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No industry is ever risk-free

By Henry Finontini

"Nuclear reactor risks are small, relative to risks in society today, and that risk is acceptable," says Professor Norman C. Rasmussen, head of the MIT Nuclear Engineering Department and director of the WASH 1400 report. The report states that
"the results . . . suggest that the risk to the public from potential accidents in nuclear power plants is comparatively small."

WASH 1400, which has become a major support for the nuclear industry's safety case, said that the risk of operating nuclear reactors has been predicted as "no larger, and in many cases much smaller than that of non-nuclear acci-
dents," and that "previous studies . . . deliberately minimized the estimate of these consequences."

The new WASH 1400 was originally sponsored by the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) and completed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

"In WASH 1400, involves both the likelihood and consequences of an event, The predicted frequency of any of 100 reactors causing a fatality of more than 100 persons is less than one in 100,000, contrasted to total air crashes, which has a frequency of one in one per year for the same fatality rate. In another example, the frequency-fatality curve of 100 nuclear reactors, plotted against that of natural events, shows that nuclear risk closely approximates that of nuclear risk."

"No major industry can be operated at zero risk rate," Rasmussen explained. "Take your chances walking across the street." As there have been no significant releases of radioactivity from any US reactors, the risk of radiation had been estimated, rather than measured directly. This employs reliability analyses of systems in which method-
ology can predict probability.

The dividing line of the nuclear safety factors seems to be the production of plutonium, and the acceptance of those risks. As Rasmussen said, "a majority of those who are in a position to evaluate the situation say that reactors are safe." The report was not completely unambiguous.

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Dining hurt — a little — by tableware losses

By Thomas Mayer

The fourth floor of the student center is littered with Lobdell trays and plates, and some fraternities have entire services of MIT Food Service silverware. But the constant drain of silverware and china still puts a very small dent in Food Services' budget.

Although the managers of Food Service operations around campus report steady losses of every item, Director of Food Services S. Edward Leonard ordered less than $7,000 worth of silverware, china, and glass-
ware last year. According to Leonard, that sums up to about 1,3 per cent of Food Service's operating budget from 1974-75, a fraction similar to the average at other schools of 1 to 1.5 percent.

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ware.

The Food Services lost almost as much last year from extraordinary thefts, John Michael, Manager of the Student Center Food Services, said that Lobdell lost two cash registers valued at $366 each and a most disgust-
ing $750. Although McNeil and the other managers around campus are worried about the silverware and crockery drain -- Walker Manager Guy Giudine recently ordered $360 worth of silverware, china, and glass-
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New Assistant DSA appointed

By Gerald Kadack

Alice Seelinger has been ap-
pointed Assistant Dean for
Student Affairs to fill a position
left vacant by Nancy Wheatley
'71, who left to become a
regional director of the Alumni
Office.

The Dean's office also re-
cently announced a search for a
graduate student intern who
would assume most of the re-
sponsibilities for undergraduate
housing formerly held by
Wheatley.

In her new capacity, Seelinger
will have "primary responsi-
bility" for the graduate housing
system and for the publication of
the Graduate Residence book-
let, as well as for the "admini-
strative aspects" of the under-
graduate system.

The student intern would be
responsible for the "day to day"
aspects of undergraduate hous-
ing. Seelinger said, "Nancy
(Whitlock) went to most of the
dorm com meetings," Seelinger
noted, citing this as an example
of the duties of the intern.

One of the projects Seelinger
expects the Dean's office to
work on is computerization of
the assignments of freshmen to
dormitories. There is also a
"paper flow problem that we
need to address," she said.

Seelinger will continue in her
current position as Adminis-
trative Officer of the Dean's
Office, which involves handling
of budget and personnel matters,
she says.

"77 a 'red ink' year,
Gray warns faculty

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koff's proposal was never
seriously opposed. After Skolni-
koff accepted a change, sug-
gested by several professors,
from a standing comittee to an
ad hoc group, the faculty
accepted his motion, with Kim-
dieger and several other com-
mittee members joining in to
defeat their own proposal.

Earlier, Gray had told the
faculty that control of "dynamic
forces that came balanced
budgets to come unbalanced" was
the administration's goal in
dealing with the Institute's
financial crisis. "The cost of
standing still at MIT -- adding no
new programs, just financing
what we have -- is about $1.4
million greater deficit each
year," Gray told the faculty.

Gray said that actual rise in
deficit is more like $2 to $2.5
million, especially in
educational support:

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  percent -- about $200 on the
  current $3750 annual tuition;
- Increasing enrollment by an
  average of 100 graduate and
  100 undergraduate students
each year until 400 to 500 of each
  have been added to 1973-74
  levels;
- Raising endowment funds
  through the MIT Leadership
  Campaign, a $225-million fund
  drive announced last spring; and
- Increasing income from
  endowment through review of
  investments.

Gray said fiscal 1977, which
begins in July, "is certain to be a
year of red ink," but that 1978
"showed promise for bringing
the Institute's budget back into
balance.

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Nuke risks 'must be accepted'

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Because reactors contain only 3 examiners; as Rasmussen to 5 percent as much Uranium-235 as is used in nuclear weapons, a reactor simply could not explode like a bomb. Considering the safety of the nuclear industry, Rasmussen said, "No insurance claim has been made to date for injury or loss due to radioactivity." While many lawsuits are currently filed against such industry leaders as Westinghouse, Rasmussen says, "The estimated average cost of a lawsuit is still less than $4 million. In addition to covering the failure of components such as pipes, pumps and valves, the court estimated the likelihood of human errors and the likelihood of system failures in making its judgment.

The risk incurred in operating a nuclear reactor comes from the ease of radioactivity, which could only occur by the melting of the atomic fuel core. With 100 reactors in operation — the WASH 1400 standard for 1980 — he predicted chance of such a core melt is one in 200 per year.

Ignorance blamed for silverware thefts

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could talk to every diner about the problem of taking silverware, the losses would lessen. "But how do you get in touch with everybody?"

...ignorance blamed for silverware thefts...
Opinion

Letters to The Tech Admissions Efforts

To the Editors:

Phil Hampton's Black Side articles in The Tech have high- lighted the problem of entering minority students into the Institute. This problem has slipped from the high of 1969 and 1970. This pheno- menon is occurring at several universities to greater or lesser extent over a similar time period. There is indeed a problem.

He also stated that both the Board of Trade and the Institute's office "profess the same goal — to increase the number of minority students in the MIT Community." The statement of com- mitment comes from this office but from the senior officers of the Institute.

There is indeed a problem. The search for a new staff member (Assistant Director of Admissions) involved contacts with various minority organizations and the efforts of the Admissions Offices in other secondary schools across this country. The short term problem is to attract the maximum number of the qualified students. The longer term must involve the search for less qualified students. For the past years, MIT has concentrated on recruiting techniques in an effort to find the most effective. Those that have worked have been those that are new and are being intensified. Those that have not worked have been those that are old.

This year's use of the CEEB methods to get the most of an admission office, be it of opinion about the operation of the admissions office, it is stated correctly, we have the methods and the methods to get the best possible. The faculty has established could that middle class have their middle class sesquicentennial resumes. The five finalists have talked with students and staff.

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To pretend that the faculty has taken meaningful action to deal with the problems of the international community is to cheap a fraud and a deception. To assume that the interests of the whole community have been protected in that minor-league debating society called the faculty meeting is to make a mockery of all ideas of representa- tion and full discussion for the non-faculty portion of the institute. The proponents of the weak committee have their interests. With the hubbub over the Iranian pro- gram and, later, the proposed Saudi Arabian pact, the faculty is sensitized to the issues, it says — and reality is that our department would hesitate to bring forward a proposal which threatened to be controversial or embarrassing. They don't expect

The faculty voted a fraud

By Michael McNamara

The faculty's gutting of the Admissions Committee on International Institutional Connections was an inexcusable action. The meeting was at the very least a colossal waste of time. The money being spent on debating last spring, when the Iran nuclear engineering program first made the faculty aware of the need for a look at foreign programs, and for the discussion this week shows that the new ad hoc committees the faculty has established could have been done so much longer ago.

Unfortunately, there's a lot more wrong with the faculty's decision than just the wastefulness. For the faculty created as worthless, powerless a body as the new ad hoc committee last spring. When interest in the "foreign policy," issue was high, it was thought to be a project in 1978 — and rightly so — as a victory for those who wanted the faculty to go away so the Institute couldn't give a second thought to its dealings with dic- tators, corrupt regimes, and shady government.

In the case of one who sat through the interminable meeting, I believe that MIT faculty members could not possibly have read the issue and the United Nations and the United Nations and the proposed substitute a temporary group for a permanent one. 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to the highest bidder, bar none. Leave aside the basic political question of why MIT is working for Shahs and Kings, CIA's and DOD's, who have money and power, and not for opposition groups and out-of-power (and possibly imprisoned) Islamists, who have none; leave aside the fact that half--three-quarters--of the members of Skolnikoff's department are up to their necks in a faculty that abhors politics. And when Seifert, who worked for five years on a contract with Saudi Arabia, after the talks fell through, it certainly did not seem that the victory of the Institute's moral--and political--principle compensated him for the loss of his effort.

What went wrong? Well, first of all, the faculty's paper and wounded (edgings at being left out of the Iran program--a program that had to be discovered by students, revealed by students, and first attacked by students--have worn off. With them have gone the enraged arguments about "irrationalities" and "poor procedures" in their place has come a realization that moves to restrict someone else's work will put a damper on their selling of themselves.

And if the faculty present had any trouble seeing which side their bread was buttered on, the administration was ready to help. Wiesner, who has hardly been known for impartial, even-handed chairing of past meetings, was even more blatant than usual in pointing out that he didn't want anything that might tie his hands. And Chancellor Paul Gray provided the useful service, through his budget talk earlier, of making the necessity of more and bigger contracts clear--just as he did last spring when, just before the faculty voted on whether to repudiate the Iran program, he got up to tell them how any move on this contract would affect other contracts--including, of course, those of the members voting.

The passage of time has allowed the faculty to blur over the points made last spring. The community was especially vivid in pointing out that he was ready to allow "occasional" review of "selected programs," without, of course, looking at everything.

But if you define the community as I define it, allow it to include a few people who aren't bring up in their own work and who are interested in what MIT as an institution is up to, you will realize that that isn't what the community asked for last spring. The community was instead looking--mostly with outrage--on the Iran program. It was asking for some way, some measures, to ensure that such a program wouldn't reach such a state with so little discussion ever again. Even if it meant looking at every proposal, every contract, every suggestion.

What is the final outcome of the faculty's action? Besides getting the committee, the faculty has put off serious consideration of permanent measures to deal with the abuses revealed in March, 1975, to at least November, 1976. Wittingly or not, the faculty has provided for discussion of such measures to come when memory of the major abuses will have faded into the warm glow that eventually enwraps the most dramatic events even, for example, the "Time of Trouble" anti-war actions and protests. And like the issues raised in those turbulent times, which were forgotten shunted aside whenever they arose with out the accompanying violence, and eventually lost, the questions of international commitments will become vapors blown away by the rhetorics of "faculty freedom"--all in the interests of the highest bidder.

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Lincoln watching budget with eye to job losses

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the fact that the cuts are retroactive to July 1. Considering the Senate's delay in getting a defense appropriation bill, the weeks or even months which might pass before House and Senate agree on a final defense budget, and the notice Lincoln is required to give his employers, it may be March or April before personnel cuts will be made. And since the Labs have been spending money which they expected to receive since July, each week of delay multiplies the effect of the cuts on the Labs.

"There is some talk of a compromise to spread out the effects so they don't have to be taken all at once," Gray told The Tech. "But these items are, in view of the whole military budget, so close to the decision point that it's hard to interest the average congressman in these things."

Massachusetts congressmen, however, are taking serious interest. Representative Paul Tsongas, who said he was told the budget cuts mean loss of 1000 jobs in his Bedford-Lexington district, called the cuts "an economic nightmare."

And Senator Edward Brooke has been involved in strategy sessions to stop the cuts in House-Senate conference.

"We didn't make an effort to stop the cuts when the bill was on the floor," a Brooke aide explained. "There was a decision, instead, to concentrate on conference committee where we have a better chance to deal with the cuts that we're interested in."

Brooke doesn't expect totally to stop the cuts, however. "We aren't going to end up with everything -- we just hope to end up in a better position than we're in," the aide explained. The "better position" Brooke hopes for, he said, is a way of slowing down the cuts and using the effects over two or three years rather than having them hit all at once. "We're working out some kind of understanding," Allen agreed.

With the Senate completion of the budget bill Tuesday, the conference committee is expected to convene after the Thanksgiving recess early in December. If the conference can get a report that will satisfy both houses without too much struggle, the fate of the FCRC budget might be settled before Christmas.

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Sailors fourth in Fiske regatta

By Chris Donnelly

The varsity sailing team completed the fall season last weekend, placing fourth in the Fiske-Harriman-Sleigh Trophy for the Atlantic Coast Championship.

Coach Goadt hosted the regatta sailed in each division of the top six schools from New England and the top six from the Middle Atlantic states. During the two day event dominated by strong winds, a complete round robin of twelve races was run in each division.

Bill Critch '77 with crew

Audrey Greenhill '79 placed third in the Distance race, while Gary Smith '78 with Spair Webb '73, crews finished fourth in B-Division.

New England schools dominated the regatta, taking the top five spots. Harvard won the trophy with 91 points, followed by Tufts (109), URI (124), MIT (131), and Dartmouth (143). The MIT team, unranked at the beginning of September, is expected to be ranked twelfth nationally based on their performance this fall. The sailors will open their spring season next spring with a new fleet of Tech Dinghies. Due to technological improvements, the new dinghies will be lighter, yet stronger than the old Tech Dinghies.

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Sailing Notices

There will be an IM Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. Sunday in the Varsity Club Lounge. Managers of intramural teams, coaches from outdoor recreational teams, badminton, water polo, tennis, and chess. + + +

The newly organized MIT Fencing Club will hold its first meeting on Sunday, Nov. 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the MIT ice rink, weather permitting.

All you must own is a pair of figure skates and an athletic card and be able to skate forward comfortably. Meetings will be on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., with various mini-clinics. For more information call Esther Horwich at 54-555.

Tryouts for MIT Community League Hockey will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 26 and Sun. Nov. 30 at the MIT ice rink.

The Community League features high-level club play (including some intercollegiate rivalries) and an intercollegiate schedule that is conducted approximately twice a week.

Although the league is primarily geared for staff and graduate students, any member of the MIT community is welcome to try out. For more info call Ken Okin at 262-7813.

Final scores will be tabulated for all MIT games.

Foul Shots

By Glenn Brownstein

They call it The Game up here. Once in a while, like this year, it's for the Ivy League championship, but most of the time it doesn't matter if the game is a battle between first place teams or fifth place teams. Tomorrow there may be as many as 70,000 people in Yale Bowl to see it.

In the Midwest, tomorrow's Ohio State-Michigan football game is just the same kind of demonstration of Englishmen treat the Harvard-Yale showdown. Almost every year it seems the Big Ten title comes down to this final game. Last year two Ohio State players put an ad in the campus newspaper offering to sell two choice seats for $10,000 (that's right, ten thousand dollars). As the highest offer they got was a mere $1,000, they decided to go the game instead.

And what about USC-UCLA, or Oklahoma-Nebraska, or Texas-Texas A&M, or even Williams-Amherst? Why does football produce more than its share of great college rivalries?

My guess is that it's because football of more than anything else, the spectacle of teams from two different schools battling for glory on the field, or honor, or something like that.

That's not my point, though. What I'm saying is that almost every school in the country has a "traditional" rivalry with some other school, and not necessarily in football. Take Boston University-Boston College in hockey, or North Carolina-North Carolina State in basketball, or Maryland-Johns Hopkins in baseball.

I may be missing something obvious, but can anyone tell me about a current long-time rivalry between MIT and another school in any sport? I can think of MIT-Brandeis recently in basketball, or, even more recently, MIT-Eastern Nazarene in women's volleyball, but that's about all.

Don't get me wrong. MIT doesn't need a football team and all the headaches involved with running a very expensive program. It may be that, with the few remaining athletic scholarships that are left, only those with "real" athletic talent are offered, except maybe a desire to knock off Harvard once in a while, although I seriously doubt if Harvard treats the competition the same way that they do in the other sports.

They call Harvard-Yale The Game up here. We don't have a "Game" at MIT, but we also don't have athletic scholarships, $5,000-a-year "boarders," or only six sports because football depicts the athletic budget so much. There's a basic choice that has to be made, and there's still SAE-LCA in football, or Baker-LCA in hockey or basketball.