In The Tech, a computer science professor and a political scientist discuss the implications of the rise in rent control policies in Cambridge.

### Cambridge rent control approved

By Allan Jacobs

The Massachusetts state legislature passed Cambridge's rent control petition last week but rejected provisions which would have extended coverage to federally subsidized housing in the city. The law freezes rents at the present level established by individual contracts and provides for a maximum general increase on rents of housing which is not yet leased.

The law, which is the result of the petition, forbids an owner "to ask for or receive any rent in excess of the maximum lawful rent or in excess of the level established in a then existing lease, whichever is less." The maximum lawful rent for a given housing unit is now set at 130% of the rent paid and received for such a unit on September 1, 1967.

Further general increases are allowed landlords to compensate for increases in the property taxes of 1973 and 1974 and for increases in the price of heating oil where applicable. Rent increases can be obtained by owners on individual units to make up for increased expenses, following appeal to and approval by the Cambridge Rent Control Board, provided that the amount of each such expense shall not be unreasonable in the opinion of the Board.

Tenants can halt rent adjustments and increases if they believe that a saner and wiser way to settle the problem of housing than the present confusion could be had by a Sanitary Code or the Housing Code and Building Code of the City of Cambridge. Violations include frequent lack or curtailment of water supply, hot hot, water, gas, or electricity, roof or wall leaks, insect infestation, holes in the ceiling or walls, exposed electrical outlets and wires, defective plumbing, and the presence of the danger of lead paint poisoning to children.

No provision is made for vacancy decontrol as demanded by the moves to the system in the city. Such moves remove vacant housing from rent control and allow the price to rise. Rents in Cambridge would tend to increase quickly because of the high turnover induced by movements in the student population, so the proposed provision created strong opposition from local tenants' groups and liberals on the City Council.

The home rule petition was submitted to the legislature because Senator James Kelly and Kevin Harrington of the state rent control law enabling law in the Ways and Means Committee. The enabling law was passed (Please turn to page 2)

### Summer jobs available for students

By Gerald Radelck

Attempts to make the computer "smart" are not only time-consuming, but also because they help investigators to learn more about the human mind, a well-known researcher in the field told a Technology Studies seminar last week.

Herbert Simon, a professor of computer science and psychologist at Carnegie-Mellon University, gave his thoughts on Artificial Intelligence before a crowd that literally packed lecture hall 415-10 - the aisles and stage as well as the chairs.

Artificial intelligence is the study of intelligence behavior by machines - how to achieve it, and what constitutes intelligent behavior.

Simon noted some of the achievements made in the field - computers can now play chess at a "mediocre" level and there are programs that allow the computer to converse about a simple world made up of a block of various sizes and shapes - and listed some of the areas where advances can be expected in the near future - translation of text from one "natural language" (such as English or French) to another.

After his talk, Simon was asked whether the fact that much of the research in Artificial Intelligence is funded by the military indicates that it might be applied toward non-peaceful purposes. Simon noted that all the AI research that he was aware of was unclassified, and said that it was not any more dangerous than any other knowledge. He added that it is "unfortunate" that AI researchers do not receive funding from other sources such as the National Science Foundation.

Simon and fellow researchers at CMU developed a system called the Generalized Problem Solver which solves problems requiring a number of steps in a manner believed to be similar to the way humans solve them.

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Rent control petition passes

(Continued from page 1) standardized rent control law which could be adopted by any community which so chose. These communities could be assured that their law would not be in conflict with the state law and therefore unconstitutional. Opponents of rent control used the delay to substantially weaken the provision of the Boston Statute. In February 1975, representatives of the banking and development business told the mayor that they would not issue loans in the city unless rent control was phased out over a period of three years. By January 1976, vacancy decontrol had been enacted, allowing rents to rise on vacant apartments. Similar movements toward vacancy decontrol were thwarted in the City Council but were successful in Somerville. In that city, Mayor Lester Ralph pushed a decontrol measure through the council.

The state became involved in rent control legislation a few years ago when a Brookline law enacted without an enabling law or petition procedure was declared unconstitutional by a state court. This led to pressure from black and worker constituencies for the passage of a state rent control enabling law.

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The Chemical Engineering Department moved from Building 12 to new and more spacious quarters in the just-completed Building 66. The building, named for Ralph Landau, was designed by I. M. Pei '40, a New York architect who also designed the Green Building, the Dreyfus Building, and the John Hancock tower in Boston, as well as several other buildings on campus.

The building is triangular in order to make best use of its plot of land. The sharp angle that the building's concrete walls make as they come together at Amnes St., as well as the round "port-hole" windows found in interior doors have misled some into believing that the structure is actually a ship. Indeed, workers had an anchor draped over the side while the building was under construction.

Photos by Roger Goldstein and Mark James
Maybe campus activism is dormant now, but you can only kick a thing in the near future. I can't say it's what many of us want to see. Our "cute little '60s memory" could be dusted off and reused going to have to hear them. It's remarkable what a group can do when they choose to do it. The problem is whether our student body is so apathetic that we are not in touch with the larger world or with a basic human concern that not only remember the campus riots and anti-war demonstrations that took place when we were in high school or college, but also took part in the protests, whether it was by sitting in during a lecture or by picketing. It's hard for me to believe that we've all just tuned away a cute little memory of "the good old days" and gone about our business as if nothing had happened. Watergate affected us all in some profound way. It's not that these events didn't happen, but that we do not do it as everyone's concern anyway. I still can't believe that the vast majority of people don't have an active part in the 1976 Presidential elections, and, more importantly, are apathetic about the Iranian or Taiwanese programs, or about Institute policy concerning United States involvement in the South China Sea. Not all of us have admitted next year. Did the student body not participate? If all these decisions supposedly have the student's name some things that directly affect students. Not all of us have admitted next year. It's remarkable what a group can do when they choose to do it. The problem is whether our student body is so apathetic that we are not in touch with the larger world or with a basic human concern.

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A Martin Luther King memorial meeting to carry on his work will be held April 7 at 7:30 in the West Lounge of the Student Center.

Dr. Irving Greenberg, Chairman of the Department of Jewish Studies at City College of New York, will speak on "Science, Technology, Morality. Reflections after the Holocaust" in Room 9-150 at 7:30 tomorrow evening.

Short notes of general interest to the MIT community should be typed normally with department members. Special notes are sent by email also.

CARE is currently conducting a program in which they are selling Mother's Day cards in exchange for a donation, which will be used in their mathematics field in general, and answer questions. There will be refreshments mally with department members.

Upperclass majors are invited also.

Announcements will take precedence outside material will get the lowest priority. MIT community should be typed over other MIT announcements, and the announcements will be published every Wednesday in the evening.

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The greatness of the musical, based on the story of Sholem Aleichem, deals with the customs of a Russian village of Anatevka. While it echoes the whole village, it centers on one family and ebbs and flows in local color. The village represents a primitive microcosm that seeks happiness. Though there is usually light in the characterizations in musicals, Fiddler manages to portray a few fully developed characters. The most captivating of these is Tevye, the humble dairyman who has a sharp-tongued wife and five daughters. R. L. Lipton as Tevye could not have been better. His appearance and movements seemed just right. With a full beard contributing to his pious look, a pair of old trousers and a plain shirt, he was careful not to put on any airs.

Lipton plays the role of a man whose main virtue is good will. No one can forget the moment when Tevye, after a conflict, stops to carry on a brief dialogue with himself, arming both sides of an issue. He always communicates with God, even though he realizes that God’s help is long coming.

Tevye patterns his life on the principles of the “Good Book,” which he frequently quotes and misquotes. He does not believe in the Old Testament ethic of “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth,” for, as he says, “that way, all the world would be blind and toothless.”

Constance V. Miller plays Goldie, the wife of the good dairyman. Goldie provides a contrast to her kind and gentle husband; she is blunt and lacks sentimentality. But those are not defects; they are qualities that prevent the musical from becoming overly sentimental. An instance of this nice balance comes when Tevye, after twenty-five years of marriage, asks his wife, “Do you love me?” and the surprised Goldie gives him a realistic and pragmatic answer.

Tevye’s three oldest daughters provide most of the action in the show with their boldness in refusing to follow the traditional traditions of the village. Sharon Lowenheim, Lynn Sanker, and Katie Spillars provide Tevye with many hair-pulling melodramas as they reject the matchmaker’s choices for their husbands. All three are excellent.

The rest of the cast easily keeps up with the leading character’s pace and style. They are backed by a strong chorus of villagers, all of whom can dance as well as they sing. The stage numbers — especially in the wedding scene, where four of the villagers dance with wine bottles balanced on their heads — are beautifully choreographed by director Nancy-Ellen Rainer.

John Q. Peers Jr. has been doing MTG sets for some time — his masterpiece perhaps being the giant set designed for Celebration last fall — and has lived up to his usual high standards with the simple design chosen for the village. The costumes combine with the set to create an atmosphere of Old World charm and “tradition” — the cement that keeps life together in Anatevka. Lighting is excellent, especially in Tevye’s solo scenes where a single spotlight plays on him — and God.

The MIT Musical Theatre Guild deserves high praise for this production. I think everyone should see it.
By Dave Dobos

The MIT outdoor track team opened its 1976 season with an impressive 816-715 upset victory over New Hampshire. Senior co-captain Greg Hunter led all competitors, scoring 14 points in four events.

Hunter, last year's seventh-place finisher in the nation's decathlon, was MIT's only double winner, capturing both the javelin (189'3") and shot put (64'10-3/4") and placing second in the discus and third in the high jump. He and junior John Lundberg led an MIT field event barrage that saw the Engineers take six of eight events for a 50-205 scoring margin. Lundberg's final toss of 159' in the hammer throw was a personal best.

Teammate Fred Bunker '75 ad

ded second places in the hammer and shot put. Other field event winners included Real von Borstel '78 (high jump - 6'4"), Steve Sifferlen '78 (discus - 124'9") and Bill Heil '79 (triple jump - 47'-8-1/2").

With the absence of hard-

lined/sprinting ace Rich Okine (triple jump - 47'-8-1/2") and half-miler Joe Egan (1 mile relay - 3:59.4), the meet hinged on the last event, the mile relay. With MIT ahead by five points, to lose the race would mean a disappointing tie. Although Pete Close were visibly pleased with the team's ability to rise to the occasion, without Okine, the squad's victory hopes had been somewhat dim. Now with a full line-up, the Engineers look to avenge an indoor loss to Bates.

Senior Jim Banks, who had already taken thirds in the 100 and 200 yard dashes, sprang the Engineers into the lead. After Dave Foley '79 lengthened it a bit, indoor track co-captain Mick Ryan '76 pulled away to a 20-yard margin before handing off to anchor man, Eugene Egan who had the unfortunate task of running against John Demers' UNH's ace sprinter who had already won the 220 and 440. But pride and the enthusiastic encouragement of teammates and spectators alike combined to help Egan hold off a closing challenge by Demers to preserve the victory.

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Roundup

Baseball belts Boston State

By Glenn Brownstein and Dave Cohen

A fourth-inning grand slam home run by captain Roy Henriksson '76 helped the Baseball (6-3) team to a 10-4 victory over the State College at Briggs Field Saturday afternoon. Henriksson's blast erased a 3-2 deficit and gave MIT a lead it never relinquished.

The Engineers added three more tallies in the sixth to clinch the win. Freshmen Pete Siem- biance, leading hitter on the Florida trip, pitched seven innings and received credit for the victory, getting relief help from John Davidsky '76 and Mike Royal '76 in the final two innings. MIT shoots for its first Great East Boston League victory against Tufts tomorrow at Briggs Field in a 3pm start.

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'A' and 'B' rugby sides lose to Harvard Business

By Charles Cox

MIT's A-side and B-side rugby teams lost to the Harvard Business School on Tuesday by scores of 13-7 and 25-6.

In the 'A' game Harvard chalked up its 13 points in the first half by reeling off a penalty goal, a converted try, and an unconverted try before MIT could retaliate. The Engineers closed the scoring in the first half when Lou Williams G crossed the try line for four points.

As usual, the small MIT scrum was pushed around by the opposition, but some sloppy passing by the Business School half backs slowed the backfield enough to keep the game within MIT's grasp. During the second half the Engineers held Harvard scoreless while Williams booted a penalty goal for the final three points of the game.

In the 'B' game the Business School tallied five unanswered tries in the first half and added a sixth in the second half before John Kavanazan G put MIT on the board with a penalty goal. Harvard followed with one last try and Kavanazan connected on another penalty goal to round out the scoring.

The Engineers face Tufts next Saturday at Medford.

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