

in the news

INSIDE

Geils celebrated its tenth anniversary together as a band this week with two fantastic concerts at the Music Hall. A review of Wednesday's concert including a back-stage interview appears in Arts.

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At the New England Women's Single-Handed Championship, MIT sailors took four of the top six spots.

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EXCERPTS

Michael Dukakis, Frank Bellotti, Ed Brooke, Paul Guzzi, and Bob Crane, move over. Make room for Anita Bryant. For she, it would seem, will be on the hustings with the political heavies of the Commonwealth a year from now as the 1978 political season reaches a peak.

What is expected to bring Bryant to Massachusetts is the effort by the state's gay people to win legal protection against discrimination. Bryant, who gained national publicity this spring as a result of her "Save Our Children" campaign, which resulted in a vote to repeal a Dade County (Florida) ordinance prohibiting discrimination against gays, is expected to launch a similar effort here next year.

Actually, Massachusetts gays and their supporters would be pleased to see Bryant, because her presence would mean that the legislature would have enacted amended version of a bill to prohibit discrimination against gays in public employment.

— Richard Gains
The Boston Phoenix

The University of Georgia has been looking for a new vice-president for academic affairs. Opposition developed on the search committee to one of the finalists — Virginia Y. Trotter, of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Her critics, reported the Athens (Ga.) *Observer*, were upset over some of Ms. Trotter's publications in her field, home economics. Among them, noted the critics with great scorn: "Many T-Houses Could be Remodeled," "No Stoop, No Stretch Kitchen," "Cleaning Supplies — Keep Them Handy," and "A Room for the Pre-School Child."

If Ms. Trotter gets the job, the *Observer* quoted one search-committee member as saying, "There's going to be no way for intellectual values to be championed on this campus."

— Corbin Gwaltney
The Chronicle of Higher Education

New charge filed

Soule apologizes for Grogo picture

By Mark James
Freshman Picturebook Editor
David Soule '79 has issued a letter of apology to those offended by the inclusion of the Grogo picture in the Technology Community Association produced *Picturebook*.

The Committee on Discipline (COD) received a third complaint about the photograph on Monday. The first complaint called for the expulsion of Soule; the second asked for the expulsion of the entire TCA membership.

Soule's letter (see box at right) states in part that "I cannot expect to fully understand the insult some people saw in the picture but I am now aware of the insult. My inclusion of the picture was a grave mistake and I want to apologize to those people whom I have offended."

His letter was given to *The Tech* together with a letter from a Ugandan student who had been one of the original students to complain about the picture (see letter, p. 4). Petero Kwizera G

stated in that letter that Soule "has come to realize the basis of the pain (caused by the publication) among some members of [the] MIT community. Furthermore, I feel that his apology is in earnest."

The new charges were brought by a group of East African students against the editorial board of the *Picturebook*, according to a well-informed source.

They state that the picture of the gorilla statue called Grogo, and its caption, "Harvey Grogo — Kampala, Uganda," were directed against Ugandan President Idi Amin. They say that it is insensitive to joke about Amin, because his actions are a serious political matter that affects many Africans.

In addition, the charges say that the racial implications of the picture cannot be ignored.

The students ask for an apology — the charges were issued before Soule's letter was released — for suitable disciplinary action, and for the

withdrawal of all copies of the picturebook. They do not specify how this withdrawal was to be accomplished, according to the source.

Assistant Director of Admissions John Mack '73 spoke with *The Tech* on Monday evening

concerning his charge calling for the expulsion of the entire TCA staff.

Mack said that he had been told by some of the students involved that the picture was directed against Amin, and that TCA's Sept. 13 letter of explanation, which denied that the picture was intended to be political, showed "a total lack of concern with getting the truth of matters out" and "complicity with Soule" in his actions.

He said that he has seen and is endorsing the charges presented by Assistant Professor of Political Science Willard Johnson, who asked for the expulsion of Soule. Mack said that he realized that the COD does not normally accept charges which name no specific persons, but that he felt that TCA should identify those responsible, or those not responsible should come forward and disclaim TCA's actions.

The Interfraternity Conference met Tuesday, but it issued no statement on the matter.

To the members of the MIT community:

During the past two weeks I have tried to understand what I did when I published the picture of Grogo. I now realize that I cannot expect to fully understand the insult some people saw in the picture but I am now aware of the insult. My inclusion of the picture was a grave mistake and I want to apologize to those people whom I have offended. I am very sorry and if I were given a second chance, I would never allow the picture to be published.

Sincerely,
David P. Soule '79

Early drop date under consideration

By Kent Pitman
The Committee on Academic Performance (CAP) has prepared an analysis recommending that the drop date be located earlier in the term than its present date.

The analysis, submitted by the CAP to the Committee on Educational Policy (CEP), was obtained by *Thursday* and quoted in part by Ron Newman '79 in yesterday's issue.

"That report is being discussed in the CEP today," Professor of Physics Robert Hulsizer, Chairman of the CEP, told *The Tech* yesterday morning.

Hulsizer went on to say that he feels it "isn't crucial" that the subject be heard immediately at the next Faculty Committee meeting (scheduled for Oct. 19), and that he would like the CEP to have "ample time for discussion and hearings before we make recommendations to the Faculty."

Elaborating on his personal views of the situation, Hulsizer pointed out that there are basically two factors involved.

"It [a late drop date] puts an extra load on the faculty." The current policy leads students to delay their decision to drop a course for such an extended period that extra work on the part of the faculty is called for, grading papers and in other ways aiding students who have not firmly committed themselves to the class, when their efforts could perhaps be better spent directed at a smaller number of more serious students.

"The other problem," continued Hulsizer, "is a more subtle one. People are also concerned about grades.... A lot of students, if they know they are going to make a bad grade in a course, will drop it." This is one of the ways that MIT students maintain such high averages; people don't get bad grades here because they drop the courses in which they are doing poorly, he noted, adding that he did not feel that this was necessarily bad because the flex-

ibility offered by a late drop date gives students a greater chance of trying to become involved with other activities without a complete loss of grade security.

At the CEP meeting yesterday, these topics were discussed, however no decisions have been made.

The article in yesterday's *Thursday* alleged that the CAP was not interested in the students' views of an early drop date because "the responses would probably not be objective ones, since there is a natural reaction against any change which limits one's options."

Commenting on this statement, Hulsizer said that to the best of his knowledge, the only reason that some form of student poll had not been conducted was that the CAP study was made over the summer, and the majority of the student body was unavailable for comment.

The drop date issue originally arose when Professor of Electrical Engineering William Siebert backed a resolution proposing that faculty advisors in Course VI should not sign drop cards after the fifth week of the term. Siebert's proposal, which was brought before his department's Undergraduate Education Policy Committee was approved, and was to take effect this term (see *The Tech*, Thursday, May 19, 1977).

In an effort to maintain a uniform drop date policy throughout MIT, Course VI was asked to defer its action until a more detailed study could be performed by the CAP.

The provision for having a drop date at MIT is covered in a document entitled *The Rules and Regulations of the Faculty*. Hulsizer explained the difference between rules and regulations: Rules must be posted for a month before any final decision can be made about them by the Faculty Committee. Regulations may be acted upon immediately. Drop date is controlled by a regulation.

The matter will, therefore, be discussed by the CEP thoroughly in order to decide whether it should be heard by the Faculty and with what recommendations. Once obtained by the faculty, the

proposed change could be voted upon immediately and action could be taken at any time. If approved, the new drop date could go into effect as early as this spring.



Professor of Physics Robert Hulsizer

Baker tradition-filled

Editor's note: This is the second article in a series examining traditions at MIT dormitories. James Moody '76 is a former resident of Baker House who offered to share his recollections with us.

Baker House traditions spring from its unique architecture. Baker's serpentine brick edifice was derived from noted Finnish architect Alvar Aalto's fantasy of a pregnant worm squirming along the Charles. Architecture students from all over the world come to marvel at Aalto's strange creation. The undulating construction gives most of the "up-to-28-walled rooms" a view of the river and the Boston skyline. The wide corridors, numerous lounges, and expansive staircases combine to create a high degree of interaction, friendship, commitment to personal growth, and spirit among the students living in the house.

Self-styled as the largest fraternity on campus, Baker is large enough to provide for independence and growing space, but small enough to provide the security of a large family. The housemasters, Nafi and Helena Toksoz personify the Baker spirit

of kindness and generosity.

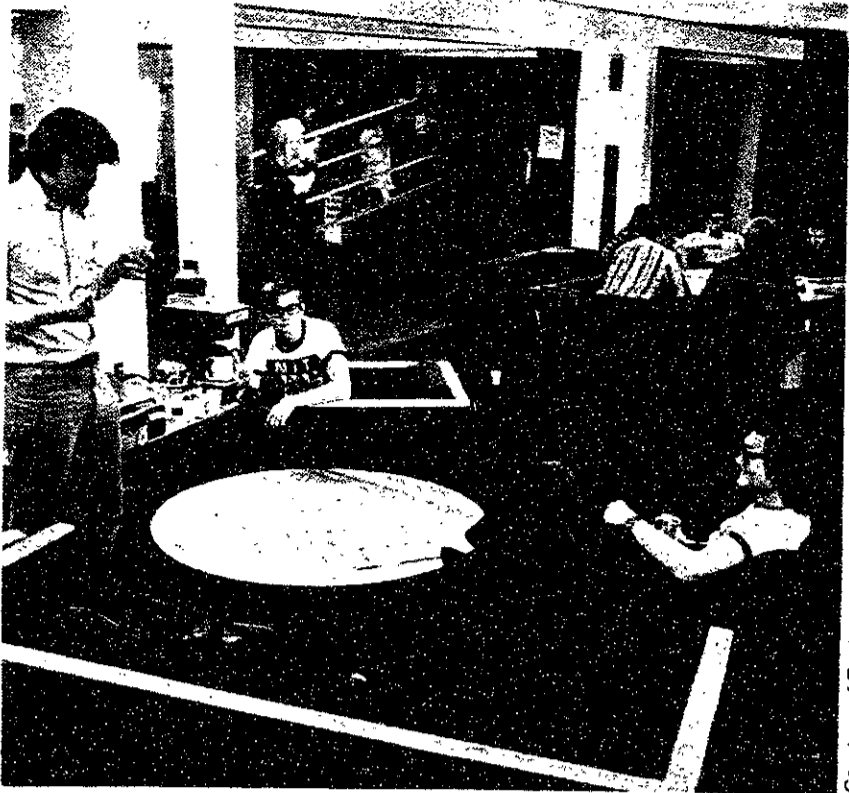
Socially, the year at Baker begins with the rush and excitement of R O Week, renewed friendships, daily parties, and sparkle-eyed freshmen. Baker has recently been taking a more positive role during Rush Week, by actively presenting its lifestyle and character to freshmen.

Monthly house parties are occasionally plain mixers, but usually have a theme. Past themes have included Baker Starship, Rock Revival, Halloween, Roman Orgy, and Square Dance. Twice a year, Bakerites parade their various musical talents (or lack thereof) at pubs, featuring beer, wine, bread, cheese, popcorn, sandwiches, and singalongs. Each semester concludes with a special gala affair.

The Christmas Party features a giant Christmas tree, a band, hordes of little trees and decorations, and favors including bottles of wine and brick paperweights. Santa brings the presents down the chimney and the elves keep things lively. The spring term ends with Baker's presentation on Kresge Plaza of the Steel Drum

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Aalto's building shapes Baker life



Baker residents relax in the comfort of Baker's first floor lounge area.

Courtesy of Technique

(Continued from page 1)
Band, and with the excitement and glamour of the Baker Casino. Intramural sports are big at Baker, with most of the house participating in at least one sport. Last year, Baker entered 13 softball teams and had 8 boats entered in Class Day. Although the emphasis is chiefly on participation and having a good time, trophies are common. Two years ago, Baker won five A-league championships.

Bakerites enjoy many outings during the year. The Blue Hills picnic climaxes R/O Week. Carloads go skiing daily during IAP, with one large trip for the whole house. Cape Cod and Mt. Monadnock are also visited each year. Closer to home, the new roof sundeck and Julie Facett garden are frequent hangouts.

Then, there are the traditions, the little things, perhaps the heart of the "college experiences" that are fondly remembered later in

life: vegetable songs, the coffin stuff (116 is the record), the Jan. 15 grotto ritual, Father's Fore and 15 Landsdowne on Thursday nights, streaking, running bridge circuits, LSC cheers, birthday showers, living in quad, endless card games in the lobby, holding up the tourist bus, dropping a piano off the roof, Christmas Party fixups, Tech Sing, water fights, floor dinners, study breaks, door decorating, . . .



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Police Blotter

(The **Police Blotter** is a report written by the Campus Patrol on crimes, incidents, and actions on the MIT campus each week.)

Theft in Unlocked Rooms

In separate incidents last week, three undergraduates were victimized as thieves entered their respective rooms at Senior House, McCormick and Burton House. The rooms were all closed but not locked at the time of the larcenies. The three crimes netted the thieves some \$540 in goods and cash.

Intruder at Burton

A Burton House resident awoke early last Sunday to find a strange man standing in her room. Upon seeing her awake he fled the building. This man is also believed to be responsible for a larceny reported from the same floor of Burton House some time later that morning.

Calculator Taken

A Hewlett-Packard 25 calculator valued at \$185 was stolen from a woman's handbag which had been left out on a workbench in a Main Complex laboratory for seven hours.

Break at W11

Four rooms inside bldg. W11 were forcibly entered Monday night by an unknown thief, who then removed camera and tape recorder equipment valued at well over \$1,000. Also discovered missing were three valuable hand wrenches. It is believed that the person responsible entered the building during the day and hid at closing time until the last person had left the building, and then broke into the four rooms. Officers investigating the crime are being aided by the results of fingerprint analysis conducted at the scene.

Auto Theft Thwarted

A Bldg. 36 staff member stepped out onto Vassar St. Saturday afternoon to discover three men in the act of trying to steal his 1977 Pontiac. They had

opened the car by smashing the left rear window and were trying to "pop" the ignition when the owner appeared. When the "lookout" spotted the owner's approach both he and the "crashman" jumped into a red car driven by a third accomplice; the trio fled in the direction of Kendall Square.

Westgate Mercury Stolen

A 1970 Mercury Cougar XR-7 was stolen from its parking place at Audrey Street and Memorial Drive overnight Wednesday.

Stolen Auto Recovered

A 1973 Ford Mustang was stolen from the Albany Garage during the day on Tuesday. It was recovered the following day by Cambridge officers outside the Windsor Cafe.

Two Bicycles Taken

Two bicycles were reported stolen in the past week from the main campus area (one from the rack at Bldgs. 8 and 16; the other from the basement of the East Campus). They had a combined

value of \$ 185.

VW Stolen on Fowler St.

A white 1972 Volkswagen was reportedly stolen from the Memorial Drive/Fowler Street area sometime Monday evening.

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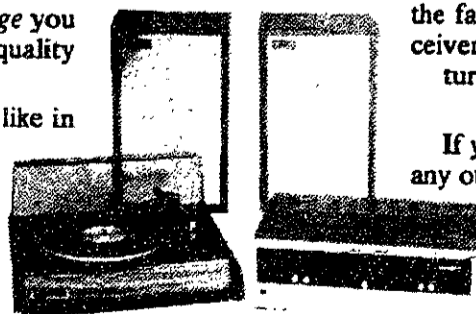
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news roundup

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Informal SALT continuation — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance opened two days of strategic arms limitation talks which are expected to result in an informal agreement to observe the expiring SALT I treaty.

New UN members — The two new nations of Vietnam and Djibouti became the 148th and 149th members of the United Nations Wednesday. The flag raising ceremony yesterday began precisely on schedule, a rare occurrence at that august organization.

Nation

Lance resigns — Bert Lance resigned Wednesday as OMB Director after weeks of controversy about his past banking and business practices. Lance, once Carter's most influential advisor, said that his "conscience is clear." President Carter expressed his "regret and sorrow" about the resignation, and said that he felt that Lance had "exonerated himself completely," referring to him as "my friend."

Gas price controls may be removed — The US Senate, by a vote of 52-46, refused to kill a bill that would deregulate the prices of recently discovered natural gas. This is a blow to President Carter's energy plan which calls for the continued regulation of all natural gas prices.

Drug companies silent — The American branches of three foreign drug companies have refused to testify in the state health investigation of drug testing at Boston State Hospital. The investigation centers on allegations that the elderly subjects of the private drug testing firm were recruited through misleading advertisements.

State

Motorcycle noise restricted — Initial State House approval has been obtained for a bill that would regulate the noise produced by motorcycles. If the bill is passed motorcycles not meeting the noise limit will be banned on and off highways with the exception of those used in competition.

Local

Spending ordinance rescinded — Boston's two year old Campaign Spending Limitation Ordinance has been declared unconstitutional by Supreme Judicial Court Justice Paul Liacos. He feels that it violates the First Amendment of the US Constitution. His decision was in connection with the suit of School Committee candidate John O'Brien.

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NOTES: Fermilab is building a 1 MW/hr sc storage ring to even the load of their synchrotron. The Navy has a design for a 40,000 hp motor which can be cooled with a 40 hp helium liquefier. The AF has the design for a 5 MW airborne sc generator whose rotor weighs but 800 lbs. All we need is to combine technologies.

For further info send SASE to JW Ecklin, 6143K Edsall Rd, Alexandria VA 22304 and see "Cryoelectrodynamics," page 94, July 1977 *Physics Today*

notes

* (Notes are not guaranteed to run. When space is available, official Institute notices have highest priority, followed by other MIT notices, with off-campus notices having the lowest priority. Within each category, free events will be listed before others. Importance and timeliness are also considered.)

* The Office of the Registrar has announced that transcripts with summer session 1977 included will be available the week of Sept. 26, 1977.

* Applications for advanced degrees in February 1978 must be returned to the Registrar's office, E19-335 by Sept. 30, 1977.

* The Office of the Provost has just published the 1977 edition of the "Environmental Studies at MIT" brochure, a collection of information that presents an overview of environmental education and research activities at MIT. The brochure lists the names of the persons who are acting as "Environmental Advisors" in the various departments as well as providing information about the various undergraduate and graduate departmental programs available at MIT. Copies of the brochure are available in the Office of the Special Assistant to the Provost, Louis Menand III, Room 4-246 and in the Information Office, Room 7-111.

* The MIT Chess Club will be sponsoring a live chess game in Lobby 7 at noon, Thurs., Oct. 13. The games will be played using humans as pieces, and the checking of Lobby 7's floor as the board. If you are interested in playing, call Brad at x5-8156.

* The MIT Chess Club will be sponsoring a speed chess tournament in Rm. 407 of the Student Center at 2pm on Sat., Oct. 1. Entry fee will be around \$5.00, with all money being returned as prizes. Play is highly informal, and all are welcome. Sets, clocks, and USCF membership are not necessary.

* Want to learn how to ride a Unicycle or play Uni-polo? Come to the MIT Unicycle Club meetings in front of the Student Center every Sunday from 1-3pm.

* An informational meeting will be held Tues., Sept. 27 at 4:15pm in the Clapp Library Lecture Room, Wellesley College for the Wellesley Washington MIT Summer Internship Program. Application forms will be available at the meeting and at the Wellesley Washington Internship Office (236 Green Hall) and at the MIT Political Science Office. This program is open to juniors in all major fields.

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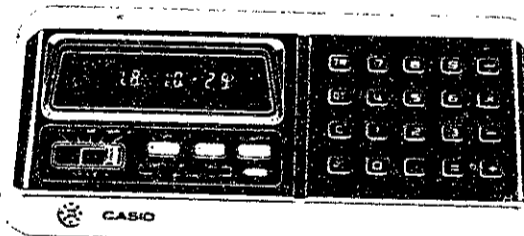
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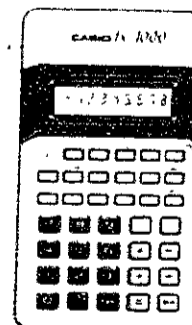
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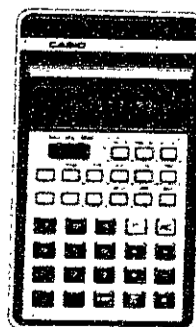
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Opinion

feedback

Soule's apology sincere

Editor's note: The following letter, submitted by one of the five students who originally brought forth grievances against the Grogg photo, was received by The Tech together with David Soule's apology letter. (See page one).

To the Editor:
As a Ugandan student at MIT, I couldn't help being involved in

the Freshman Picturebook controversy. I have talked over the matter several times over the last two weeks with Mr. Soule. My understanding is that he has come to realize the basis of the pain (caused by the publication) among some members of [the] MIT community. Furthermore I feel that his apology is in earnest.
Petero Kwizera G

ID Badge discriminatory?

The Tech received a copy of this letter to Doctor David F. Noble

To the Editor:
Have you a bone to pick with the MIT Administration? Why do you have a chip on your shoulder? Do you honestly feel the Physical Plant identification badges are discriminatory? I must ask you to reconsider.

Consider: service employees in many industries are asked to wear identification badges, while workers around them do not. The reason? The service employees enjoy a much greater physical mobility than others. In general Physical Plant employees work a much greater area, and come in greater contact with people than other employees. Secretaries and Lab technicians usually maintain one or two offices, and seldom have occasion to work on short term projects in many areas.

This policy of asking the group of employees with the greatest mobility to wear badges seems consistent. Employees of Housing and Food Services (except for watchmen) do not wear badges —

they usually work a fixed location within a single building. These employees are on a similar, if not lower, wage scale compared to Physical Plant employees.

You point out that Physical Plant employees have no resources to "resist the policy, whereas faculty, administrators, and students do." I beg to differ: Physical Plant employees are unionized, whereas the others are not. The unions serving MIT have straightforward grievance channels that could be brought into play.

Regarding the use of time cards: may I point out the fact that students use time cards as well as Physical Plant, not to mention Housing and Food Services. Time cards are used, in fact, by all employees paid by the hour. Faculty, administration, and staff are paid by the week, and are expected to finish the tasks assigned to them, regardless of the time involved.

John L. Shelton '79
(See reply on page 5)



Responses draw dissatisfaction

To the Editor:

I would like to take issue with Tom Russ's letter to the Editor (*The Tech*, Tuesday, Sept. 20), in that he seems to take into consideration David Soule's right to free expression, but ignores the offense made in the *Freshman Picturebook*, which equally violates the equal rights of the Black students on campus. What Tom Russ seems to be saying is that there are two different kinds of equal rights and freedom of expression: in other words what is in effect important, is our right to free expression, not theirs.

Second, in other articles, there seems to be a mention of the similarities of the situation to *thursday's* Consumer Guide article, published last year. The ob-

jection to the Consumer Guide article, in my opinion, appeared to be that it was *morally offensive*, rather than that it attacked certain members of the MIT community. A more appropriate similarity to the current situation was an earlier objection by a number of concerned women on campus about evidence of sexual stereotyping in Last Word section in *thursday* articles. As a matter of record, the editorial response to the allegations at that time was that it was *unintentional*.

Third point is that, neither David Soule's nor his colleagues' response ("Gorillas are in-

digenous to Africa"), seems to be adequate, in response to Professor Johnson's allegations; and may I also mention that David Soule's publication, seems to me, more the logical conclusion of the current whipped up hysteria against Uganda and its despicable dictator Idi Amin. In this sense Soule is probably a victim of misconception.

The fourth point I want to make in connection with this matter, is to call on attention to the *Bakke* case, which is of immense importance to minority students (International Students included).

Eddie Mezrahi G

Johnson's logic refuted

To the Editor:

Reading the statement of charges against Mr. David P. Soule one is struck by the statement: "Being a person of normal or above intelligence, *prima facie* evidence of which is his prior admission to MIT as a regular student . . ." Asst. Professor Willard R. Johnson, being a person of normal or above intelligence must have been aware that this statement contained one or more of the following implications, any one of which would be inappropriate in a document which is presented as an official complaint to the Committee on Discipline:

- a. That being a non-regular student at MIT is not *prima facie* evidence of normal or above intelligence.
- b. That since it cannot be assumed that non-regular students are of normal or above intelligence there must be some who are not of normal or

above intelligence.
c. That inasmuch as MIT accepts students who are not of normal or above intelligence as non-regular students, MIT does not require non-regular students to be of normal or above intelligence.

d. That since MIT requires non-regular students to have demonstrated a capacity to do work at MIT at a reasonable level, one does not need normal or above intelligence to do work at MIT at a reasonable level.

e. That in as much as one does not need normal or above intelligence to do reasonably well in MIT courses, therefore regular students are accepted to MIT who do not have normal or above intelligence.

f. That in as much as regular students are accepted to MIT who do not have normal or above intelligence, prior admission to MIT is not *prima facie* evidence that Mr. Soule has normal or above intelligence and therefore the statement quoted was sarcastic.

Any one of these inferences would suggest that Asst. Professor Johnson not only harbours misguided views of MIT non-regular students, but, furthermore, since he was willing to put this statement in an official complaint which would be dealt with by the administration and eventually by the MIT community, he can be deemed to disrespect the rights of students at MIT and the character of the Institute. Therefore, it would seem that according to the properties of extended rationality which Asst. Professor Johnson has applied to this case, Asst. Professor Johnson should call for his own removal from the community.

Yehudah Relis

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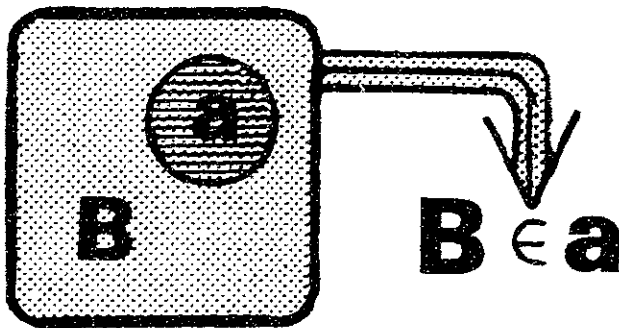
To the Editor:

In the September 16th edition of *The Tech*, a letter from the Managing Board of *Technique* was printed incorrectly. In the fourth paragraph, the word "consulting" was accidentally replaced by the word "considering" during typesetting. The sentence in question should read:

"Printing a statement on the front page of *Tech Talk*, without first consulting those involved in an effort to clarify the situation, has led to a great deal of confusion on the part of those not fully informed of the situation."

Jeffrey Mogul '79
for the Managing Board
of *Technique* 1978

Student takes logical approach



To the Editor:

I was somewhat amazed by Prof. Johnson's charges. Of the six statements in Section 4, two were simple statements of fact. Four were of the form A is a subset of B, therefore all B are in A. F was the most obviously absurd, not being as emotionally charged as

C, D, and E, but the others clearly were at the same form. At least Johnson is in the Political Science department. If he were in the Mathematics department my transfer application to Cal-Tech would already be in the mail.

Robert van der Heide '81

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opinion cont.

Grogo issue draws silence from community officials

By Mark James

The latest wrinkle in the Grogo controversy centers around inaction, specifically the art of not issuing statements.

Perhaps everyone has been waiting for David Soule to say something, as he has done. The Black Student Union met Sunday and did not release a statement. The Interfraternity Conference met Tuesday and also remained silent.

More surprisingly, no administration statement on the matter appeared in Wednesday's *Tech Talk*.

There are good reasons for this silence. The controversy has and still is evolving so fast that any statement issued yesterday, for example, might become obsolete today after Soule's apology was printed.

In addition, many of those who haven't said anything recognize that in a sensitive situation such as this one, a hasty statement may limit the options of those behind it.

In their now-famous *Tech Talk* statement, President Jerome Wiesner and Chancellor Paul Gray may have placed themselves in such a situation — they solidly backed the charges of racism, and at the same time made reference to the Committee on Discipline charges. Soon after issuing the

statement, Gray said that he had not seen the specific charges, but it was easy for most readers of the statement to have concluded that Gray and Wiesner supported these charges, an assumption that may well be incorrect.

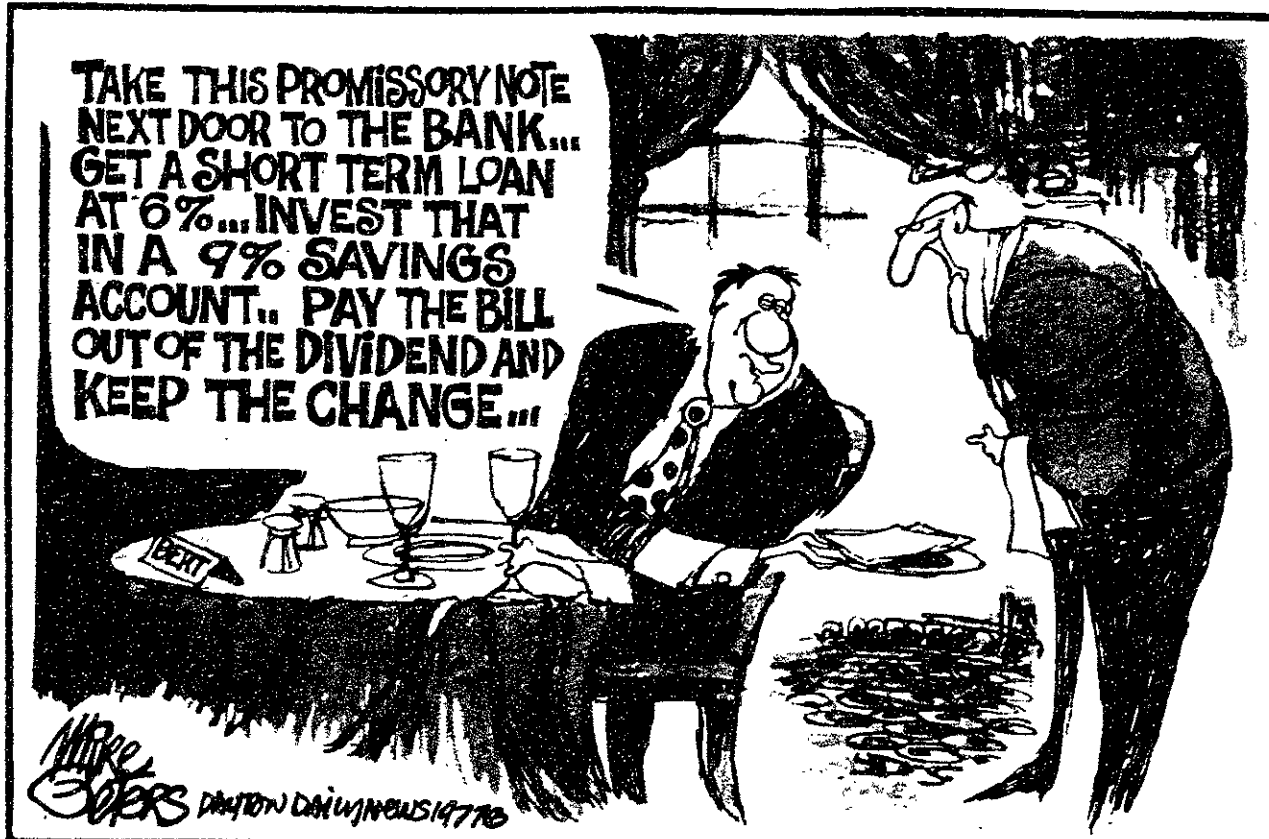
The original charges of Wil-lard Johnson are highly emotional and also largely il-

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logical, and it seems unlikely that many people are really behind them, even though many persons did feel offended by the picture and do feel that some action should be taken.

Many of the aggrieved parties may be satisfied with Soule's apology. Others may find satisfaction in non-judicial remedies, such as programs to encourage understanding between the races, programs which are sorely needed at MIT.

But for the time being, most groups have chosen to work behind the scenes, instead of issuing public positions. Through this route, the controversy may be resolved without the divisiveness that would be a result of a Committee on Discipline decision, whatever that decision might be. So if it appears that no one is saying anything, that may be the best solution after all.



Need for ID badge questioned

Doctor Noble replied with this letter.

To the Editor:

Mr. Shelton has confirmed the fact that the ID-Badge policy is discriminatory and has merely restated the official explanation offered at the outset. As I said in my letter, it is a thin argument for such a blatantly discriminatory policy, one which has aroused considerable indignation on the part of Physical Plant employees. Mr. Shelton has brought up an additional point, however, one which merits serious attention even though it doesn't negate my charges.

It is certainly true, as Mr. Shelton points out, that Physical Plant personnel are unionized. But the current situation regarding ID-Badges hardly speaks well for union Local 254 SEIU (Service Employees International Union). Where has the union been on this issue? Employees do indeed have a "straightforward grievance procedure" to go through on such matters. But where does it lead and how long does it take to get there? One Physical Plant shop steward has been waiting over a year just to get before an arbitrator on a routine grievance. It is an open and, at present, a hotly contested question whether or not the Local serves the membership effectively, a question which is

now being considered by the Department of Labor following a state-wide Local election in which one ballot box was provided for a membership of 10,000. It came as no surprise to many members, in short, when their local president — the winner of the election — resigned to take a job with MIT management.

I wrote my letter because I was personally disgusted by the discriminatory ID policy, which so clearly violates the dignity of those affected, and because people I know in the Physical Plant Department were similarly outraged. Unfortunately, I had to wait two months, until *The Tech* was back in business, before I could express my thoughts on this matter, and by this time the policy has already become routine. But better late than never. Since my letter appeared four days ago I have received a number of calls from Physical Plant people expressing their concern and rage. Most were reluctant to join in the public debate over the issue, however, out of fear that they would be branded as "trouble-makers" and thus jeopardize their jobs.

This, of course, is precisely what Mr. Shelton is trying to do with me in his opening *ad hominem* remarks. It is a time-honored tactic, however logically invalid, to try to dismiss an argu-

ment by dismissing the debater. But there is really no debate here; we agree that the policy is discriminatory. The issue is whether or not to get rid of it. I insist that we should and, fortunately for me, the chip on my shoulder is not mine alone. The US Constitution, The Department of Labor, and HEW carry some of the burden.

David F. Noble
Lecturer, Schools of Humanities
and Engineering
Sept. 17, 1977

Another problem scrutinized

To the Editor:

It seems that Dave Soule is fortunate that nobody has brought charges to the Committee on Discipline about the picture of a non-existent person captioned Herman Q. Witherspoon of Nowhere, Arkansas on page 50 of the *Freshman Picturebook*. By Johnson's logic, the *Picturebook* implies:

- That a non-existent person is a member of the freshman class.
- That the non-existent person is a resident of the state of Arkansas.
- That the students who come from Arkansas to the Institute do not exist.

d. That inasmuch as Arkansans are Southerners, Southerners do not exist.

e. That inasmuch as Southerners are Americans, Americans do not exist.

f. That inasmuch as Americans are people, that people do not exist.

Accepting this chain of reasoning, or any part of it, we have to assume that Mr. Soule harbors some irrational hostility and misguided cognitions about Arkansans, Southerners, and

Americans, and perhaps misanthropic proclivities in general.

It would seem that these charges are at least as serious as those concerning Harvey Grogo's picture, and I am surprised that nobody has brought them before COD yet.

Jerry Wolper '79

Editor's note: Herman Witherspoon is listed in the *Picturebook* as being from Alaska, not from Arkansas, however, the logic of this letter is unaffected by this "fact"

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Geils played them all at the Music Hall

By Drew Blakeman

"Get ready, 'cuz we're gonna play 'em all for you!" So claimed Geils' lead singer Peter Wolf, and the group very nearly fulfilled his promise. Two hours of non-stop frenzy plus two encores delighted sell-out crowds at the Music Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, as Geils celebrated their tenth anniversary of working together as a band.

Geils, formerly known as The J. Geils

Band, recently shortened its name because "everybody was calling it 'Geils' anyway," according to drummer Stephen Bladd. Under any name, this six-man group can rock with anyone. The sheer power of their live performances makes their concerts fantastic, almost an event. This one was no exception. In fact, they seemed to have really wanted to do an especially good job for their diehard hometown fans. They succeeded.

Formed in the Boston area in 1967, the

old J. Geils Band released its first album in 1971. Its ninth and latest release, *Monkey Island*, was featured heavily in the quick-paced set, which included the title cut and the current single "You're the Only One." But Geils also included many of their older and more familiar rockers, songs like "Serves You Right to Suffer" and "Where Did Our Love Go."

After a half-hour delay, Geils opened the show with rollicking renditions of "Detroit Breakdown" and "Homework." The group moved swiftly from song to song, never lingering too long on any particular one. This enabled the band to play more than thirty numbers during the concert, a large majority of their recorded material.

Geils is composed of six members: Peter Wolf on lead vocals, Seth Justman on keyboards, Stephen Bladd on drums, Danny Klein on bass, Magic Dick on mouth harp, and J. Geils himself on lead guitar. All six turned in outstanding performances, both individually and together. Geils and the rest of the band all keep a low profile on stage compared to Wolf's antics. His stage presence is awesome; he is everywhere at once and in no one place for very long.

It is amazing that the group could sustain such an intense level of energy throughout the entire length of the concert without more than an occasional very short break. Peter Wolf never stopped moving the entire time. He jumped, he leaped, he shook, he rolled on the floor. He incited



Drew Blakeman

Magic Dick plays his mouth organ.

the rest of the band and the audience to join him in his high-strung antics, but no one could match his hyperactivity. Some of the things Wolf did to his microphone would get him arrested on sexual molestation charges if he attempted them on people.

Geils handled their solos superbly. Instead of having a few long and drawn out solos as many groups do, Geils kept them short but had a large number of them. Everyone in the band was spotlighted for a special performance during virtually every song. A twenty-five-minute-long drum solo loses audience interest quickly, but twenty-five one-minute-long solos spaced throughout a set help to better maintain a rousing pace.

At one point during the show, in the middle of a boisterous "Must of Got Lost," Wolf jumped off the stage and into the front row of the screaming audience. Most of the crowd in the first dozen rows surged forward in order to maul Wolf, grasping at him and trying to shake his hand. The ushers tried to keep people back, but were trampled in the crunch. Wolf then leaped back on the stage, his clothes hanging on his body in tatters, and continued the song.

After a hasty costume change, Wolf flew back out front and mentioned the group's tenth anniversary. "It sure is great to be back home," he said to the wildly cheering

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Peter Wolf in a rare quiet moment on the stage

events

The Wellesley Junior Show will be presented Fri., Sept. 30 and Sat., Oct. 1 at Wellesley Alumnae Hall. The show will be presented at 8pm both evenings.

The New England premiere of the most recent feature film by French filmmaker Jean-Luc Godard, *Number Two (Numero Deux)*, will be presented Fri., Sept. 30 through Sun., Oct. 2 at Center Screen, located at the Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts at Harvard University. The film will be presented at 7:30 and 9:30pm all three evenings. Tickets will cost \$2. Call 253-7620 for additional information.

Recent handmade paper objects by artists Ellsworth Kelly, Kenneth Noland, Robert Rauschenberg, Alan Shields, and Frank Stella are currently on view in Hayden Gallery in Building 14.

Bernard Slade's romantic comedy *Same Time, Next Year* is currently appearing at The Schubert Theatre, 265 Tremont St., Boston. The show, which stars Barbara

Rush and Tom Troupe, will run for two more weeks. For more information call 426-4520.

WBUR (90.9 FM) is now presenting old radio comedies every Sat. evening at 6pm. *The Great Gildersleeve*, starring Hal Peary as Throckmorton P. Gildersleeve, will be presented every week, with *The Aldrich Family* and *The Life of Riley* alternating every week.

Reality Theater opened Wolfgang Borchert's *Outside the Door* at the Overland Theater, 26 Overland St., Boston, near Kenmore Sq. last night. The show will run through Nov. 12. Tickets are \$3 on Thurs. evenings and \$4 on Fri. and Sat. evenings. For reservations and information call 262-4780.

The 97th season of the Boston Symphony Orchestra begins Thurs., Sept. 29 at 8:30pm with Mahler's First Symphony. The opening program, conducted by Music Director Seiji Ozawa, also includes the

Concerto for Seven Winds, Strings and Percussion by the 20th Century Swiss composer, Frank Martin. The program will also be performed Fri., Sept. 30 at 2pm, Sat., Oct. 1 at 8:30pm, and Tues., Oct. 4 at 7:30pm. For additional information call Symphony Hall at 266-1492.

The Meetinghouse Theatre Company presents Oscar Wilde's high-style comedy of late Victorian manners and morals, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, Wed. through Sat. evenings until Oct. 8. All performances will be at the Charles St. Meetinghouse, 121 Mt. Vernon St., Boston be \$3. For more information call 227-8157.

Star Wars will be the first topic of discussion at the first meeting of the Science Fiction Discussion Group on Tues., Sept. 27 at 7:30pm at the Central Square Branch Library at 45 Pearl St., Cambridge. Everyone is invited to come and participate. Call 492-8115 for more information.

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Geils' tenth birthday rowdy and rousing

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full house. "They tried to put us in the Garden," he added, "but we wanted to be here, closer to you." He bragged that "Everytime they [concert promoter Don Law] know we're comin', they shake."

Wolf then brought out some champagne which had been cooling off in ice-filled trash cans backstage, popped the corks, and doused the first few rows of seats with it. He tossed a few bottles into the mass of people who were surging up to the stage and told them to "celebrate with us."

At one point near the end of the set, the band ran offstage, then rushed right back on to everyone's bewilderment. Wolf grabbed the mike and yelled, "It's one to nothing, us!" The Music Hall exploded with whoops and cheers, but until then probably no one even cared that the Red Sox were playing the Yankees at Fenway

Park. (The Sox eventually won, 3-2.)

Geils saved most of their 'really big numbers for the end of the concert and the two encores. After pleading with the group to do "Whammer Jammer" all evening, the audience worked itself into a frenzied pitch when that song was played. "Lookin' for a Love" and "House Party" also drew ecstatic responses from the Music Hall crowd. Geils' most widely successful song, "Give it to Me," capped off the two-hour long set.

Geils is as good now as they ever have been, and they proved it beyond any doubt during these concerts. They are at their best in concert, mainly because they exude a certain vitality during live performances which cannot come through on records. Everyone who saw Geils at the Music Hall this week was thoroughly pleased. The only complaint anybody had was that nothing



J Geils picks his two-headed guitar while Steve Bladd drums

from the group's 1974 release *Ladies Invited* was played during the show.

After the concert, a party was held backstage in honor of Geils' anniversary. More ice-cold bottles of champagne were opened and a massive angel's food cake with gooey frosting was cut. The band members were visibly exhausted, particularly Peter Wolf. But they mingled among the crowd gathered in their dressing rooms, chatting about that night's performance and the future of the group.

"It felt really good tonight," Steve Bladd replied when asked how he thought Wednesday's performance went. There was unanimous consent on that point: praise was flowing more freely than the cham-

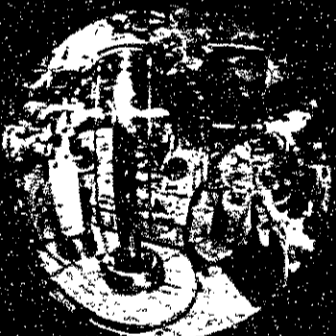
pagne. "It's great to hear someone say they really liked it," noted keyboard man Seth Justman.

This was the first time that Geils had ever attempted one long set rather than two shorter ones with an intermission, and they thought this format worked "very well." They will be using it on their national tour which opened with his stint at the Music Hall.

There are as yet no concrete plans for the group to appear again in Boston, but Bladd said "We really want to come back." Although Geils has remained together for ten years, a long time in the rock music industry, Bladd claimed "It's only the beginning."



Peter Wolf



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sports

Oakland given nod over Steelers, 31-28

By Drew Blakeman

Last week there were a couple of major upsets, but in general the favorites prevailed. The Atlanta Falcons may be in sole possession of first place now, but don't count on them being there at the end of the season.

Kansas City 24, San Diego 13 — The Chiefs looked mighty good in their close loss to the Patriots and could prove to be a more viable force than was thought earlier.

Minnesota 27, Tampa Bay 6 — Ricky Bell has a chipped anklebone. Goodbye Tampa Bay offense. The Vikes should rebound smartly from their overtime loss to Dallas.

Baltimore 31, New York Jets 7 — The Jets did not score at all last week but someday they may. They won't do much against the Colts, though.

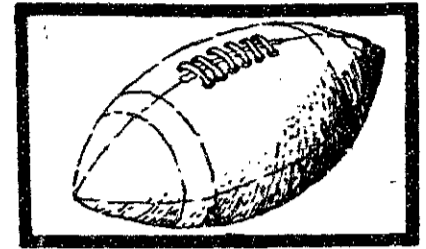
Cincinnati 34, Seattle 17 — The Bengals were almost totally shut down by the Browns in a mild upset, but should be able to score against the defensively weak Seahawks.

Denver 28, Buffalo 13 — If O. J. Simpson has a good day, the Bills might get close. The Broncos should prove too tough at Mile High Stadium; they can already smell the playoffs.

Chicago 31, St. Louis 27 — Both these clubs have high-powered offenses and will move the ball. If Walter Payton repeats his fantastic performance against the Lions, the Bears should win.

New Orleans 27, Detroit 23 — When the Saints are thrown into the Lions' den, on Sunday, they should be able to squeak past a tough Detroit squad.

Houston 20, Green Bay 17 — The Oilers had no trouble shutting out the Jets, but the Packers ought to prove more troublesome. Turnovers should be the key in this game.



Los Angeles 20, Philadelphia 6 — The Eagles managed to beat Tampa Bay, but that isn't saying much. The Rams will be back on track after their disaster at the hands of the Falcons.

San Francisco 17, Miami 13 — Neither team was particularly impressive in their season openers. Bob Griese should have trouble against a superior 49er defense.

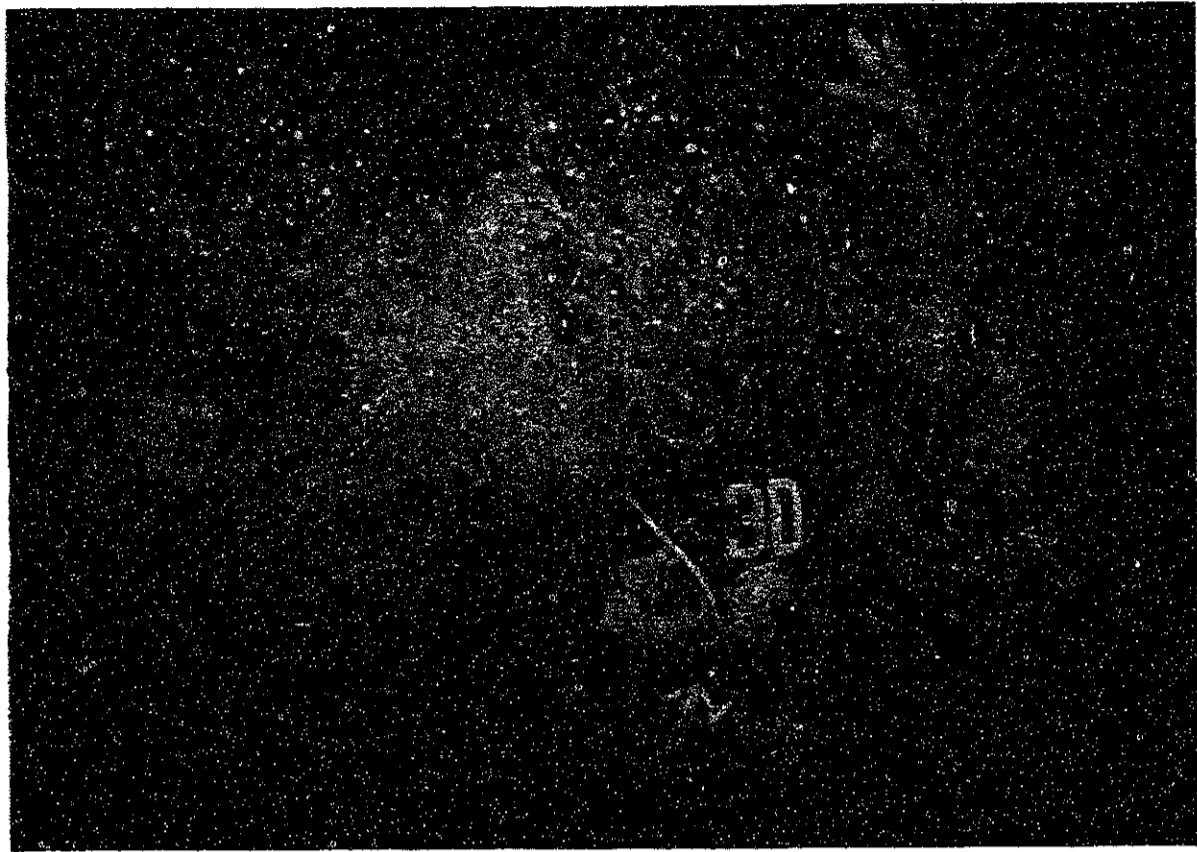
Oakland 31, Pittsburgh 28 — This is the best match-up in this weekend's slate and should be a great game (read grudge match). Ken Stabler will be the key here.

Dallas 24, New York Giants 10 — Both teams were lucky to win last week, but the Giants should make the majority of the mistakes in this game.

Washington 34, Atlanta 13 — The Redskins are going to gain revenge for their last-second loss to the Giants by trouncing the high-riding Falcons.

New England 28, Cleveland 27 — Howard Cosell notwithstanding, this should be a great Monday night affair. Watch for trick plays and good old-fashioned razzle-dazzle.

Last week: 10-4-0 .714
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Jim Hasse '79 chases the ball in a water polo 'B' team game Wednesday MIT won 8-3.

Gordon Heit

MIT women dominate regatta

By Audrey Greenhill

MIT women sailors took four of the top ten places in the New England Women's Single-Handed Championship held at MIT last weekend. The men's varsity team finished fourth in the Nevins Trophy Intersectional held at Kings Point, N. Y.

Fifty-two women raced Tech dinghies in the two day single-handed event. Saturday, the women were divided into four divisions and the top four finishers from each would compete in the finals on Sunday. Unfortunately, only one race in each division could be completed because of winds which varied from zero to five knots (nautical miles hour).

Sunday, everybody reported early to make sure two more qualifying races could be held and still leave enough time for the finals. In the morning there was a moderate breeze so the races were finished quickly. Sally Husted '78 and captain Debbie Meyerson '79 each won their divisions and Diana Healy '78, Barbara Biber '79 and Audrey Greenhill '79 also qualified.

The afternoon races were plagued by light and shifty winds and the 16 skippers could only complete five races. Husted finished second overall, only two

points behind Sandy Ray of Boston University. Healy, Biber, Greenhill and Meyerson finished fourth, fifth, sixth and twelfth respectively.

In the Nevins Trophy, the varsity team finished fourth in a field of eleven of the top teams on the East Coast. The team was close to second place near the end of the regatta, but the usual Long Island Sound light and shifty wind conditions prevailed and one bad shift cost them second and third place.

Team captain Lenny Dolbert '79 finished third in the single-handed division which was sailed in the high-performance Laser. One of his competitors was URI's Ed Adams who is the 1977 North American Laser champion. Two other divisions sailed alternately in 420 sloops and Interclub dinghies. Gary Smith '78 and crew Steve Dalton '81 finished seventh in A-division. In B-division, Elliot Rossen '79 with crew Martin Prince '80 placed fourth. The team's stiffest New England competitors, Tufts and URI, were also there, finishing second and sixth behind first place Navy.

Because of the large number of regattas that were held last weekend there was an unusually large demand for team members.

Therefore, four freshmen were sent to a varsity invitational at Bates College in Maine. The team topped a field of five schools by winning both divisions. Keith Robine and Royce Barones skippered with crews Chuck Calkins and Henry E. Newman deVegvar.

Sailors were sent to three other regattas last weekend but the lack of wind or very light winds did not provide conditions that were a good test of sailing ability. Saturday, Bruce Gage '79 persevered despite the adverse conditions and finished second in the single-handed division at the Moore Trophy regatta hosted by Coast Guard. Unfortunately, the MIT entrants in the three other divisions did not fair as well and the team finished a disappointing fifth out of seven. Tufts hosted the two other regattas, a varsity invitational which was cancelled due to lack of wind and a freshman meet which was beset by the same conditions on Sunday.

Hopefully this weekend will bring better sailing conditions. Both the men's and women's teams have full schedules with the bulk of the regattas being held at Boston area schools.

Water polo squad bursts BU defense

By Bob Crane

The MIT water polo team exhibited excellent passing and teamwork against a weak Boston University (BU) defense in a 9-3 victory over BU's "A" team on Monday evening.

After going down 1-0 early in the first quarter, MIT began getting passes in the hole and ran off eight straight goals by the end of the first half.

BU's inexperienced and under-

manned squad were no match for MIT. Several BU players were not sure about the rules of the game. Short on players, BU used some of MIT's men producing something like a scrimmage.

Outstanding performances were turned in by MIT's Dick Henze '79 and Ken Calvert '79 who each scored two goals. BU's Dan Frank accounted for all three BU goals, scoring on three fast breaks.

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