the Prince to assure him that we were not setting up a plot in the contract is being considered. Everything is up in the air."

Seifert, however, said he thought it would be difficult to repair the rift. "You can't take back what you said, and the Prince saw that letter as expressing MIT's true views," he said. "It's possible that MIT could do

something to say that it didn't quite mean what was in the letter, but it would be difficult. That letter was not hastily written, and the Prince took it very seriously."

Other program unaffected

There currently is only one other joint MIT-Saudi program, a multi-university advisory committee that works with the Saudi government on development matters. Seifert, who is a member of the committee, said he expected the failure of the research contract to have little effect on that activity.



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Iran in MIT's future

MIT's foreign involvements have mushroomed in recent years, and nowhere have they grown as quickly as they have in Iran. MIT has already signed two contracts with Iran — the Nuclear Engineering program in which MIT will train up to 54 Iranian students over the next three years, and the Imperial Organization for Social Services contract, in which the Institute will advise on the development of a technical-education school in Iran. Three other contracts with Iran are also under consideration in:

Oceanography — The MIT Departments of Ocean Engineering and Earth and Planetary Sciences have submitted "very preliminary" proposals for a joint program in oceanographic research and development of Iranian resources in that field. The program, according to Sloan School Dean William Pounds, was proposed by MIT alumni in the Iranian government. The Iranians have taken the MIT proposal, along with several others received, to a US State Department committee which is working on developing US/Iran cooperation. MIT is awaiting the results of that committee's deliberations.

Energy Research — Another "very preliminary" proposal for sponsorship of research at the Energy Laboratory has been submitted to the Iranians. Although the administration stressed the uncertainty of the discussions with Iran at this point, the amount of research being considered is said to range up to \$5 million over several years — a big help to the Laboratory, which reportedly has had difficulty finding funding (\$7.5 million from the MIT Leadership Campaign is earmarked for Energy Lab endowment).

Faculty Exchanges — MIT is considering cooperation with Aryamehr University in Tehran, Iran, to help that school develop its engineering programs. Officials of Aryamehr, including the Chancellor, have visited MIT in recent months, and MIT has proposed several suggestions for that program.

Why so many programs with Iran? As Pounds explained, "We have many contacts with Iran — many of our alumni are there, some of them being very influential people." Also, he said, Iran's recent oil wealth, and its decision to use that wealth for national development, have "created a need for MIT services — and the ability to pay for them."

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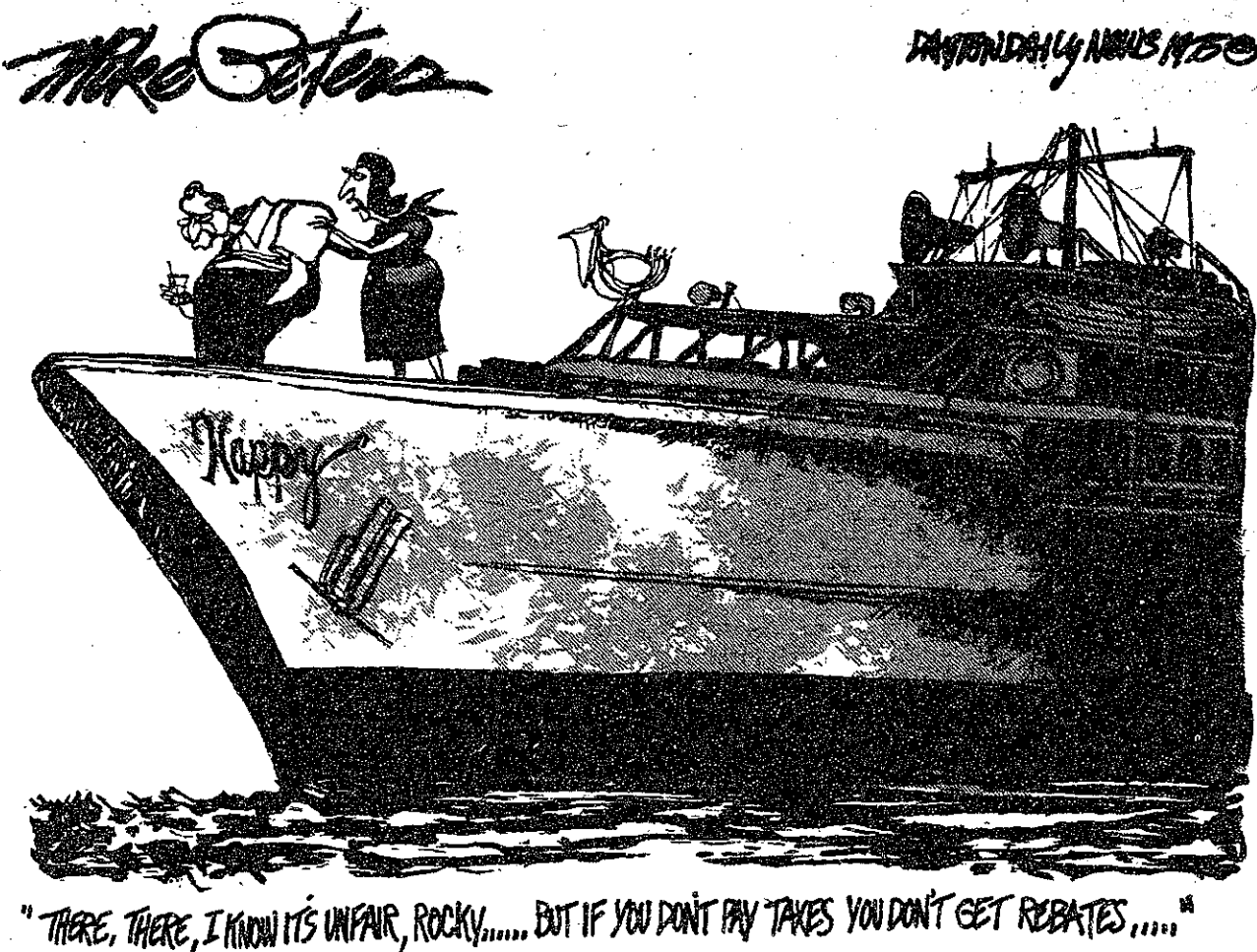
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After all the fuss, the sky still didn't fall

By Michael McNamee
 "Don't worry," the older-and-wiser-hand told me about mid-way through the spring semester, at the "height" of the Iran debate when it seemed that the Institute was coming apart at the seams. "The roof hasn't caved in yet, and things are really just about normal - par for the course."
 He was right, after a fashion. The sky wasn't falling, and it still hasn't. MIT hasn't been forced to lock up its doors and close up shop. People are still going about their business as if

there was never an increase in freshman enrollment or consideration of compulsory Commons or an Iran deal or a grades debate or a new committee doing privacy or international commitments or grade reform. Last classes are this week, and finals next week, just like every other year. MIT as usual.
 But on the other hand, it has been one unusual semester. It's safe to say that there hasn't been a semester like it since spring, 1972, when the last of the great riots hit this campus. Watching from a newsman's perch on the

fourth floor of the Student Center, I was glad to see that, for the first time in three years here, there was seldom a lack of issues or events or happenings to grace the pages of *The Tech* this spring. There has even been some decent debate on the issues that have arisen, and as an editor I was glad to see how many people were willing to express themselves in print this semester.
 On the balance, it seems that we were both right. MIT wasn't going to hell in a handbasket; but neither was this a ordinary semester. There was enough

action on campus to make things lively, without actually being of such importance that MIT's peaceful existence hung in the balance. The long gap between protesting students in the Deans' Office or pamphleteers in Building 10, and embarkation on the decline and fall of an institution was never bridged, despite my feeling sometimes that if MIT kept going the way it was, it wouldn't be long for the world - at least not in its present form.
 Why this feeling of doom and despair? I know I wasn't the only person to feel it - many people, students, and others who I know and respect expressed gloomy feelings about what was happening at MIT this semester. There was, in many of the events of the term, elements that made them pause and wonder, "What's going to become of this place?"

great urgency. The long view is easy to talk about, but the matter foremost in mind tends to wipe things out, or at least to color everything else with its own questions and perceptions. Maybe only student journalists get really badly bitten, but it affects just about anyone interested in the issues to some extent.
 The effect this immediacy has on coverage of events didn't really hit home until I read old columns: "There might well be another era of confrontation in the near future..." "The faculty seems ready to let the reactionaries among them to drive MIT back to the state it was in the mid-1960s: a professional school for... robots..." None of this actually came true (although in my own defense I'll say it looked close for a while); the problem is, what effect did

Letters to The Tech Shakespeare: Fops, Not Fags

To the Editor:
 Mr. Thomas Spisak is of course entitled to his view of *Twelfth Night*, and his production of it would no doubt be fascinatingly different from the one he reviewed in *The Tech* more than two weeks after its last performance. But there are a few things about the Shakespeare Ensemble's *Twelfth Night* that he seems to misunderstand.
 First, our interpretation of Sir Andrew Aguecheek is traditional. Andrew is not a "flaming fag" or even a smouldering one. He stands in a long line of British aristocrats rendered so witless by generations of inbreeding that the question of sex

of any kind hardly arises. As the Restoration dandy he becomes a very familiar type in British drama: fop, not "fag" - though modern audiences sometimes confuse the two.
 Second, the Shakespeare Ensemble was founded to celebrate Shakespeare, not to "improve" on him. No-one in the group would be so rash as to suggest otherwise. But there is no such thing as a "pure" text of Shakespeare. Editors and directors since the 17th century have, for various reasons, all had to settle for slightly different versions of a Shakespeare play, and anyone familiar with *Twelfth Night* can assure Mr.

Spisak that our text was conservatively Shakespearean. If Mr. Spisak was aware of minor discrepancies between our text and his, while he was watching the play, I'd be happy to discuss them with him.
 Third, the Wellesley Shakespeare Society is not devoted to the extensive performance of Shakespeare's plays as the MIT Shakespeare Ensemble is. The two groups are different in purpose and scope. Two of our members are Wellesley students, and Mr. Spisak might like to compare notes with them.
 Finally, I wish to be dissociated from Mr. Spisak's view that MIT is the "home of the Philistines."

Murray Biggs
 Professor of Humanities
 May 10, 1975

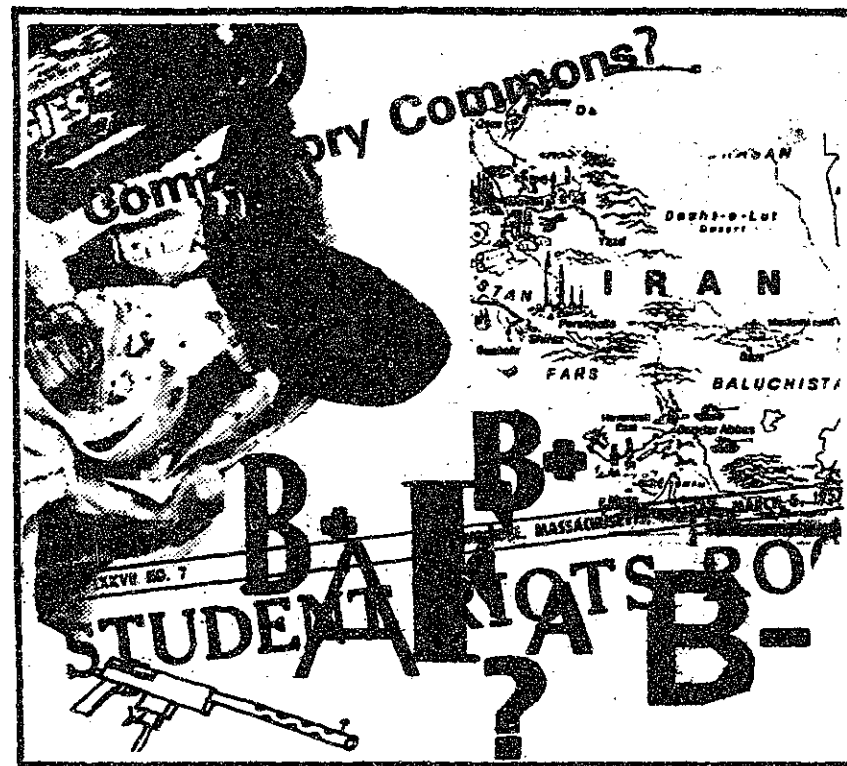
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 campus and sent home if this withholding was the order of the day. You would butcher your sacred cow of academic freedom here to "save" it in Iran. "We had to destroy the city to save it."
 Like other social virtues and liberties, academic freedom carries with it risk. One risk is trusting the good intentions of those who seek to share your knowledge. Is this risk unacceptable to MIT? If opponents to the Iranian agreement do convince the administration that it is, fine. I can live with it and I will stand in line to get screened as to how dangerous I am. But at least call a spade a spade and admit that true academic freedom would be sacrificed because the risk would be too high.
 Ted Zimmerman
 Nuclear Engineering
 May 2, 1975

Permanent Concerts?

To the Editor:
 Despite the demise of the annual Kaleidoscope rock concert-beer blast that was to feature the James Montgomery Band, I would like to thank UAP Steve Wallman for putting so much work and enthusiasm in salvaging what could be salvaged from the entire situation. In cancelling the concert, the UA saved itself, and the future of concerts as far as we are concerned. Steve started the Concert Committee, hopefully, as a permanent entity in the UA to possibly start organizing campus concerts on a regular basis by having a small group of people who could learn by its experience to hold concerts as a standard item in the student entertainment agenda. I am awfully glad Steve helped establish us as an organized committee to organize this much needed type of entertainment. With Steve's initiative in mind, I would like to appeal to the student commu-

nity to support the idea of campus concerts by getting more people involved in the community on a permanent basis. We currently are composed of three sophomores and one graduating senior and I need not emphasize that four people cannot possibly handle affairs of this size during the term. We would like to have at least 3-5 more members to establish ourselves as a permanent committee and amidst all the controversy concerning concerts these days, all I can say is that we need more members.
 We have several possible dates lined up for Kresge Auditorium next year and I certainly hope to put them to use. But, in order for this to materialize, we need some feedback from the community. I would appreciate any comments, questions, interest directed to me personally before the term ends so that we can plan a successful year.
 Phuong D. Trinh '77
 UA Concert Committee



The cause for all this, I think, is the immediacy and closeness of the issues as they arise. It's a problem endemic to the news business - the tendency to get so close to an issue or an area that you can see nothing but the problems it causes, the questions that arise in its wake, the ramifications of its minutest detail. Try filling a four-page section on an issue like grading or Iran sometime; see how easy it is to slide into a mode in which nothing matters but the effects that plus/minus grades will have on medical school applicants...
 The same lack of perspective occurs when an administration or student politician activist or faculty member suddenly finds himself confronted with a seemingly all-encompassing matter of

this have?
 How do you avoid losing the perspective needed to look at issues on a long time-line, to present the balance and avoid crisis-covering everything? It's one of the greatest problems of journalism - giving coverage to "the 97 percent of the populace which doesn't commit crimes or at least doesn't get caught on that day..." At MIT, it's a problem that has to be balanced off against the overwhelming ap... seems to blanket every question that doesn't directly concern academics. No one - not the professional journalists, not the politicians, not even the masterminds (sic) of *The Tech* - has been able to figure out the answer. All we can say is - we'll try.

The Op-Ed Page

Letters to The Tech Kendall Square Comments Miss

To the Editor:
Benjamin Ross's letter last Friday (May 9th), criticizing like McNamee's piece (May 14) on the universities and Cambridge, fell rather wide of the mark, and rightly and justly so.

As the Institute's community affairs officer, I have for some time followed Mr. McNamee's reports on the local scene with more interest than most. And while I have by no means always agreed with his views, I have nonetheless found his observations on Cambridge and upon the MIT-Cambridge relationship always factual and well-reasoned.

I cannot say the same for Mr. Ross's comments - nor for his views on Kendall Square, to which he devotes most of his letter.

The redevelopment of Kendall Square has been an issue of great concern to residents of Cambridge, and to MIT, for a long time. It now appears that a plan of development may be undertaken that will provide a symbiotic mix of land uses; a substantial tax return to the city; a good number of jobs over a broad spectrum of categories; the most flexible marketing opportunities; and the potential for creating a highly attractive and humane environment in Kendall Square.

Mr. Ross describes this plan, adopted by the Cambridge City Council, as consisting of "building offices and luxury apartments in Kendall Square, as MIT wants."

The fact is that this plan, called the Neighborhood Plan, was endorsed not only by MIT but by many groups, both from East Cambridge and from other parts of the city. And the fact is that the plan consists of many more components - commercial, retail, light industry, hotel, and technical space - than Mr. Ross's selectivity would suggest. This diversity is one of its strongest features.

What Mr. Ross is saying he wants in Kendall Square are the factories that once were there so that Cambridge people can once again have "the better-paid factory work heads of families need."

The fact is that Mr. Ross is looking backward, and Mr. McNamee is exactly right in his characterization of the long-term

employment trends in this area away from manufacturing toward the research, technical, and service sectors.

In his eagerness to rebut Mr. McNamee and to promote blue collar factories in Kendall Square, Mr. Ross says:

"Yes, there are blue collar workers in Cambridge and, yes, a lot of them are unemployed. (Who do you think steals cars on Memorial Drive?)"

This statement could be dismissed as simply silly except that it really does say blue collar workers in Cambridge are stealing cars from Memorial Drive. A canard. These cars and others stolen around the Institute are taken mostly by juveniles and used mostly for joy rides. The facts are... well, get them from your local Campus Patrol.

There are, of course, blue collar workers in Cambridge. According to City data, about 20% of all Cambridge residents in the work force are in this category. This statistic also suggests, and it is so, that the resident work force of Cambridge is very diversified; and that Cambridge should seek, therefore, to attract a broad spectrum of jobs in new business and industry. And this is exactly the kind of employment the majority of the Council is seeking to attract to Kendall Square.

For all this, the fact is that the single largest component (800,000 sq. ft.) in the Kendall Square Neighborhood Plan, which the Council adopted, is devoted to technical space and light industry, the very thing Mr. Ross says he wants and which he omits from his description of the Neighborhood Plan.

Mr. Ross takes some care "to assure Mr. McNamee that the people of Cambridge" resent Harvard and MIT. Well, some do, and some don't. And some of them is us. What the indigenous blue collar people do resent - and this is an observation, not a value judgment - is that breed of highly educated young people who insist upon telling them "what is good for them in this city."

It is interesting to contrast the plea of Mr. Ross for "better paid factory work" with the view of Councillor Sandra Graham, who is the only member of the Council from the black minority community and who presumably knows, at least

as much as Mr. Ross, "some of the people" of Cambridge. Mrs. Graham says:

"The site should be used for technology-related firms which could give Cambridge residents the kind of upward mobility they need. To be ready for the research and development firms that might be attracted to Kendall Square, Cambridge should set up an intensive job training program. The city must train its citizens to be ready with the skills necessary to enter these new companies and have a chance of moving up."

Mr. Ross doesn't mention Mrs. Graham and her view. And, indeed, in his comments on resentments, he cites by name only Councillor Alfred Vellucci. According to Ross, Mr. Vellucci, who more than any other councillor represents the working people of East Cambridge, has made a political career of publicly resenting Harvard and MIT.

Yet the fact is that Mr. Vellucci voted for the Neighborhood Plan that MIT, among others, endorses and which Mr. Ross decries.

Mr. Ross also charges that if the Neighborhood Plan is developed "... taxes would be driven up because the extra city services would cost more than the buildings would bring in in taxes." If that is so, then the councillors who voted for the plan ought to be impeached or recalled or shot by someone with better aim than Mr. Ross.

The fact is that the Cambridge Planning Department, following generally accepted procedures, made careful cost-benefit analyses of several different proposals that emerged for the development of Kendall Square. And in these analyses the Neighborhood Plan was shown to provide the largest net tax return.

There is more one could write about Mr. Ross's letter. But the essential point, I do believe, is that he shot rat-a-tat-tat from the hip. And missed Mike McNamee by a mile. He also missed, by at least as much, the great potential benefit for Cambridge inherent in the Neighborhood Plan for Kendall Square.

Walter L. Milne
Special Assistant
to the President
for Urban Relations
May 11, 1975

Reply to the Chaplains

An Open Letter
to the MIT Chaplaincy:

You ask for a clear answer. "Why does MIT choose to educate Iranians in Nuclear Engineering?" Go further. Why does MIT choose to educate anybody in any academic discipline? Why does MIT choose to continue to exist at all?

The founding and underlying purpose of the Institute supplies the clear answer. William Barton Rogers and those who have followed him have held the conviction that the gaining and passing on of scientific and applied knowledge is a service to society, from the local to the international level.

It is not a matter of giving a clear answer beyond the above for a yes decision to the Iranian agreement. It is a matter of giving a clear answer or reason for a no decision. Educating the Iranians is not a departure from policy; it is continuing in the underlying purpose of the Institute. Refusal to educate them would be the departure from policy and purpose that would require a clear reason. It appears that the administration feels none of the reasons that have been given for a no decision are enough to depart from MIT's present purpose.

Consider the reasons for a no decision that have been offered. One, the knowledge taught in the Nuclear Engineering Department is dangerous knowledge. It could be used to build bombs. To claim this paints a false picture of the Nuclear Engineering curriculum. Absolutely nothing is taught about bomb engineering. Only some general physical concepts (reactivity, criticality, prompt criticality, and critical mass) that might relate to bomb physics are taught and these are necessary to safely design nuclear power plants. All the material taught has been widely shared in the international scientific and engineering communities for many years, dating back to President Eisenhower's "Atoms for Peace" initiative in 1953.

Two, the people MIT will educate are dangerous people or will work for dangerous people. If you believe this, then you must admit that there must be a lot of dangerous people being educated at MIT now. If the administration accepts this as reason enough to say no to Iran, consistency would demand that all future applicants to MIT should pass judgment on all the world's political systems and not accept anybody from a politically unsatisfactory system.

Three, inferior applicants are buying educations by paying

more. Not so. The right to determine who is qualified for graduate education at MIT remains with the department concerned by policy. Professor Hansen told the March 14 public meeting that the Nuclear Engineering Department received and used the right to select which students would come to MIT.

The budget of the Department will jump sharply up when 60 to 70 first year sources do not similarly jump up. It is only fair to the other students in Nuclear Engineering that the Iranians pay the actual cost per student rather than the usual tuition rate.

Four, MIT is contracting with agencies or governments as against individual students for educational services. Nothing new or threatening here. It has been done before. Moreover, this is merely a different administrative way of fulfilling MIT's basic purpose.

The above shows that reasonable, moral men could decide that there is not enough reason to say no to Iran in the light of MIT's basic purpose.

You need to consider the effects of using any of the above reasons to say no to Iran. To cite the high cost being charged as wrong would allow a government or other agency to crowd individual applicants out of normal departmental admissions with that agency's already financed applicants. To cite the special agreement with some agency for educational purposes would put any financial support of any international student by his own government in a tainted light. To cite possible lower admissions standards would effectively demand that all graduate admissions be run by a central office at MIT, as the individual departments cannot be trusted.

To cite the subject matter to taught as dangerous just plain ignores the true character of, the present international availability of, and the sole consideration of peaceful uses contained in this subject matter. Finally, to cite the people to be taught as dangerous people would bring on the greatest change yet in the basic nature of MIT. Withholding knowledge or education due to political considerations would be new policy and if applied consistently, would have far-reaching effects. Such withholding is not alone. It is from the same family as political coverup and classified academic research, two practices the MIT community has already found repugnant. Certainly many international students now here would have to be deleted from

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Mideast Phase III

To the Editor:

I was shocked and disappointed to read Mr. Riemer's 'Mideast Propaganda Reply' (*The Tech* May 9). Instead of being responsible and objective as a president of the MIT Israeli club, he knowingly mentioned a falsified interview with Mr. Ghorbal, the Egyptian ambassador to the UN, which was a savage and cheap campaign to discredit the Egyptian sincere effort for peace in the Middle East.

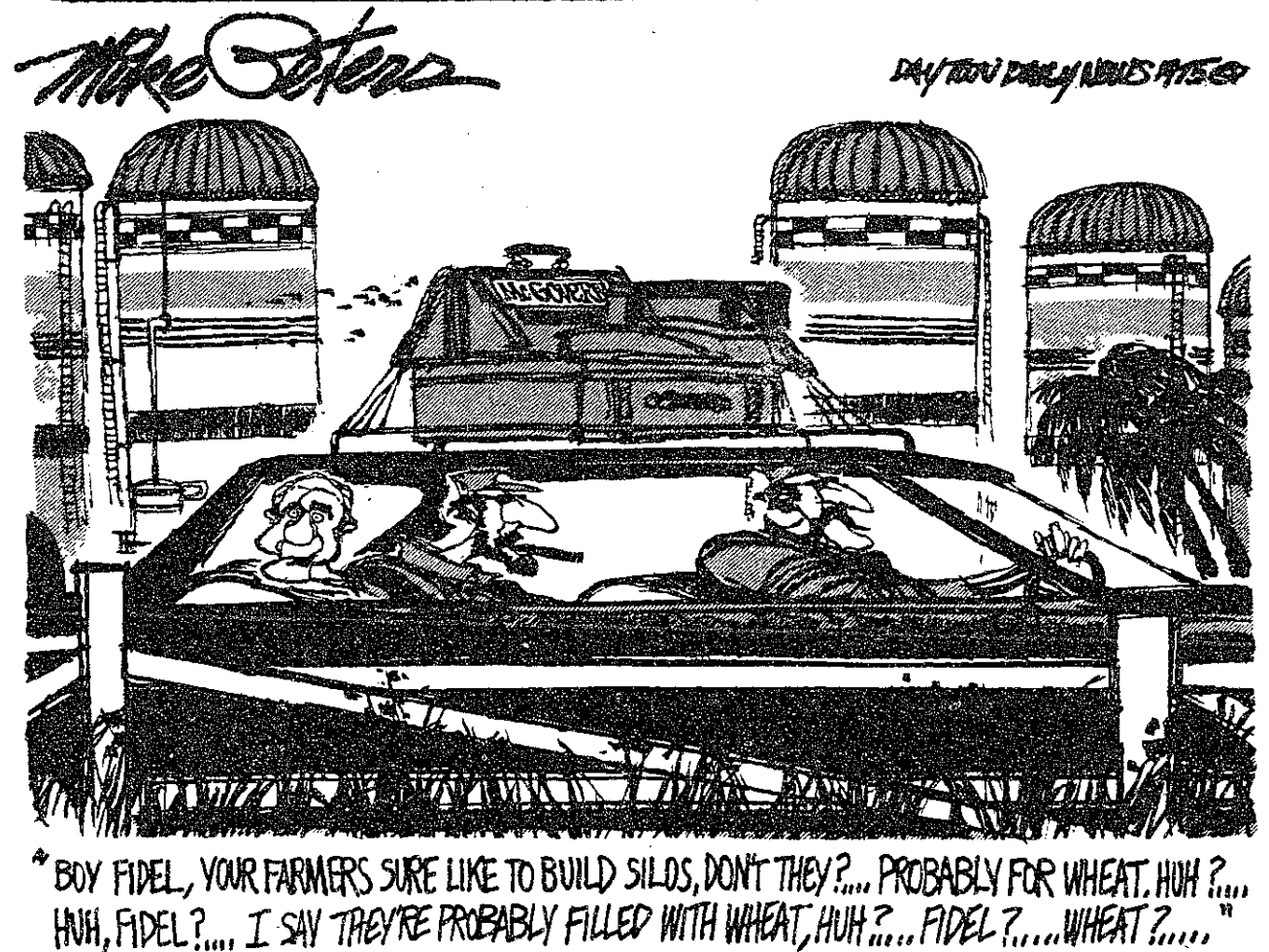
This alleged interview never took place and it was a fabrication of an extremist newspaper which ceased publication as mentioned by *The Tech* editor. Although this was a known fact, this false interview was wired all over the world by the Jewish news agency and inflammable headlines were published by nearly every Jewish newspaper. After falling in the trap and publishing the fabricated inter-

view the British Manchester *Guardian* apologized for publishing it, describing it as a piece of black propaganda. Mr. Joseph Kraft, a syndicated columnist, in an article entitled 'The Defamation of Mr. Ghorbal' described this campaign as cruel and sad.

In spite of Mr. Riemer's full knowledge of these facts (he was even advised, as I was told by a Jewish MIT student, not to publish such lies) he went ahead to publish the story in an attempt to discredit Mr. Ammar's letter to *The Tech* (April 29).

It looks very strange that during the current time when Egyptian as well as some Israeli leaders try their best to achieve peaceful coexistence, some irresponsible persons keep trying to promote hatred and misunderstanding.

Mamdouh Salama G
May 13, 1975



No eviction for Ergo

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 Krutter ascribed the delay in making the decision on whether or not Ergo would keep its office to the executive committee's desire to "find space for everyone," the complexity and difficulty of doing this, and the committee's preference to announce all of the space assignments at the same time.

The executive committee's most difficult task, Krutter noted, was securing three additional rooms in Walker Memorial, which were needed to accommodate the space requests of several activities. Two months of negotiations were needed by the executive committee to obtain these rooms, largely contributing to the delay in making

final arrangements for all activities.

"We could have issued a pop decision," Krutter said. "But we thought it would be fairest to announce assignments for all activities at the same time."

Krutter stressed that although Ergo has won the right to remain in its office, if, in the future, it loses many of its MIT student members or lapses back into publishing irregularly, its office space will again be in jeopardy. "The ASA gives no guarantee of perpetuity when giving space," Krutter remarked. "Future executive committees are not bound to give space to an activity which students don't participate in and which doesn't continue to function."

Cutback in phone service causes dorm complaints

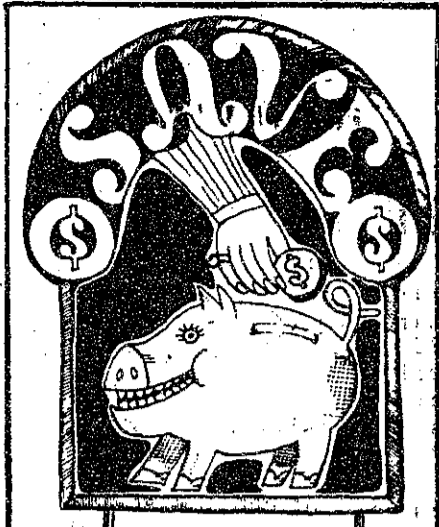
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 board during non-peak hours. In addition, they claim, there are many Physical Plant employees performing functions such as watching teletypes, who could be trained to perform the operators' jobs during the night hours.

Dissent is largely focused on the amount of inconvenience to students generated in order to save what they consider a small sum of money. Other complaints include the lack of student input into the decision process and the fact that parents of students from the West Coast will be unable to call after telephone rates go down at 11pm local

time (2am Boston time).

Berlan explained that "students who feel that this loss of service should be alleviated in some way can elect to have their own residential telephone service." He added that while students were not consulted directly about the cutbacks "because of the very complex details," surveys of telephone traffic were made to collect data on which to base the decision.

Further proposals for changes in telephone service, which Berlan refused to explain at the hearing because of "their complexity," have been forwarded to Chancellor Paul Gray '54 for consideration.



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* Freshman Evaluation Forms are due on Friday, May 16. Instructors' deadline is Friday, May 27.

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Sports

JV oarswomen 7th at EAWRCs

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a good race. It was probably the best we rowed all year." Unfortunately, their efforts captured only third place behind Wisconsin and Yale in a close heat and a bid for seventh in the second level finals.

The afternoon heats progressed a little more smoothly. The JV beat Brown by half a deck in the petite final to place seventh behind Radcliffe, Yale, Dartmouth, Princeton, Connecticut College and Middletown High School, in that order.

The varsity rowed a third place finish behind UMass and Syracuse, capturing a ninth place finishing position. Radcliffe won the varsity eight event in a time of 3:00.8 over the thousand-meter course.

Softball standings

A1-league		C8-league	
Team	W L	Team	W L
Am	5 0	MacGregor J	3 0
er Baboons	4 1	EC 5W	2 2
L	3 2	MacGregor B	2 2
tallurgy	2 3	Animals	1 2
emistry	1 4	PKA	1 3
hdown Roaches	0 5		
A2-league		C9-league	
Team	W L	Team	W L
am	5 0	EC 4W	3 1
A 'A'	3 1	Slow Death	3 1
ter's Hitters	3 2	DKE	2 2
U	2 2	AEPi Gliders	1 3
ro-Astro Ringers	1 4	Hillel Bronx Bombers	1 3
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DT			
A3-league		C10-league	
Team	W L T	Team	W L
eam	5 0 0	PKS	3 0
heta Chi	4 1 0	KS	3 1
AE 'A'	3 2 0	ZBT 'B'	2 2
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aker Orangutans	0 4 1	MacGregor D	0 3
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ack Florey 'C'	0 4 1		
B1-league			
Team	W L		
AEPi 'A'	5 0		
ransportation	4 1		
Burton 5 Smokers 'B'	3 2		
DTD 'B'	1 4		
HYI	1 4		
LCA 'B'	0 5		
B2-league			
Team	W L		
PBE	5 0		
PLP	4 1		
BTB	2 3		
Conner 5	2 3		
NRSA	2 3		
Softball Busters	0 5		
B3-league			
Team	W L		
ZBT 'A'	4 0		
Plumbers	4 1		
Chemical Engineering	2 3		
Sigma Chi	2 3		
Westgate CosmcMuffins	1 3		
Math	1 4		
B4-league			
Team	W L		
TDC 'B'	4 0		
BTPi	2 2		
PKT, Not 259	2 2		
SAE 'B'	0 4		
B5-league			
Team	W L		
Nuclear Engineering	4 0		
Mechanical Engineering	3 1		
Number 6 Club	1 3		
Burton 4	0 4		
C1-league			
Team	W L		
EC 2W	4 1		
Third East	4 1		
Epsilon Theta	3 2		
DTD 'C'	2 3		
Pecknold's Prodigies	2 3		
Baker Third	0 5		
C2-league			
Team	W L		
EC 2E	5 0		
Baker Dregs	3 2		
Nutrition & Food	3 2		
MIT Student House	2 3		
TX 'Red Jocks'	2 3		
Senior House	0 5		
C3-league			
Team	W L		
PMD-TEP	5 0		
Baker Mixed Veg.	3 2		
Chi Phi	3 2		
TX "White Jocks"	3 2		
Sissies (MacGregor)	1 4		
Jack Florey 'C'	0 5		
C4-league			
Team	W L		
ATO	4 1		
Feduce's Army	4 1		
CSC	4 1		
AFROTC	2 3		
MacGregor E	1 4		
Electricians	0 5		
C5-league			
Team	W L		
Baker Cubscouts	5 0		
Hydro's	3 2		
Physical Chemistry	3 2		
Conner 5 Too	2 3		
First East & Friends	2 3		
EC 4E	0 5		
C6-league			
Team	W L		
Ashdown/Germ/French	4 1		
MacGregor H	4 1		
TDC 'C'	4 1		
Lupines	2 3		
Burton 5 Smokers 'C'	1 4		
Russian House/Conner 2	0 5		
C7-league			
Team	W L		
Conner 3	4 0		
Burton 1	3 2		
MacGregor C	3 2		
Project MAC	2 3		
MacGregor A	1 3		
PSK	1 4		



Mark James

MIT Athletic Association President Greg Hunter '76 gives a Gold Award, presented each year to the students who make an outstanding administrative contribution to MIT athletics, to Tom Stagliano G, at Tuesday night's Athletic Awards Presentation in the Armory.

IM Softball playoff results

A-league			
First round:			
Sloan	17	Aero-Astro Ringers	5
Quarterfinals:			
Baboons	11	Sloan	8
Ritter's Hitters	14	ESL	8
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	7	Lambda Chi Alpha	5
Metallurgy	6	Theta Chi	5
Semifinals:			
Baboons	15	Ritter's Hitters	3
Metallurgy	23	Sigma Alpha Epsilon	19
Finals:			
Baboons vs. Metallurgy, Saturday, noon, Field No. 4			
B-league			
First round:			
Pi Lambda Phi	11	Conner 5	3
ME 'B'	11	Transportation	6
Quarterfinals:			
Zeta Beta Tau	8	Phi Lambda Phi	5
Plumbers	14	Alpha Epsilon Pi 'A'	10
Theta Delta Chi	16	Nuclear Engineering	14
Phi Beta Epsilon	17	ME 'B'	4
Semifinals:			
Zeta Beta Tau	15	Plumbers	7
Phi Beta Epsilon	11	Theta Delta Chi	1
Finals:			
Zeta Beta Tau vs. Phi Beta Epsilon, Saturday 10am, Field No. 4.			

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Sports

Heavy crew 2nd at Sprints; strongest finish in 25 years

By David I. Katz

The MIT varsity heavyweight crew finished second at the Eastern Sprints last Sunday. This was its best sprint finish since 1950, when MIT won the varsity heavyweight race. Seeded fourth by the coaches of the eastern crews, the Engineers upset Cornell and Wisconsin, the second and third seeds, respectively.

The junior varsity, seeded second to Harvard, had a poor race and finished sixth. The freshmen, in the petite finals, could not seem to row well in the second half of the race and finished eleventh.

The varsity showed a great deal of power in the morning heats as they beat Cornell by a

length even though the Big Red eight overstroked the Engineers by four strokes per minute. In the other heats, Harvard seemed to have trouble against Rutgers, and Northeastern was almost beaten out by BU.

In the finals, the Engineers came off the line slowly. They had problems with the balance of the boat and quickly went a length down to Harvard. At the thousand-meter mark, cox Mike Newman '76 called the stroke up two for a power twenty. The boat charged past the Badgers and began to move on Harvard. The Crimson were equal to this challenge as they brought the stroke up to 39 to hold off the Engineers.

The final margin of three

seconds was four less than the Crimson's lead two weeks earlier in the race for the Compton Cup. The margin over Wisconsin was 4.5 seconds, reversing the result from last week's loss in the Cochrane Cup regatta.

The JV morning heat was a rematch against Northeastern. The Engineers led most of the way but decided to save some energy for the afternoon's finals as they let the Huskies inch past them in the last 300 meters.

Coming off the line in the grand finals, they were even with Harvard for the first 1200 meters. Cornell, again overstroking the competition, had a length lead. At this point, both the Crimson and the Engineers began to drive on Cornell. Four strokes into the drive, the Engineers caught a crab that stopped the boat dead in the water. The Tech JVs were never able to get back together and finished behind the other five crews.

The Tech frosh were foiled in their heat by Rutgers and Harvard. The Engineers, down by a length after the first 500 meters, hung on for the next thousand meters and then tried to blast through Rutgers in the closing stages of the race. They were able to pick up only half a length and were closed out of the grand finals.

Women ninth in Eastern crew

By Chris Tracey

(Chris Tracey '76 is the women's crew manager.)

The MIT women's varsity crew placed ninth in a field of 15 at the Eastern Association of Women's Rowing Colleges Sprints on Lake Beseck in Connecticut last Sunday.

The JV boat finished seventh out of eight.

Both crews ran into difficul-

ties in their morning qualifying heats. The JV, rowing in the first heat of the day, was slowed considerably when the number three rower caught a crab about 16 strokes into the race and lost her oar. She was unable to recover it until the race official stopped the boat with less than 500 meters to go. The boat picked up some lost ground, but not enough to make it into the

final heat.

The varsity, seeded sixth, shared its morning heat with the first and seventh seeded boats, Yale and Wisconsin. The seedings turned out to be inaccurate, with Wisconsin eventually finishing second only to Radcliffe in the final heat. As Joanie Pendleton '76, rowing in the three-seat put it, "We rowed

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Sailors third in Co-Ed Invitational

By Chris Donnelly

(Chris Donnelly '77 is a member of the varsity sailing team.)

The varsity sailing team completed its spring season last weekend with the men's and women's teams combining to place third in a Co-ed Invitational. Additionally, two individuals from the men's team sailed in the Monotype Trophy on the Charles River.

A majority of the sailing over the past weekend was related to the New England Intercollegiate Sailing Association Single-Handed Championship. Eliminations previously postponed due to high winds were held on Friday at several locations.

One heat of the eliminations was held up the river at Harvard, the top two finishers qualifying for the finals automatically while third and fourth spots advanced to the semi-finals. Sailing Interclubs (light dinghies), Bill Critch '77 sailed very well in the moderate to heavy wind, placing second overall. Critch finished ahead of Roger Altrueder, eventual winner of the finals. Wally Corwin '78 missed qualifying by one spot, placing fifth in the large fleet. Bill Gooch '78 also failed to qualify.

In another heat at Tufts, Chris Donnelly '77 and John Stahr '78 failed to qualify, finishing sixth and seventh re-

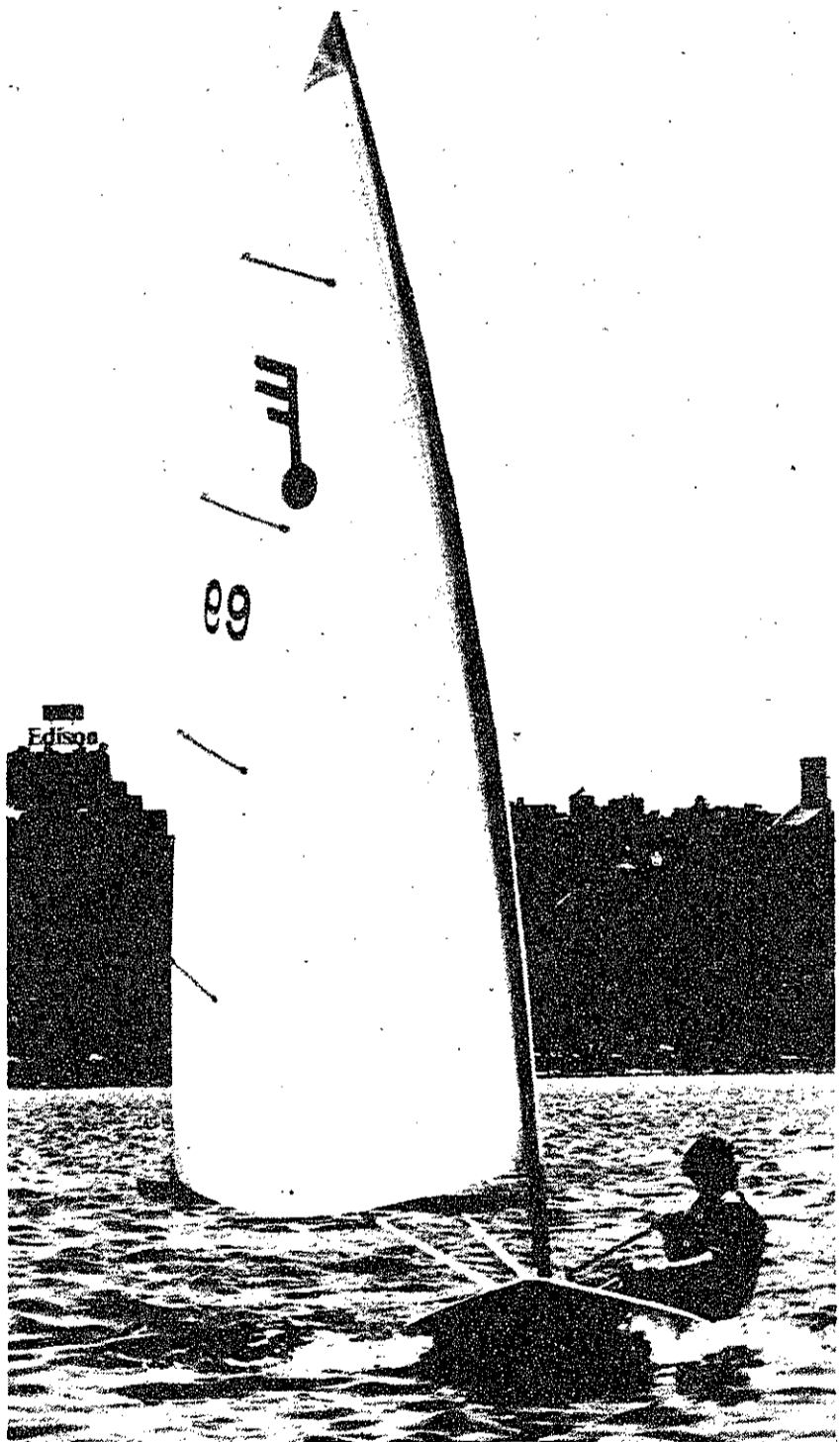
spectively. The six races were sailed in Larks rigged only with a mainsail.

The semifinals were held on Saturday morning at MIT. Both the semifinals and the finals were sailed in Force Fives provided by Alcott. These high-performance boats were designed specifically to be sailed by one person. The boats perform well upwind and plane easily off the wind. However, breakdown problems developed with the tillers and hiking sticks.

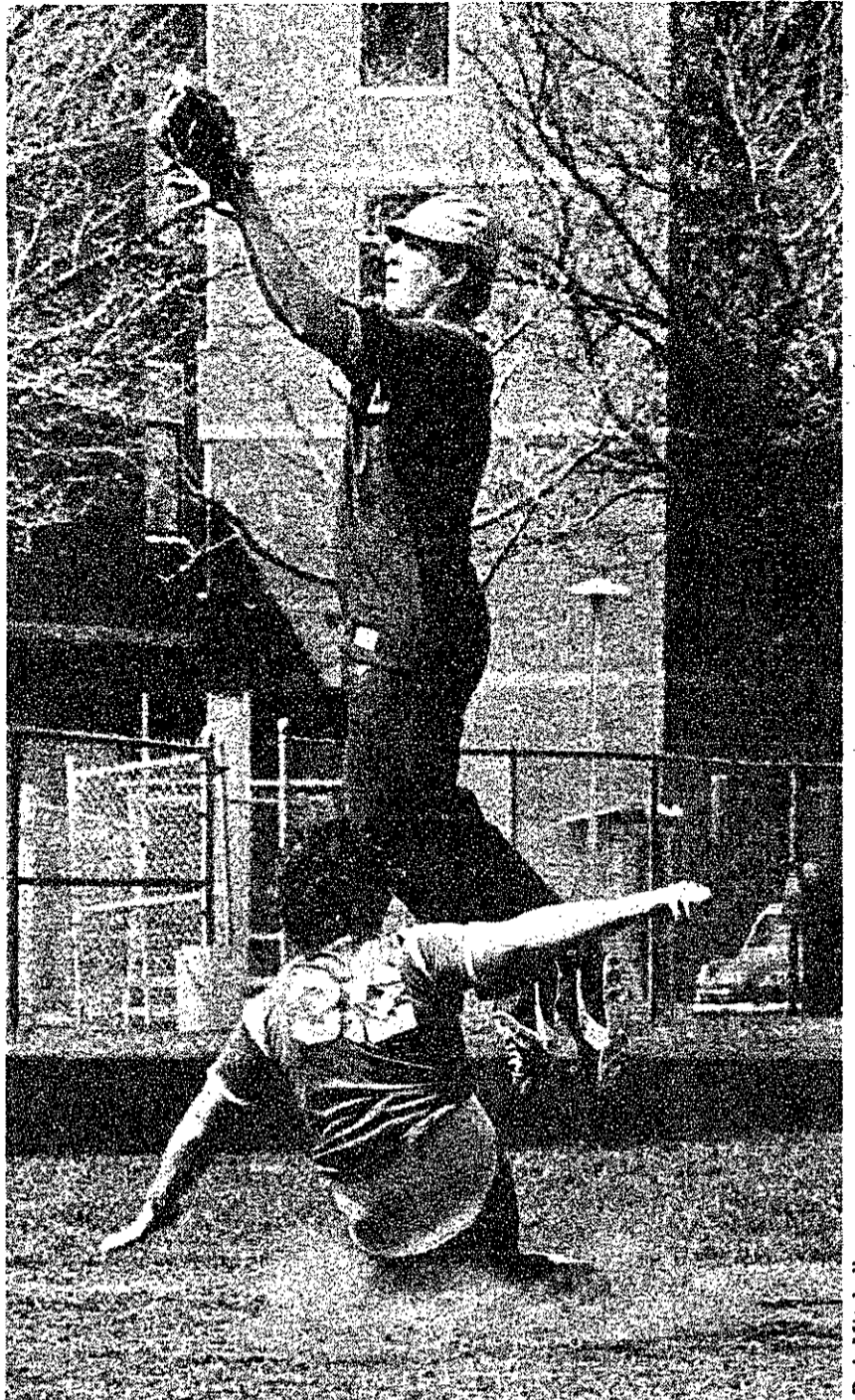
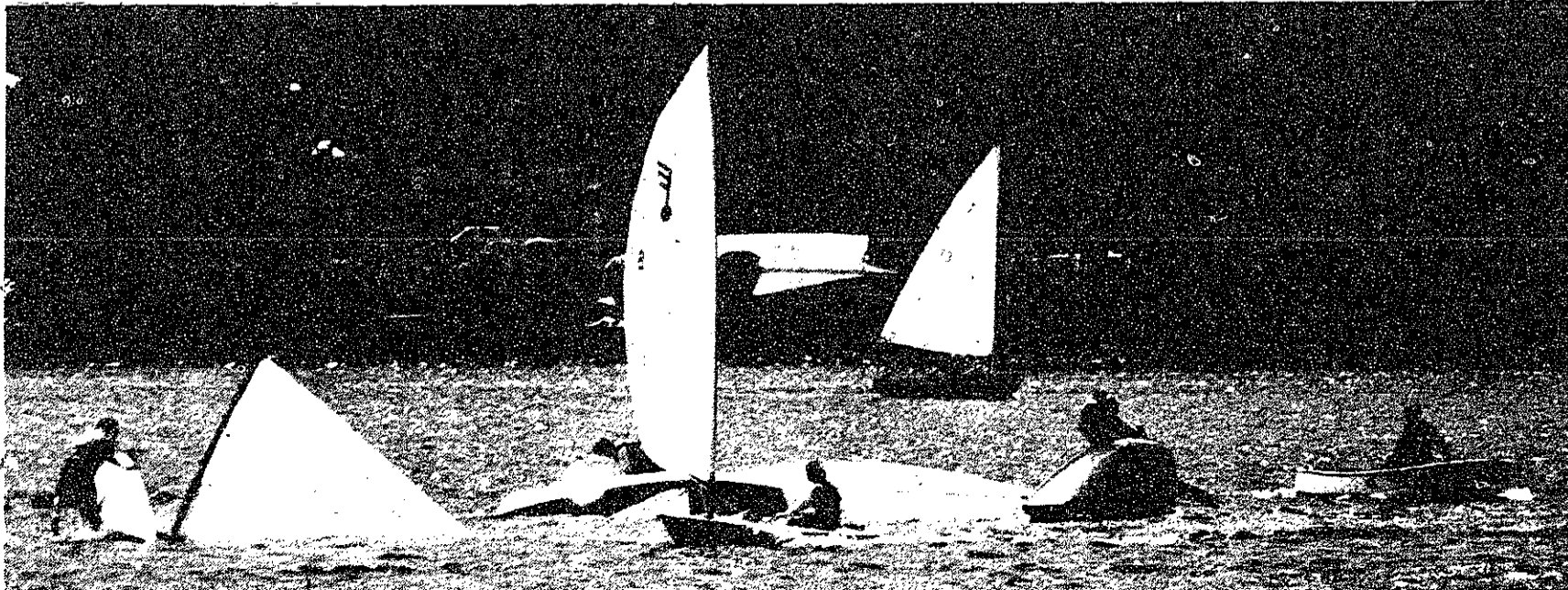
George Todd '76, having qualified for the semifinals last month, hoped to finish in the top four to qualify for the finals. The racing in the morning was marked by a line squall which caused all competitors to capsize at least once in one of the races. Todd had several fast races, two firsts and a second, but missed qualifying by two points.

MIT had two representatives in the finals: Critch and Gary Smith '78 who had qualified earlier in the season. At stake was the Monotype Trophy and a trip to the Nationals for the top three finishers.

Competition throughout the regatta was extremely close between the fourteen sailors. Going into the final race four individuals were tied for the final qualifying spot for the Nationals. At the conclusion of the final race, Altrueder of Tufts had nipped schoolmate McLeary for the win.



Single-handed sailing can be either relaxing (above) or frustrating (below). MIT's sailors were more frustrated than relaxed this weekend as the men placed well down in the Monotype Trophy regatta and the men's and women's teams combined for third place in the Co-Ed Invitational.



Rob Mitchell

Although Sigma Alpha Epsilon's second baseman could not tag out the LCA runner on this play in Saturday's IM A-league playoff game, SAE did almost everything else right, upsetting the Green 7-5. However, on Sunday, Metallurgy pounded the upstart SAE team, 23-19, and will face Baker's Baboons in tomorrow's title game.