Undergraduate Association Vice President Stephen Shagoury '76 has resigned his student government post, apparently because of disagreement with the goals of the current student administration.

The resignation, which was tendered last week, was "indefinitely all the way around," according to Undergraduate Association President Lee Allen '76, who said that Shagoury had "quit because there just didn't seem to be anything for him to do."

"The best I can make of it was that Steve just lost interest and quit," said Allen. "We weren't communicating too well, and I wasn't saying 'Do this, do that' to him. He seemed to think there wasn't any need for him to be around." Shagoury could not be reached for comment.

In an unrelated event, Allen named Charlie Shooshan '77 Secretary-General of the UA to replace Doug McLeod '77. McLeod resigned from the appointive post earlier this month, saying he was "overwhelmed and had to cut back," Allen explained.

Since the UA was elected in annual UA voting each spring, Allen told The Tech that he wasn't sure how he would replace Shagoury. "I'm moving slowly on this so that people won't think I'm playing favorites," he said. "I figure that unless people get upset and don't want him, I'll just appoint someone for the job." Candidates aren't "exactly knocking each other over" for the post, he added.

Shagoury's resignation capped several months of what Allen called "stump-power problems" and disagreements over the role of the student government. The UA administration, which is elected to represent all undergraduates, has been less program-oriented and thus less visible than any of its immediate predecessors. Involving students in student government is difficult when there aren't specific tasks for them to handle, Allen said.

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By Chuck Humphrey

The MIT Medical Department Advisory Board has recommended a new student hospitalization insurance plan to "plug the holes" in the current optional insurance program.

The new plan, which will go into effect next fall if approved by the administration, will require all students to have some form of hospitalization insurance, or to sign up for the MIT plan.

The Advisory Board unanimously approved a plan offered by the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, which would simplify hospitalization coverage by putting a single limit of $55,000 on coverage during a student's MIT stay. The current plan provides more coverage overall — $25,000 per year — but sets a number of separate limits on coverage in specific areas such as surgery, x-rays, tests, and so forth.

"This new plan will close a gap in our current coverage where a number of students have been caught," Lawrence Bishoff, associate medical director for administration, said. "Many students have been hurt when they were hospitalized for long periods of time and were stuck with the bills. By requiring them to have hospitalization coverage, we will be able to help them in cases like this."

The new plan might also cut medical Department costs, Bishoff said. "For the same kind of coverage now, the student will pay a much higher premium. But we're talking about the cost for a large number of people, and thus less visible than any other college."

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The Corporation Visiting Committee for Student Affairs will conduct open meetings today and tomorrow, Jan. 23 and 24. Seven sessions will be held to discuss a number of student-affairs issues:

- Sun. 8pm, McCormick Brown Living Room — Discussion of the Office of Minority Education and Student Governance Open
- 12 Lunch and further discussion. By invitation
- 1pm, McCormick — Discussion of Athletics, Open
- 4:30pm, McCormick — Discussion of Student Housing, Open
- 8:30pm, Student Center Mezzanine Lounge — Open discussion of Deans for Student Affairs Office, Open
- 4:45am Saturday, Student Center West Lounge — Discussion of Talbot House, Freshman Advisory Council, and Housing, followed by Summary, Open.
- 12:30pm — Executive Session — Closed.

The new plan contains a $50 per year deductible clause, "waived for Hospitalization, surgical, surgical, and emergency, accident or sickness charges, up to $55,000 on hospitalization for students from the East Boston project, told The

The Tech: "The only question was when."

Russell heads an MIT group which is working with the Wentworth Institute of Technology, the MassPort Authority, and the Boston School Committee to develop city-wide technical schools at East Boston High and Bayside Middle School. The change was ordered by US District Judge Arthur Garrity last spring as part of the Phase II desegregation effort.

If fact, MIT and school officials say that they expected the outcome of community protest, which led to at least 11 arrests, excessive picketing outside the school and walk-outs by up to 200 students in the last three days.

We know that the realization of the changes in East Boston High was going to sink in to the community eventually, and that they would protest the loss of the local school," Stanley Russell, MIT coordinator for the East Boston project, told The

They apparently don't disagree with the goal of the magnet school program. The new East Boston High will offer programs centered around aviation and electronics technology, useful skills for the many "Easties" who work at Massport's Logan Airport nearby.

But the change means that three-quarters of all Eastie students will have to be bused "through the tunnel" into other parts of the city and those students' places will be taken by students from South Boston, Charlestown, Roxbury, and other sections of the city which loyal Easties don't really consider "their community" or place where they were raised. So the protestors want to keep a district high school in East Boston. "We've got a great tradition here," Russell said. East Boston students were bused into town anyway when they went to school, according to school official William Sheedy, who was once director of the Eastie Gartery to designate Barnes Middle School, a brand-new facility.
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**Nuclear Power Thoughts**

To the Editor:

The seventeen signers of the letter, "Don't Take Risks with Human Lives" published in The Tech Dec. 2 make a valuable point, then misapply it. Agreed, let us not 'crassly cost human lives in simple dollars, as sticks of wood at so much per bundle. But as they struggle perilously against nuclear power, these seventeen writers in search of their theme neglect to ask, "Compared to what?!" Do they know that present methods of generating electricity using coal (the only other substantial present resource) kill between 20 and 100 times as many people per unit of energy as does nuclear power? Do they realize that all reasonable coal cleanup measures will not make coal environmentally or epidemiologically as safe as nuclear power has proven to be? Those facts have been little publicized and less appreciated, partly because the fossil fuel industry and the general public just took such matters for granted. I have had enough of taking nonsense for granted, and try to persuade my colleagues at this ecomomical Institute to do likewise.

Even to replace worn-out electric generating plants and to provide the minimal energy growth envisaged in the most conservation-minded studies, new electric power plants will be required. Nuclear electric power causes less public health damage both in the short and long term than does fossil fuel, despite what the seven signers might wish. This letter is written primarily for the readers of The Tech and hopefully also to the seventeen signers of the previous one.

David J. Rose
Professor of Nuclear Engineering
December 3, 1975

**Metaphysical Madness**

To the Editor:

It seems that metaphysical madness has been elevated to a positive virtue in the nuclear safety debate. The relevant questions are not being asked; the arguments are being conducted in a manner that seems divorced from the real world. Unquestionably in these complex social and political issues one cannot divorce empirical knowledge from moral considerations. But it is not a simple matter to relate the two. The relevant question is indeed what kind of society do we wish to live in? But once having decided that it is only empirical knowledge that can get us from where we are to where we want to be, if we want cars, dishwashers, air conditioners and televisions, we must be prepared to pay the price. If we are frightened at the prospect we must try to answer the question of whether in twenty or thirty years MIT art will be looked on as beautiful or worthless pieces of垃圾.

Michael D. Stiefel
Dec. 12, 1975

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**Is It Art?**

To the Editor:

With the recent controversy over "Transparent Horizons," I think it's time to take a second look at all MIT art. MIT is the best school in the country, one of the best in the world. It represents the highest achievements in many fields from science to art. Because of this, I think the art should represent the character of the school. It should be a high achievement, a thing of beauty. In other words, it shouldn't look like a three-year-old did it.

Some will argue that art should be viewed subjectively. This is in part true, but I think many artists use this as an excuse to cover up lack of talent. Good pieces of art have an appeal to everyone. And I think the similarity between these works of art is that they show "idealized" man, reaching his highest goals.

MIT has a variety of art works ranging from triangles choven, on the ground to scrap metal erected in the air. I think it's time for the MIT Committee on the Visual Arts to 'step back from the trend of modern art, take another look at the pieces they have and those they plan on getting. They must answer the question if the artist has "transcended" himself and created something better than others in the past, or if he's ripping them off. And also they must try to answer the question of whether in twenty or thirty years MIT art will be looked on as beautiful or worthless pieces of garbage.

Michael Thooping
Dec. 10, 1975

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**Inconsistent Series?**

To the Editor:

I have just finished reading your three-part "news analysis" series. It is quite clear - the government has to bear the expenditure of MIT, and indirectly, because of a decrease in the portion of federal funding which can be applied to research. The costs apparently increased in the portion of federal research. These costs apparently forced to bear some of the costs directly, because of a decrease in the portion of federal funding which can be applied to research.

Among the programs that are: Affirmative Action, OSHA programs, and therefore must be government sponsored by the government, indirectly, because of a decrease in the portion of federal funding which can be applied to research. These costs apparently apply both directly, because of increased expenditures by MIT, and indirectly, because of a decrease in the portion of federal funding which can be applied to research.

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Wrestlers upset CGA; Erland pins Murray

By Darwin Fleischhauer

In one of the finest exhibitions in recent years, MIT's wrestlers upset Coast Guard 24-15 here Saturday. Then, on Tuesday evening, Amherst topped the grapplers 22-16 in spite of Will Chaplin's coaching. The Engineers now stand at 4-1. Mort Isaacson '79 (118 lb.), led off for the Engineers after accumulating a ten-point lead. In the third period, he coasted his opponent in the third period after accumulating a ten-point lead. Steve Brown '77 also pinned his 150 lb. opponent in the third period and John Thoin '77 upset New England champion Jim Steur to set MIT's lead at 18-6. Following this, with three successive closely contested victories, Coast Guard narrowed the margin to three points. Two All-American heavyweights, MIT's co-captain Erland van Lidth de Jeude '76 and Coast Guard's co-captain Jim Murray competed in the meet-deciding match. Van Lidth de Jeude impressively outwrestled his opponent, winning in the third period, for his first-ever victory over Murray. Against Amherst, Isaacson edged out his opponent 10-9. Brown won a superior decision, 12-2. Bruce Wrobel '79 (177 lb.) defeated an Amherst tri-captain 3-1.

The JV wrestlers tied Coast Guard 21-21 and beat Amherst 16-14. Joel Lederman '76, Everett Petral '77, Hoyt Davidson '79, North Hairston '79, Gordon Swartz '79, and Mike Raphael '79 all picked up victories for MIT.

Coast Guard's varsity basketball team continued on the road to its first winning season in four years by splitting two games this week. On Saturday, the Engineers lost 66-64 to Brandeis, but recovered to top Wesleyan, 60-55, Tuesday night.

MIT defeated coast Trinity shooting to gain an early 11-6 advantage against the Bantams, but Trinity went to work against the Engineer defense and led by one at halftime. In the second minute, Trinity widened its lead to six points early and held on until a last-minute surge brought MIT within two (66-64) with five seconds remaining. Mike Mirtrett then iced the game for the Bantams with two free throws three seconds later. Peter Jackson '76 scored a basket at the buzzer, but it was too little too late.

Jackson led both teams with 25 points and 11 rebounds. Tri-captain Cam Lange '76 tallied 16 points, the final two cutting Trinity's lead to two with five seconds remaining and setting a new MIT career scoring record of 1468 points. The 6'4" forward from Houston broke the old mark of 1466 set by Harold Brown '72. Other Barks led Trinity with 24 points.

Against Wesleyan, MIT played a steady, deliberate style, waiting for a good shot and then hitting it over half the time. The Engineers built a 14-3 lead in the first six minutes against a sloppy Wesleyan team, but the Cardinals then switched to a man-to-man and kept it close up to halftime, at which point MIT led, 32-21.

MIT widened its lead to 13 with 6:48 remaining, but then fell back into its old pattern, allowing Wesleyan to chip away and cut the Engineer lead back to 56-53 with 2:11 left. Unlike past games, though, MIT held on to win, sinking four of four free throws down the stretch. Kennedy '77 and Tom Berman '79 each put in two of the foul tosses.

Berman used his first starting appearance of the season to score 16 points and pull down nine rebounds. Jackson hit 70% of his field goal attempts and scored 25. His ten rebounds Tuesday night moved him to within nine of the MIT career record of 860, held by Bill Eagleson '64.

Unlike the varsity, MIT's JV continues to struggle, now having lost all eight games this season. The Engineers can't be faulted for not trying, though. They lost one to Brandeis and three to Lowell (in overtime), but played Wesleyan even more closely Tuesday night and made MIT history in the process.

The teams battled for 2½ hours, with Wesleyan finally winning the marathon duel, 93-90 in four overtimes. Ironically, the winning point was scored by Wesleyan's Bill Conley, who sank a free throw for his only point of the game with 12 seconds left in the final period to put the game out of reach.

The game was marked by frequent heroics, as Wesleyan had late baskets to tie the game twice and MIT did the same. The best comeback was staged in the third overtime, when MIT tied one last straight points in the final 1:56 to draw even after Wesleyan had apparently pulled up an irremovable eight-point lead.

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Cagers 4-6; Lange sets mark

By Glenn Brownstein

The IM Indoor Track Meet will be held Sunday, January 25, in Rockwell Cage beginning at 10:00 a.m. The deadline for team entries has passed, but individual entries in both men's and women's divisions will be accepted until the beginning of the meet. A team trophy will be awarded for the men's division, but not in the women's due to insufficient interest. However, awards will be presented in all events.

The tournament interdivisional championship will be held next Saturday, January 31 at halftime of the MIT-Coast Guard basketball game.

Most outstanding race of the meet was Tufts' 1500 meter relay quartet, which won the mile relay event, gliding to an easy 30-yard victory in the mile. His time of 4:14.4, one of New England's most outstanding race of the meet, was awarded for the men's division. Two of the foul tosses.

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Track tops Tufts, Williams

By Dave Dobos

Averaging a 1976 double loss, the MIT indoor track squad upset Tufts and Williams last Saturday. The 4:111/2 Incunables scored 64 points. Tufts followed with 52 and Williams trailed with 32.

Senior Jeff Berman ran the mile in 4:14.4, one of New England's fastest this season, missed the MIT indoor record by a scant 2 seconds. Distance teammates Frank Richardson '77 swept through the two-mile in an excellent 9:10.8. Once again, Rich Okine '77 led the MIT scoring bycapturing the hurdles and dash and anchoring the winning mile quartet to second place. In the weight throw, superior Frodo Bucks and Steve Sifferlen heaved commendable personal bets, 47'15" (1st) and 47'7" (3rd) respectively.

It took a tremendous team effort to achieve the 12-point victory and third year mentor Gordon Kelly saved one of his finest coaching wins. Tonight the Engineers seek to lengthen their unbeaten streak to four against Coast Guard in Rockwell Cage. Field events start at 5:30 and running events begin at 7.

Despite all the snow and a Zamboni failure last weekend, MIT's IM Hockey program has continued surprising the Bowdoin Eagles. Shown above is action from a game between EC BW and Burton Third Bombers held earlier this week.

Linda Yester '76 (14) puts up a jumper in the women's basketball team's 50-43 victory over the University of Lowell Wednesday night at the Cage. Lisa Jablonski '77 (13) breaks on