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A prominent Russian scholar said Monday at MIT that he felt a recent US arms limitation proposal was very one-sided, and denied that Soviets have discriminated against people for religious reasons or have had anyone taken to concentration camps without due process of law.

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The varsity lacrosse team lost its second straight close game Tuesday on Briggs field. Bowdoin, led by Derek Van Slyck, edged the Beavers 9-8.

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UPDATE

The Soviet trawler *Taras Shevchenko*, boarded by the Coast Guard off Nantasket Saturday night, apparently held much more river herring than allowed under the 200-mile limit law of 1976, according to the office of US Attorney James Gabriel.

LOCAL

Boston Police began a program this week that is supposed to help officials catch up with \$30 million in overdue parking fees. The police will use a 20-pound "boot" to lock a front wheel in place, rendering the car immobile, until the city collects its fines from the owner.

NATION

President Carter has decided to withdraw his proposal for a \$50-per-person tax rebate, administration sources announced late on Wednesday. Carter reportedly was influenced by the advice of Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal, Budget Director Bert Lance and Charles Schultze, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors.

WORLD

Former Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi accepted the responsibility for the defeat of the Congress party in the recent parliamentary elections. Gandhi said that although the defeat "is a matter of sorrow" for the party, "it is good that the change from one government to the other has been peaceful and orderly."

Professors ask for Writing Inquiry

By William Lasser

A group of faculty members has urged the appointment of a committee of the Institute faculty to "review the background and present status of the controversy surrounding the Writing Program."

In a letter dated April 14 to Chairman of the Faculty John Ross, professor of Chemistry, nine members of the faculty from various schools and departments also asked that no actions contrary to the major recommendations of the Sivin Report be taken "until the faculty as a whole has

approved a plan for writing instruction at MIT."

Signers of the letter, copies of which were sent to President Jerome Wiesner, Provost Walter Rosenblith, and Dean of the School of Humanities Harold Hanham, include Professors of Biology David Baltimore and Salvadore Luria, and Professor of Physics Philip Morrison.

In addition, Professor of Physics A.P. French, Professor of Chemistry Daniel Kemp, Professor of Mathematics Arthur Mattuck and two others signed instead a separate statement which

declared that while they "are not ready to endorse the recommendations of the Sivin Committee," they "believe that... the importance of the issues raised require[s] at least Institute-wide discussion, and probably resolution by the faculty as a whole." These five had not yet seen the Sivin Report.

One of the signers, Assistant Professor of Humanities Murray Biggs, told *The Tech* that, while the group recognized that the Sivin Report was not binding and that it would not have been sent to the faculty as a matter of

course, they believed that "the time has come for the matter to be opened up to the faculty at large."

"None of us have territorial attitudes towards the Writing Program," Biggs said of the signers, "and it's not our business to get into the fine details of the Program or its personnel. We are simply trying to put the whole discussion of writing at MIT in a context that insures maximum benefit to both students and faculty."

The complete text of the letter appears on page 3

Berke garners wide-margined victory

By David B. Koretz

Peter Berke '78 and Nancy Hartle '80 were elected UAP and UAVP Wednesday by a 137-vote margin on the fourth ballot.

Berke and Hartle garnered 375 first-place votes while the three other tickets were in a virtual deadlock well behind. The Marty Herman '79 — Jim Dunlay '79 and Paul Malchodi '78 — Jerry Scheinman '79 slates had 234 votes each, while Cindy Cole '78 and Fritz Bunke '78 were just behind with 230.

By the time the preferential balloting system found the eventual winners, Berke and Hartle had 476 votes to the 339 of Herman and Dunlay.

Berke told *The Tech* that he was "very disappointed" that "not many voted." The election drew 1175 undergraduates, only 28 percent of the number eligible.

He said that he and Hartle were "running for a little bit more than," referring as well to the 476 votes they received. "We're trying to do something, to make MIT as wonderful a place to be as it should be. We might have failed."

On the brighter side, however, Berke promised that for his first official act, he would see that "all the leaves are on the trees within two weeks."

Other candidates expressed similar feelings about the relatively small numbers of voters. "I wish him luck and I'm appalled at the turnout," Malchodi told *The Tech*.

Mid-income families get loans

By Bob Wasserman

MIT will implement a loan program for middle-income families beginning next year. Students whose family's annual income is between \$15,000 and \$60,000 will be eligible for the program.

The Parent Loan Plan (PLP) was approved April 1st by the MIT Executive Committee. The program will be administered by the Office of Financial Aid and Student Loans.

Preference for PLP loans will be given to parents of first-year students starting in 1977-78, but upperclassmen may also apply for financing under the plan depending on availability of funds. A description of the PLP and applications for the program were sent out to perspective members of the class of 1981 this week.

The PLP provides for monthly

payments of educational expenses; financing may be applied for in amounts between \$1000 and \$6500 per year. The annual interest rate for the loans will initially be 8.75 percent, later subject to a small increase due to inflation.

Another concept of the PLP is an extended period of installments, allowing for payments lasting for up to six and a half years for a four-year educational program. The opportunity for increased loans covering rises in MIT tuition and expenses will be given before each academic year to parents in the program.

Students covered by the plan and also receiving financial aid may opt for a small amount of self-help with their parents compensating by borrowing a larger amount from the PLP. The amount of financing for families of financial aid students may ex-

tend up to the expected parental contribution of costs.

John A. Currie, Director of Finance, stated the PLP "intends to start off slowly, as no one knows what the exact magnitude of the program will be." The Finance Office along with David S. Wiley of the Analytical Studies and Planning Group created the program for the Office of Financial Aid this spring.

"The Parent Loan Plan," commented Currie, "was first proposed because of concern by the Executive Committee and President Jerome Wiesner, about the lack of financial aid programs geared to the middle-income family."

Currie cited other advantages to the Parent Loan Plan. "Commercial loan plans for parents have been always been available,"

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UAP and UAVP election winners Peter Berke '78 and Nancy Hartle '80

Herman added, "I wish him an active year in office, and I hope he improves student response in government."

The three referenda on the ballot passed easily. The resolution to make Nomination Committee members elected by the undergraduates at large rather than by the General Assembly carried with 733 yes votes and 255 against it.

A resolution that would have the UA actively seek a seat on the Academic Council for an undergraduate passed overwhelmingly, 996-70. The 93 percent approval is not binding on the UA.

The last resolution, which asked for student approval of the Writing Program and its student-centered approach to teaching, was passed 931-150. Proponents

of the referendum had hoped for 90 percent or more.

Class elections were generally much closer than the UAP UAVP races. Dave Dobos '77 beat out Seymour Danberg '77 for president while Bob Ruotolo ran unopposed for senior class vice president.

In the junior class elections, Lauren Turkanis outpolled Steven Stein to win the presidency on the third ballot, while Leslie Rosenthal took the vice presidency by 16 votes over Jack Perini.

In the closest race of the day, Bowie Lee '79 came from behind on the fifth ballot to defeat Tom Berman as the sophomore class president by six votes. Beth Marcus easily triumphed over Bob Cammarata as vice president.

Ann Conway was elected president of the class of 1980, and Tabetha Frey barely outlasted Robert Schaffer to win the vice presidency.

Election results

UAP/UAVP Candidates	1	2	3	4
Berke/Hartle	375	378	412	476
Herman/Dunlay	234	236	272	339
Malchodi/Scheinman	234	236	263	
Cole/Bunke	230	230		
Palmer/Throop		24		
Write-in		11		
		1108		
no-vote		67		
Ballots		1175		

Arbatov defends Soviet Union

By Kent Pitman

Georgi A. Arbatov, Director of the Institute of US and Canadian Studies of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR, spoke Monday at MIT on the dangers and opportunities confronting the US and the Soviet Union during the next 20 years.

"Though the achievements of our technological civilization are tremendous, they have as yet affected many of the fundamental problems confronting humanity in a very small degree," Arbatov lamented. "These achievements have hardly benefited the majority of mankind. In many respects, they have only accentuated the basic contrasts both between the individual societies and within many of them."

"It is a fact," he continued, "that we live in a world where space laboratories and jetliners fly over vast regions of the planet which are inhabited by hundreds of millions of people doomed to suffer hunger and desperate need almost like many centuries ago."

The possibility of nuclear war and the arms race were key topics in Arbatov's lecture.

"The next 20 years will be fraught with particularly grave dangers and at the same time will offer great opportunities. As I see it, the realization of those opportunities is the most vital task con-

fronting Mankind."

He expressed optimism about the success of the US and the USSR in recognizing many of the fundamental problems of the world, but warned that tragic results might ensue if the two nations "limit [their] endeavors only to the realization and discussion of problems and fail to launch a process of really radical and practical solutions."

Arbatov seemed concerned about the rate at which the US-Soviet nuclear arms race is proceeding. "The continued arms race undoubtedly increases the danger of nuclear war," he said. "Regardless of the circumstances, such choice [nuclear armament] will be bad and dangerous. Far from promoting the security of any country's national security, such a situation will harm it." The World Powers must move toward a final goal of "complete and general disarmament," he asserted.

Arbatov said that the Russians had not presented an arms control proposal in Moscow last month, but that this was "not due to the fact that the Russians could not comprehend it fast enough and properly appreciate it, but precisely because the package was understood too well—understood as violating the initial premise of equality and

providing for US one-sided advantages."

Following the lecture, Arbatov participated in a question-answer session for members of the audience.

The first questioner created a vocal disturbance when he became dissatisfied with some of Arbatov's statements.

The questioner asked "Why is it that 98 percent of the synagogues in the Soviet Union are closed? Why can't I send ritual objects to my relatives in the Soviet Union? Why are people taken out in the middle of the night to concentration camps in the Soviet Union—These things interest me."

Arbatov waited as the angry questioner shouted disrespectfully his feelings toward the Soviet Union until the Campus Police finally intervened, then responded.

"I don't think you'll find any [religious] discrimination here [in the Soviet Union]," he insisted, adding that there are many different practicing religions in the USSR.

Regarding concentration camps, he merely said, "We have some people arrested for violation of the law—this happens in the United States from time to time—in other countries as well. And why? Because they have violated the law... Well, if you don't like it, that's up to you, but maybe I don't like many things that happen here..."

Other topics Arbatov touched upon during the questioning period were foreign aid, Soviet relations with Israel, and civil defense programs in the US and Russia.

Loans available soon

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said Currie, "but with a minimum of twelve percent interest rates." The PLP also adds a "personal touch" to the loan program, as opposed to the pressures of bank loans.

Harvard University was the first college to implement middle-income loan plans, starting the program two years ago. Since then many other institutions have also adopted similar programs, the majority of these being eastern private colleges, including Amherst and Yale.

Last year's program at Harvard applied to student's whose family's yearly income ranged from \$15,000 to \$35,000, although the maximum income level applicable is \$50,000. The average loans for each student totalled \$4,000. The Harvard program included 150 students, mainly freshmen as the loans were offered to upperclassmen but not promoted.

R. Jerrold Gibson, Director of the Office of Fiscal Services at Harvard, remarked that it is "very likely this program has improved Harvard's yield of stu-

dents from middle income families." He further noted that "parent response has been enthusiastic and totally positive" in response to the loan program.

Although Wiley and Currie were uncertain of the program's immediate results, they remarked that the PLP "completes the spectrum of aid programs for every income". They both expressed confidence the PLP will become an integral part of the financial aid programs at MIT.

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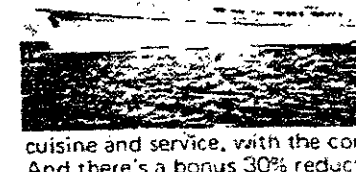


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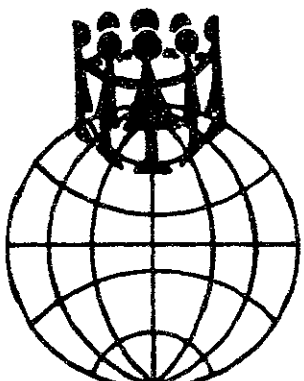


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Full text of letter to Ross

(Text of the letter sent to Chairman of the Faculty John Ross)

Dear Professor Ross:

As a group of faculty from different Schools of the Institute, we wish to convey to you our concern that a serious controversy has arisen around the Writing Program. We regret that this controversy seems to have interfered with the implementation of the Report of the Committee to Evaluate the Pilot Writing Program, submitted in June of last year. We note that that Committee was made up of seven independent and qualified persons appointed by Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Science. We note also that the Report's evaluation is apparently balanced and thorough; that it largely endorses both the philosophy and the practice of the Writing Program; that in 1975 the Program won the Dean Irwin Sizer Award for the Most Significant Improvement to MIT Education and that two of the Program's faculty have (in 1973 and 1975 respectively) won the Everett Moore Baker Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching. We note finally that, while the Writing Program does not at present cater to the legitimate writing needs of all MIT students, it satisfies and has satisfied a large number. Any equitable plan for the future ought to take these facts into account.

We believe that we owe it to our colleagues to suggest to you that the interests of students and of the Institute at large will best be served by:

1. the immediate circulation to the entire faculty of the Report of the Committee (chaired by Professor Sivin) to Evaluate the Pilot Writing Program;

2. the appointment of a committee of the Institute faculty to review the background and present status of the controversy surrounding the Writing Program.

We wish to suggest also that, until the faculty as a whole has approved a plan for writing instruction at MIT, no actions be taken that do not accord with the major recommendations of the Committee to Evaluate the Pilot Writing Program.

Sincerely yours,

David Baltimore, Biology
Murray Biggs, Humanities
S.E. Luria, Biology
William Martin, Electrical Engineering and Management
Philip Morrison, Physics
Richard Robinson, Management

William Watson, Humanities
Joseph Weizenbaum, Electrical Engineering
Theodore Wood, Jr., Humanities

The undersigned support the spirit and recommendation of the above letter. While we are not ready to endorse the recommendations of the Sivin Committee, we believe that the magnitude of the Writing Program, the interest it has generated, and the importance of the issues raised require at least Institute-wide discussion, and probably resolution by the faculty as a whole.

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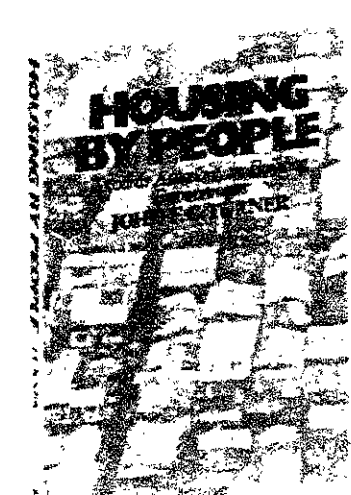
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opinion

Thoughts of Thoreau are appropriate now

By William Lasser

The Boston area would surely look strange to Henry David Thoreau: the great American purveyor of practical philosophy would be shocked and chagrined by what happened to the countryside of his beloved Eastern Massachusetts. A believer in what would now be called "getting back to nature," Thoreau sought to escape from what he reluctantly called civilization, living for two years in a desolate wooden hut at the edge of Walden Pond, near Concord. There he lived a wonderfully simple life, enjoying nature and critiquing the ways of his fellow man.

Walden — otherwise entitled *Life in the Woods* — tells the story of Thoreau's two years in the wilderness while it provides a medium for his sometimes caustic observations of the human race. Although he lived over a century ago, his thoughts are still worthy of discussion. And while he died in 1862, only one year after MIT was founded, some of his remarks might well be listened to today by students, faculty and administrators.

Thoreau's thoughts on college life are directed to students at Cambridge College and at a place he calls "the Institute," which cannot be MIT, which did not as yet exist. The former institution may or may not be Harvard.

Thoreau lashes out first at the misuse of funds which he sees on the part of both students and administrators. "Those conveniences which

here and now

a student requires at Cambridge or elsewhere," he wrote in 1854. "cost him or somebody else ten times as great a sacrifice of life as they would with proper management on both sides."

"Those things for which the most money is demanded are never the things which the student most wants," he continues. "Tuition, for instance, is an important item in the term bill, while for the far more valuable education which he gets by associating with the most cultivated of his contemporaries no charge is made."

The result, he concludes, is that while a student is reading "Adam Smith, Ricardo and Say, he runs his father in debt irretrievably."

But finances are not solely the cause of Thoreau's discontent with the institutions of higher learning he saw in ante-Bellum New England, a discontent which he would presumably still feel today. He was disturbed by what we would call problems of curriculum: "I mean that they (students) should not *play* life, or *study* it merely, while the community supports them at this expensive game, but earnestly *live* it from beginning to end."

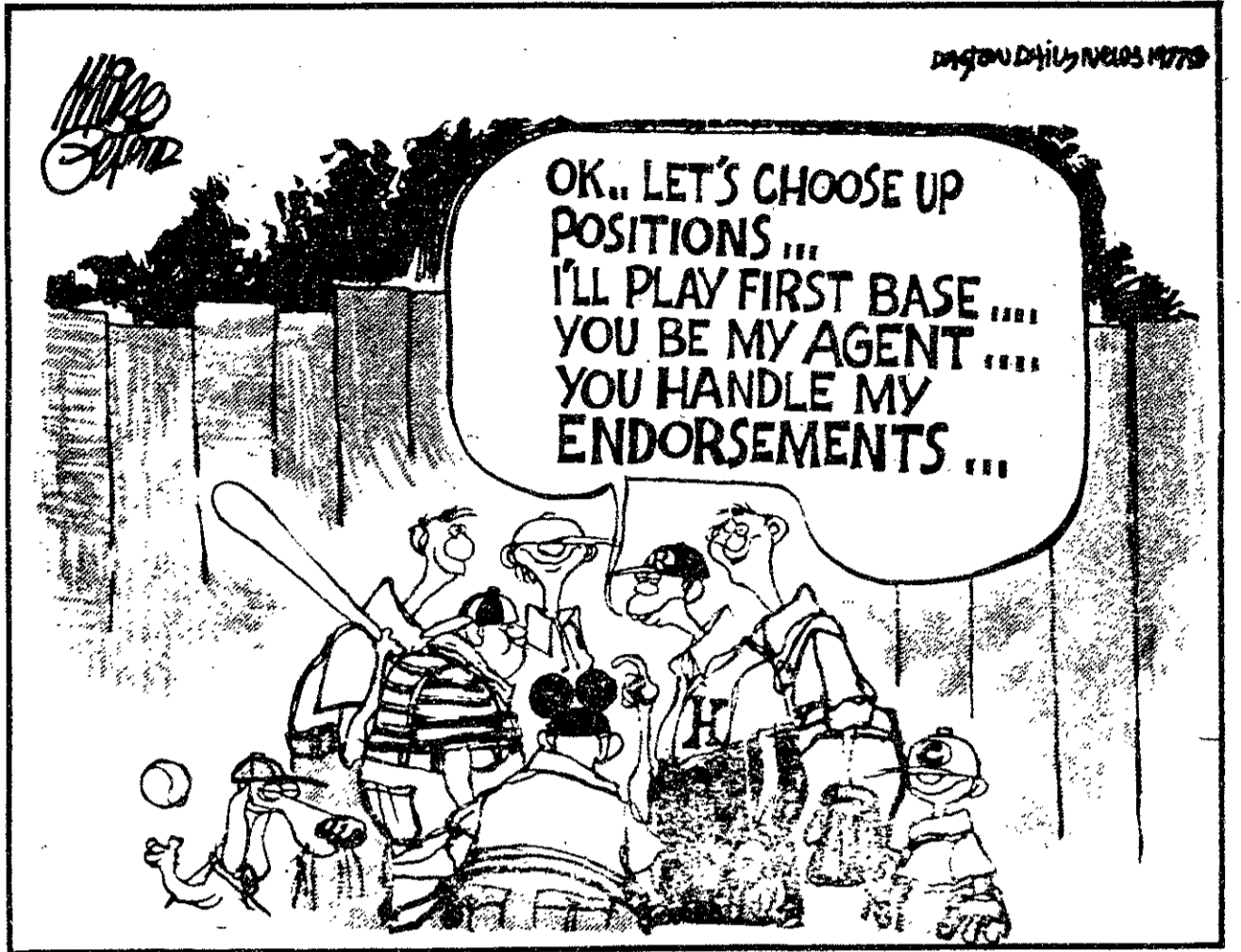
Asks Thoreau, "Which would have advanced the most at the end of a month, — the boy who had made his own jackknife from the ore which he had dug and smelted, reading as much as would be necessary for this — or the boy who had attended lectures on metallurgy at the Institute in the meanwhile, and had received a Rodgers penknife from his father? Which would be more likely to cut his fingers?"

As much as he was opposed to the methods of colleges, the great natural philosopher was perhaps even more strongly against meaningless progress and useless technology.

Looking at MIT, Thoreau would be distressed not only at how we are taught, but at what we are taught to do. "Our inventions are wont to be pretty toys, which distract our attention from serious things. They are but improved means to an unimproved end. . . . We are in great haste to construct a magnetic telegraph from Maine to Texas; but Maine and Texas, it may be, have nothing important to communicate."

There are lessons to be learned from men like Thoreau and books like *Walden*. Perhaps we do spend too much effort procuring material comforts and developing superfluous technology. There is far more to education than courses; we do overlook opportunities to better ourselves which exist outside of classrooms and lecture halls.

Only a small portion of Thoreau's philosophy is directed at academia. Most of it applies to everyone: "the mass of men lead lives of quiet desperation," he observed. Those that do not perhaps follow this piece of his advice: "In the long run men hit only what they aim at. Therefore, though they should fail immediately, they had better aim at something high."



feedback

Suicide questions offered

To the Editor:

Dean Eisenberg's letter in last Friday's *The Tech* regarding the VooDoo issue on suicide was a thoughtful letter by a compassionate and well-meaning individual. However, my own reaction to the situation is somewhat different.

I did not know beyond passing acquaintance any of the people who have taken their lives at MIT since I arrived in 1968. While still in high school, though, I did know a boy who took his life. I had been quite angry at him for double-crossing me several months earlier, and when the news came I felt a special sense of guilt for having had my anger. I have always wondered about Alan's death. He was fiercely competitive and nearly always won. I've tended to surmise that he saw himself caught in a life of fighting only harder and harder battles with no love in sight, but it's just as likely his feelings were less simply stated.

I try to be compassionate and well meaning, but more than that I try to ask hard questions. Abrupt suicides and slow subtler deaths occur more than we'd like to admit here at MIT. To be satisfied with the expression of public sympathy presupposes the impossibility of positive social questioning and action.

We offer these few questions in honor of the members of the MIT community who have taken their lives.

1. What would it take to make MIT a joyful place (not just interesting — joyful)?

2. Under current conditions, people especially at MIT seem to see themselves as commodities, attempting to raise their market value and sell themselves to the highest bidder. How does this self-image affect people's consciousness and way of relating with each other? What changes in

For example, could we conceive of medical care being provided by anyone who wanted to, with these people gaining knowledge out of their own responsibility rather than because they need the grades, and with discrediting of occasional "quacks" being provided by people's experience and the communication of this experience by open channels? And again, if an alternative could be conceived, would the AMA and pharmaceutical companies consent to our trying it? What would be the

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MIT and society in general would remedy tensions caused thereby?

3. How much are you inspired in the course of your work to show your appreciation of your colleagues? We justify our competitive system by assuming that people working cooperatively will not have as much energy and also that we need a selection system to encourage good work over mediocre work. Is this a valid set of assumptions? Does it make sense in light of personal experience? Have we tried anything else?

likely result of carefully explaining this alternative to the president of a drug company? If you were president of a drug company and liked this alternative even though it would decrease profits, wouldn't the stockholders as stockholders be forced to fire you?

4. Adolf Hitler was an adherent of Hans Horgiger's Theory of Eternal Ice, which states that the solar system was created by a collision of a block of ice and a fireball, and would end by all turning into ice and spiralling into the sun again.

Hitler acted in ways he believed rational to seize power, destroy many lives, and finally take his own. Is there any merit to the oft-observed correlation between destructive and self-destructive behavior and a belief that "nothing matters anyway"? Must it be "unscientific" to seek systems of values where there is no contradiction between improving the lot of yourself and that of your fellow beings? Is it a waste of time to take joy in the beauty of yourself, other people, and the universe?

Please, if you are going to end it all anyway, either for yourself or the rest of us, it couldn't hurt to first *try* doing something life-affirming which feels good and makes others feel good, no matter how "irrational."

- Jule G. Charny
- Noam Chomsky
- Stephan L. Chorover
- Louis Kampf
- Salvador E. Luria
- Wayne O'Neil
- Ethan R. Signer
- William B. Watson
- Joseph Weizenbaum

MIT Professors criticize 'World Change' lectures

The following letter was received by *The Tech* on March 9, 1977 but was inadvertently not printed at that time.

To the Editor:

The list of speakers in the MIT Lecture Series on *World Change and World Security* includes among others the names of Mr. McGeorge Bundy and of Mr. Robert S. McNamara. Since many of our students are too young to remember the early years of the Vietnam war, which cost over a million American and Vietnamese lives, we believe it instructive to recall that Messrs. Bundy and McNamara were among the major architects and organizers of that catastrophic and immoral war.

Noting further the fact that two other speakers in the same lecture series, Mr. Roberto de Oliveira Campos and Mr. Georgi A. Arbatov, are high officials in ruthless dictatorships, we wonder whether the "World Change" and the "World Security" preached by this group of speakers are those which our students may wish to see enacted in the world in which they live.

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Burton votes in dispute; UAP Berke discusses plans

Dormcon election voided

By Nivin Pei
The members of the Dormitory Council, Dormcon, refused to ratify the election of their new officers last night. Dormcon will hold a new election for Dormcon Chairman, Dormcon Judcomm Chairman, and Secretary Treasurer to resolve the disputed results of the recent election held March 17th.

The election results were in dispute because Phil Kesten '78, newly-elected President of Burton House, said that Warren Loui '78 Burton House had no right to cast the votes for Burton at the election meeting since he was no longer President and Dormcon representative for Burton.

Loui claimed that Kesten had authorized him to represent Burton. Kesten said, however, that he did not recall giving Loui his proxy since he said that he had not been officially informed of

the meeting until the night of the meeting.

Loui then suggested that the Burton House votes be invalidated, thus saving Dormcon the trouble of holding another election. An objection was quickly raised that Loui might be graduating this May. "Dormcon will be no stronger than the chairman will be right now," said Paul Legace '78, Vice President of MacGregor House. "Dormcon is not something that will be built up in a week."

Roger Powell '77, former Dormcon Chairman, moved to appoint Loui Chairman Pro Tem until April 21st when the new election will be held. Jason Tong '79, President of East Campus amended the motion to include the positions of Dormcon Judcomm Chairman and Secretary Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously and the new elections will be held April 21st.

On the day after his election as Undergraduate Association President, Peter Berke '78 met with David B. Koretz of *The Tech* and discussed some of his goals for his term in office.

The Tech: What do you think about being UAP?

Berke: If one more person says, "Congratulations," I'll resign. The title of UAP itself is no big deal.

We want to thank all the people who helped us, a lot of nice people. MIT can be a fun, friendly environment to be in. People give up on having a good time, put it off until they graduate, or get out of med school. It's really unnecessary to put off. Hard work, pleasure and self-realization are symbiotic, not parasitic. People shouldn't give up.

The Tech: How do you see the role of the UA and the UAP?

Berke: We want to lay out what we think MIT should be and work towards that, and get other people to do that. But there's not a thing I can do by myself at this place, so people have got to help.

We should sit down and find out what we want to get out of MIT and what we want to contribute.

We've got to examine our roles as individuals in this place, as an institution, and as parts of this institution. What is MIT doing, and where is it going? It's easy for undergraduates to say that they're powerless, and for the faculty to say they're too busy. It's about time the faculty, students, administration and employees sat down to think about what MIT should be doing. We're here to try to be the best, to stay number one, but number one what? This is an educational institution: it's

certainly an institution, but what comprises an education?

Two books that are about MIT are *The Hidden Curriculum* by Ben Snyder and *At the Edge of Humanity* by William Thompson. I think they're necessary to read to understand what's going on here. I'll have them available for borrowing from the UA Office.

The Tech: What are your feelings on the Writing Program as you've mentioned in your campaign?

Berke: The School of Humanities should encourage communication and growth, and so should the School of Engineering, and the School of Science, and all of the others. It's the responsibility of the whole Institute, and a lot of the time what happens is that people have shoved that responsibility on the Humanities Department.

It's in the interest of everyone to investigate what's been happening. Walk up to your teachers, no matter what department; your growth and your life are their responsibility, not just the responsibility of the Humanities Department. Ask them to find out what's going on. If individual students convince enough individual faculty members, the faculty may investigate the W.P. [affair].

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No forced commons

By Kent Pitman

"There is no likelihood at this point that there would be mandatory commons" for residents of any MIT dormitories, Associate Dean for Student Affairs Kenneth Browning '66 has emphasized.

Browning discounted rumors of mandatory commons for several dormitories, which apparently sprang from information in a brief article in the April 7 issue of *Thursday*, explaining that these questions are considered periodically in an attempt to develop an efficient meal-plan system.

One of the problems in the present system is that the smaller dining halls in several of the dormitories are comparatively expensive to operate, so alternative plans that would make operation more efficient or cheaper are currently being considered.

Browning said that he is currently working with an ad hoc

committee of students from Baker House in order to decide whether any changes to the current meal plans are feasible. Plans for students who wish to eat on commons but without the "unlimited seconds" feature, as well as the possibility of a "salad-eaters" plan are among those being investigated.

"We've tried to run the system in a way that's flexible... flexibility is something that people have to recognize on both sides."

Said Browning, if any drastic changes were made, there would be a phasing-in period. No major changes will be brought in overnight. Whatever changes are to be made — if any — will be announced within a few weeks.

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Yardbirds' legacy marvelously captured

The Yardbirds Great Hits—*Yardbirds*—Epic

By Claudia Perry

Last month marked the ninth anniversary of the Yardbirds' dissolution, however, their contribution to the way rock is now has scarcely been forgotten. More than a laboratory for the guitar styles of Eric Clapton, Jeff Beck and Jimmy Page, their music was ahead of its time in many ways. Although their merits are largely unappreciated in the US, Epic Records has attempted to remedy that by releasing this album.

To the collector, this disc is almost a total waste of vinyl. All but two of the cuts can be found on imports that are readily available and of better quality. To the fans of the aforementioned guitarists, the record may be a useful guide to the styles that they experimented with before moving on.

The most well-represented of the trinity is Beck, who plays guitar on all the cuts except three. The other songs are Eric Clapton's contribution to the group which ended in 1964 with their first hit, "For Your Love."

That song, which opens the album, is a collaboration of some of the most talented people in English rock 'n' roll. "For Your Love" was written by Graham Gouldman, author of the Hollies' "Bus Stop" and late of the recently-dissolved 10cc. Clapton plays a marvelous bit of rhythm guitar on the cut. The whole thing is topped off by Brian Auger's harpsichord.

Another Gouldman composition, "Heart Full of Soul," follows that one. Songs like this and "For Your Love" were the main reason that Clapton left the Yardbirds to begin his historic but brief partnership with John Mayall. He felt that

the group was getting away from their rhythm 'n' blues roots and becoming too commercial. The rest of the Yardbirds were amused by this and hired one Jeff Beck as the new lead guitarist on the recommendation of Jimmy Page.

Beck's contribution to the Yardbirds was what separated them from most of the bands that came out of England. At the time of the group's greatest popularity there was little to compare with Beck's guitar histrionics. "Still I'm Sad," is the first single on which Beck appears. A radical departure from the previous Yardbirds' singles, it resembles a Gregorian chant more than anything. Considering that their main chart competition were songs like "Daytripper" and "Get Off My Cloud" makes it seem even more novel.

Beck's trailblazing continued after "Still I'm Sad" with the release of the Yardbirds' next single, "Shapes of Things" backed with "I'm Not Talking" might have been the strongest single that the group ever recorded. The backing track, which is also the penultimate cut on the first side, is a Mose Allison standard that every group worth their salt either recorded or included in their stage act. Beck and the Yardbirds' version set the criteria for what was to become heavy metal.

The A-side, "Shapes of Things," was a forerunner of acid rock. Beck's feedback-riddled solo and the cunning tempo changes gave the song a psychedelic air before it was fashionable. This song was probably the band's peak single performance and it brings an end to the first side of the album.

Opening the second side is "Train Kept A-Rollin'." A track that resurfaced on a recent Aerosmith album, this version is

graced with the presence of Beck's guitar. Opening with a six-string train whistle, his antics can scarcely be compared with the pathetic ramblings of the Boston band's lead duo.

"I Wish You Would," the next cut on the disc, appeared on the group's first American album, *For Your Love*. The first single that they ever released, it died quickly in England and never made it to the US. Although the recording is one of the poorer ones in existence, the band's talent still shines through.

"I Ain't Done Wrong," the next track, is a Keith Relf composition that was also on *For Your Love*. Relf, who died last May by accidentally electrocuting himself, was one of the best rock singers ever to stand behind a mike. The song pales in comparison to other Relf tunes. "Farewell," a ballad on *Over, Under, Sideways, Down*, would have been a better choice.

Another throwaway cut is "I Ain't Got You," the next-to-the-last song on the album. The group's second single, it also landed on deaf ears. Clapton's short but memorable solo seems to be its reason for inclusion. "Happenings Ten Years Time Ago" would have been a more explicit example of his excellence.

Closing the album is the studio version of "I'm A Man." One of the most-recorded songs in English rhythm 'n' blues history, the Yardbirds' version is the definitive one. Structured around an incredible harmonica/guitar duel between Relf and Beck respectively, this song might sum up what the Yardbirds were about. Their exuberance and innovativeness are captured marvelously on this track.

It is hard to judge an album like *The Yardbirds' Great Hits*. The album is in-

credibly useful for those who want an idea of what the group was about. It is a total waste of time those who collect Yardbirds' as most of the material is available on superior imports. Even more interesting to note is the absence of Jimmy Page from the album. Due to a pending lawsuit, Page's work with the Yardbirds cannot be heard at this time. Still, it is well worth listening to as piece of rock 'n' roll history.

events

Edward Cone, professor of Music at Princeton University, will lecture on "Three Ways to Read A Detective Story—Or A Brahms Intermezzo," on Thurs., April 21, 1977 at 4pm in the Music Library. The lecture is open to the public.

The MIT Shakespeare Ensemble will present *Othello, the Moor of Venice*, on April 20-24 at 8pm in the Sala de Puerto Rico. Tickets may be purchased in the lobby of Building 10 or reserved by calling 253-4420.

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sports cont.

Sailors sack two seconds in seven regattas

By Audrey Greenhill

This past weekend was one of the busiest for MIT sailors, who competed in seven regattas. Saturday at Coast Guard the team finished second to the host school in a co-ed co-skipper regatta in which six schools competed. Three races were sailed in blustery conditions in new Flying Junior sloops. In A-division Alanna Connors '78 and Gary Swinton '79 placed fourth while in B-division Diana Healy '78 and Jim Newman '79 were tied for first place but dropped to second in the tie breaker.

MIT hosted a Lark Invitational on Saturday. Unusually cold weather and high winds prevailed throughout the day causing many capsizings and allowing only four races to be sailed in each division. Steve Ryan '77 with Steve Boos '79 sailed in A-division. MIT finished sixth out of twelve schools. The women were also scheduled to sail in a Lark invitational at Tufts on Saturday. The regatta was cancelled due to the extreme weather conditions.

The varsity team traveled to West Point to compete for the Owen Trophy, the Eastern "Old Guard" Championship. Sailing in shifty, blustery conditions the team finished a disappointing eighth out of twelve schools. Gary Smith '78 and Elliot Rossen '79 skippered with crews John York '80 and Jordan Kriedberg '79.

Sunday the freshmen did well in their regatta. They sailed in Larks on Tufts' Mystic Lake, which is renowned for its winds. The team placed third behind first place Tufts and was only one point behind second place Harvard. There were ten schools competing. Skippers Bill Darling and Dave Nelson with crews Bill Dalton and Tom Olausen finished third in both divisions.

Coast Guard held two regattas on Sunday, a varsity Shields meet and a women's invitational in Flying Juniors. Wally Corwin '78, Lenny Dolhert '79, Chris Donnelly '77 and Steve Ryan '77 sailed the 27-foot sloops to second place in a field of five schools. The women finished fifth in a tie



Steve Ryan '77 and Steve Boos '79 sailed MIT into a sixth place finish in the Lark Invitational held on the Charles Saturday

breaker with BU and Radcliffe and just one point behind URI in a regatta in which Yale ran away with first. Sally Husted '78 and Debbie Meyerson '79 co-skippered with crew Audrey Greenhill '79.

An elimination heat for the New England Singlehanded Championship was held last weekend. Three MIT sailors were sent to Harvard to sail in Interclub dinghies, but failed to qualify for the finals. Two more

heats will be sailed at MIT and URI this weekend. The teams will sail in their respective Greater Boston Championships while the women compete in their first trophy regattas of the season.

Women 2nd in first crew race; men open tomorrow



The Skulls, MIT's frosh women's boat, won their race against UNH and Wesleyan on Saturday

By Gary Engleson

The varsity crew season began Saturday with a women's meet against UNH and Wesleyan. MIT took second behind UNH. The racing season continues tomorrow, when the men's varsity heavyweights take on the heavies from Columbia, here on the Charles.

While the varsity took second Saturday, the freshmen were winning their race. The freshman boat, the Skulls, beat UNH to the line with Liz Fischer stroking. The frosh were racing against the JV boats of both UNH and Wesleyan.

Saturday's upcoming race is the First Annual Alumni Cup. The cup has been donated by the MIT Alumni Center of New York in conjunction with the Columbia

1927 IRA Champion Alumni to be presented each year to the winner of this regatta. This regatta is the continuation of a sixteen-year rivalry in which MIT has won every race since 1970 and has lost but three of the past races.

MIT is favored in tomorrow's race due to two factors. They have thirteen victories over Columbia under their belts so far. In addition, they have seniors John Everett and Gary Piantedosi back in the starting lineup. Everett and Piantedosi took time off last year to row for the United States in the Olympic Games.

The fact that the rest of the team is extremely strong is illustrated by its position in the Nationals last year. Even without their Olympic rowers they took fifth in that prestigious tournament.

sporting notices

The annual IM Sailing Regatta will be held on Sun., May 1. Entrees are due at the Sailing Pavilion no later than Wed., April 20. A practice session, concentrating on starts, will be held on Mon., April 25. There will be two divisions, A and B.

uniform-funding drive last week by the women's rugby football club is Barbara Aufiero, who is on the sponsored research staff of the Center for Cancer Research. She has her choice of a liquor prize or two rugby shirts.

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Golfers grab four-way match

By Leo Bonnell

Last Monday the varsity golf team returned to the friendly fairways of the Brae Burn Country Club with a very impressive sweep of a four-way match against Suffolk, Clark and BU. The final match-play scores in the one-sided meet were 5-2, 5½-1½ and 6-0, respectively.

The Engineers got fine performances from the top of their order, a traditional weak spot in matches, as the top three golfers took eight of a possible nine

points. Jaime Dornbusch '78 and Mark Swenson '78 swept their individual matches with fine scores of 82 and 81, while Mike Varrell '79 shot 81 and lost only to Suffolk.

Leo Bonnell '77, playing fourth, recovered from a bad start to win his BU match and pull even with his other opponents after 16 holes of play. However, a bogey on 17 ruined Leo's hopes for a victory, and he could do no better than a tie against Clark and a narrow loss to Suffolk.

Sophomores Doug Wegner and

Mark Hughes swept their matches in fifth and sixth position. Hughes shot another fine 81 and won with ease, while Wegner's win against Suffolk came in a sudden-death playoff concluded just before darkness.

In a somewhat surprising move, Coach Barry shook up the lineup by benching Bob Kneeland '77 in favor of promising freshman Bob Cosway. Playing in his first varsity match, Cosway responded with a respectable 89, two birdies, and an easy victory against Suffolk.

Batsmen slide by Babson

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hit. Two walks, two errors, four stolen bases, and a wild pitch resulted in two more runs for the Crimson.

MIT's lone run was tallied by Joe Kracunas '79 in the fourth inning. Kracunas reached second on an error and scored on senior Dan Sundberg's double.

Losing pitcher Ken Smith '77 struck out seven batters in the game. Harvard's Larry Brown was the winning pitcher.

On Monday, the Beavers battered Babson on Briggs Field. Babson took the early lead with two runs in the second inning.

In the third, Rick Olson '78 tallied for MIT on sophomore Pete Steinhagen's single. Steinhagen tied the game when he scored on a passed ball. The Beavers took the lead in the fifth when Steve Garverick '79 scored from second on a single.

MIT scored three more times in the seventh to take a comfortable

6-2 lead. Babson scored just one more run to make the final score 6-3. Olson was the winning pitcher for the Beavers.

MIT's record is now 3-3. The Beavers head to the University of Lowell tomorrow for a doubleheader. Monday MIT hosts Brandeis at 3pm in a Greater Boston League game. In the more distant future, MIT will have a chance to even the series with Harvard on April 27 at Harvard at 3pm.

sports

Ruggers romp past Quincy Rivalries revisited: Tufts, MIT bitter foes

By Charles Cox

The MIT rugby football club split two games this weekend, beating Quincy 18-9 on Saturday and losing to Boston University on Sunday 14-12.

After dropping games to Albany Law School, Charles River, and Schenectady in previous weeks, the Engineers dominated the Quincy club and opened a half time lead of 4-0 on the strength of a try by Drew Jaglom '74.

Gilles Laurent G increased MIT's lead to 8-0 early in the second half as he went over for a

try. Undaunted, Quincy retaliated with a goal to pull within two, but Chip Veise G added another try to give MIT a 12-6 lead. Quincy rallied to within three points with a penalty goal, but Kirk Carlson '77 and John Kenney '79 finally put the game on ice for the Engineers adding a last minute try by Carlson and subsequent conversion by Kenney following a fine forward rush by the MIT pack.

At BU on Sunday MIT lost a heartbreaker to the Terriers 14-12. The lead alternated between

the two teams during the game as BU drew first blood by notching a try. However, the Terriers lost the half time edge to the Engineers who scored on a Veise try which was converted by Tom Bryant G.

BU opened the second half by again taking the lead with a goal and again relinquishing that lead as relentless MIT scrummaging paid off in a Jaglom try converted by Bryant. With only minutes left in the game, however, BU found a hole in the MIT defense and crossed the try line to retake and hold the lead 14-12.



Drew Jaglom '74, with the ball, scored the first 4 points in the Rugby team's 18-9 victory over Quincy last Saturday.

Stickmen come up short again

By Glenn Brownstein

Almost is not enough. For the second straight game, MIT's varsity lacrosse team almost pulled out a come-from-behind victory. But four goals in the game's last four minutes were not enough Tuesday afternoon, as a thoroughly unnerved Bowdoin team held off the Beavers 9-8 to send MIT to its third consecutive loss.

It wasn't a case of first-quarter blues that beat MIT, which had been outscored 12-0 in the opening periods of the Tufts and Amherst games. It was purely and simply a case of Derek Van Slyck

that made the difference.

Van Slyck, one of the top scorers in Division II lacrosse and Bowdoin's only realistic scoring threat, virtually did it all himself, scoring six goals and assisting on a seventh to lead the Polar Bears. MIT goalie Jeff Singer, who stopped 19 of Bowdoin's other 22 shots on goal, saved a Van Slyck drive only once in seven attempts.

Otherwise, the Beaver defense was sharp, allowing few close-in opportunities by the Bowdoin offense and failing only against the elusive Van Slyck, who protected himself so well that he was subjected to only one or two stick

checks all game and no body checks.

Bowdoin scored four times in the second quarter to take a 5-2 lead at the half, but MIT stayed close until the Polar Bears tallied three quick goals early in the final period, one on extra-man, to take a 9-4 lead that stood up until the last four minutes of the game.

Steve Hyland '77 started the Beaver burst on a feed from Gordie Zuerndorfer '78 at 11:09. Then leading scorer Phil MacNeil '79 and Zuerndorfer tallied just 12 seconds apart at 11:33 and 11:45 to shave Bowdoin's once-comfortable margin to just two goals.

Crease attackman Al O'Connor '79 fired a fast-break pass from Hyland into an open net at 13:32 to pull MIT within one, but Bowdoin goalie Tom Gamper made two big stops in the final minute to leave MIT just short.

MacNeil scored three goals to pace the Beaver attack, while Hyland and Zuerndorfer had two goals apiece.

The difficult part of the schedule over, MIT will try to begin a winning streak against winless Holy Cross at Briggs Oval today at 3pm.

Track loses opener; Frosh perform well

By Dave Dobos

Sub-freezing temperatures and gusty winds hampered the efforts of the MIT outdoor track team in its opener Saturday at New Hampshire UNH captured the triangular meet with 77½ points. The Beavers were close behind with 70½. Bates' 44 trailed the other two.

The adverse weather seemed to affect the Beavers more than their hosts. Although the field event athletes performed quite respectably, the runners did not compete as well as they had hoped.

As expected, UNH's vast sprinting department provided the winning margin. However, freshman sprinters Mike Whalen and Craig Bonnema and the 440-yard relay team gave encouraging performances. Whalen and Bonnema placed in the 220-yard dash; the relay team edged out Bates after being nipped by UNH.

MIT enjoyed six individual winners. Freshman indoor high jump record holder Jim Turlo captured his specialty with a leap of 6'5", defeating teammate Reid von Borstel '78 by an inch. Turlo

also picked up second places in the high hurdles and long jump for meet scoring honors with eleven points.

Greg Mayhew '78 tossed the discus a fine 146' for honors in that event. His throw was over ten feet better than his 1976 best. Shot-putter Fred Bunke's 44'8" effort was more than adequate to win his specialty. In the hammer, co-captain John Lundberg '77 had an excellent opening day performance of 163'7" for second.

Freshman Kwaku Temeng took the triple jump and John Wozniak '79 captured the high hurdles. All-American Frank Richardson '77 easily outdistanced his opponents in the two-mile. Earning additional second places for MIT were Norm Toplosky '80 (880), co-captain Joe Egan '77 (440), and Jim Dunlay (440 hurdles), and the mile relay team of Chris DeMarco '80, Toplosky, Egan, and Dunlay.

The Beavers entertain Bowdoin tomorrow on Briggs Field. MIT has not beaten its Maine rival in three years, but looks sufficiently strong to seek its overdue revenge.

By Gary Engelson

During the past week I received a response to the *Time Out* column of April 8. I would like to share this response and others I may receive in the future with you, my readers. From time to time I will try to give written response in the column to your letters. Unfortunately, I will not be able to give a written comment on every letter I receive in the column, but I will respond to as many as possible.

To the sports editor:

"Gary Engelson commented in his latest edition of *Time Out* that MIT did not appear to have any sports rivalries. Was Gary stating a fact or was he hinting that rivalries actually exist, but are not known beyond the team locker rooms? I am of the opinion that he meant the latter.

"I have been directly associated with the MIT soccer and hockey teams, and during my time with them I've seen some fierce rivalries. I would like to thank Gary for his suggestion that a rivalry might develop between MIT and RPI in hockey. The Beaver skaters have put together a complete turn-around in their season results, but a rivalry against their [RPI's] perennial ECAC Division I playoff team had better be left to Maestro Harkness and his band of Union upstarts. However, no matter what the season standings have been, did you ever discuss an upcoming Tufts game with a Beaver skater? The mere thought of the Jumbos entering our rink twice each season is enough to set teeth gnashing and sticks banging in the night. Each meeting of the two clubs is certain to bring out the hardened Jumbo and Beaver fan to Briggs Arena for a hard fought game. Other hockey teams might come and go, but a Tufts game is filled with passion.

"In soccer, a few years back, the Beaver-booters thrilled at the chance to play Harvard. Sure the Crimson were nationally ranked and



MIT was stumbling around in the Greater Boston League, but all that was put aside when these two teams met. MIT had two all-New England goalkeepers (Aden '71 and Straff '75) and Harvard had two that were destined for the Olympics and the World Cup (Meyer and Messing). The Beavers never dominated the series, but the rivalry was there. As time passed by so did the Crimson from our schedule, but a new rivalry grew, the Jumbos. Tufts was the team which kept

MIT from winning the Greater Boston League title six years ago. Tufts has been the game looked forward to each year, as revenge tastes sweet.

"In other sports on campus, namely baseball and basketball, Tufts also has been the big rivalry. Some say it's because the teams are so close in caliber, others point to the fact that the Beaver coach starred for both teams at Tufts and that his son plays there now, and still others will cite packed audiences for both sporting events as evidence of a rivalry. The Jumbos harass us in lacrosse and sailing (Tufts was rated number one to MIT's number two in sailing and a regatta involving these two is certain to keep the protest committee busy for hours.) As a single great rivalry between MIT and another college I would have to rate Beaver-Jumbo contests at the top of the list.

"The point I'm trying to bring out, is that many great rivalries exist within MIT athletics (Tufts, Harvard, Brandeis, WPI), however, none of these are nationally known because sports at MIT is not played at that level. Indeed most of these rivalries are unknown to the majority of students at MIT for the prime reason that they show no interest in varsity athletics. The people who participate in varsity sports at MIT (both men and women) do so only as a means of relaxation and personal satisfaction of accomplishment, not as a means to advance into professionalism. The events are fairly well publicized and reported on and the intense rivalries exist; the only thing lacking is the interest of the MIT community to show up, cheer, and take part in the events.

Tom Stagliano G

Mr. Stagliano has correctly assessed the point of the column of the eighth. One of the points which I am trying to deal with in their column is spectator participation in MIT's varsity sports program. That was in fact the point of one of the previous columns. It has been pointed out that the students on this campus do participate in large numbers, for many reasons.

Despite the high level of participation, there is a serious lack of spectators at many varsity-level events. Rivalries are one of the many factors which make sporting clubs go, so I am not at all surprised that they exist even unknown to the spectators. However, I feel that public rivalry is a sign of a healthy interest of the community in what must be a team worth watching. The only thing I am afraid of is that the lack of rivalries is not the problem, but a symptom of a larger problem of apathy, which could have very harmful effects on the athletic department in general.

Baseball dumped by Harvard

By Tom Curtis

The first round of the battle for the baseball supremacy of Cambridge was fought Tuesday on Briggs Field. The victory went to Harvard who downed MIT 5-1.

Errors and mental lapses accounted for all of the Crimson's runs. In the second inning, Harvard scored three runs because of a pop fly to center field which the fielder never saw and an infield single in which the pitcher was slow covering first.

Harvard scored again in the ninth without registering a single (Please turn to page 7)



Pitcher Ken Smith '77 had seven strikeouts in Tuesday's 5-1 loss to Harvard on Briggs Field.