MIT introduces a new low-cost dormitory theft insurance plan for both undergraduate and graduate students.

The varsity soccer team holds defending Division III national champion Babson scoreless for 40 minutes before succumbing, 2-0, in a hard-fought game at Briggs Field.

Cross-country, paced by senior All-American Frank Richardson, wins the Engineers' Cup over WPI and RPI, the rugby 'B' squad edges Coast Guard, 17-16.

IN THE NEWS

By Glenn Brownstein

The Law Student Committee (LSC) is the only MIT student organization authorized to show a weekend entertainment film series, the Association of Student Activists (ASA) reaffirmed at a general meeting Sunday night. By a vote of 28-34 with 11 abstentions, the ASA upheld its Executive Committee ruling of two weeks ago, which stated that the Social Action Coordinating Committee (SACC) could show the first three movies of its Friday night film series, with LSC approval required for further showings.

As of today, LSC had unofficially indicated that "To Kill a Mockingbird," "On the Waterfront," "Citizen Kane," and "Hail to the Chief" would likely be approved for SACC showing.

SACC film spokesman Alfred Geller '79 said that the left-wing political organization would appeal. Sunday's decision to the General Assembly (GA) requires that the ASA representative base is very limited and "not representative of the desires and interests of the vast majority of the students on the MIT campus." Geller also remarked that SACC would begin a petition drive to gain signatures of students supporting its position, in the belief that it "would show students believe we should be able to show films of interest to the community and interested in the political spectrum offers an analysis of how the first debates have affected the candidates' election prospects.

OUTSIDE

Jimmy Carter's worst obstacle in his campaign for the presidency may be his not-too-influentio papers, the New York columnist William Lasser. This issue, Political Spectrum offers an analysis of how the first debates have affected the candidates' election prospects.

Larry Tanenbaum

Although the Northgate apartments are not the severe economic liability that they were a year ago, MIT officials still plan to divest the rest of those properties as soon as possible.

Northgate is a series of eight apartment buildings in Cambridge and Somerville which were originally acquired by the Institute to fill the off-campus housing need of MIT students, faculty, and other employees.

Initially, however, the apartments were financially unprofitable. Known as "bad deals," the buildings were in poor physical condition, driving away prospective tenants and lowering the occupancy rate. Vice President and Dean of the Graduate School Kenneth Wadhwa '43 told the Tech last year.

Half of the original buildings had been sold by MIT as of last October, according to Wadhwa. Records of the Off-campus Housing Office show that four more have been sold since then, resulting in a reduction in the number of vacancies. Only one apartment out of the two hundred in the entire project is now vacant.

Charles D. O'Neal Jr., Administration of the Northgate Community Corporation, says he has "no idea" when the remaining properties will be sold. When a reporter asked, he said, "You're the lawfirm person who wants to know. The other eleven are the Board of Directors of Northgate."

The Northgate Community Corporation has complete ownership and control of the Northgate Properties. This corporation, in turn, is totally under the control of MIT. Ten of Northgate's directors are MIT administrators, while the eleventh is a lawyer who does legal work for the Institute.

"We have had serious offers on a number of the properties," O'Neal said, but they were turned down because of "price limits. We are out to make a profit. We don't want to be tenants."

Two buildings in Somerville are leased by the Northgate corporate body. The leases on both buildings expire in three years, and according to O'Neal, Northgate will not renew those contracts. Two buildings in Cambridge are on long-term leases, and three in Cambridge are owned outright by Northgate.

A fourth Northgate property, Random Hall, is currently a rooming house. Originally built as an MIT dormitory, the building was sold to the Northgate Corporation when it was felt it was no longer needed. With the current housing crunch, according to O'Neal MIT has been considering purchasing Random Hall to help alleviate dormitory overcrowding. Because of the complexity of the law, the Institute would be forced to buy the building even though it already owns the building indirectly.

O'Neal said that no one is currently preparing to take over the properties, "but the situation could change within the next five minutes." He said that Northgate is willing to wait the three years until the leases expire on the two Somerville properties, but hopes to find someone willing to take over the lease of the long-term holdings as well as purchase the random hall.

The Northgate Corporation tries to "respond more adequately to the needs of the tenants," according to O'Neal, who said that the MIT community, not the MIT housing committee, was "a little lower" for the Northgate apartments than for similar apartments elsewhere. "There were so many increases last year except in one of the buildings, and that was just a two-and-a-half percent increase," O'Neal noted.

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**Notes**

- Anyone interested in forming an Archers Club for practice, com- petition, etc., should contact Chris Reiner, 4108 Adams. \( x^5-976 \).
- Ray and Radha Reddy will present classical Indian dances on Saturday, Oct. 15 in Kresge Auditorium. Tickets to the performance, sponsored by Sangam, the Indi- an-student club, are \$0, \$4, and \$10 with checks payable to SAI. For reserva- tions, call 494-8295 between 7 and 9pm.
- There are still \( xy \) openings in the 354R seminar. If you're interested, contact the Seminar Office or C.D. Pulin, Room 9-370, \( x^2-740 \).
- The MIT Concert Band is sponsoring a tour of the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia over this fall, January 3 to 25, 1977. Stops include Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev, and Prague. Cost is \$1275 per person, all-inclusive. The tour is open to all members of the MIT community, but space is limited. Send for brochure now: Concert Band Tours, Room W16-002, or call x3-2066.
- Ralph Nader and Sam Lovejoy will highlight a day of films, workshops and speeches at Boston University Thursday, Oct. 7. The dangers of nuclear power will be featured in films shown at Sherman Student Union beginning at noon. Nader and co-maker of Lovejoy will speak at Morse Auditorium beginning at 3:30.

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New dorm insurance plan available to MIT students

By Donna Bielinski

A new theft insurance plan that covers personal possessions in dormitories is being offered to MIT students, both undergraduate and graduate.

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The plan is called the National Student Property Insurance Plan, and is underwritten by the Lumber Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Boston.

Kimball Valentine, Jr., Assistant to the Treasurer and Insurance Officer, called the policy “adequate” and said that compared to other similar plans that he has seen, it has relatively few exclusions from coverage and a comparatively low premium.

Valentine noted that he is not promoting the plan; he merely sees it as “adequate” and has therefore agreed to distribute pamphlets on the plan. He added that he has contacted a local broker, Hugh Chapin of Chapin-Sears, Cambridge, to answer questions and handle problems.

Valentine feels that MIT students should have theft insurance available, considering the serious theft problem at colleges and especially at MIT.

Lieutenant William Lyons of Campus Patrol said that the cost of theft of personal belongings at MIT last year was $15,860 in the dormitories and $2,792 in the on-campus fraternities, a total of $18,652. The average loss in each of the 142 incidents was approximately $126 in the dormitories and $215 in the on-campus fraternities.

Lyons predicted that the average cost of theft would be about the same this year. He recommended that “if anyone sees a suspicious-looking person [on campus] he should immediately call Campus Patrol.”

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The master control room: television and its impact

By Glenn Brownstone

It is entirely appropriate that the most notable aspect of Thursday's Ford-Carter presidential debate may have been the 28-minute audio loss during the telephone hook-up, not anything either candidate said.

We are all used to candidates, for any office, homing in on key issues during their campaigns. The hopefully who make the specific promises don't always win—those promises have cost them various valuable segments of their normal constituency—and those that do are generally disliked when the campaign promises are not kept, when the new office-holder discovers that the present hurly-burly of politics won't permit them to keep them.

More importantly, what we are used to, now and were not, say 20 years ago, is the incredible impact of television. The minute or so that Jim Lehrer's name flashed on the screen it was immediately noted by every Domestic and Republican hopeful.

Television's role has grown ever since a columbia-Princeton baseball telecast forty years ago. From Edward R. Murrow's courageous stand against McCarthyism 23 years ago to televised Watergate hearings, the medium has shaped American and world opinion. It has distorted, football, and basketball scheduling; it has reduced the dislike of audience interest in on-hand baseball and between the newsmen and the "average American" on the other. It lends importance to happenings simply by "being there," and even, in the opinion of some, instigates violence in the presence of cameras waiting to record it.

Clearly television has made a serious impact, both on the viewer degree of voting in the West, when the Carter-Ford battle reaches its climax. It also offers varying types of music or news presentations, except for the select few, offer varying types of music or newscasts that may grow and become more powerful.

Television projections in the East on Election Day may well determine the degree of voting in the West, when the Carter-Ford battle reaches its climax. Clearly television has made a serious impact, both on the viewer and on every important happening in this country. It may determine our next President, just as it helped elect John F. Kennedy in 1960 (radio listeners believed Nixon had won those debates, although TV watchers clearly chose Kennedy).

What may we expect from television in the future? I'll examine that in later column.
Carter's campaign errors

By William Lasser

Jimmy Carter is doing very well in his quest to become the underdog in the presidential campaign. While he may lose the election, the former Georgia governor stands a fine chance of winning the George S. McGovern "I'm behind him 10000%" award for the stupidest campaign statement of the year.

Carter's qualifications on this lost cause are numerous. As if "the stupidest" weren't bad enough, he has topped that blunder by first granting an interview to Playboy magazine, and then making statements which do not help a candidate for anything, much less President of the United States.

Playboy is a periodical which has lost all legitimacy by appealing to what some like to call "present interests." It was not always thus. In recent years, due to its strong competition from similar magazines, Playboy has abandoned its attempt to include articles and interviews of importance alongside the pictures, and has become a monthly journal of sex.

Surely Carter, or someone on his staff, knew this. Playboy is known for fund raising with selling magazines to a specific audience. Interviews in Playboy emphasize those qualities which are exactly opposite to the ones a candidate is likely to want publicized. Nevertheless, Carter agreed to be questioned.

One would think that under such circumstances a candidate would be very careful about what he said. Carter was not. He announced that he would commit "adulators in his heart" — a very casually misinterpreted statement which applied, it seems now, only to his religious beliefs, but which caused great damage anyway.

He said the words "screwed around" — an expression which the New York Times termed a "vulgarism" and refused to print. And perhaps worst of all be accused the late President Lyndon B. Johnson of "lying, cheating and distorting the truth," a charge which, regardless of its validity, does not sit well with voters in less civilized states.

These are but the latest in a series of errors which have marked the Carter candidacy. He said that he would raise taxes for all those who make over the median monthly, then later corrected himself and announced that he would never "raise the taxes of working people."

Carter has apologized for or tried to explain away all of these and many more misstatements. But American politics is a science of impressions — one can never be sure that a retraction will reach all the people who saw or heard the original statement, nor can one be assured that all will accept the correction.

I do not criticize Carter for what he has said — I personally believe that the remarks were made under conditions of stress and I accept the retractions. But I must be concerned with the whole style of the Carter candidacy — mistake after mistake followed by apology after apology. Such strategies do not win presidential elections.

In playing Gerald Ford to a draw in the first debate Carter has stemmed the side of the President's momentum. After a very shaky opening, Carter stated the initiative on the amnesty-pardon question and clearly bested the President on energy policy. The President's slim victory, as shown by the post-debate polls, was due to viewers who saw only the beginning of the debate, for in the end Carter was the clear winner.

Carter also gained by just appearing on the same platform as the President of the United States. He increased his national standing by showing that he could in fact argue as well as Mr. Ford. Experts agree that while the debate did not change the minds of many voters, each candidate firm up his own support. That should be enough, if the trend continues, to bring victory to the Democrats in November.

But Carter is prone to mistakes and ill-considered declarations. He does not think before he speaks. He seems to lack an intuition about national politics. It is a matter of experience. In response to questions about the Playboy interview, Carter said, "I think this frankness might very well not be a good, safe thing to do in a political campaign."

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Bradley takes first in auto race

By David Schaller

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Wednesday's game between MIT and Lowell in its first runs in the fourth, before giving Bradley another second. He had made his fastest official time two seconds under the old track record, and earned him the pole position.

Since the second fastest car was exactly two seconds per lap slower than the MIT/Brookline VW Scirocco, it appeared that Bradley would have no real threat during the race unless he suffered a mechanical problem. The next three cars were within a second of each other and it looked like they would provide the excitement for the race.

At the start Bradley quickly moved away from the rest of the field, and by the third lap had opened up a lead of over ten seconds. For the rest of the race, the distance remained about the same as Bradley slowed down to preserve the car. At the finish Bradley had slowed to a four second margin, with a Volkswagen Rabbit finishing second behind him.

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Babson squeaks by MIT

It will go into the record book simply as a 2-0 loss to Babson. But, in one of MIT's finest games in many years, the Engineer soccer team played the defending NCAA Division III champions to a scoreless tie for about 60 minutes before going down to a hard-fought defeat.

The MIT boothers, injury-prone the last two years and mauling for many more (the Engineers have not had a winning season in a dozen years), performed very well in a critical "benchmark" game against one of the East's strongest teams, and gained some measure of respect for a squad that gets little, if any, public notice.

Engineer goalie Tom Smith '78 was superb, upstaging Babson's All-New England goalie Shane Kennedy, who registered his 57th career shutout, an area record. Smith made a half-dozen point-blank saves and a few others from seemingly impossible angles to keep MIT in the game.

Of Babson's All-New England halfback Franz Grueter could penetrate Smithy's defense, pumping in one shot from a pack in front of the net at 60:14, and adding another six minutes to seal the win.

As with MIT's offense, managed only eight shots on Kennedy, Engineer strikers Alix Ish '79 and Robert Currier '79, and backhalf Laird Cagan '80 put pressure on the Babson defense for much of the contest.

The game was evenly played for about 20 minutes before Babson's superior skills gained them the edge for the remainder of the first half. Though play was consistent in the MIT end of the field, Babson could not put the ball in the net, hitting the crossbar and post a couple of times each.

In the second half, Babson again controlled play, but after Grueter's goal, MIT appeared to improve rather than fall, and had the advantage for about a ten-minute span.

Captain Frieder Krups '77 anchored the MIT defense, seemingly covering the entire field, and making the big stop almost every time Babson came downfield. Sophomore Paul Thompson also excelled on the Engineer fullback line.

Coach Walter Alessi remarked, "If we play like this all season, the wins are going to come."

He cited the play of Thompson and Smith, and added that "we have nothing to be ashamed of -- it was a great game."

MIT will travel today to Worcester Poly, which received votes in the pre-season NCAA small-college soccer poll, and lost to Babson 4-0 earlier this season. The Engineers then take on Trinity in Hartford on Saturday morning.

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Ruggers edge Coast Guard

By Charles Cox

The MIT Rugby Football Club played three games this weekend, scoring a victory over Coast Guard, and being on the losing side against Tufts on Saturday.

In Saturday's game the MIT B side defeated Coast Guard's A-team, 17-16. Coast Guard dominated the first half of play, chalking up a try from a scrum three yards out. The try was converted, and Tufts was victorious in the 17-12 contest.

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