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"The only bad thing  
about the elevators are  
they are not."

— A freshman re New House

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## Largest freshman class arrives without incident

By Dave Simon

This year's freshman class is one of the most unusual classes ever to enter MIT in many ways — from jobs held to financial aid received.

As of the latest head count, 1155 students comprise the class, the largest in MIT's history. Fifteen percent of the class is female and an additional 104 members of the class are from various minority groups.

New York leads all states by sending 234 freshmen. Overall, 33% of the class is from the Middle Atlantic states and 18% is from New England.

According to Julia C. McLellan, Assistant Director of Admissions, the Class of '79 is "one of the most involved classes ever." Some of the jobs held by the incoming class clearly indicate this; an archeologist and a conservationist are included.

But these are not the only features of this class. It is the largest class ever to be admitted to MIT; the first of several larger classes to be admitted to bring the total number of undergraduates to between 4400 and 4500. According to Chancellor Paul E. Gray '54, the increasing class sizes will be "increasing as much as is reasonable and

prudent, the productivity of our existing facilities and resources."

Although considerably larger, the Class of '79 is typical of recent freshman classes in a number of fashions. Ninety-one percent of the class were in the top 10% of their high school classes. In addition, the breakdown of expected majors of this class is not unusual; 228 have indicated an intention to major in Physics, and slightly fewer listed Electrical Engineering as their probable major.

With continuing double digit inflation, the freshman class is again taking the biggest chunk out of the total aid budget. According to Len Gallagher, Associate Director of Student Financial Aid, of the \$3.5 million of scholarships given out, freshmen account for over one-third. However, a significant portion of these gifts are one-time awards; these freshmen will not automatically receive an award every year here.

Loans have been important to this year's freshman class: they total \$530,000; over \$450,000 came from the National Defense Loan Program.

Also, many freshmen will be busy this term; almost half the class hold jobs given out by the Financial Aid Office.



The Red Cross Bloodmobile visited MIT Wednesday and Thursday, giving freshmen and upperclassmen who arrived early a chance to donate blood.

Dave Schaller

## A look back at the summer

Here is some of what happened at MIT during the summer:

— On July 22, there was a flash fire in the P.Y. Tang graduate dormitory on west campus. Renato C.V. Ribério, 24, of Sao Paulo Brazil was

killed in the blaze. The cause of the 19th floor hallway conflagration is still under investigation, but it may have started in a box of trash next to the trash chute. There were no sprinklers in the hall, an economy decision made when the dorm was built.

— Two MIT ROTC members, like dozens of fellow graduates, went to medical school. The difference is that 2nd Lt. Dean E. Calcagni and 2nd Lt. Thomas F. Fleischauer are getting a free ride from Uncle Sam and \$400 a month. They become medical corpsmen when they graduate.

— On 1975 Alumni Day, June 6, MIT received \$2.8 million from the four reunion classes. The class of 1950 gave a record (for 25th reunion classes) \$780,200. The 40th reunion class, 1935, collected \$1.4 million over the last 10 years for their gift. The class of '25 gave \$508,150 while the class of 1919 gave \$140,670. Of that, \$100,000 went for the Mitchell B. Kaufman Memorial Scholarship for minority students, especially American Indians and Mexican Americans.

— MIT has a Picasso sculpture, one of the last the artist

## The Class of '79 squeezes in

### New dorm eases crunch

By Mitchell Trachtenberg

As in previous years, the MIT dormitory system will be accommodating 40 to 50 more students than it was designed to handle, thereby placing approximately one hundred and fifty freshmen in overcrowded rooms.

As of yesterday, the only dormitory with openings was Bexley (31 spots for freshmen). Every other dorm has been packed full, with East Campus singles being doubled; MacGregor, Senior House, and Burton doubles being tripled; and Baker triples being converted into quads.

After the second assignment lottery, there were 63 freshmen still in limbo. According to Ken Browning, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, most of the limboed freshmen should be able to enter the system without causing more overcrowding than already exists, once fraternity pledging is completed and the last upperclass cancellations are in. Says Browning: "After a few years of watching the housing system, you develop a feel for it and for the way the numbers are going. The numbers don't look

as nervewracking after a while." If something should go wrong, however, MacGregor suite lounges can be converted into student rooms, and Burton House can be made even more overcrowded.

The small number of women in the class of '79 prompted the dormitory system to accept eleven transferring women, in order to keep reasonable numbers of women in the dorms. However, incoming coeds went overwhelmingly for Burton House over the adjacent Baker House, more popular with women last year. Of 48 women requesting Burton House as their first choice, only 30 could be admitted; of the 22 women admitted to Baker, on the other hand, only half had requested Baker as their first choice.

East Campus received 24 women — 21 first choices; Senior House got 16 — 15 of them first choices. McCormick, the only all-female dorm, got 71 women, 66 of them having requested the dorm as their first preference. French-German, and Russian entries of New House

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### Frats realize good rush

By Russell Johnsen

(Russell Johnsen is IFC Rush Chairman.)

Rush week is nearly over, and MIT fraternities have come close to pledging as many freshmen as they are looking for.

Incomplete results as of noon Wednesday showed the 29 houses in the Inter-Fraternity Conference had 386 of the 396 pledges they were seeking. There were still a number of freshmen and transfers who had not yet decided where to live.

"I think it was a good rush," said IFC Chairman Mark Suchon '76 (DU). "I am pleased that those houses seeking large numbers of pledges seem to have been successful."

Suchon said it was unusual for five houses to be looking for more than 20 freshmen in a single year.

He also said that early information indicates there were "several" violations of rush rules, but he characterized these as minor.

Rush week ran more smoothly than usual, and was characterized by a spirit of cooperation among fraternities. Several complaints against houses have

already been resolved on a personal basis by IFC Judicial Committee members.

Among fraternities seeking large numbers of freshmen were DP, also known as the No. 6 club, and PKT.

Phi Kappa Theta was reorganized by its alumni, and entered R/O week with no active members to aid in rush. The house was helped by a strong alumni

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## New House doors open wide

By Dave Simon

Administrators' fears that the New West Campus Dorm would not be ready for this year's incoming freshmen will not be realized, as the new dorm complex was open and ready to greet the Class of '79.

Many have classed the timely opening of the dorm as "miraculous." Construction was extremely smooth, with no delivery delays or strikes encountered.

Excellent weather this past winter was a big factor in readying the dorm for this year's large freshman class.

According to John Woodbury, house manager at West Campus, the dorm has been "well received," as both freshmen and upperclassmen call it a "very good house."

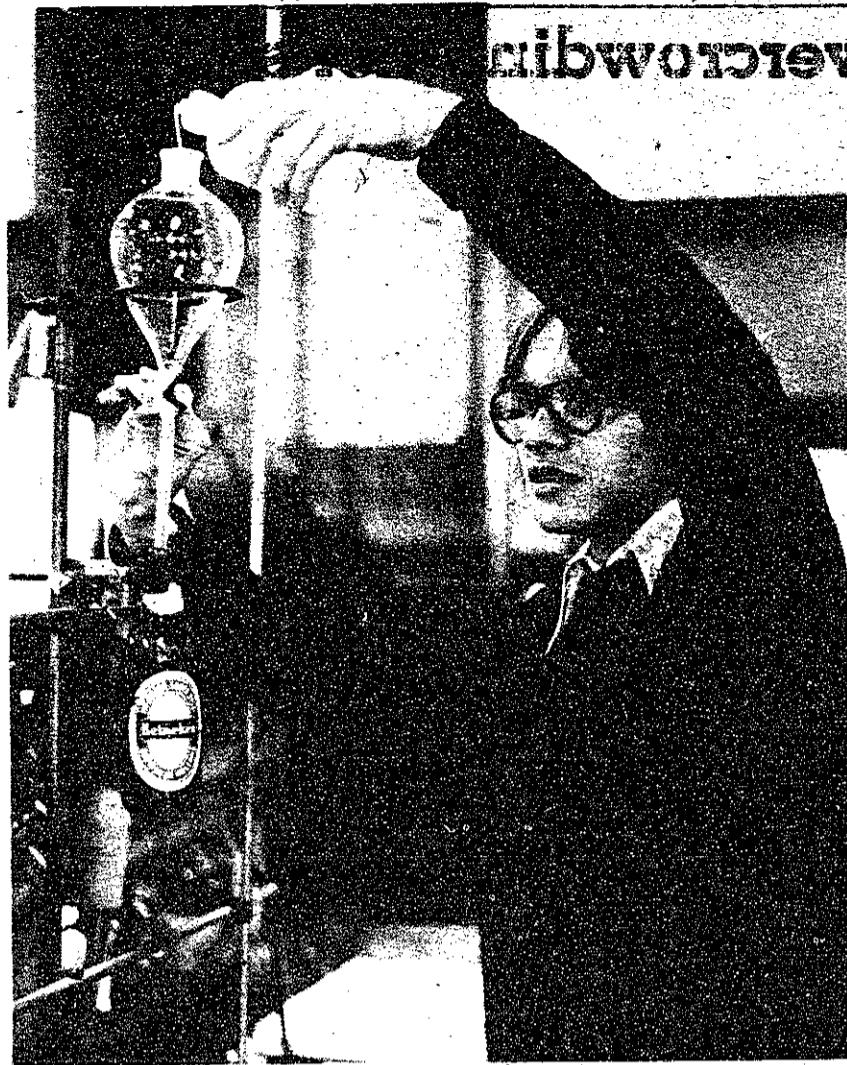
Woodbury seemed very pleased with the house despite the few minor difficulties encountered. The dormline phone sys-

tem will not be operational until the 15th of September, causing inconveniences to most of the residents. In addition, some of the students have indicated that at least some of the washers and driers are still not working. Although all furniture has been in the house since August 29, many kitchen doors are still without locks. And, as Phillip Ngai '79 puts it, "the only bad thing about the elevators are they are not."



Many New West Campus House residents have been inconvenienced by the lack of telephone service in their dorm.

Dave Schaller



# Review- Technique '75: worth saving

By P.E. Schindler, Jr.  
Someone at *Technique* seems to be listening.

In recent years, the major critiques of the MIT yearbook have been a) not enough MIT pictures, b) a selection with limited relevance to most students, c) a publication date that eliminated graduation pictures and d) no text.

With the clear exception of "d" *Technique '75* meets most of these objections head-on, and conquers them.

In the 272 page book, there are a total of 14 pages that have nothing in particular to do with MIT, and several of those are advertisements.

And in fact, 10 of those pages are on Boston and Cambridge. Frankly, the cities which surround us are a part of the MIT experience for most undergraduates. People who have never left the campus in four years won't need the yearbook anyway, because they'll probably be staying here the rest of their lives.

The relevance of the photographs in *Technique '75* to the

life of many students has been enhanced by the wider-than-usual selection. In addition to sections on sports, living groups, activities, and the usual senior pictures, there is a section on academia.

It shows people doing what I assume most people do here when they are not in class. I can't be sure, considering how much time I spent in the Student Center as an undergraduate. This section contains a photograph of the lab of your choice, perfectly capable, one assumes of evoking whatever pleasant memories you may have along that line.

For the first time in recent memory, *Technique* abandoned its spring delivery date. Thus seniors, while being unable to pick up their books in person before graduation, get pictures of commencement and of spring-time events. And *Technique* loses out on the dubious pleasure of biting its collective nails every year waiting for the printer to make tight deadlines.

The book still suffers, in the opinion of this wordsmith, from a lack of text. Not a lack really

— a near total dearth. Yet, even here, some progress is being made. There are, as there were last year, sections of sports records, activity rosters, and senior capsule descriptions. It is good to see them again, and hopefully they are here to stay.

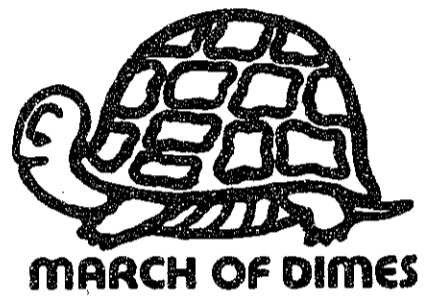
In addition, the picture selection is less cryptic than usual, so that even without captions, a large percentage are easy to understand and enjoy. The few words of text by Chip Piatti, at the beginning and in the essay "Working at Fun," are lyrical, low in content and non-explanatory. The effect is pleasant and again, a step in the right direction.

Which is not to say that there should be captions, or the silly text one finds in so many yearbooks, or even the massive and sober texts used until 1972. Just compromise; a little text, here and there.

So kudos to editor Mary Ann Schmidt and her band of crazies for a good book, if not a great one. It can provide, for most, a convenient and compact walk down memory lane, 1975 style.

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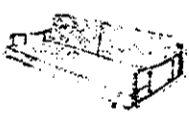
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# The summer's major news... Overcrowding not severe

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 authorized to be cast. It is in front of the Grover Hermann Building (affectionately referred to by most as either "Dewey Library" or the more familiar "E53") and it is called *Figure decoupee*. The gift was made possible by an anonymous donor.

- New people were named to head at least two official MIT entities. Prof. Arthur P. Solomon of the Department of Urban Studies and Planning (Course 11) is now director of the MIT-Harvard Joint Center for Urban Studies (not to be confused with the Harvard-MIT Joint Program in Health Science and Technology).

- Previous Nuclear Engineering department head Prof.

Edward Mason has been appointed to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Prof. Norman C. Rasmussen will lead Course 22 into its first undergraduate degree program in the 17 years since its founding.

- On the scientific side, nuclear excitement was generated for  $10^{-21}$  seconds by the creation of a "nuclear molecule." A group including Physics Prof. Eric Cosman and some graduate students bombarded a stationary carbon nucleus with accelerated carbon nuclei. In the past, that usually resulted in the nuclei merging completely. This time, they joined at the surface to form an excited, cigar-shaped

magnesium nucleus. Physicists have been looking for this object for 20 years.

- Howard J. Werne, 19, a MacGregor resident who would have been a sophomore, was killed in an automobile accident in his hometown, Evansville, Ind., on Aug. 22. He was alone in the car.

- Richard Cobean of Illinois took his own life on July 27. He would have been a sophomore.

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 got 3, 2, and 2 coeds respectively. Only 1 woman was in limbo at the end of the first assignment lottery.

The male housing requests were more evenly spread, with most dorms receiving more first choice requests than they could accommodate. Even New House, which had been a source of concern, did well in the lottery with 127 first choice requests for 167 openings.

Bexley Hall, with 54 open-

ings, received only 12 first choices. Bexley received several second choice requests, but most of those requesting Bexley second received their first choice dorms in the lottery.

"Overall," according to Dean Browning, "the dormitories have been doing an excellent job of assigning rooms." He has received very few complaints. "Of course, some people feel that they have been shafted, but we feel that the system is as fair as it can be."

## Frats' rush good

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 chapter and other PKT chapters at Rensselaer and Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

So far, PKT, seeking 15 pledges, has pledged 18.

DP just returned to its newly remodeled house on campus, and drew large numbers of freshman as visitors. The house, as of noon Wednesday, had pledged 21 of the 23 people it was seeking.

Other houses looking for large classes were AEPi, 25 out of a sought 35, SAE, 21 out of 21, SPE, 21 out of 24, and ZBT, 20 out of 23.

IFC officials were concerned that increasing numbers of dormitory R/O activities and the drawing power of New House would affect fraternities. The effect did not seem significant.

Still, officials said the long-term trend of increasing dorm R/O budgets seems threatening. Efforts are underway to promote cooperation between the dormitories, the fraternities and the Dean for Student Affairs office to ensure continued good rushes.

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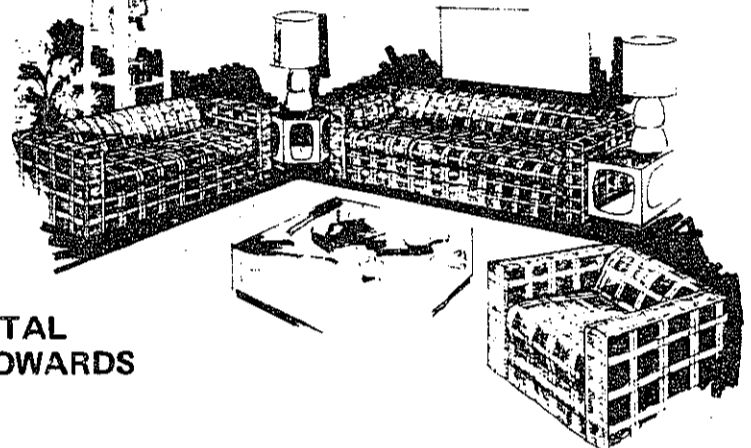
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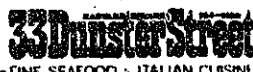
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# Opinion

## Surviving at MIT: a graduate tells all

By Paul Schindler  
(Michael McNamee, editor of Vol. 95, didn't get back from Indiana in time. The editor of Vol. 93 was prevailed upon to step out of retirement and write this column.)

Freshman are probably tired of being told what they should know. Sophomores are sure they know everything, juniors suddenly realize they know nothing, and seniors don't care.

But since classes haven't started yet, the faculty has not yet begun its annual quest to find innovative new ways to bore you in sterile lecture halls. It is clear you are suffering from a very special kind of ennui to be reading the editorial page somewhere outside a Tuesday or Friday morning lecture. So, the effort here will be to entertain and inform painlessly, and, if possible, to impart what wisdom is available from a Sloan School graduate with two years perspective on what it's all about. This, then, is what you need to know about MIT.

### Activities

Sometimes referred to as extra-curricular, once dubbed the "sixth school" (the other five are architecture, engineering, science, humanities and management), known to students as a "time sink," known to some faculty as a "poor excuse" and known to nurds not at all, are the one-hundred and some odd student activities.

The range of interests is large, and covered thoroughly elsewhere (the *Freshman Handbook*). The location of this section near the top of this article is intended to indicate the relative importance some of us attach to escape from tooling (studying).

For some, the escape is total. For all, it is welcome. For most, it is essential. Continuous tooling tends to turn people either into nurds or medical school students. Persons who wish to avoid such a fate seek normal human companionship on a field of common interest.

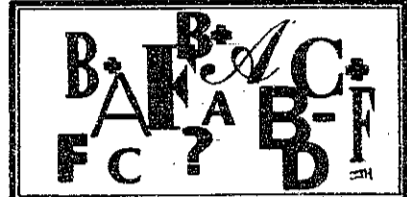
Things are not easy for activities. Despite the fact that former Dean for Student Affairs J. Daniel Nyhart coined the "sixth school" concept in an effort to sell the utter necessity of activities to the rest of the MIT community, many faculty consider them a distraction from the only worthwhile activity at MIT, academic work.

The construction of the now-sometimes air conditioned (energy crunch, you know) Stratton Student Center in 1965 was the

last massive MIT commitment to activities.

Although the demand for money is probably flexible enough to be considered infinite, there is seldom enough to meet even the reasonable demands. The same goes for space, despite the existence of the less-desirable never-air conditioned Walker Memorial building.

What you need to know about student activities is that



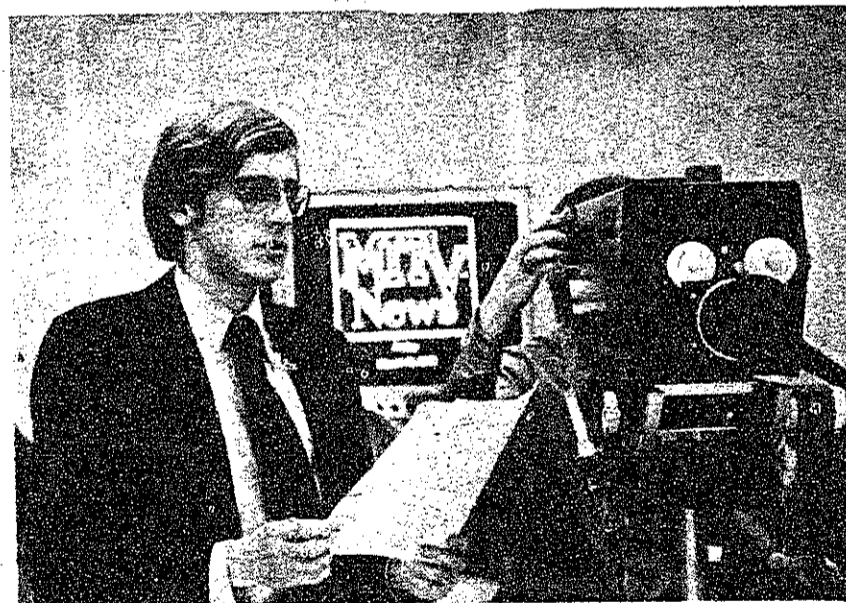
you have to decide, preferably before you join one, what you want out of life at MIT. Chances are, if you pick an activity that sounds interesting, there will be great inducement for you to spend a lot of time there. If you can handle the academics easily, or don't care about being a serious academic, take the plunge.

Law school hopefuls should keep in mind the desirability of a massive and varied list of activities on the upcoming application, without overlooking the fact that some enjoyment may be derived from participation.

In closing, let it be noted that, for many, the pleasant avocation of an activity can grow, eventually, to become the most significant part of their MIT experience. For some, it becomes their life work. Don't cut yourself off from an area ripe with potential for personal growth.

### Academics

Another great area for poten-



tial growth is academics. As often as you have heard it, it is still true that if they let you in,

you can do the work.

Those of you who have already advance-placed all your courses for the coming year may skip the rest of this section. For

get almost nothing back if you die or are hospitalized for exhaustion after the first month.

With some rare exceptions, you will find the faculty are as

the less enthusiastic and talented, the above statement may seem silly and false some day, as you punch cards late at night or open the letter telling you that you are on academic probation.

What you need to know is that it's all a matter of setting

interested as you are in seeing that you learn something.

What you need to know is that many faculty desire close non-classroom contact with their students. They can be your friends as well as your teachers. Although this advice, again, echoes that you have no doubt read elsewhere, it is a good idea to let them make the first move. After that, by all means, see them in the bull sessions after class, and the barbecues at ritzy suburban homes (or at their sparse in-town apartments as the case may be). And if you like them, invite them to dinner at your fraternity, dormitory, or apartment. Many faculty accept such invitations. Most are great conversationalists, have interesting families, and some even play guitar or piano.

### Housing

A house is not a home, but a dormitory or fraternity can certainly be if you will let them. What you need to know about housing is that the most

valid verity is the old saw that says you will probably get along with just about any group of MIT students you choose to live with.

Hopefully, you heeded that advice during rush week to keep down your paranoia about picking the "right" living group. Hopefully, if you are an upperclassman you will not be laughing too hard. And remember, it only says get along. Some people get along a lot, some people get along a little.

Your house is like a sewer; you get out of it what you put into it. If you invest a lot of time, you will find it an enriching personal experience. If all the time you spend there is spent asleep or otherwise incoherent, you will find that the relationships are no better than those you usually make when you are unconscious.

Don't forget, when you leave, to ask for your room deposit back. No one will remind you that they owe you money. Since MIT has the usual bureaucratic fondness for giving you back something that belongs to you by rights, start asking for it in about the middle of your senior year if you want it by the time you graduate.

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### History

A milkshake anywhere else is called a Frappe here, and soda is called tonic. There was just no other section to fit that in.

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your sights realistically.

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For the rest of you, there is little advice I can offer except that you should try to get some sleep at least once every few days. While death is a valid excuse for turning in a paper late, your tuition pro-rating is front end loaded. Your parents





## Life at MIT: Interesting!

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you are seated on rows of HP-65s and the nodding heads of pre-meds who were up all night getting ready to AP the next two years, it may seem impossible to believe that MIT has a revolutionary heritage.

For some reason, official publications often ignore the fact that MIT provided much of the organizational muscle that made the 1970 student strike (after the Kent State murders) go so well. They are also in the habit of forgetting to mention the once large and active SDS chapters, the anti-death Science Action Coordinating Committee and other organizations which once attempted to check MIT's ability to create new modes of mega-death.

But in fact, from 1968 until 1972, during what has become known as the "time of troubles," the predecessors of today's tooling fools took part in anti-war demonstrations, marched in the streets, and once even took a day off from classes to consider great issues. It was called the Agenda Days, and of course some people sought a partial tuition refund.

The student center served as a sanctuary for a draft dodger (the FBI came and got him), students disrupted official functions and they demonstrated against the Draper Labs (once a part of MIT) for several days known as the November Actions.

For that, the Undergraduate Association President was kicked out. For that, students occupied the office of then-MIT president (now chairman) Howard Johnson. When Nixon mined Haiphong in 1972, there was another strike, and ROTC was occupied. But since the discipline committee hearings at which the charges were effectively dismissed, the apathy has been massive.

Finally, there is then-provost, former Kennedy science advisor, former Dean of Science, now President Jerome B. Wiesner, anti-war early and a leader of the scientists that put a damper on ABM. He has been an advocate of disarmament since the late 1950's. As president, he has said that he feels public protests are no longer appropriate.

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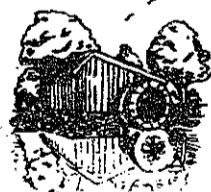
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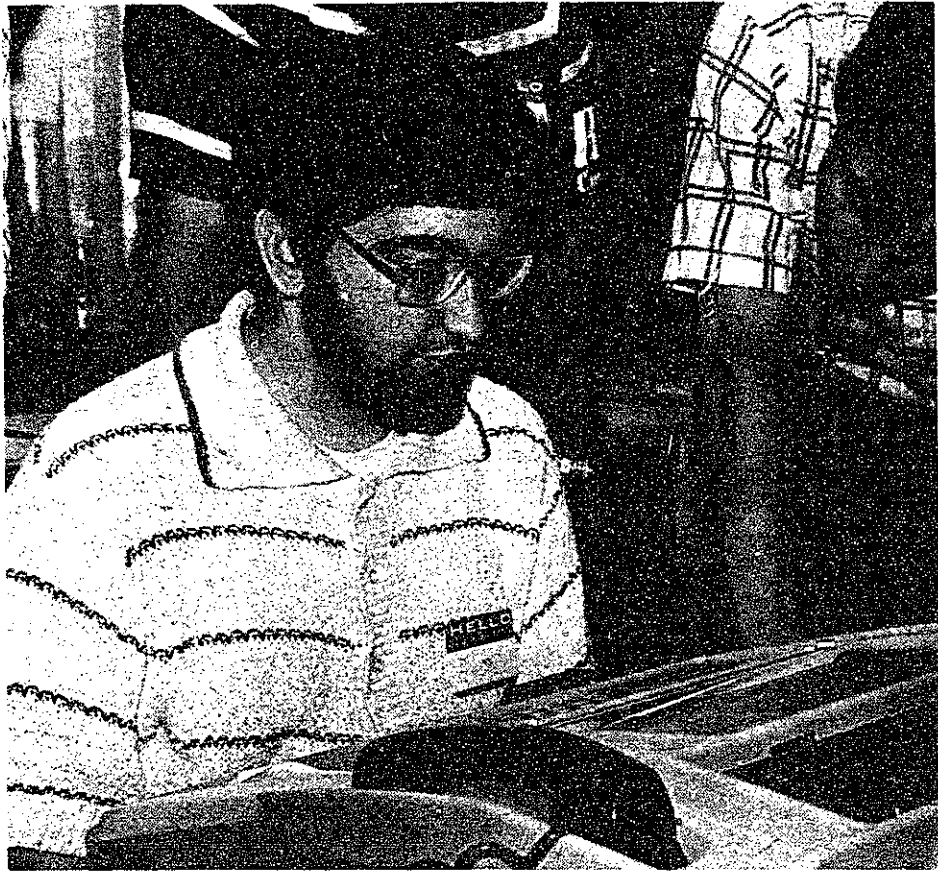
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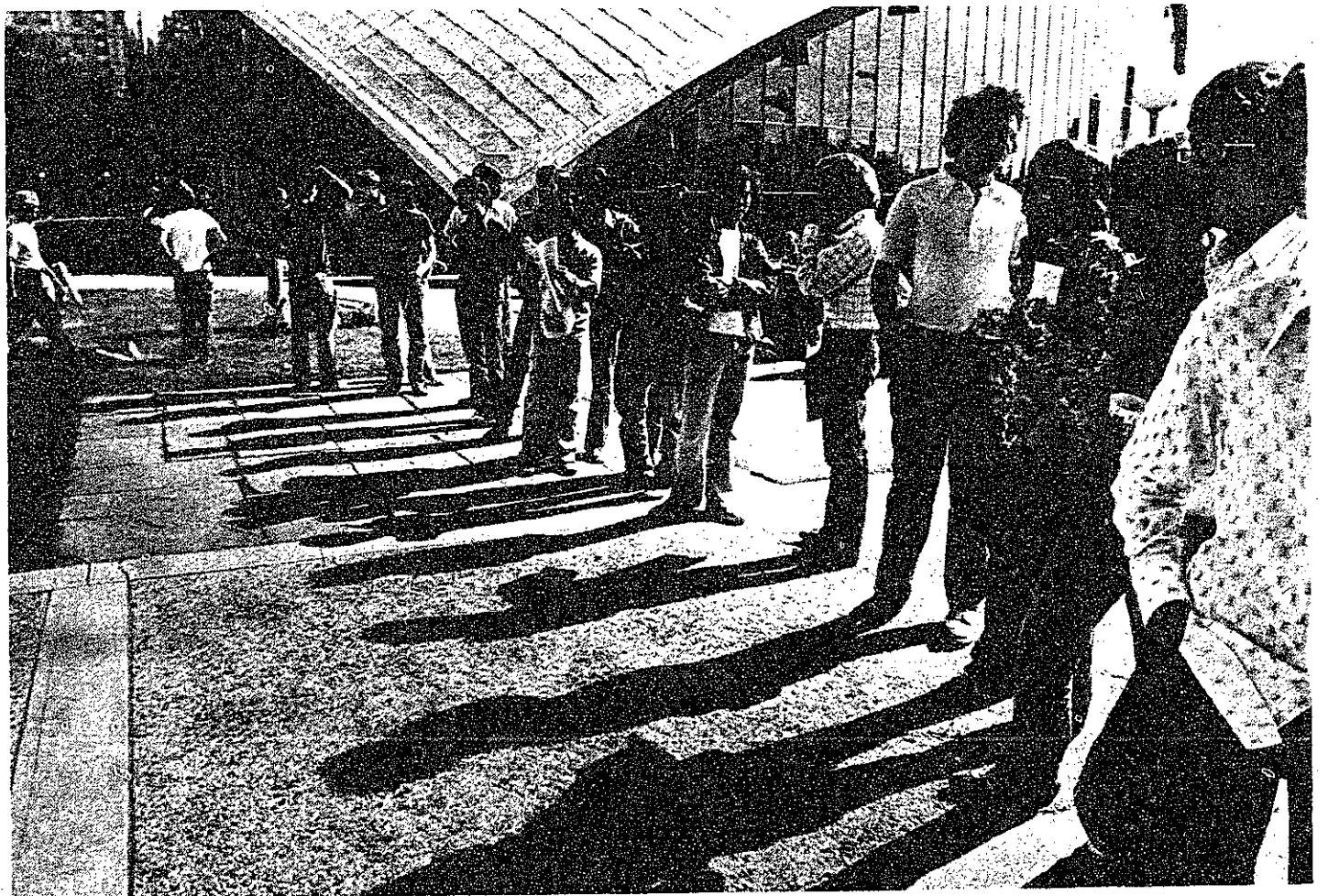
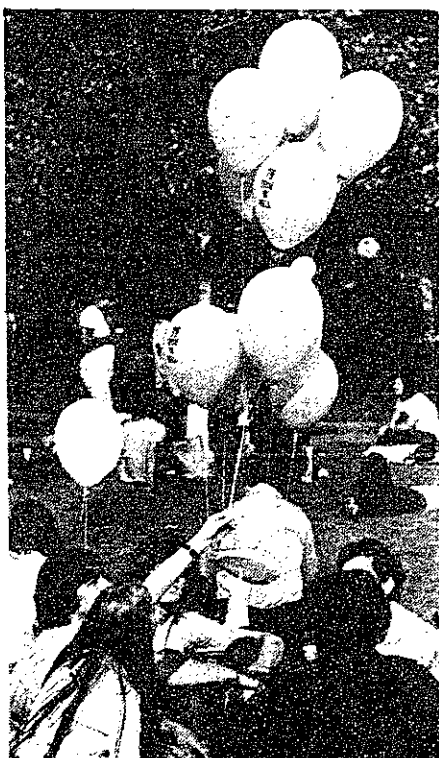
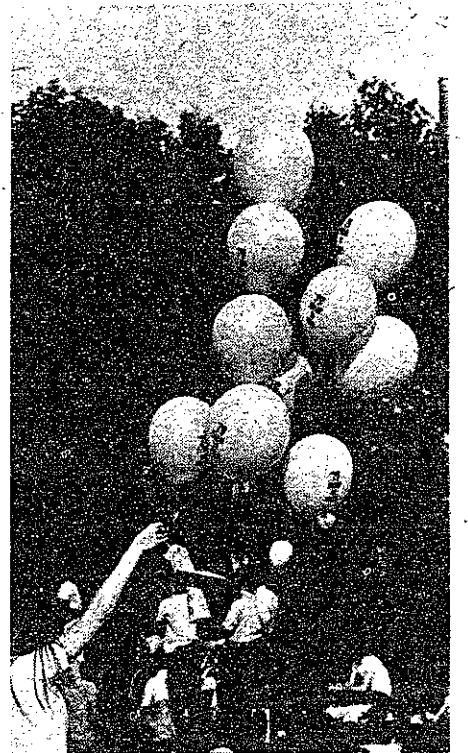
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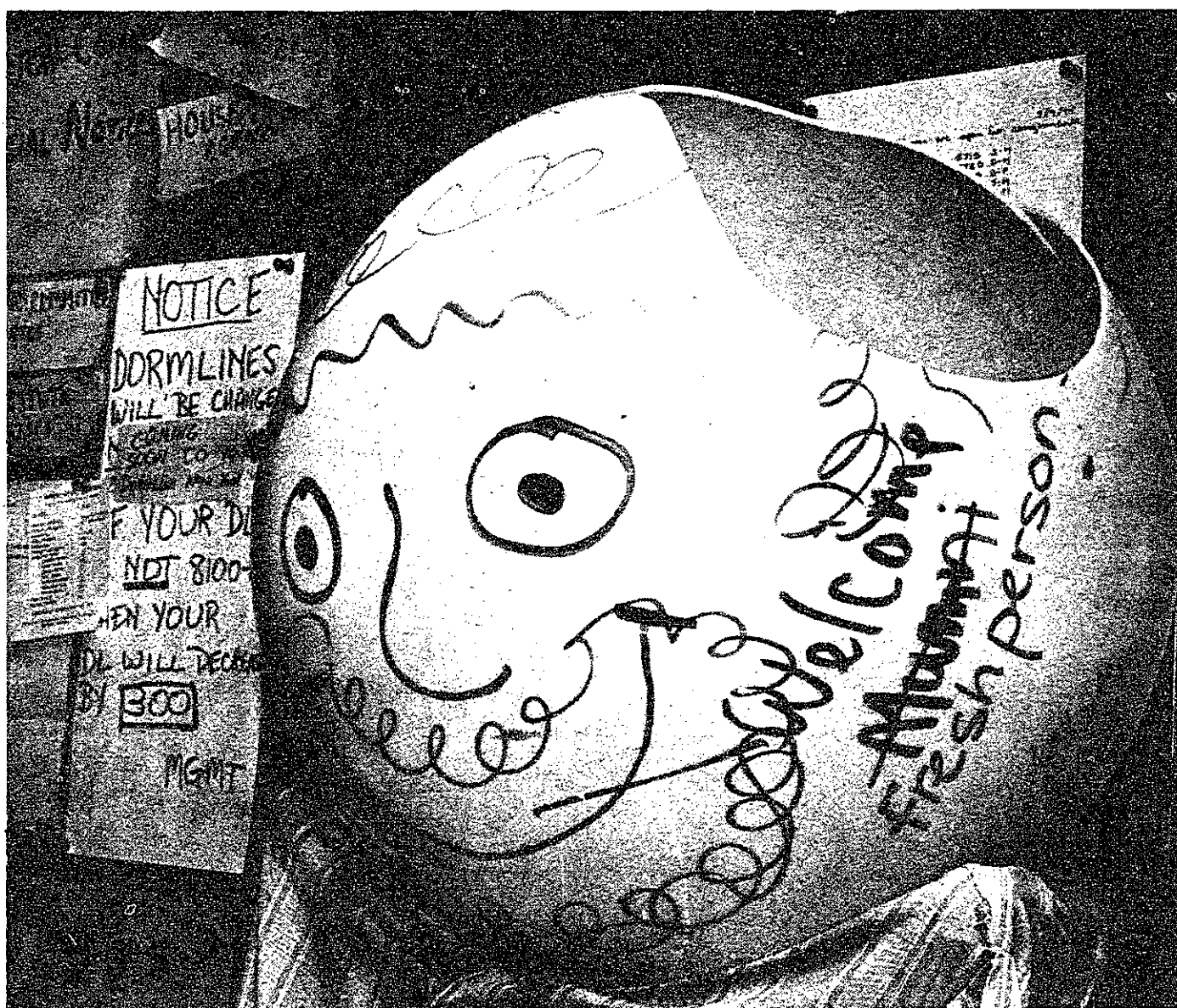
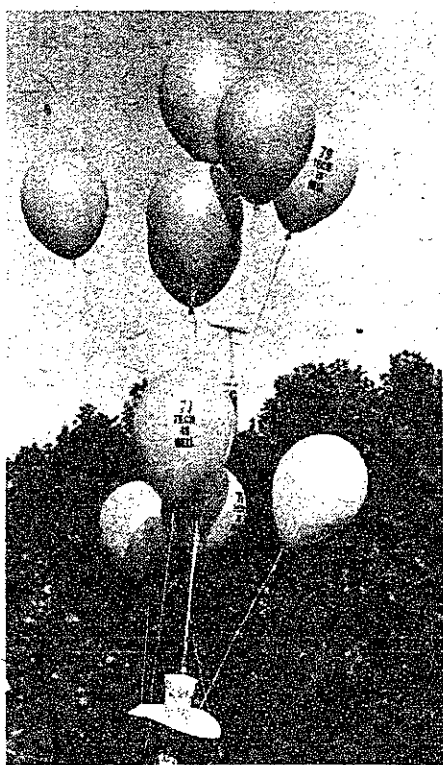
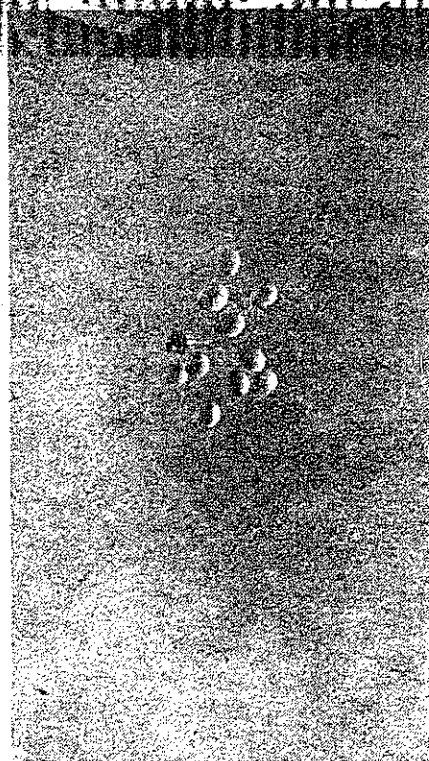
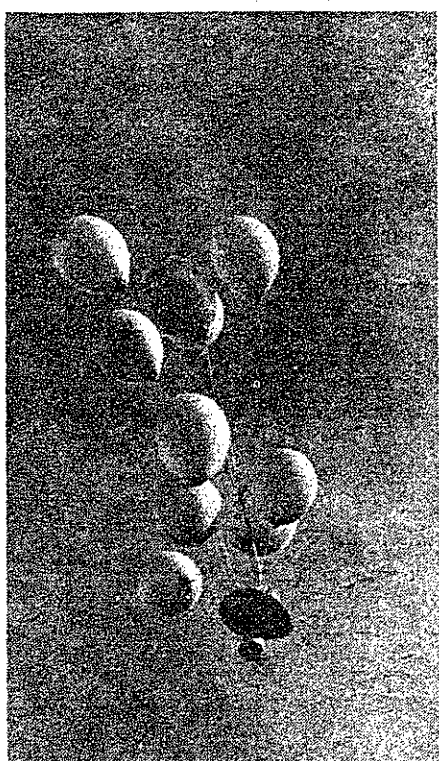


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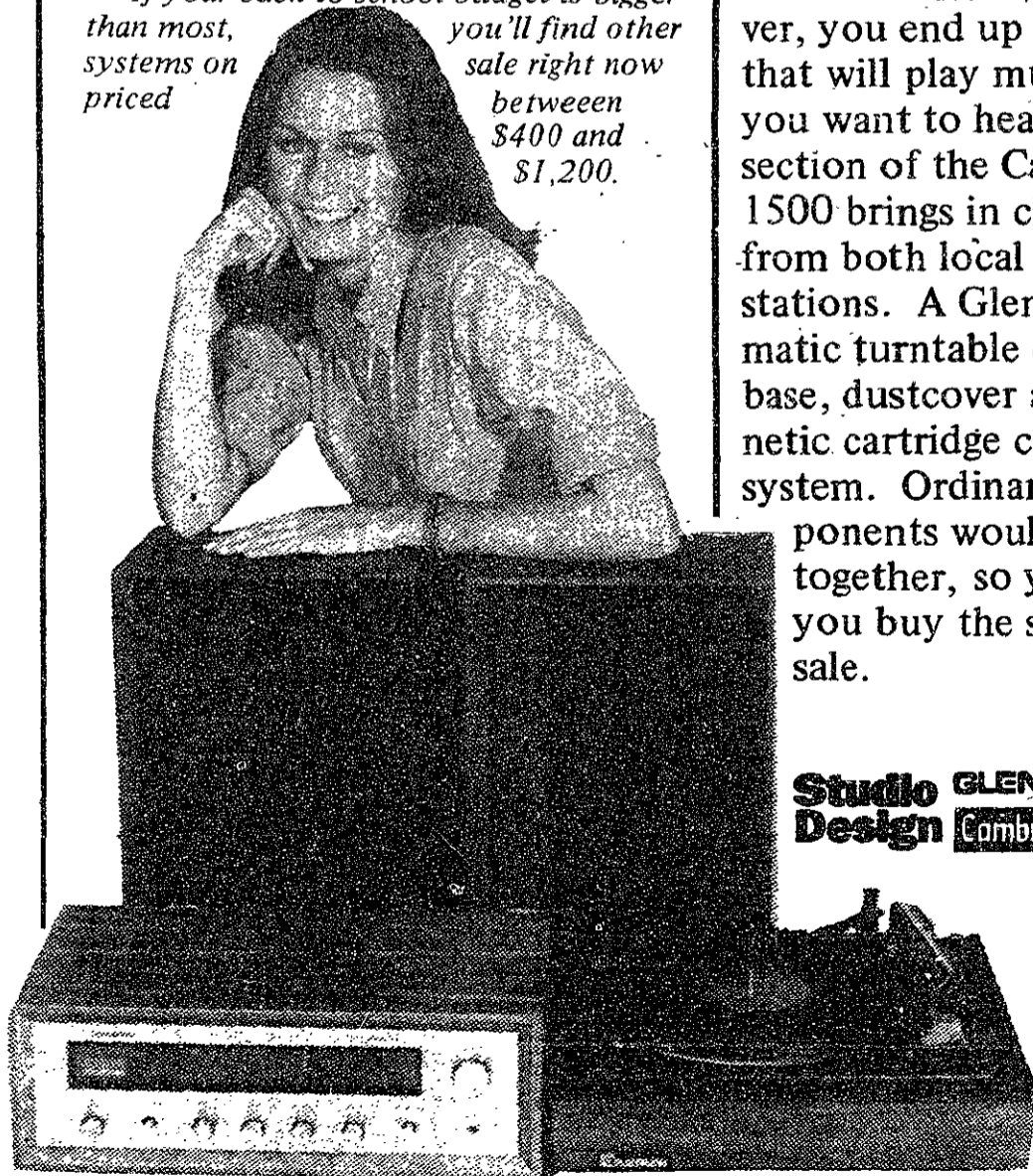
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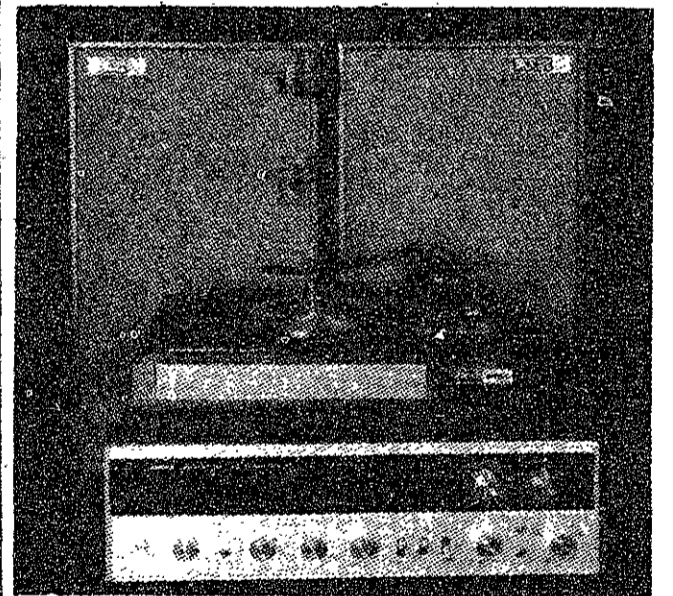


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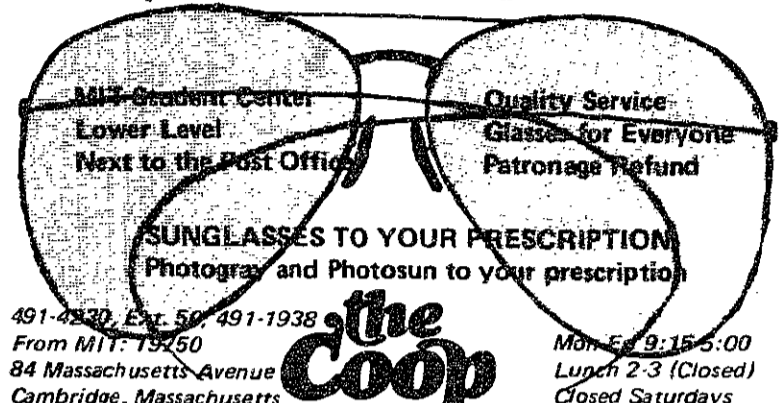
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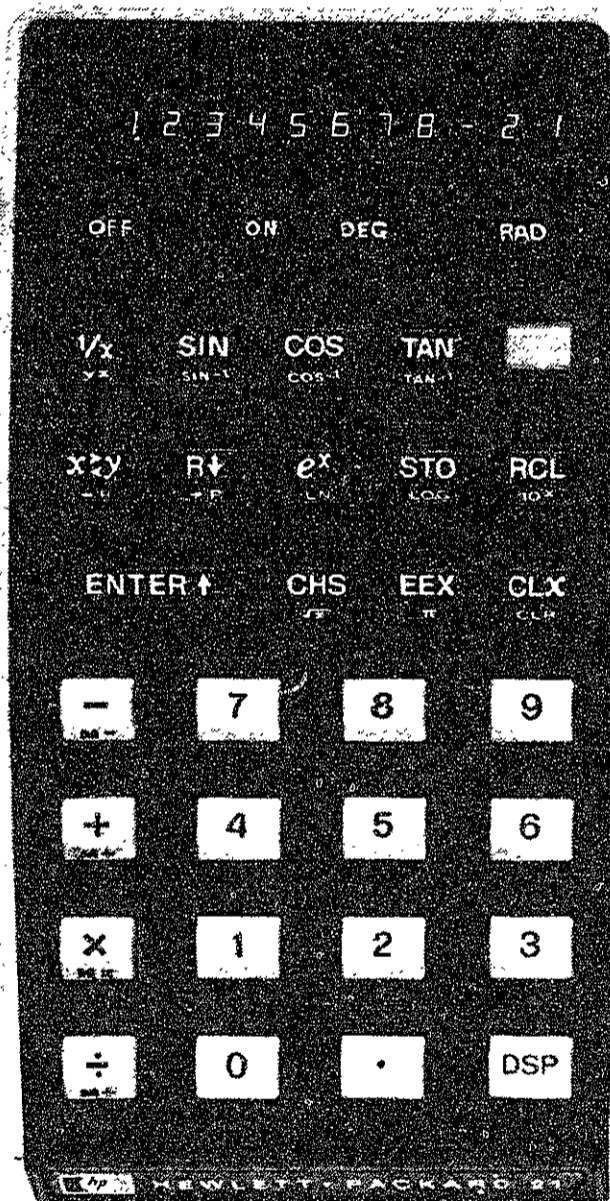


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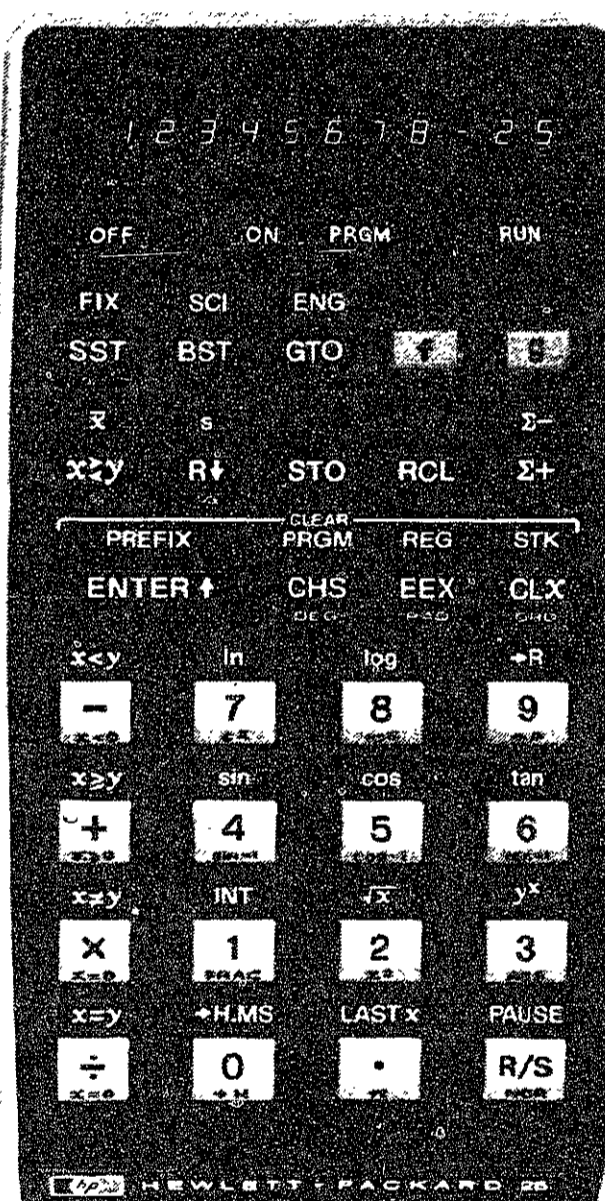
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# Sports

## IV heavies reach Henley semis four captures Nottingham Elite

By Doug Johnston  
(Doug Johnston '76 is a member of the MIT heavyweight crew.)

The MIT varsity heavyweight crew brought their spring season to a close with two weeks of international competition in England. Making the trip were four members of the varsity eight, who qualified for support money from the US Olympic Committee by meeting a time standard, and the second varsity eight, winners of the 1975 Intercollegiate Rowing Association championship.

On June 28, the first day of the Nottinghamshire International Regatta, the four powered their way to a victory in the Elite division. The eight finished last in their Elite race, after having practiced in six borrowed boats in six days.

The following day, the four competed in the same event in the Guinness International Trophy, against boats from England, East Germany, Canada, Egypt, and other countries, but were unable to make the finals. The eight rowed in the Elite II division, for international boats just below the national team level. They were able to make the final six in the eleven-boat field, and finished fifth in the finals.

The 136th annual Henley Royal Regatta began on July 3. All competition in the regatta is head-to-head single elimination on the 1 5/16 mile two-lane course.

MIT drew a bye and skipped the first round of competition in the Prince Philip Cup for elite fours. The eight, entered in the Ladies Challenge Plate, a 32-boat event for colleges and universities throughout the world, won by a length over Trinity College of Dublin, after narrowly avoiding disqualification for rowing out of their lane.

In the second elimination round, the eight won an easy 2 1/2 length victory over The University of Witwatersrand.

The four was eliminated in the quarterfinals by Vesper Boat Club in a race they led most of the way. Both American crews rows a similar high-stroking race, with MIT slightly faster off the start, and the Vesper four a little better in the last half-mile.

In the quarterfinals of the eight's event MIT met the Lady Margaret Boat Club of Cam-

bridge. The Lady Margaret crew led for the first half of the race, but MIT began to move back in the second half of the race, and gradually brought the stroke up to 39 strokes/minute to win by 1/4 length.

On Saturday afternoon the University of London varsity was the crew to beat. Both crews started at about 44 and MIT built an early lead. Tech settled to a 38 and then to 35, while London continued stroking 39 and moved to a lead of a full length. MIT brought the stroke back up to 39 and began to move back, but the English crew

met the challenge at one mile gone and regained the length lead. Both crews took the stroke up over 40 in the last quarter mile, but the margin remained the same to the finish. The winning time by London of 6:30 beat the existing course record by two seconds. The victorious English crew went on to an easier victory over ISIS Boat Club from Oxford University in the finals.

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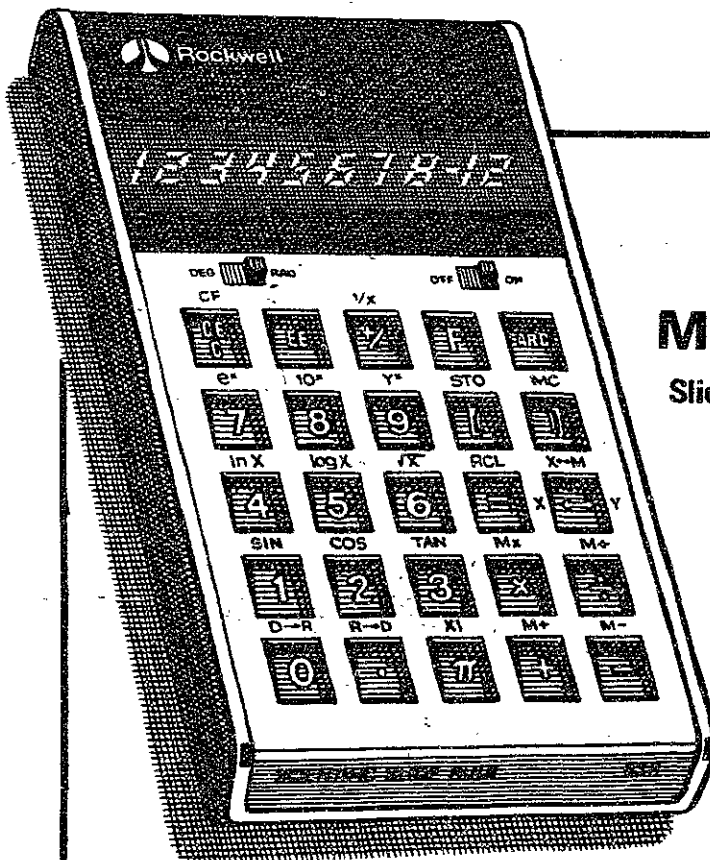
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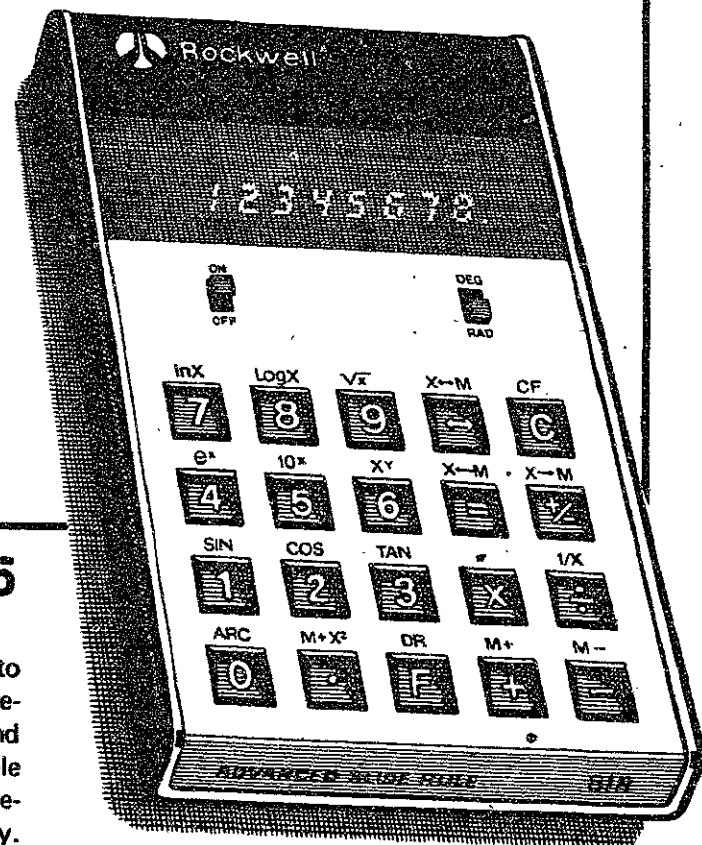
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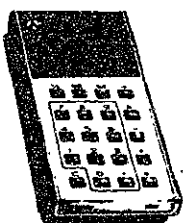
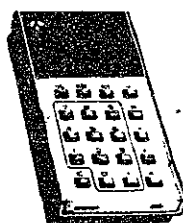
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# Sports

## Richardson places 4th in NCAA College 3-mile

By Dave Dobos

Frank Richardson '77 earned All-American honors at the NCAA Division III National Championships in his specialty, the three-mile run, and Greg Hunter '76 won the javelin event at the Eastern Championships to highlight the post season track championship meets for MIT.

Hunter, MVP of the squad this past season, tossed the javelin 193'9" to lead MIT to a twelfth place finish in the Easterns. Freshman Reid von Borstel and three rivals tied for second in the high jump at 6'3" and Richardson ran to fourth in the three-mile to round out MIT's

10½ point total.

One week later, Richardson, co-captain along with Hunter for next year's squad, ran a personal best 14:06.4, twenty seconds better than in the Easterns, enroute to a fifth place finish in the New England.

However, the big story for Richardson was his fabulous fourth place in the College Division Track Championships at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio May 27-31. He became the fourth MIT trackman to earn All-American laureates in the last three years. Richardson's time of 14:09.4 in the three-mile came less than 48 hours after running a qualifying race.

Hunter, also entered in the NCAA's and competing in the decathlon, missed All-American honors by one man, placing seventh with 6348 points. His personal best javelin throw of 197'8" broke the decathlon javelin mark by over thirty feet. He also recorded personal bests in the pole vault and 400 meters.

## NOTES

\* Correction to Class Schedules: 17.S07 (Political and Legal Rights in America) will be taught fall '75 and not 17.S05 as shown. Please see Louis Menand in Room 3-234 for details. This course is not just for freshman - all undergraduates are most welcome.

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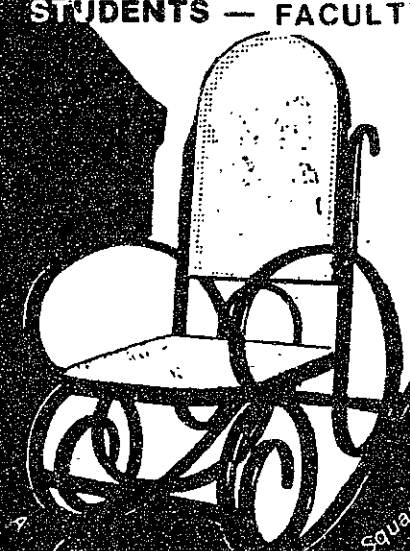
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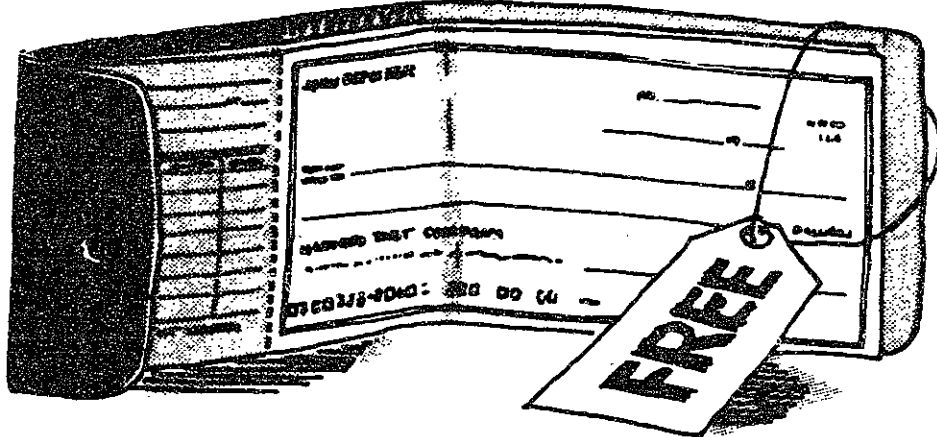
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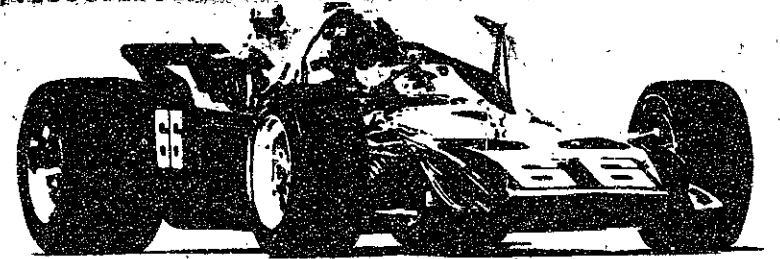
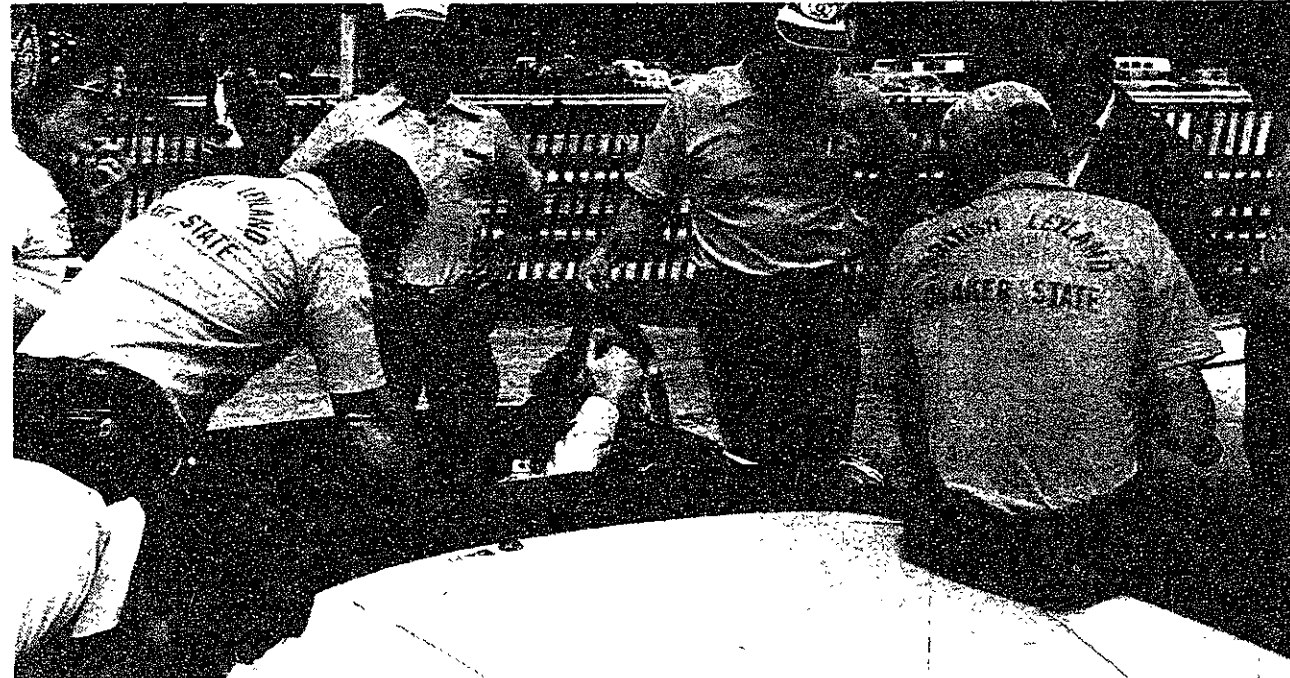
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# Sports



At left, Steve Cairns '74 celebrates his victory in the Showroom Stock Race with a bottle of champagne. Below, John Kelly '56 discusses his car's handling with his team after his second place finish.



## BEHIND THE WHEEL

By David Schaller

The MIT auto club is planning several changes in priorities for the coming year. As of the middle of October, we will be running only one car in Showroom Stock racing, enabling us to concentrate in other forms of competition, rallying, and autocrossing. If you are interested in any form of auto sports, drop by our booth tonight in the student center.

Early Monday morning, members of the auto club took off toward Lime Rock, Connecticut, for the Labor Day National Auto Race. With the Opel of Dave Ziegelheim, and the Pinto of Ed Gardner entered, prospects seemed good for an exciting race. As it turned out, Ed cancelled out since he hadn't finished moving, and Dave finished a disappointing ninth out of fourteen.

However the day was not a total loss, as Steve Cairns '74, started on the pole in the Showroom Stock race, and led for all but six of the 25 laps. A member of the auto club until his graduation, Steve has been running quite well this past year, with a second place in August at the Summit Point National, and first place at the Labor Day National.

Another MIT Alumnus, John Kelly '56, drove his Group 44 Midget 1500 to a strong second place finish, after chasing the Spiffire of Ken Slagle to the flag in the F Production race.

Coming events in the next weeks include:

- Sept. 20 Showroom Stock race at Lime Rock
- Oct. 3-5 Watkins Glen Grand Prix, Watkins Glen, NY
- Oct. 11 Car and Driver Showroom Stock Challenge

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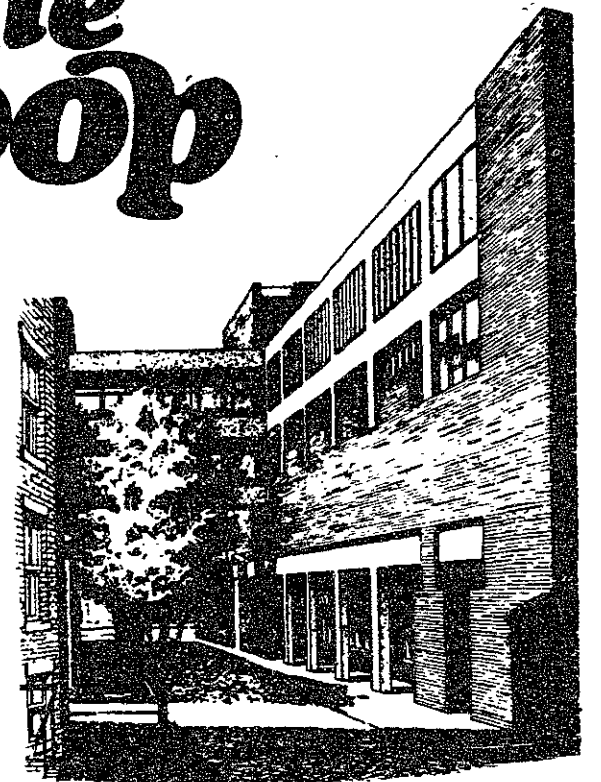
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