Inside

The Facilities Use Committee rejected LSC's final appeal to retain the use of a copyrighted story in a newspaper. The committee's decision follows the use of a copyrighted story in a newspaper. The Tech regrets the error.

Outside

President Ford has secretly pledged to China that the United States will cut back its military forces in Taiwan over the next year. The Boston Globe reported that the agreement may also include a stoppage of military aid to Taiwan. The reduction in forces is part of the process of normalization of relations with China that began when President Nixon visited China in 1972.

ERRATA

The ERRATA section has been updated with the correct information about the election results.<ref>http://example.com/errata</ref>
Alcoholism at MIT

To the Editor:

It is sometimes said that The Tech is always on top of student activities, students' problems, and most other things students are doing at MIT. However, I have never been aware of The Tech paying any particular attention to a certain aspect of student life which is taken for granted at MIT.

There is a definite epidemic which permeates through campus and persists year in and year out. It is called alcoholism.

One can sometimes see people inebriated over relaxation and work. It is a sure sign that something is wrong. Un- doubtedly, the incidents happen with plenty of other schools in the United States.

Students on campus manifest itself in many ways. Annual, semesterly, and bi-weekly beer-blitzes are everywhere — a time for placing a lot more than just an old one.

Campus parties advertised mixed drinks, bong, etc., are equally common and well attended. Last semester, at least five end-of-term parties were sponsored by different course groups. The refreshments included either beer, wine, and alcohol-punch or all three.

Aside from all the sceney drinking, there are lots of individuals who drink more or less conscientiously. Unfortunately, I would name a dozen mild-mannered students who during the week behave as any typical tool, but come Friday night, they appear to be a raving "alco." Curiously, vandalism to Institute windows and walls increases at the same time.

Whether the Dean's office or the students' office, takes the initiative to help doesn't matter much. However, it would probably be prudent if the situation were brought out into the open so that more people would be aware of the damage they are doing to themselves, their friends, and to themselves. Perhaps A.A. need not yet come to MIT.

Eliot Lach '77
February 27, 1976

LCA assault
called provoked

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to the letter written by Joe Abeles criticizing fraternities.

Since neither Mr. Abeles nor I actually know all the facts concerning the Lambda Chi Alpha incident I do not feel that his accusation of sexual perversion is fair. Although the incident seems rather bizarre it is only fair to relate that this was not an isolated incident but a part of a rivalry that seems to have gotten out of hand. If the matter was fully examined it would be obvious to all that students who were "assaulted" surely knew that it was coming when they started their little escapade. I doubt anyone really believes that the "assault" was unprovoked. It seems quite obvious why they didn't go to the police.

If one wants to question the whole concept of these rivalries then Mr. Abeles may well have a justifiable gripe, but he should have presented both sides of the story. It is unfair to state that the members of LCA have no sense of morality. Morality is a personal matter and as far as I know it is not determined by where one lives.

Having many friends who live at LCA, I have never noticed their moral values to be much different from those of the general student population.

Beth Silverman
February 1, 1976

The Tech welcomes letters to the editor. All letters should be signed, but names will be withheld on request. Typed, double-spaced letters are preferred.

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Natural art

Another Open Letter to the Committee on Visual Arts

Are you people blind? Can you not recognize one of the finest works of art in the world done by no doubt the greatest artist? No, I'm not talking about Louise Nevelson or Claes Oldenburg. As comes as it should, a subject of sculpture, nature, or God, whatever you choose to call him/her.

The natural beauty of Killian Court supplemented by the fine architecture of the surrounding buildings is the classical splendor of the Pantheon. This is the part of campus, for what many people must admit, the most beautiful. But you, don't you, don't run what is the finest piece of unpolluted land campus and don't make a mockery of the fine architecture that surrounds it by installing the Great Court with a sculpture.

Jonathon Price '79
(A copy of this letter was sent to The Tech.)

More on Mid East
debate

To the Editor:

I could not agree more with the MIT Arab Club's call for a "rational discussion" of the issues involved in the Middle East conflict. Too bad they could not resist the temptation to obfuscate. I would first like to point out that the term "lie" can be used in two ways. The first, which is emotional, is when the term is used to reject evidence that contradicts cherished beliefs. The second is not emotional at all. It describes a statement that something is so when the speaker knows, or should know, that it is not so. My reading of the letters in the Dec. 2 and 3 editions of The Tech suggests that "lie" was being used in the second fashion. If the Arabs do not or cannot recognize the distinction, it would go a long way toward explaining their apparent inability to negotiate with Israel in a businesslike manner.

One of the fundamental problems in the conflict is whether Israel constitutes a nation. The answer can only be found by considering how any group of individuals comes to be considered a nation. While admitting the possibility of opting out, I conclude that a common historical experience leading to a feeling of unity is the essential factor in nationhood. It does not matter whether this experience arose from a common language, religion, or race, or from geographic or economic relationships. On this basis, it is clear that Israel can have a nation since they have shared periods of national life in the Land of Israel, exile, and centuries of persecution for their religious beliefs. The tragedy of Israel is the territorial expression of Jewish nationalhood, and its fate is thus inextricable to all Jews, whether they like it or not. On the same basis, Christians do not constitute a nation since the experience of history by various components of Christianity has been widely divergent.

Palestinians are found to be a new nation, arising only in the last two decades from their common experience of the results of rejecting Jewish sovereignty and of rejection by other components of the Arab nation. There was thus no "Palestinian national community" to be obliterated — it did not yet exist. The Arabs of the country considered themselves as Jews until the Middle East. As the new nation, arising only in the last two decades, the solution were prominent in their mind.

Yole Zozman G
February 5, 1976

Do art, don't view it

To the Editor:

I think I am finally beginning to understand the crux of the controversy over recent actions of the Committee on Visual Arts. "Art," in their view, is something basically incompatible with MIT. Art is done by selfless maudlin in dark attics. Art is a mysterious and un-fathomable something that cannot be analyzed or explained. It is an unseen, small inhosse idol. Art is something you can acquire the right to show in someone else's face.

A healthier view might be that art is a process, not an end result. If MIT really gave a damn about art, it would encourage people to do it, not view it. Unfortunately, the intellectual climate here tends to treat creativity as inherently suspect. One can have one's MIT Symphony playing other people's music, but God forbid any of our own. So I suggest a far better way to handle the question of the appropriateness of a particular sculpture for the Killian Court would be to create our own. In fact, I have a number of ideas myself. Wayne Anderson, please call me (372-23, Wednesdays 2-5) for further details.

Neil C. Row '75

Overcrowding

To the Editor:

Mr. Brownstein is to be congratulated for his fresh approach to the housing situation. I find the Hyatt Regency idea particularly appealing, especially if the Coke machines contain 10-ounce bottles. Everyone knows Coke tastes best in 10-ounce bottles. He named one bit, though. There is one campus building that would be ideally suited for conversion to a dormitory — Building 20. Building 20 looks like an army barracks, smells like a barrack, tastes like a barrack. Glad I didn't sleep in it.

G. Roberts
March 5, 1976
LSC appeal denied; "Parallax" to continue in 26-100

By Glenn Brownstein

The Lecture Series Committee's final appeal to regain 26-100 for four evenings this term was denied Tuesday by Facilities Planning Committee Chairman Louis Menand on the grounds that the Architecture Department's Photography Lecture Series was sufficiently well-attended last Friday night to warrant use of the room.

As a result, the lecture series, entitled "Parallax," will move to the large lecture hall for the four Fridays (tonight, March 19, April 2, and April 19) and LSC will have to seek alternate plans for the four dates in question.

The dispute began in January when, according to Steven Buchthal '77, LSC Chairman, LSC "received a confirmation stating that we had the dates in question. One and one-half weeks later (Feb. 9) we were informed that we, in fact, never had the room on those dates because we had turned in our request too late."

Buchthal went on to say that LSC had received a "verbal agreement" from Robert Jewitt of the Schedules Office for the year that it would have priority in scheduling 26-100 (Jewitt left Schedules this summer).

Peter Laytin, Architecture Department lecturer, and coordinator for "Parallax," had reserved the room through Schedules in October and had then begun to publicize the lecture series, one of the largest in the area this year.

Laytin said that there were "about 250 to 300 people" at the first lecture last Friday, what he termed a "very successful" turnout, and expects "a large crowd" to attend tonight's lecture, perhaps an overflow.

Buchthal attended the first "Parallax" lecture last Friday, and made a count of a maximum of 176 people present at the event, although he admitted that it was possible that a larger crowd may have been present during the lecture's question-and-answer period, which he did not attend.

On Monday, Buchthal went to see Menand about the possibility of regaining 26-100 based on his estimated attendance and pictures to show the estimate's accuracy.

Menand called Winston Flynn, Assistant Registrar in charge of Scheduling, and Flynn in turn contacted Laytin about how last Friday's lecture had gone, and if he expected it to be successful in future weeks. Laytin said that he thought the turnout was very good, and that he expected a possible overflow this week.

Based on this information, Menand considered LSC's appeal and rejected it in favor of the original decision. LSC's current plans are to show "The Front Page" tonight at 7 and 9:30pm in 10-520. No arrangements have been made for the April dates yet.
Montgomery was MIT's big surprise, the higher standing score. Montgomery joined the team as the freshman from Maine had the individual score and then for team each position (one target in the quarter course (one target in sectionals held last Saturday at Wallingford, and Dausman. At the end of the season Dausman trailed Fernandez by only 0.167 in average with Wallingford close behind. Saturday's match decided the outcome so Dausman edged out Fernandez with both shooters coming just shy of 560 averages.

The icing on the cake for the Engineers came in the 40-shot air rifle match. Marcin shot a 357 (one of his lower scores) but still beat all of the competition.

Montgomery's high average, quickly became a three-way duel between last year's winner, Dave Bright, and MIT's captain Mark Wallingford, and Dausman. At the end of the season the MIT team set a varsity record—of 1099 points. Bright was the outstanding shooter on that team with a personal high score of 282. In the League Final match, Tobin and Dausman tied again with scores of 564. This time, however, the combined team scores were higher for the Engineers' captain finishing a strong third with 561 was Montgomery. This was the first time in team history that two Engineers broke the 560 mark.

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There will be a WAC meeting in the Fencing Room. There will be an outstanding 2:20.0 in the 100 and an outstanding 200.0 in the 200 yd. freestyle relay. "It was a good season" says Coach Ben Heayman. The coach has high hopes for the team and says "even without recruiting we're going to be a lot tougher next year. Everyone learned a lot about swimming in their races this season and we are a young team so we will be 180% better next year."

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Ehrlich leads MIT swimmers

By Jay Morris

The MIT swimmers left the New England championships this past week-end knowing that the meet would be dominated by the big scholarship teams. The Engineers scored a mere 7 points, but in spite of that ended the season with almost half the team setting new personal records.

Diver Rich Ehrlich '77 led MIT's swimmer contingent, finishing 7th in the 1 meter dive, the highest of any MIT aquatic challenger in the New England conference.

The swimming performances were led by Dick Henne '78 who won an incredible 16:35 for the 1650 yd. freestyle. On the way to this time he went in 1:11 for the first 1,000, his best 1,000 yd. time by 23 seconds. Henne also bettered his time in the 500 yd. freestyle by 11 seconds with a 5:29:55.

Senior Mark Thomsen-Thorpen ended his last season with his best time for the 100 yd. backstroke—1:02:5; also in the backstroke sophomore Jim Hume lowered his times to 1:05:0 in the 100 yd. and 2:23:2 in the 200 yd. backstroke.

MIT swimmers also excelled in the breaststroke. Gary Simpson '78 did a 1:26.0 in the 200, and Preston Vodick '79 won a 2:00.4 in the 200. Frankham Eric Anderson was timed at 1:09:4 for the 100.

The MIT swimmers broke the pool record in the butterfly. Sophomore M. Scott defeated the 13:22 time he went out in 1:11:11 for the first 1,000, his best 1,000 yd. time by 23 seconds. Henne also bettered his time in the 500 yd. freestyle by 11 seconds with a 5:29:55.

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CANCELLATION

The two lectures to be given by PROFESSOR MAX BLACK, Cornell University:

The Rationality of Voting, 4 p.m. Thursday, March 11, 4 p.m. Friday, March 2, 12:30

Tensions Between Humanism and Technology, 4 p.m. Friday, March 12, 11:30

Have been cancelled. Notice of rescheduling will be published in The Tech.

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