

off lead

By Dave Potter

In 1882, "Harvard students were united in believing that prices at Harvard Square were outrageous and that students were the most oppressed group in the world," writes Harvard Business School Professor N. S. B. Gras in his 1942 history of the Coop.

According to Gras, the Harvard Square merchants kept their prices high because many students bought on credit and didn't pay. Failure of many students to inquire about the prices and the merchants' local monopoly also contributed to the poor economic situation at the Square.

In February, 1882, Charles Hayden Kip, a junior at Harvard, organized a committee of five students to draft a constitution for a cooperative society. The constitution, ratified by 400 students and faculty, provided that all sales be for cash, that all profits be added to capital, and that a superintendent be appointed.

On March 20, 1882, the Harvard Cooperative Society opened for business in a fruit store at 13 Harvard Row near the corner of Church Street and Massachusetts Avenue.

Through the Coop, students were able to receive discounts at 30 affiliated stores selling clothing and items which the Coop itself did not carry. Sales during the Coop's first year in business amounted to \$14,700.

By 1884 membership climbed to 790 and the Coop had moved to larger quarters at Dane Hall at Harvard Law School, where it remained for 21 years. But despite rapid growth, depressed economic conditions resulted in lower sales, endangering the Society's existence. A student collection raised \$550 against the Society's debt and the Coop was saved. By 1890-91, membership approached 1,000 and sales exceeded \$70,000.

MIT students began a cooperative society in 1886, agreeing to buy from an existing store at a favorable rate. In 1914-16, when the Institute was moving from Boston to Cambridge, the Technology Cooperative Society functioned largely through a stationery store owned by A. D. Maclachlan '96. Students showing membership in the Technology Society received a discount of 10 percent.

Maclachlan chose not to move across the river with the Institute, and Edwin T. Cole, professor of Military Science, working with a committee appointed by the Technology Alumni Council, negotiated with the Harvard Cooperative Society for an Institute branch. In 1918 the Technology Store of the Harvard Coop opened for business on Massachusetts Avenue, on the site of the present Center for Advanced Visual Studies.

CEP endorses plan to move drop date

By Laurence Duffy and Jordana Hollander

The Committee on Educational Policy has endorsed a proposal to move the drop date to the fifth week of the term, with one additional drop allowed up to three weeks before the end of the term.

The proposal, drafted by the Committee on Academic Performance, was presented at a faculty meeting on Wednesday, November 16. Professor Robert Hulsizer moved to table the question until the December faculty meeting to allow more time for discussion and information gathering.

The CAP had been considering various plans to change the drop date for some time before being asked by the CEP for a definite proposal to bring before the faculty. The final proposal would alter the portion of the Rules and Regulations of the Faculty that deal with the drop date to read: "From the beginning of the sixth week until a date three weeks prior to the last day of classes for the term a student may drop no more than one subject."

Dropping courses is currently unlimited until the eleventh week of the term. Students drop courses late in the term for two main reasons, according to the CAP report. Many effectively drop courses well before the drop date but delay turning in their drop cards while others drop a course near the end of the term when they realize they are doing poorly in it.

The major arguments in favor of a late drop date are that it allows students to find out more

about the courses they are taking and that it allows them to test their own capacities.

The report states that several problems arise from such a late drop date, but that main problem is that it encourages overloading. When a student takes more courses than he can handle and has to drop several, the effort he can put into each of his courses is lessened, the report argued, noting that when he finally does drop the courses he can't handle he may be too far behind to make up work in other subjects.

Besides these undesirable effects on a student's education, the CAP also feels that "the level of the class in artificially lowered", and "the grading system is distorted."

According to Professor Thomas Greytak, head of the CAP, the students most likely to drop several courses are those in academic difficulty, as shown by the End-of-Term Summary Sheets submitted to the Committee. It is these students which the new proposal is intended to control.

Greytak emphasized that the majority of students would not be affected. The change would require a little more thought on the part of the students when selecting courses but would encourage them to make a definite commitment to the courses they have taken, he said.

Enough flexibility will remain so students would not be inconvenienced. He also pointed out that, there still would be no penalty for dropping and, in case of major difficulties, a student

SCEP poll: students favor late drops

By Laurence Duffy

The vast majority of undergraduates at MIT want the drop date to remain as it is now, the end of the 11th week, according to a poll conducted by the Student Committee on Educational Policy (SCEP).

Of those surveyed, 90 percent favored the status quo. If a change was made, half of those

who responded said they would prefer unlimited drops up to the fifth week and one free drop after that until the eleventh week. Two other alternatives involved use of a "dr" notation on a student's transcript for each course dropped after the end of the fifth week.

The poll results were presented by SCEP chairman Mike Kowtko '79 at Wednesday's faculty



James Young of Styx solos during "Midnight Ride." Styx appeared along with UFO at the Orpheum on Nov. 4, and a review of the concert appears on the Arts page. (Photo by Gordon Haff)

could still petition the CAP.

Greytak assured the faculty that the proposal is "not a radical change in rules but a modification of existing rules," and that it is in the best educational interests of the students.

After the CAP proposal was presented at the faculty meeting, Professor Robert Hulsizer, President of the CEP, endorsed it and recommended that it be implemented during the Fall term of 1978.

Hulsizer also presented the Registrar's statistics on student dropping of courses after the fifth

week of the term. Out of the 1,934 students, 77 percent dropped only one course and would not be affected by the proposed change in policy. Of the others, 17 percent dropped two courses and only 6 percent dropped more than two. One third of these were graduate students. The freshman class had three times fewer drops than any other class; Hulsizer attributed this situation to the freshman credit limit and pass/fail grading, with courses failed freshman year dropped from external records. He said that he did not, however

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The Harvard Coop is nearly 100 years old. Its history is explored in this issue's off lead an occasional feature of *The Tech* designed to provide a showcase for off-beat, interesting stories on less than hard news. (Photo by Hoon T. Won)

meeting. The main business of the meeting was introduction and discussion of a motion by the Committee on Academic Performance (CAP) to alter current drop date regulations. They moved that students be allowed unlimited drops up to the fifth week, but only one free drop after that until the eleventh week of the term.

Responses to the second question on the SCEP poll revealed that the most common reason for courses dropped this term was an excessive work load. A student's performance in a course was a major reason for dropping it after the fifth week, but was the least common reason for those dropped before the fifth week. About half of those who answered the survey did not answer question two.

The third question asked for students' opinions on having grade distribution percentages listed with their grades on transcripts. Just under a third were in favor of this idea, with only 6.3 percent not answering the question.

According to Kowtko's comments and a preliminary report on the SCEP survey results, a total of 3,650 questionnaires were distributed: 2,350 went to dormitory residents and 1,300 to fraternities. Of the 1,357 surveys returned so far, only 1,199 have been processed.

Kowtko remarked that the 36% return rate is the highest ever for SCEP surveys, exceeding the

previous high by 7.8%. The survey report said that this reflects "an increased student interest in the matter and alternately that students were somewhat more serious in their reply."

The poll was taken, according to the report, because SCEP feels that there is a "lack of student information in issues under faculty consideration... particularly on drop date and freshman grading."

Kowtko brought up the fact that many students had additional comments, questions, and complaints which they reported on the survey, sometimes at great length. He said that this information could be made available to the faculty for consideration at later meetings.

Results of the SCEP poll:

1a. Changing the current drop date is under serious consideration within many departments. Which of the following options do you prefer?

5th week	3.1%
8th week	7.2
11th week	89.7
1.9% did not answer.	

1b. Which of the following alternatives for fifth week do you prefer?
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Drop move debated

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feel that this difference would justify the added complexity of a different drop date rule for freshmen.

These figures were used by Hulsizer to demonstrate that moving the drop date up would not affect a significant fraction of students. He then formally introduced the motion to change the faculty rule pertaining to the drop date and the floor was opened for discussion.

Michael Kowtko '79, reported on the current results of a Student Committee on Educational Policy poll which was mainly concerned with changes in the drop date. A majority of students polled preferred to leave the drop date as it is but the CAP proposal was the most popular of the various alternatives suggested. Kowtko pointed out that the student response to the survey was the highest ever for a SCEP poll and that this fact seemed to indicate that students feel strongly in this matter.

The meeting then centered around questions asked by various faculty members. Professor Stephen Senturia raised the point that in the CAP proposal it suggests that instructors should indicate to students their performance by the drop date.

Senturia added that this would imply a responsibility by the instructor which he may not desire or be able to fulfill.

Greytak replied that the remark was meant as a suggestion and not as a matter of policy. He continued to respond to several questions of procedure, indicating that the change would not involve additional work by the registrar's office, that drop requests between the fifth and eleventh weeks would be treated as usual through petition, and that seniors and juniors would not be inhibited from "shopping" for courses because they would retain the one drop and the pass/fail option.

Several professors opposed the motion, primarily because the CAP's claims of detrimental effects on courses were not consis-

tent with the small number of students involved. There were also suggestions that the change would create more problems that it would solve, and that the present system is quite adequate.

The CEP formulates and articulates overall educational policy and also oversees the action of various other committees. The CAP reviews undergraduate student performance and advises the faculty on academic matters. In both committees the majority of members belong to the faculty but there are a few student members.

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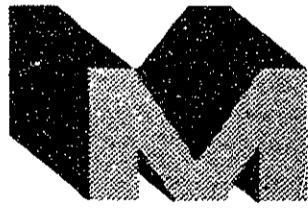
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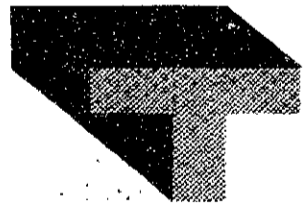
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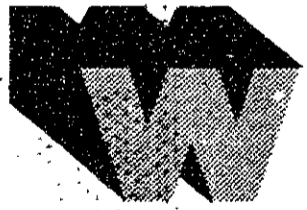
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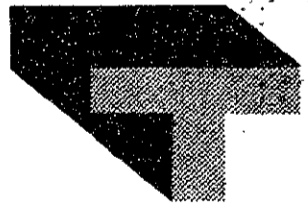
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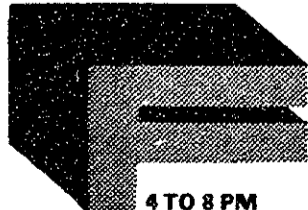
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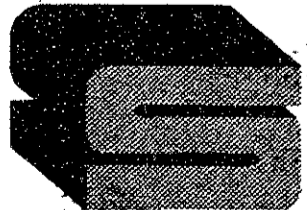
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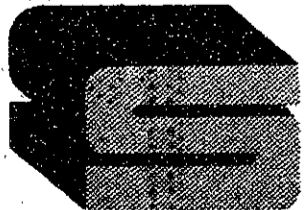
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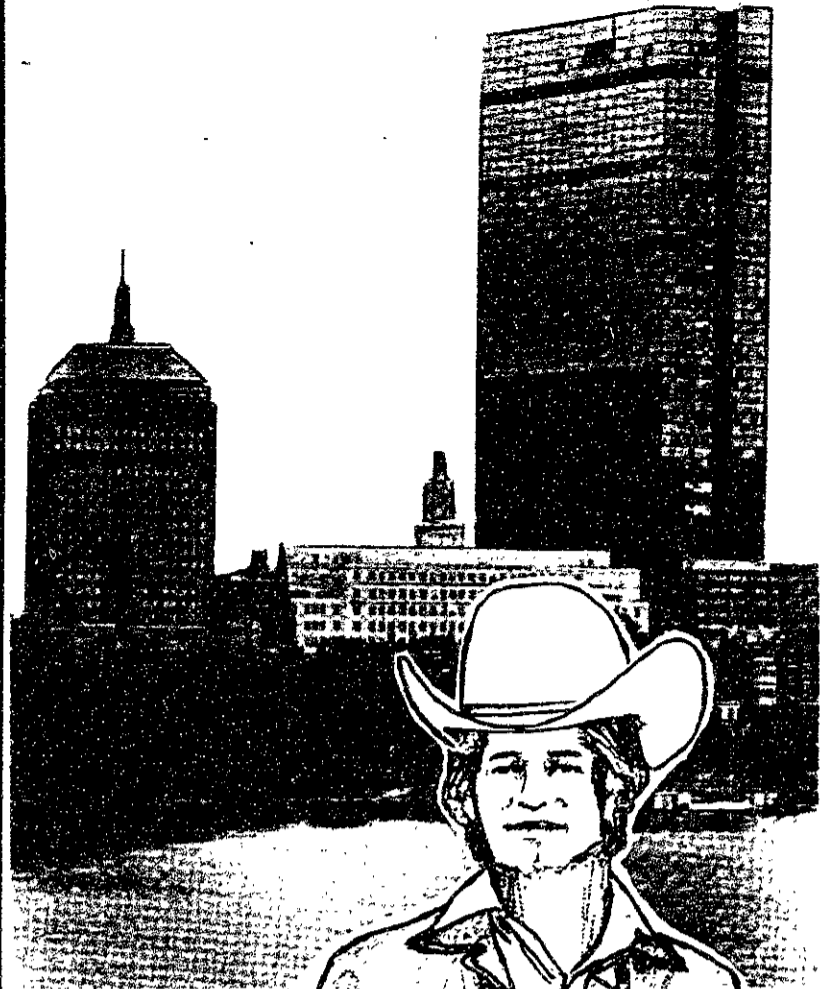
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Nation

State Department concerned about Cubans — The US State Department reported yesterday that Cuban military forces in Angola have not been reduced as promised, but have instead been increased by 20 percent. According to the department's intelligence sources, there are now some 27,000 Cubans in 16 African countries, which it said is "a real concern" to the United States Government.

Administration's energy proposals rejected — The House-Senate Energy Conference Committee yesterday rejected the Administration's proposed reforms in the determination of electric utility rates. The Committee prefers that states be free to reject the measures. Despite the rejection, the Conference Committee's chairman said he predicts that President Carter will find the bill acceptable as it stands now.

State

Governor may change retirement age — Governor Michael Dukakis told the Massachusetts Association of Older Americans yesterday that he may introduce legislation next year to raise the mandatory retirement age in the private sector to 70. He also endorsed a measure now pending which would abolish 65 as the retirement age for government employees.

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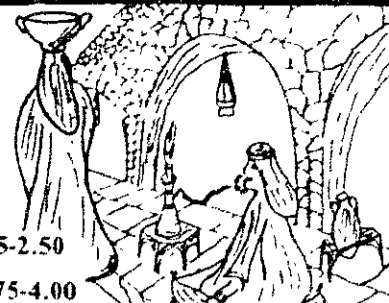
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Opinion

Student input lower due to faculty timing

By William Lasser

The faculty's decision on Wednesday to table a motion which would move the drop date to the fifth week of the term is the latest in a long series of actions which have tended to limit student input into important debates.

One who was looking for a conspiracy would find, if not evidence, at least indications that this pattern has been deliberate. Several controversial and unpopular administration and faculty moves over the past few years have occurred 1) during exam week or 2) over the summer.

The issue was raised at the Wednesday meeting when a professor commented that deciding the drop date issue at the December faculty meeting would tend to decrease student participation, since that convocation conveniently occurs on Dec. 21, smack in the middle of final examinations.

Several cases in point in which action was taken at a time inconvenient for student reaction come to mind:

- * May 19, 1977. The faculty voted to reject a resolution to set up a committee to investigate the Writing Program; a *The Tech* extra prompted by this decision also reported that the electrical engineering department had voted to prevent its students from dropping a course after the fifth week of the term.
- * July 26, 1977. *The Tech* reports in the annual summer issue that disciplinary action taken against four students who were involved in the *Thursday* scandal occurred

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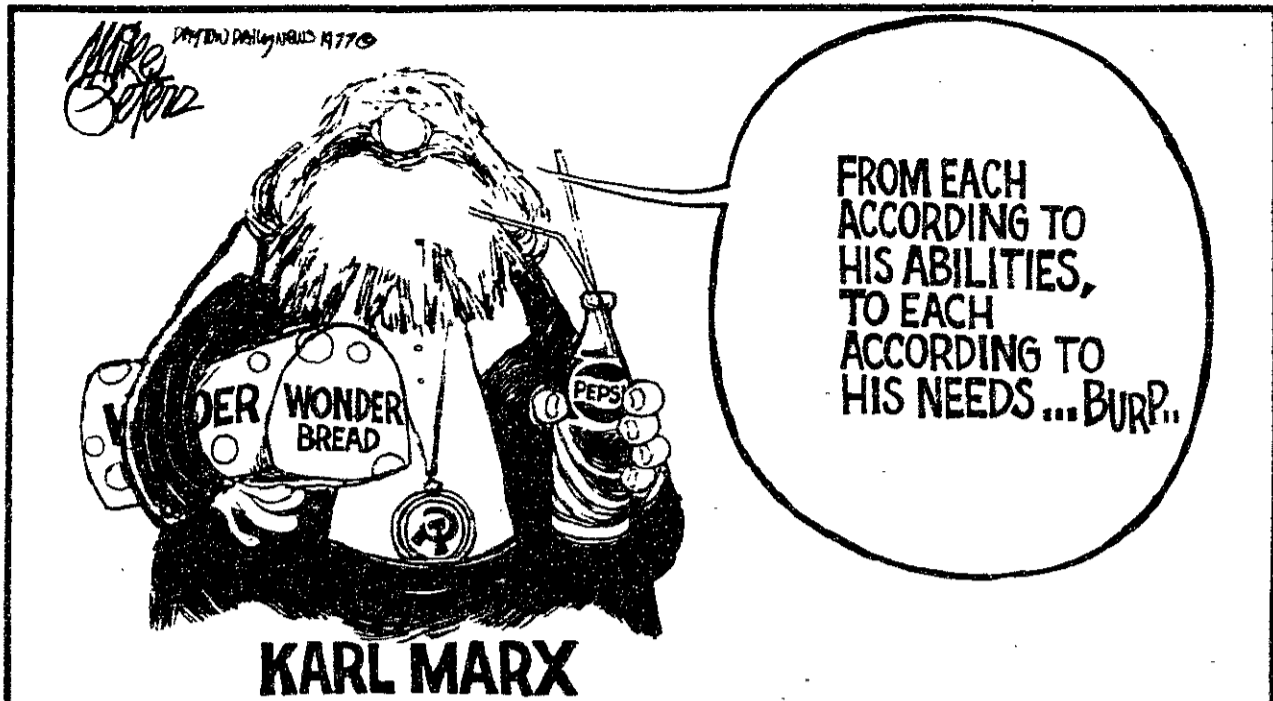
at a meeting of the Committee on Discipline "at the end of May."
 * July 30, 1976. The Sivin Committee Report on the Pilot Writing Program is reported on in *The Tech*, which once again was forced to cover the story in the summer issue, since the report was released at the end of June. Several important aspects of the Sivin Committee's recommendations were later virtually ignored.
 * Dec. 18, 1974. On the last day of final exams, several members of the Electrical Engineering faculty proposed several amendments on drop date and criticized pass/fail grading for freshmen. The Course VI proposals were referred to a committee for analysis, and no action was taken on the pass/fail issue.

There have been other examples of the same syndrome — the resolution of the Taiwan issue and the ill-fated Saudi Arabian deal both occurred in May, although it is easier to excuse these actions as being dictated by forces beyond the control of the administration.

The faculty's refusal to act on the latest drop date proposal and its further refusal to reconsider the motions at a time when student opinions and reaction can be easily gathered leaves even a neutral observer wondering if the faculty has the inner strength to stand up before the student body for what it believes. The seemingly coincidental use of exam week and summer vacations for the consideration of controversial questions is a practice which should be stopped immediately.

Let the faculty meet again in special sessions two weeks earlier to debate a change in the drop date, or let them postpone action until February with any decision not taking effect until next Fall. It is neither fair to students nor conducive to a proper handling of the issue for the faculty to hide behind the cloak of final examinations as they decide academic policy.

The timing of the numerous examples cited earlier may well have been coincidental and unplanned by the faculty. If so, they can demonstrate their good faith by refusing to change the drop date until students can actively participate in the decision.



feedback

Nuclear weapons control urged

Editor's note: The Tech received a copy of this letter to the Union of Concerned Scientists.

Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to join you in a declaration on the nuclear arms race. Of course, the whole sorry business is regrettable, but then so are the not altogether unfounded fears, the ideological intolerance, the economic injustices, and the inability of Mankind to see itself as one family, all living on one piece of family property. Too often, everywhere, it is the successful predator who is admired and rewarded. Let us but remedy such gross irrationality in human affairs and the "arms race" will be relegated to that part of our history which is not repeatable. In the meantime, should there be a sincere acceptance by all nations of the recommendations made in this particular declaration, it will be some evidence for a diminution in human social pathology and an increase in human rationality. A sincere acceptance, of course, could be demonstrated only by openness, full supervision, and the acceptance of appropriate controls.

Though I cannot send you unqualified, mechanical support for the above-mentioned declaration, I do agree that something must be done to control not only the nuclear materials used in weaponry, but all nuclear material. It is my opinion that a control which is internationally effective must be exerted on all such materials virtually from the moment they are mined. There should be no exception at all. Virtually every nation has seen the need for stringent gun laws. Surely every nation must know the acute need for a strict inter-

national law regulating and accounting for every gram of uranium, plutonium, and whatever else can be converted into nuclear weapons. In the meantime, countries with the money, man-power and technology to produce these materials should not sell or give such dangerous materials to nations who will not accept international controls (and therefore accountability). Perhaps a moratorium should be declared on such sales until proper controls are formulated and accepted. It would be much more useful, and infinitely safer, to supply countries with the actual electric power at costs that are compatible with their economy, than to let them purchase, (with what money? Money borrowed from the USA? Or money borrowed from some international bank largely financed by the USA?), nuclear reactors and the associated technology which can lead to the production of nuclear weapons. From every possible point of view, the latter is senseless, whereas the former, (supplying the electric power), is immediately useful, and could

lead to a united world. This Declaration on the Nuclear Arms Race, I fervently hope, does not mean that the intellectual, religious, and political leaders and structures of our society have given up all hope of applying preventive, rational measures. An important objective for research and education should be the reduction and remedying of the causes of human mischief and miscreancy. Perhaps we should begin with defining the difference between creative competition and predation. Our humanity is that much lessened by our continued glorification of our destructive greed. In this, and in other respects, I also hope that President Carter's policy on human rights will be implemented by good people of great intellect, great personal dedication, and exceptional agility in human dealings.

These are my views. Perhaps you will accord them as much of your time, and as sincerely, as was given to your circular.

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Bishoff notes errors

To the Editor:

In your article about the new Medical Department facility of Tuesday, November 8th, there were a few factual errors that warrant correction.

One, the article reported that I am head of the Medical Advisory Board; in fact, Professor Louis D. Smullin is Chairman. The Board is a representative group from the MIT community that functions as a consumer advisory board to the Medical Department. Two,

the article stated that processing an application for determination of need "generally takes at least a month." In reality, the average length of the process is currently six months and is often subject to lengthy delay. So far as I am aware, the Institute's plans to construct the facility are firm subject only to obtaining a determination of need from the state.

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Drop move opposed

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prefer? ("dr" is a drop-notation on transcript)

5th w/"dr" for later drops	28.6%
5th w/"dr" till 11th, none after	20.9
5th w/one "free"	50.5
18.8% did not answer.	

2a. If you have dropped a course after the fifth week, what was your major reason?

work load	52.7%
instructor	7.6
student performance	23.3
course structure	6.0
neglected to turn in drop card earlier	10.9
48.3% did not answer.	

2b. If you dropped a course prior to the fifth week of the term, what was your major reason?

work load	48.9%
instructor	20.6

student performance	5.1
course structure	25.4
44.5% did not answer.	
3. Would you be in favor of a grade distribution (in percentages) for all courses on your permanent transcripts?	
YES	31.7%
NO	68.3
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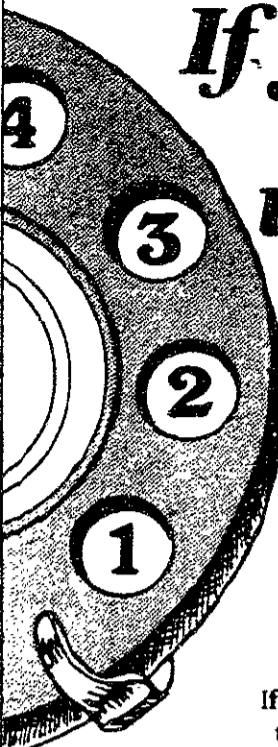
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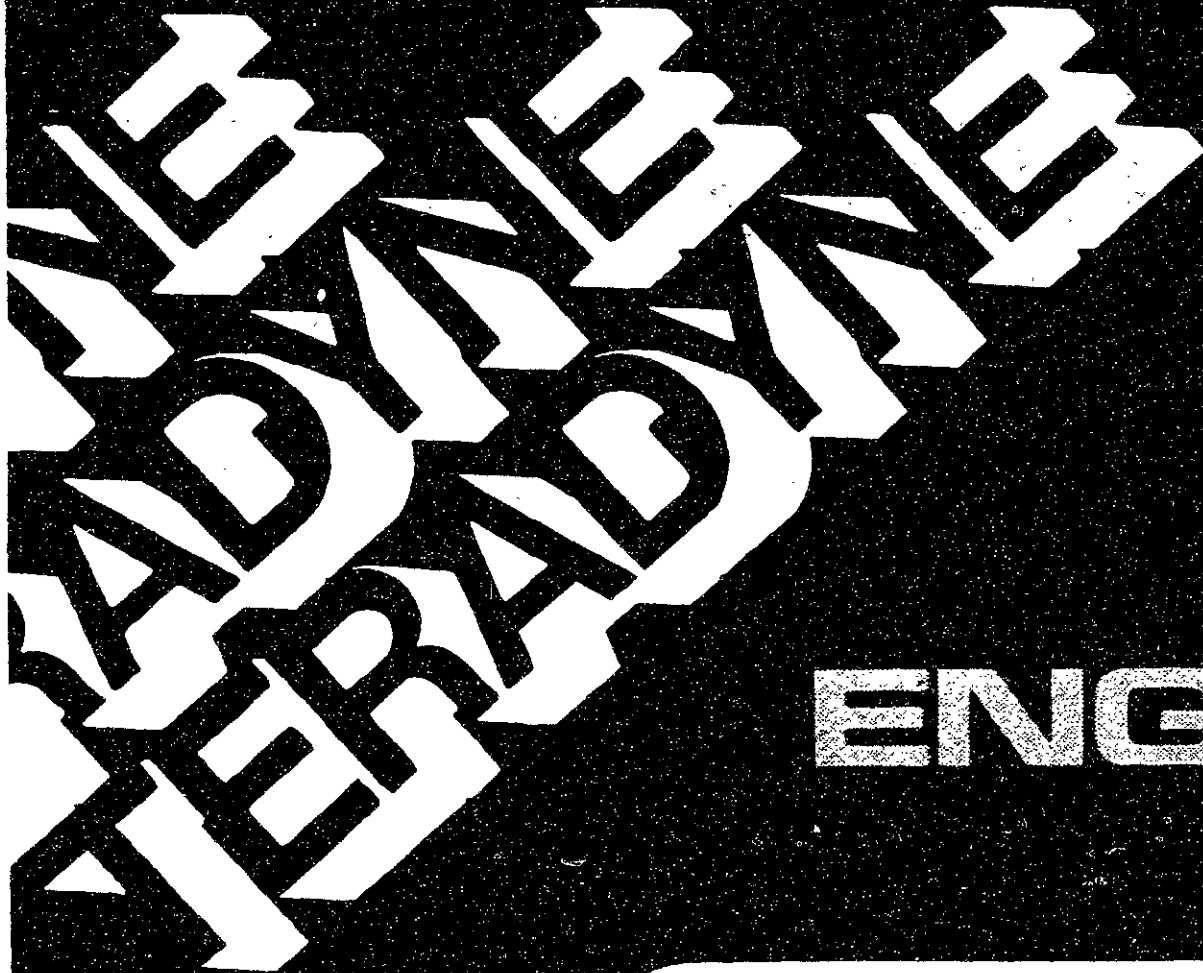
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2 RUNE displays MIT's literary talent

2 RUNE, the MIT Journal of Arts and Letters

By David B. Koretz

2 RUNE is the second issue of a literary magazine that first appeared a year ago. While not of the highest quality, the overall product is a pleasant surprise for an all-student publication. The biggest faults of the 72-page magazine are the dearth of prose and the lack of quality of what material is included. The reason for the latter problem, as I found out later, is that the two longer stories are only excerpts from novel-length manuscripts.

Cheryl Allen's "Reunion" deals with the developing relationship between two people who seem pretty mixed up. Unfortunately the excerpt does not stand alone; the characters within are not fully developed, references to episodes outside the excerpt are confusing, and the characters' emotional catharses don't seem particularly meaningful in the context of this excerpt.

Joanie Lund's "Jacob's Daughter" is much better; the writing style alone is far superior to "Reunion"'s. The main difficulty with Lund's work is its similarity to many Sholom Aleichem stories, particular-

ly those on which *Fiddler On The Roof* was based. Lund manages to capture the reader into the mood of an Eastern European town at the turn of the century; unfortunately, the rebellious-young-lovers plot is hackneyed.

The only other prose is a short "Tribute to Ernest Hemingway," an excellent satire by David Feinberg that is both humorous and realistic.

The poetry ranges from free-form ramblings to excellent works in imagery, such as Jung H. Choi's frighteningly introspective "Reminder" and Bill Benjamin's

philosophic "Out of Politeness." Benjamin is one of the best poets represented, but he tends to overstate his subject in first lines and the subsequent imagery tends to be somewhat anticlimactic.

2 RUNE's strongest point is its promise. Hopefully, the next issue (planned for next term) will draw more writers and illustrators. In addition, this issue is selling well; before the press run of 600 is exhausted, stop by Lobby 10 and pick up a copy for \$1.75. It will give you a surprising look at what MIT students can do in the literary arts.

Styx: rowdy hard rock

By Dennis McGrail

Although it is not readily apparent from their hit single "Lady," Styx has a heavy-metal sound that makes for a very wild concert. The audience was at its feet for much of the time that Styx was on stage at the Orpheum on Nov. 4, and was treated to a fine evening of good hard rock.

The concert opened with UFO, another heavy-metal band similar in style, sound, and rowdiness to Styx. UFO lacked Styx's professionalism, but the music was performed nearly as well. The only problem with UFO's act is that it has a rough edge; a little bit of polishing would improve it considerably.

As expected, "Lady" was a crowd-pleaser, beginning slowly and ending in a frenzy. There were a few more mellow tunes mixed in during the concert, but the biggest hits were the faster cuts such as "Midnight Ride," "Light Up, Everybody!" and "Women, Whiskey, and Sin." These songs and others like them kept the audience enthusiastic throughout the performance.

UFO's music set the mood for a night of electric high-energy tunes. For a group that

has been around awhile and has cut several albums, it is shocking that UFO hasn't attained greater popularity among lovers of good rock. The high point of UFO's performance was a rousing rendition of "Rock Bottom."

There were numerous drawbacks in the technical aspects of the concert, however. At one point during UFO's act, there was tremendous feedback in the sound system which was remedied by a kick to one of the speakers, moving it out of the way. It was easy to be distracted by the amateurish lighting, as the crew had continual problems in aiming the spotlights.

Everyone at the concert seemed to have a dynamite time, although this was often difficult due to the extremely tight security at the Orpheum. Police were hassling quite a few people throughout the show, but something can be said for the fact that there were no fights, which have repeatedly been a problem at previous concerts in Boston featuring rowdy music. In light of this, however, the crowd had a wild time and both Styx and UFO presented a fantastic concert.

weekend

By Paul Hoffman

MOVIES

Basic Training — This is one of Wiseman's most critical documentaries; it is a review of the military and its efforts at dehumanizing recruits. A must for pacifists. Saturday and Sunday at 2pm, Orson Welles.

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AROUND MIT

Network — (Friday, 7 and 10pm, Kresge) This movie was worth every Oscar it received. Extremely well written screenplay by Paddy Chayefsky (the first literate TV writer), with excellent acting by Faye Dunaway and Robert Finch.

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to

the Forum — (Sunday, 6:30 and 9pm, room 26-100) Zero Mostel and Phil Silvers romp through this funny, silly movie about ancient Rome. It really was one of the best comedies to come out of the mid-sixties.

Junior Class Dance — (Saturday, 8:30pm on, Walker) This looks like real fun, with a live rock band, free drinks, door prizes and such. \$1 for a ticket; that's cheap enough to come with a friend.

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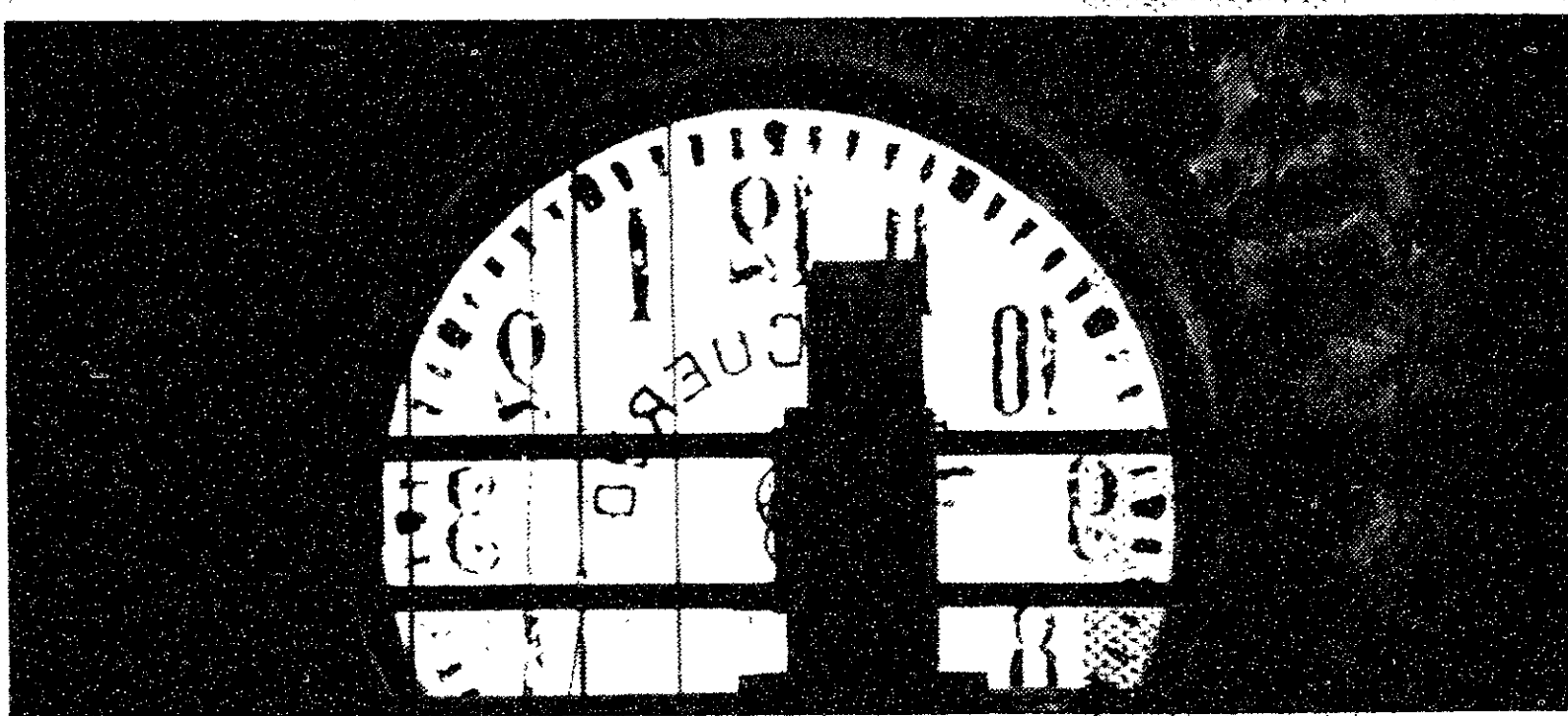
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SAE quarterback Bruce Wrobel '79 was near perfect in Sunday's IM Football Championship as he connected with Thad Stanley G for four touchdown passes. (Photo by Gordon Haff)

St. Louis to win sixth straight

By Drew Blakeman

This week's predictions are:
Los Angeles 27, San Francisco 16 — After four straight victories, the 49ers might be getting a little overconfident.

Oakland 33, San Diego 7 — The Raiders are going to start tuning up for post-season action, not that they haven't been already.

Atlanta 7, New Orleans 6 — Last week, all of the Falcons' points were either set up or scored by their defense.

Baltimore 40, New York Jets 12 — The Jets have proved that they can pull a few upsets, but they won't in this game.

Pittsburgh 27, Dallas 24 — The last time the Cowboys lost two in a row was, well, can anyone remember back that far?

Chicago 13, Minnesota 10 — Without Fran Tarkenton, the Vikings may have some difficulty scoring.

Houston 3, Seattle 0 — The Oilers are still in the thick of the fight for the playoffs.

St. Louis 48, Philadelphia 27 — Where did the Cardinals come from? Have they really won five in a row, or is it just an illusion?

Denver 21, Kansas City 14 — Even when the Broncos fall flat, they still manage to win.

Cleveland 20, New York Giants 17 — The Browns will stay alive in the tight AFC Central race with a last-second score.

New England 41, Buffalo 0 — Now that the pressure is off the Patriots, they can have fun rolling up the score in revenge.

Detroit 19, Tampa Bay 3 — If the Buccaneers win a game this year, the entire Gulf Coast of Florida will suffer pacemaker failure.

Miami 28, Cincinnati 26 — The Dolphins have grand designs upon winning their division.

Washington 26, Green Bay 10 — Bart Starr will come off the bench to replace the injured Lynn Dickey, but to no avail.

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SAE routs LCA, 31-6, for IM football crown

By Gordon Haff

Last Sunday afternoon, under overcast, wintry skies, MIT's equivalent to the Harvard-Yale game was held on the Rugby Field. It was the IM Football Championships — B-league in this case since there was no A-league this season. As it has for the last eight years, the championship game featured Lambda Chi Alpha against Sigma Alpha Epsilon and, as has happened throughout those years except for once three years ago, SAE emerged victorious.

This game draws enthusiastic fans not only from the groups involved but from numerous other places as well. Spectators line up on the side of that fraternity which they prefer (or dislike less, as the case may be) and cheer as if it were a varsity sport. Actually, with the experience I have had with varsity sports, the fans at intramural games like this one are often a good deal more enthusiastic than those at varsity games.

The game began at two in the afternoon. Already there was the feeling of snow in the air. LCA's "bland" led off the game by playing their rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner". By the time the contest got underway, each sideline was lined by about 75 spectators, most bundled up in down jackets and sweaters.

The game was never really close. The powerful quarterbacking of Bruce Wrobel '79 and the four touchdown passes hauled in by Thad Stanley G had almost sealed the game by the end of the first quarter. LCA's offense led by John Kirsch '79 was able to score but one touchdown.

By the fourth quarter, SAE led 24-6 and many of the spectators began to depart as the light dimmed and the temperature dropped below freezing. A few minutes before the end of the contest, SAE added another seven points to make the final score 31-6.

Although many IM Championships draw considerable crowds, certain elements of the football championships are different from the others. Most important, there is no higher level of football competition at MIT. It is THE MIT football championship rather than a competition without 20 or 30 of the school's better players.

IM



About 150 spectators came to cheer on their favorite team in Sunday's IM Football Championship. However, for LCA the cheers and signs such as this one were in vain as SAE routed LCA 31-6. (Photo by Gordon Haff)

Water polo third

By Gordon Haff

Last weekend, the MIT varsity water polo team finished its season in the New England Championships at Brown where it finished third behind second place Yale and first place Brown, champions for the last two years. This represented the culmination of MIT's best season. Since the team won the New England championship six years ago.

On Friday, MIT played games against UMass and Harvard, defeating them handily 13-3 and 10-3 respectively. The next day the team did not fare as well. In an extremely tight defensive game, Yale defeated MIT 5-3. What lost the game for MIT was its inability to capitalize on one-on-one situations, usually one of the team's strong points. After coming from behind to tie the game 3-3 Yale was hit with several quick ejections, but the MIT squad was unable to capitalize. Shortly thereafter, Yale sprung to a 5-3 lead which MIT could not equal.

Coach John Benedick called the Brown game "an excellently fought game." He said that "the guys played really hard."

However, the team lost 12-4 as it was unable to hold down the explosive Brown offense.

The season has ended with an 11-9 record — 10-6 in league play. In addition, junior Pete Griffith, MIT's goalie has been nominated to first team All New England. Sophomore John Dolan and junior Ken Calvert were both nominated to second team All New England, while Seniors Dick Henze and Sam Senne each received Honorary Mention. In short, in the words of Coach Benedick, "it has been a very successful season."

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