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Saturday saw MIT's hoons pull off a stunning upset against Trinity. The game, which was the last home stand before Christmas Vacation, was a close one from beginning to end.

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EXCERPTS

Oct. 1 1973 Sine theta. Cosine theta. E to the I omega T. When I stay up until 2:30 in the morning working on a mechanics problem set and then try to sleep, I end up slogging through a sludge of sines and cosines instead of dreaming. I lie there half asleep and think I'm solving the last problem, when I'm really just grinding out a jumble of symbols in my head. Two nights ago I thought I'd found the way to finish the third problem on the last set assigned. I rolled out of bed to write it down, forgetting that I was on the top bunk. I landed on my roommates desk, right on his typewriter. Dave shot out of the room because he thought the ceiling was caving in. When I explained what had made me jump out of bed at 3am, he stared at me, dropped his shoulders, and asked whether I wouldn't really rather be staying up late with the Iliad and the Odyssey, or with Cheryl from upstairs. He doesn't understand. He's majoring in History, the Arts, and Letters. He's never been obsessed with finishing a physics problem.

From *Confessions of a Faltering Physics Student*
by Eileen Pollack

MIT reviews handicapped policy

By Barbara J. Hill

MIT will soon begin a move toward evaluation and improvement of its response to the needs of its handicapped students.

According to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, all institutions of higher education which receive federal funds must develop an evaluation procedure for reviewing policies affecting the handicapped.

MIT is complying with this statute by establishing a task force of handicapped students, staff members from the Housing and Medical Departments, and interested faculty which plans to meet beginning in January and present their report in June of 1978.

According to one of the students on the task force, MIT is fairly responsive to the individual needs of physically handicapped students; the students' main difficulty is finding the right person with whom to discuss problems.

In dormitories, this student found that the maintenance man

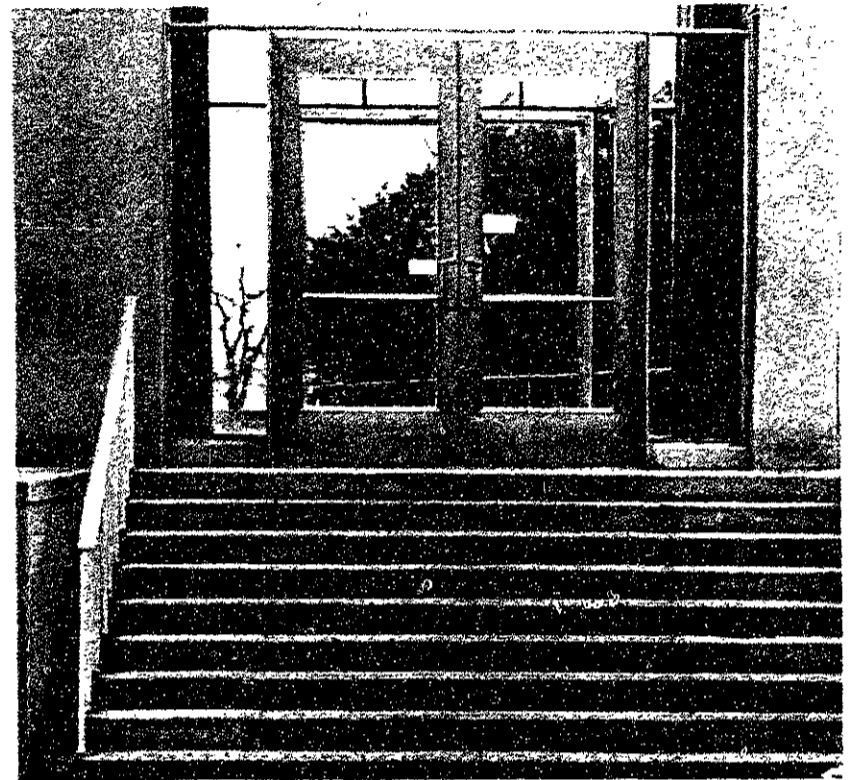
could usually complete any modifications which students may require, such as changes in the bathroom structures, railings, and braille or recessed operating instructions on elevators. The MIT Safety Office can affect major changes such as curb cuts and assuring building access.

"What they do, at least they do right," according to the student.

The City of Cambridge has not been quite as responsive, however, the student noted. Attempts to get more curb cuts on Massachusetts Avenue have met with little success, and existing cuts are done incorrectly, sometimes causing wheelchairs to overturn.

The student stated that MIT is better prepared in attitude as well physical plant for handicapped students than the 25 other institutions which she had investigated. On one occasion, the Registrar's Office even moved one of her classes to a more accessible building.

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Stairs at entrance to Hayden Memorial Library are impassable to handicapped students (Photo by Monty Solomon)

Silber freezes BU exposure funds

By Jordana Hollander

The administration of President John Silber at Boston University has frozen the funds allocated to the *BU exposure* because of the paper's continuing refusal to submit its copy to prior review by the University.

The administration has frozen the money allocated to the *exposure* this year and part of the funds allocated last year. It has announced that it will not release the money until the paper agrees to submit its copy for inspection before printing. According to the administration, the faculty advisor in charge of this review would merely prevent the printing of any libelous statement.

The *exposure* has responded that the advisor would act as a censor and as such would not be acceptable to the paper. This September the paper named Professor of Political Science Howard Zinn as its advisor. He has not promised the administration to stop publication of controversial statements, however, and therefore does not fulfill the administration's request.

The *exposure*, according to staff member Terri Taylor, is seriously considering legal action against the University. Taylor said that the paper's lawyers have found that a clear case of breach of contract exists because the University withheld last year's funds which it had already granted the paper.

The paper may also be able to file suit on the grounds that the administration's demand for prior review violates the students' constitutional right to free expression. Although the paper is ready to go to court, Taylor stated that it would prefer to negotiate with the University and attempt to reach a mutually satisfactory solution.

The *exposure's* problems with the administration began shortly after its establishment. It was

originally intended to be the triweekly newsletter of the Student Union, the student government of BU, and it applied for funding as such. The Allocation Board gave them \$2400 to begin publishing.

The Allocation Board has control of the funds from the \$20 activities fee paid by all students at BU. The Board is made up of 10 students, one elected from each school. Officially it is only an advisory board and the Dean of Student Life had the power to veto any allocations.

The *exposure* soon became a political journal, often critical of the university administration.

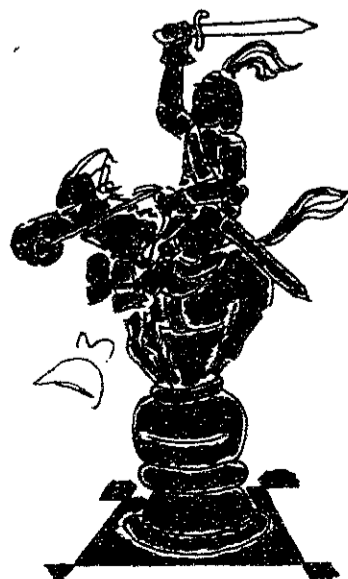
Chessmaster Report

Korchnoi aims to be champion

By Ken Rogoff

Editor's note: Ken Rogoff, a third-year graduate student in economics, is the fifth-ranked chess player in the United States and represented this country in the last world championships.

His chess games can no longer be published in the Soviet Union.



New books, as well as revised editions of older ones, may not contain examples of his play. The Russian authorities are in the embarrassing position of knowing that a non-person is methodically polishing off their best players, and is on the verge of becoming the world championship challenger in their national pastime.

When Victor Korchnoi decided to defect during a prestigious tournament in Amsterdam a year ago — after assuring himself of first prize — it sent shock waves through the chess world. Korchnoi was the second strongest player in the Soviet Union and remains World Champion Anatoly Karpov's most serious threat. That is, unless Robert Fischer miraculously returns to the world chess scene.

Karpov became champion in 1975 when Fischer refused to defend his title against the challenger. Declining to play even a single game since becoming champion in 1972, not even the five million dollar purse or the ease with which he could have

beaten Karpov could seduce Fischer out of his self-imposed exile from the chess world. Korchnoi himself might be champion today had not Karpov become challenger by edging him out in unconvincing fashion.

Korchnoi's defection prompted a barrage of denunciation of which even Solzhenitsyn might be jealous. Always a maverick, Korchnoi was not particularly popular with his colleagues, and Soviet chess authorities found him a nuisance. His defection thus became an official outlet for personal revenge. The Soviet Chess Federation produced a letter which accused him of everything short of smuggling out state secrets in his chess clock. Virtually every leading Soviet grandmaster agreed to sign it, including Karpov. One of the three who had the courage to refuse to denounce Korchnoi was former World Champion Boris Spassky.

So it was under highly extraordinary circumstances indeed that 46-year-old Korchnoi and 40-

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Korchnoi is surprising favorite

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year-old Spassky find themselves pitted against one another in a 20-game match to decide who will challenge Anatoly Karpov for the world championship next summer. The match is currently taking place in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, and Korchnoi has already jumped to a stunning 3½-1½ lead.

At 46, Korchnoi is at an age generally considered too old to begin an assault on the world crown. Chessplayers are supposed to peak around age 35. Yet Korchnoi has never played better. His convincing candidates match victories earlier this year over former World Champion Tigran Petrosian and two-time Soviet Champion Lev Polugayevsky displayed boundless energy and stamina.

Indeed, one of his strongest weapons against Karpov, who is twenty years his junior, is his superior stamina. In their 1974 match to play Fischer, Karpov was fading fast and might well have lost had it lasted beyond 24 games.

Karpov's chess strength has grown by leaps and bounds since then, and it is not at all clear that Fischer himself would be able to beat him now. He has been a great champion, and he has established the finest tournament

record of any reigning world champion. Karpov and Fischer are in a class by themselves.

But while young Karpov's growth is not surprising, nobody expected the aging Korchnoi to continue to improve. He has carved out the number three spot in world chess for himself. He still handles his opening systems extremely creatively, and in the endgame he may well be better than Karpov and Fischer.

Korchnoi relishes the idea of a world championship match with Karpov, even though Karpov would be a 2-1 favorite in such a match. Not only could he achieve his dream of the world championship, but he is fully prepared to use the attendant publicity to air his gripes against the Soviet authorities.

Before his match with Spassky in Belgrade, Korchnoi called a press conference. He declared that the match was a struggle between two ideologies and that Spassky was a one-legged dissident. Actually, it was Spassky who courageously spoke out

against the invasion of Czechoslovakia, and apparently ignored urgings from Moscow to pack his bags and leave Iceland when Fischer chose to forfeit the second game of their 1972 world championship match. Spassky himself has long wished to emigrate with his French wife.

Whoever the bigger dissident is, Korchnoi looks like a big favorite to win the match right now. Spassky trounced Korchnoi in their 1968 challengers match, but this time he is quite lucky to have gotten this far in the playoff cycle. Although not a great opening or endgame player like Korchnoi, Spassky is magnificent in complex, dynamic middlegames. Spassky once remarked that Korchnoi depended entirely on calculation to orient himself, and that in difficult positions "he nearly always does the wrong thing." Spassky will have to hit hard at this weakness if he is to rally in this match.

(The third game of the match will be discussed in a subsequent issue.)

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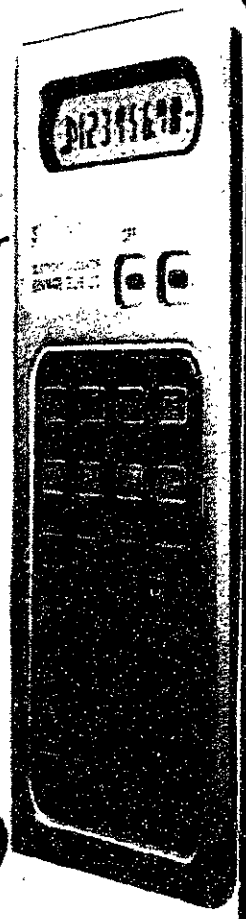
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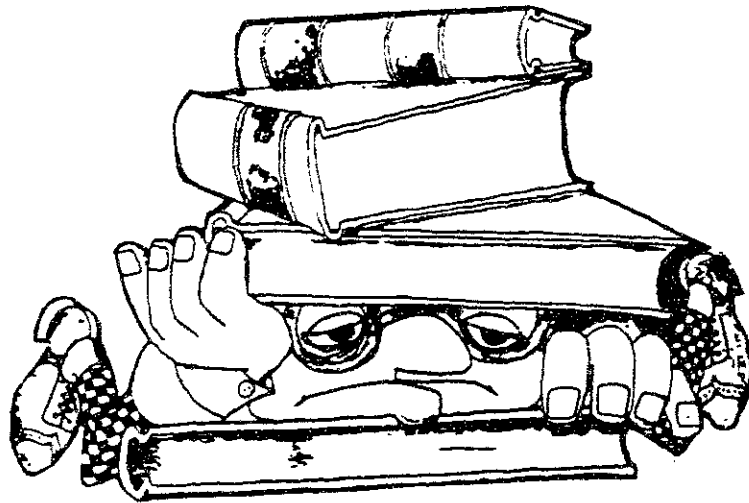
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news roundup

World

Tension lessens in Bermuda — After violent black demonstrations on the island of Bermuda the atmosphere is gradually returning to normal. The troops sent by Great Britain to quell the rioting are no longer prominent, tourists are returning and the government has shortened the dusk to dawn curfew which it plans to end as soon as possible.

Mideast

Diplomatic relations severed — Egypt has cut diplomatic ties with Syria, Libya, and the Palestinians. This move was to counter attempts to isolate Egypt and to allow President Sadat to continue talking with the Israelis. It also serves as a warning to Jordan, Lebanon, and the Soviet Union. Ending relations with Libya and the Palestinians was a purely symbolic act because Libya had cut ties with Egypt over a week ago and the Palestinians have no country or embassy to cut ties with. During the last few days, however, more than thirty PLO leaders have been deported from Egypt.

Nation

Coal miners go on strike — As of midnight Monday the United Mine Workers have been on strike nation-wide. Negotiations between the miners and the coal industry reached a stalemate over the union demand for the right to strike individual mines. The strike will result in the lay-off of over 3,000 workers of railroads hauling coal and hurt the local economies. Major industries have stockpiled large reserves of coal, however, and more than half the coal supply is from non-union mines so the miners will be the most badly drained by a strike.

State

Bill to reduce insurance company taxes — This week the State Legislature will act on a bill that may give domestic insurance companies in Massachusetts a tax break that could reach \$100 million. The proposal would replace the present one percent gross investment tax with an income tax. If a company complied with certain conditions this tax would be gradually reduced over the next five years. One of the requirements suggested is to have companies contribute over \$60 million during that five year period to businesses in the state which could not obtain funds from any other source.

New The Tech board elected

Special to The Tech

Three times proved a charm as David A. Schaller '78 was elected Chairman of *The Tech* for Volume 98 at the annual election meeting held Sunday on his third run for the position of honor.

After an early Sunday morning brunch the elections began, and continued for almost four hours. Soon the rest of *The Tech's* 1978 Executive Board was chosen. Besides Schaller, the new Executive Board comprises: Bob Wasserman '80, Editor-in-Chief; Patrick M. Thompson '80, Managing Editor; and Lee A. Lindquist '79, Business Manager.

Newly elected Board members were invited to join the old ones in the Board room, although only to observe and comment, not to vote. The Board Room, scene of many daring and controversial editorial decisions, soon became full of young journalists eager to carry on this tradition.

The business of the meeting soon continued in earnest, as Steven T. Kirsch '81 was chosen News Editor, to be ably assisted by Laurence Duffy '81 and Jordana Hollander '81, both selected Associate News Editors. This trio will continue to keep *The Tech's* faithful readers well-informed.

The Tech's proud production staff was boosted by the reelection of Night Editors Pandora Berman '80 and Steven E. Frann '80, and the addition of Benson I. Margulies '81 and Eric Sklar '81 to the night editing ranks.

The photography department hopes John M. Grunfeld '80 will click as the new Photography Editor, being promoted from his position of Associate Photo Editor.

Tom Curtis '80 and Gary S. Engelson '80 were re-elected as Sports Editors for Volume 98 of *The Tech*, in a unanimous decision. This dynamic duo will con-

tinue their fine coverage of MIT's athletic endeavors.

Leigh J. Passman '81 was selected Associate Arts Editor for the 1978 *The Tech*, and he will provide culture and drama its pages. The Business Department will feature newly elected Advertising Manager Brenda Lee Hambleton '79.

For their valuable experience and advice seven contributing editors were elected: Gordon Hall '79, William H. Harper '79, Rebecca L. Waring '79, Kevin A. Wiggers '79, Drew S. Blakeman

'80, Katy E. Gropp '80, and Leonard Tower, Jr.

Finally, a new board position was created, that of Senior Editor, to be filled invariably by outgoing editors who are members of the Senior Class. Those elected are Mark J. Munkacsy, William Lasser, David H. Thompson, Mark H. James, David B. Koretz, and Kathy E. Hardis.

The newly elected Board members will take over *The Tech* with the first issue of Volume 98 in February.

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notes

* Freshman evaluation forms are available in freshman advisors' offices as of Dec. 7. The student turn-in deadline is Dec. 16. Freshmen must turn in an evaluation form for each subject. Instructors should return completed evaluations to advisor by Jan. 2. Extra evaluation forms are available in the FAC Office, 7-103.

* The Licensing Executives Society, Inc. invites eligible undergraduate students to submit an original article on an aspect of the licensing or transfer of technology. The author of the winning article will be awarded \$500 for himself and \$500 to his academic department and will present the paper in person in New Orleans on Nov. 6 to 9, 1978. Entries must be received no later than March 1, 1978.

* The selection committee invites students to submit nominations for the James R. Killian Faculty Achievement Award for 1978-79. Please send suggestions to the Killian Award Committee in care of Room 10-400 before Dec. 19.

* The E. Austin Kelly III Competition, which involves two prizes of \$250 each, will be awarded for the best scholarly or critical paper in the Humanities of at least 4,000 words in length received on or before the deadline of April 28. Plan now to revise and expand this semester's paper for the competition. Details available from the Course XXI Office, Room 14N-305, x3-4446.

* Auditions for the Musical Theatre Guild's IAP production *A Salute to the American Theatre*, a musical revue, will be held on Dec. 6 at 7pm in the Mezzanine Lounge and on Dec. 8 at 7pm in Room W20-473, both in The Student Center. Candidates should prepare a song for audition. For information call x5-9155 or x3-6294.

* Director auditions for the Musical Theatre Guild's *Gypsies and Dolls* will be held on Dec. 7 at 7:30pm in Room W20-453 of the Student Center. For information call 253-6294. Interviews for musical director, choreographer and designer to be announced next week.

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opinion

Several comments on Institute events

By William Lasser

So many things have happened over the past few weeks that it has become impossible to keep up with all of them. Although it would be preferable to be able to devote a full column to each one of them, the limitations of time and space have forced me to condense my comments into one column. With that in mind, consider me:

- Pleased that the Committee on Educational Policy — and, by extension, the full faculty — has decided to postpone consideration of the drop date issue until the regular February meeting of the faculty. Chairman of the faculty Robert Hulsizer may be right that the postponement decision won't make any difference, that it's just a "symbolic thing," but it is the first concession by the faculty in recent memory to the student body, and the first time the faculty has taken any action — symbolic or otherwise — to back up their often-stated contention that they consider student opinions. Now, it's up to us to use this opportunity to constructive ends, by showing up in full force at the February meeting to demonstrate our commitment to a late drop date. The faculty has shown that they listen to students — perhaps they can be convinced to take real as opposed to symbolic actions on behalf of students in the future.

- Mildly amused by *thursday's* "Tech bites Man" headline, and a little upset by the corresponding "Irregardless" story by the Rat. *The Tech's* editorial was not "rife with distortions, misconceptions and outright lies." The Rat was correct in pointing out that the UAP is not the only student automatically recognized to speak at meetings of the faculty, although we would still argue that the UAP is the most important voice of the student body at those meetings. The other "outright lie" the Rat cited concerned our phrase, "the hitherto nonexistent General Assembly executive committee." He claimed that that committee already existed before Berke's letter to us. That's not correct — there is an Undergraduate Association Executive Committee which consists of the UAP, the UAVP and several others, but the "General Assembly executive committee" is an invention of Peter Berke's executive prerogative.

- Concerned that Geoff Baskir may be correct in his letter to *The Tech* that nobody cares about student government anymore. It's true that the student generation of the '70's cares more about their economic future than anything else, but it would be unfortunate if we all gave up and decided that we couldn't influence decisions of importance to us. I suppose that being an editor of a college newspaper makes me by definition an optimist, because if I didn't believe anything could be done I couldn't possibly spend the time required to write about issues of importance. Even if students are only concerned about their future, they should still care about their education, and that's something student government can concern itself with.

- Absolutely dismayed and shocked that the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science could even announce that they were considering limiting enrollment. It may be just a ploy to extract more money for Course VI, and if enrollment is increasing as they say they probably deserve more. But the mere thought of restricting the options of MIT students in choosing their undergraduate majors is repulsive. Andrew Essenberg '79, head of the Course VI Student-Faculty Committee, said that the Department might resort to indirect methods to limit enrollment — such as grade deflation. That route seems almost as unacceptable as the direct route.

- Irritated that Peter Berke would say that *The Tech* does not offer advertising discounts to MIT student groups. We do.

here and now



Mike Peters
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feedback

Berke 'smeared' in editorial

To the Editor:

I realize recent events in American history have bestowed upon the press the task of [sic] scrutinizing our political leaders. However, the primary purpose of a responsible newspaper is still the seeking out and printing of news of concern to the community it serves.

If *The Tech* were adequately performing that primary function it would not have to pursue this attention-grabbing "Impeach Berke" campaign. (The campaign, by the way, was started as a hack in September, when someone payed for a slide at an LSC movie saying "Impeach Peter Berke"). If *The Tech* wants to find out what the student body president is doing they should assign a reporter the job of asking him.

As a friend of Peter, I am aware of the many things he has done in his role as UAP. He talks to countless students and members of the administration, including representatives from the Placement Office, Office for Women and Work, Dean's Office, Office of the President, CJAC, the FAC, and many others. He has concerned himself with crises (Grogg and others) and long range student issues (counseling issues, placement, curriculum, etc.).

As *The Tech* has reminded us (in its own condescending and facetious style), Peter was elected on a platform of "putting the leaves on the trees." As I remember it, he also wanted to humanize the Institute. He has moved toward this goal by encouraging and facilitating student activism and individual initiative, rather than setting himself up as a demagogue who would falsely

represent the wishes of this diverse student body.

If *The Tech* would ask Peter, they'd know his letter to them was reasonably serious, and if they would like to call a general assembly meeting they should go right ahead. It might produce something more newsworthy than this silly smear campaign.

Stewart Landers
Nov. 30, 1977

Drop Date policy: money not issue

To the Editor:

In connection with the proposed change in the policy on Drop Dates, I would like to comment on the economic factor. When the CEP first reviewed the present policy early this fall, it was believed that there might be a considerable savings in teaching staff if there were fewer changes in registration after the fifth week. However, information supplied by the registrar indicated that most of the changes in registration after the fifth week are made by upper-class and graduate stu-

reported to us that those drops are distributed so diffusely over the various subjects offered that the savings in teaching staff that would result from not allowing any drops after the fifth week would be less than one percent. Therefore, the possible economy would be too small to be considered an important factor.

As a result, the recommendation for a change in the drop date policy has been made solely on educational grounds.

Robert I. Hulsizer
Chairman of the Faculty
Dec. 1, 1977

Kick a fender for freedom

To the Editor:

Over the course of my year and a half at MIT, I have crossed Massachusetts Avenue many times. On a sizable number of these occasions I have watched cars pass through the intersection, seemingly oblivious of the red traffic lights and crowds of startled pedestrians through which they drive.

For a long time, I have accepted this as a part of life at the Institute, and have gained much useful sharpening of my alertness and dodging ability. This seems to be the attitude of nearly all of my fellow walkers.

Well, I for one am finally fed up. The odds of automobile against pedestrian are too heavily stacked: one of these days, one of them is going to get one of us, unless something changes soon. Therefore I have unilaterally declared an open season on runners of red lights. Few things, it seems, will produce a more

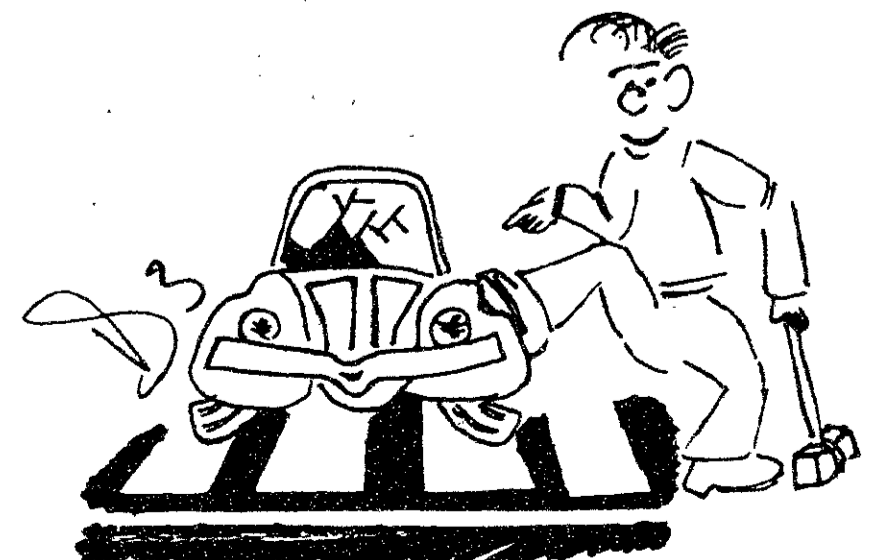
satisfactorily upset driver than the sight of an angered pedestrian charging with blood in his eye.

It has often been said that the best defense is a good offense. It is time for this philosophy to be

tested on the battlefield in front of 77 Mass. Ave. Kick a fender for liberty!

Besides, it's fun.

Hal Peterson '80
Nov. 25, 1977



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Getting around now easier for handicapped

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There is still a shortage of handicapped-equipped bathrooms, however, and access to some buildings is still less than ideal. To enter Sloan School, for example, the student noted she must go down the parking lot driveway, which she said, is not "terribly safe" due to cars entering and exiting.

She indicated that the ideal place for most handicapped students to live is East Campus, which is close and has few barriers to first-floor entry. These floors are still all-male, however. In choosing her classes and activities, she says that the only special consideration she takes is time: "It just takes me longer to do things."

John Wynne, Vice-President for Administration and Personnel, is administratively responsible for the coordination and development of MIT's self-evaluation, with help from Pat Garrison, his assistant for equal opportunity. Garrison is investigating MIT's compliance with existing non-discriminatory laws.

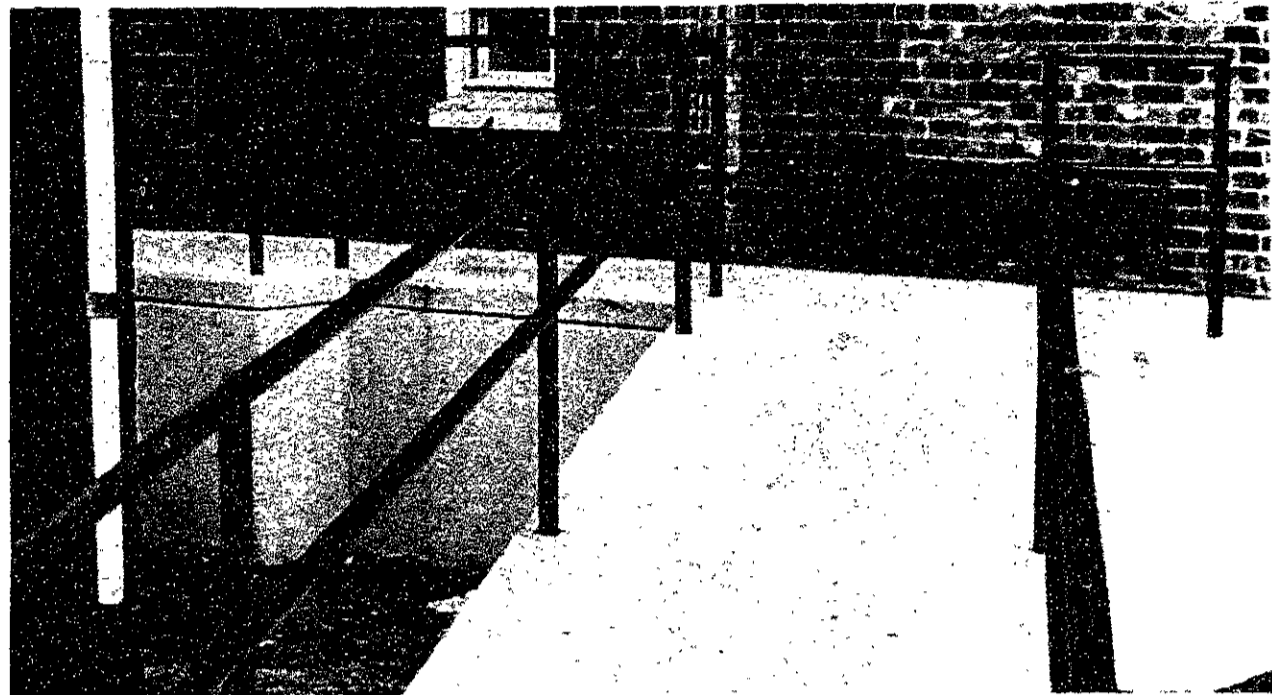
According to an addition to the May, 1977 "Federal Register" by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the handicapped must be offered equal opportunities in counseling, physical education, recreation, research opportunities, clubs, transportation, medical care, financial aid, and admissions.

Because of the small number of handicapped students here, MIT has been able to deal with these problems as they arise on a student-by-student basis, according to Garrison. The law does not require major renovation of MIT's physical plant, it does state that any program made available to a student must be made available. Therefore, MIT is making modifications as they become necessary.

In addition, the Institute must revise any academic requirements which discriminate against disabled students. Giving a special exam for a blind student and waiving a Junior Physics Lab requirement for a student unable to use the laboratory equipment are examples.

MIT must offer comfortable housing for the handicapped student at no extra charge.

Garrison pointed out that there is a problem with locating students who have specific needs, as the Institute has no record of who is handicapped or how many handicapped students are enrolled. By another provision of the law, MIT may request such information from students, who would not be obligated to respond.



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Exposure cites BU censorship

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organization to publish their journal.

The paper would have two main objectives according to Taylor: to provide a critical analysis of BU policy and to examine alternate cultures in the Boston Area.

The new Allocations Board met several times and finally gave over \$4000 to the group. Kornblau said that the request was granted because the Board felt that the exposure staff had a right to print their views regardless of the community's opinion of those views. He added that a university should be a "mecca of ideas" and any ideas should be aired.

The funding request then went to the Dean of Student Life Johann Madison for approval. The university refused to release any money until the exposure had a faculty advisor to review their copy. According to Madison, BU is the legal publisher of the paper and therefore would be responsible in libel suits resulting from any statement printed in it.

Zinn, the student's choice for advisor, is known for his involvement with the antiwar and the civil rights movements and has not supported university policy. Zinn met with Madison on Nov. 30 to discuss the extent of his role as faculty advisor and stated that while he was willing to advise and to inform the exposure that a certain statement was libelous he would not stop publication.

Zinn therefore refused to assure Madison that he would prevent the paper from printing something they wanted to and called this promise a "loyalty oath." Such a request, he said, showed a lack of respect for students and was both immoral and "anti-independent." Zinn also noted that the most likely situation to arise would be BU suing itself for libel because the controversial material printed in the journal was about the administration.

Madison pointed out that the three publications supported by university funds also had faculty advisors who review issues to prevent the publishing of libel.

As for other campus papers, Mike Sokolove, editor of *The Daily Free Press*, stated that they were independent of university funds and of university controls.

Both the money granted this year and half the money granted last year are still frozen. They are continuing to print the paper us-

ing money donated by friends, raised through benefits, and earned through advertising.

According to Taylor, the paper is in a strong position to negotiate with the university. She cited various attempts by the university to harass the exposure that have failed, such as trying to get them to drop the BU in their title, refusing their rooms on campus, and not allocating money to operate. She also mentioned strong support for the paper from the faculty and students at BU and from the Massachusetts chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

The journal has hired the law firm of Hamilton, Homans, and Lawson, well known in the area of civil liberties law. Taylor said that their lawyer, Michael Posner, a partner in the firm, told them that possible university liability for libel was not at issue. Libel is extremely difficult to define and a libel suit is a very remote possibility, he said.

Taylor noted that the paper's lawyers and the staff would be willing to publish a disclaimer placing all responsibility for libel on the exposure, but no response on this suggestion has been received from the administration.

In addition, Taylor pointed out that the exposure has had each issue reviewed by a lawyer for possible libelous statements. The staff is conscious of the problem, Taylor said, and is putting extra care into proper attribution.

Taylor claims that the problems experienced by the paper stem mostly from opposition by Silber. She states that "he believes in ruling BU in a centralized and tyrannical manner" and leaves no room for dissent or questioning. The next issue of the exposure is scheduled to appear on Dec. 13, and Taylor declared that university harassment will not shut down the paper.

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Workshop director Beth Soll

Dance Workshop alive

By Nathalie van Bockstaele
and Stina Cooke

Editor's note: Nathalie van Bockstaele and Stina Cooke are members of the Dance Workshop.

The MIT Dance Workshop is a very active group on campus, and this year it has decided to inform the community more regularly and systematically of its activities. The Workshop's director, Beth Soll, her company, and poet Rhea Tregobov, are being sponsored in a performance on December 9 at 6:00pm in the Walker Gymnasium (Bldg. 50, 3rd floor).

This concert will include *Clearfield*, selections from an unfinished piece *Conversations in a Foreign Language*, and readings by Rhea Tregobov from her *Anatomy Alphabet Book*. These pieces illustrate multiple contrasts: works finished and unfinished, old and new, psychological and physical. Soll will express her own views on this subject before the performance.

Soll's specific approach to dance is present in the development of the Workshop. Several times a semester it plans to invite the public to watch works in progress, such as the first open rehearsal held last

Wednesday. The program was designed to demonstrate a wide variety of types of material with which it works and to gradually introduce the audience to freer improvisations.

Each section was presented and described by Soll, which was apparently a great help to the audience. In general, audience reactions were very much in phase with the degree of concreteness of the improvisation; as long as their movements were based on a specific theme, the public could understand what it saw. The same phenomenon occurs among the dancers; when the assignment is explicit they are more aware of what they are doing.

The Workshop concluded the program with three free improvisations — two in small groups and one with the whole group. These were probably the most difficult parts both to perform and to watch. Comments received concerning this last section characterized it as being chaotic; difficult to understand, but full of signs and indices about the individual personalities and the structure of the group. The images were too tense and dramatic, partly due to stage fright.



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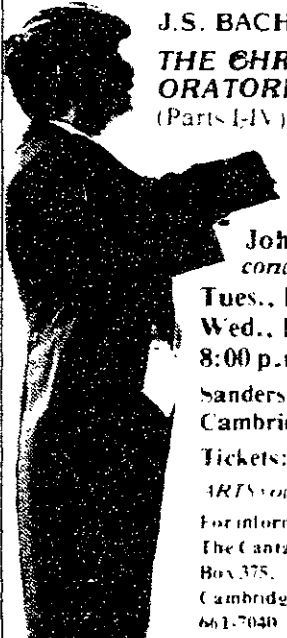
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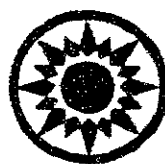
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Harvard tops fencers

By Brian Wibecan

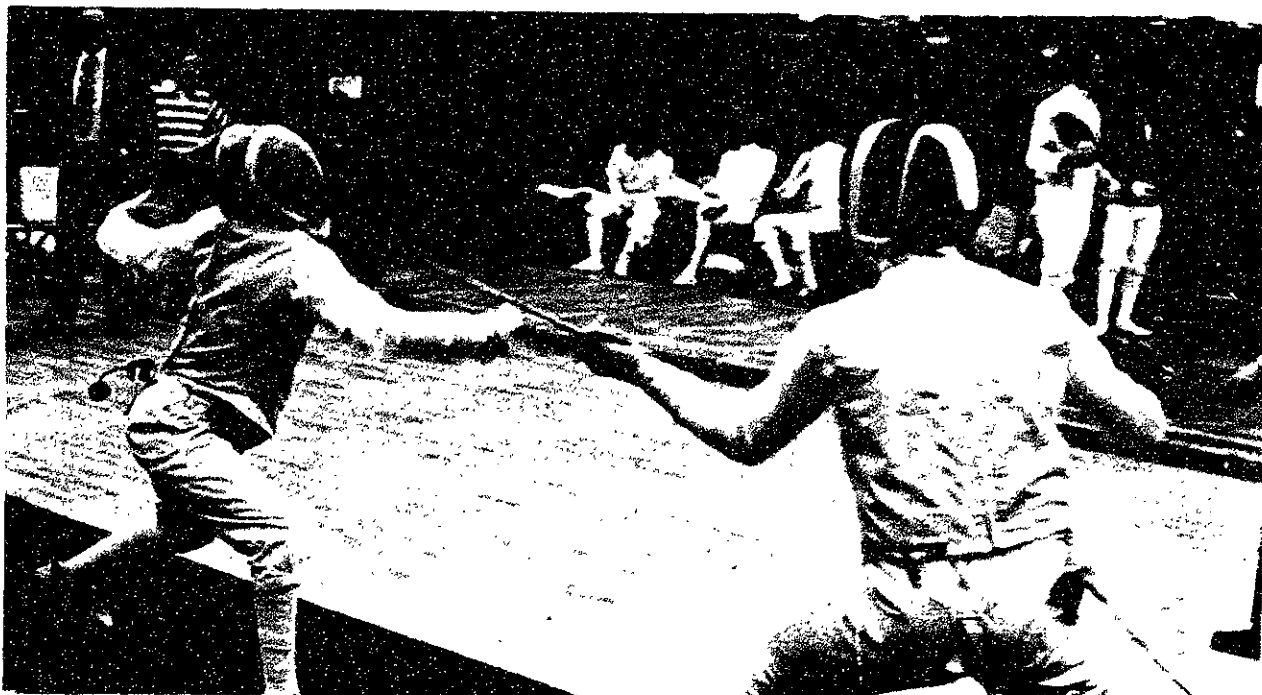
The MIT fencing team opened its regular season with a disappointing 12-15 loss to Harvard, Wednesday in duPont.

It was a meet full of surprises. The épée squad, though not expected to do well, won its division 5-4. Responsible for this were John Rodrigues '80, who won all three of his bouts, and Jim Freidahl '81, who took two. The sabre squad, also expected to have a lot of trouble with the strong Harvard trio, only lost 4-5, highlighted by sophomore Bill Darling's two victories. Darling scored a phenomenal come-from-behind win, giving Harvard's top sabreman his only loss of the night.

The foil squad did not have such a good time. They were expected to do very well, and ended

up losing 3-6. Coach Eric Sollee commented, "We lost it in foil. The team psyched themselves out." The coach went on to say that he considers MIT the better team, but that they lost on concentration. Captain Mark Smith '78, who won two bouts, was quite peeved at his one loss, and his fencing in general in the meet. He apologized after the meet for "fencing without my head," and added, "I hope to come out of my slump." Smith is an "A" rated fencer, and is currently an "invited guest" of the U.S. International Squad.

The junior varsity did slightly better, losing 13-14 to Harvard's J.V. Most of the weight was carried by the épée squad, which took eight out of nine bouts. Juniors Brian Wibecan and David Heller both swept three bouts.



A JV MIT fencer scores a touch against his Harvard opponent on Wednesday

Pistol downs three

By Michael Tavis

Last Saturday MIT easily beat its three opponents, Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), Boston State College (BS), and New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), in the Collegiate Pistol Shooting Match.

There were three separate events in the match. The first was the International slow fire. This consists of six strings of five shots fired in 45 minutes. There is a possible 300 points tied up in this event.

Next was the Conventional, or American style. This again counts for 300 points, total, and consists of 10 shots fired in 10 minutes (slow); two strings of five shots fired in 20 seconds each (timed); and two strings of five fired in 10 seconds each (rapid).

The final event was the International Standard Pistol. This is the same as the Conventional, except that there are two strings of five shots fired in two and a half minutes each for the slow part of the event. The other difference is that shooters must start with their guns down, whereas they may have their guns up for the other two events. This makes for some quick shooting in the 10 second rapid portion, when a couple of seconds are necessary to bring your arm up and aim.

Because there are three events of 300 points each, this type of match is known as a "Collegiate 900". Although everybody gets to shoot, only five pre-designated members of each team are in the

actual competition. Then, when the shooting is over, only the four best scores from each team will count.

For MIT the five shooters chosen were: David Schaller '78, Denny McMullen '78, Phil Morris '78, David Miller '79, and Kyle Brown '80. The first four ended up counting. Their final total scores were Schaller-792, Miller-791, McMullen-774, and Morris-772.

This made the MIT team's total a respectable 3129, which easily beat WPI's second place score of 3010 points. BS and NJIT had final scores of 2695 and 2512 points, respectively.

Gymnasts drop first Wrestlers are ill

By Helen Miyasaki

The MIT men's gymnastics team lost their first meet last Friday to the University of Lowell 161.9 to 131.2.

Floor exercise was won by MIT's captain John Trojani, '78, with a score of 7.85. An array of difficult tricks, such as full twists, a side somersault, and a pike front somersault, were used by the Tech men to win this event. Overall, MIT's form was much cleaner than Lowell's on floor exercise.

Unfortunately, Lowell overpowered MIT on the other five events with consistently outstanding performances by their all-around men. On the next event, pommel horse, the depth of

the Lowell team was apparent as they took the lead by almost 10 points.

MIT's only other first place was Jim Cherry, '78, on rings with a 7.0. In coming meets MIT can expect higher scores from the top three ring men, all of whom received handspots on double-back somersault dismounts. A handspot automatically deducts at least 0.5 from the score.

In addition, sophomore Hrvoje Petek and freshman Mark Perkins show a tremendous amount of potential. Petek has improved considerably since last year; and Perkins' handspring full twist vault promises to be exciting.

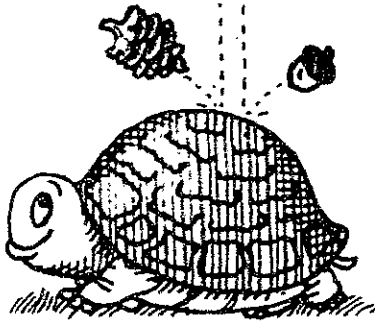
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convenient for all four teams (MIT, Bowdoin, Western New England, and Wesleyan), a matter that might take a good deal of time. For now, the MIT team is unable to use the wrestling room because the room is under quarantine. However, the wrestlers are running to stay in shape and those who have not had symptoms of impetigo have been practicing at Boston University in preparation for the next scheduled match. This meet will be triangular against perennial rivals Harvard and the Coast Guard Academy, the latter having been upset by MIT two years ago. The meet is scheduled for Jan. 14 at MIT, and hopefully by then the team will be back to full strength.

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Winter sports begin

By Tom Curtis

The approach of winter signals the beginning of the year's biggest sports season here at MIT. Fifteen teams in 11 sports will be competing for MIT.

Basketball is the biggest winter sport. So far, the team is 1-2 and appears to be headed for a mediocre season. However, the team should be as surprising as last year's team which upset Suffolk. Games will be played Wednesday and Saturday nights in the cozy confines of Rockwell Cage.

Hockey is another popular sport here. The MIT Hockey Club has been improving steadily since graduate students have been allowed to compete. This year's team will try to build on the 11-7-1 record of last season, the Beavers' first winning season in a decade. Most home games are Saturday night at the ice rink.

Indoor track's prospects for another winning season are good. Although the team lost its star distance runner, Frank Richardson, MIT high jump record holder Reid von Borstel '78 is back. The team won its opening meet Saturday and appears to be strong. Meets are Friday evenings or Saturday afternoons in Rockwell Cage.

The men's and women's swimming teams should also be very competitive this year. All-Americans Preston Vorlicek '79 and Bob Hone '79 should lead the team to another winning season. The women's team, having most of last year's swimmers, should also produce a winning record. The team will compete in Alumni Pool on the east side of campus starting in January.

The pistol team is probably the most talented of all the winter teams. All of the starters from last year's squad, which was ranked fourth in the nation, are returning. Led by captain David Schaller '78 and Pan-American games gold medalist David Miller '79, the team has a fair shot at the National Championship this year. Matches are usually on Saturday morning in duPont.

The men's and women's fencing teams should also be very competitive. Last year's men's team finished sixth in the NCAA Championship and won All-American team honors. The fencers will hold meets on Wednesday nights and Saturday afternoons in the duPont fencing room.

The rifle team always performs well and this year's team should be no exception. Home meets will be held on Feb. 18 and 25 in duPont.

The men's and women's gymnastics teams should be exciting to watch although prospects for winning seasons are not good. Most of the gymnasts' home meets are scheduled for Saturday afternoon in duPont.

Center Diane Ozelius '79, forward Sheila Luster '78, and guard Sue Stulz '80 will try to carry the women's basketball team to a winning season this year. The team will almost definitely improve on last year's 5-13 record. Home games are usually Thursday night in Rockwell Cage.

The squash team will be trying to improve on last year's 7-13 record. Matches are held on the duPont squash courts.

The MIT skiing team should continue to perform well and will, perhaps, win a carnival. All of the team's events are scheduled on weekends in New Hampshire and Vermont.

These are the teams that will compete for MIT and try to bring us a bit of athletic glory. If you have some free time on a Saturday, you should come and watch the MIT winter sports teams compete. Try it; you'll like it.

Impetigo hampered grapplers

By Bob Host

An outbreak of what is presumed to be impetigo caused a member of the wrestling team to miss the opening match of the season and forced the cancellation of a quadrangular meet scheduled for last Saturday.

Over Thanksgiving vacation the practice mats in the wrestling room were not cleaned properly, and shortly afterward four wrestlers came down with symptoms of the disease, according to Bruce Wrobel, '79, a member of the team. The Medical Department could not furnish any additional information on the individual cases, although Wrobel noted that Hoyt Davidson, '79, missed Tuesday's match, a 33-8 loss to the University of New Hampshire (UNH) because of the disease.

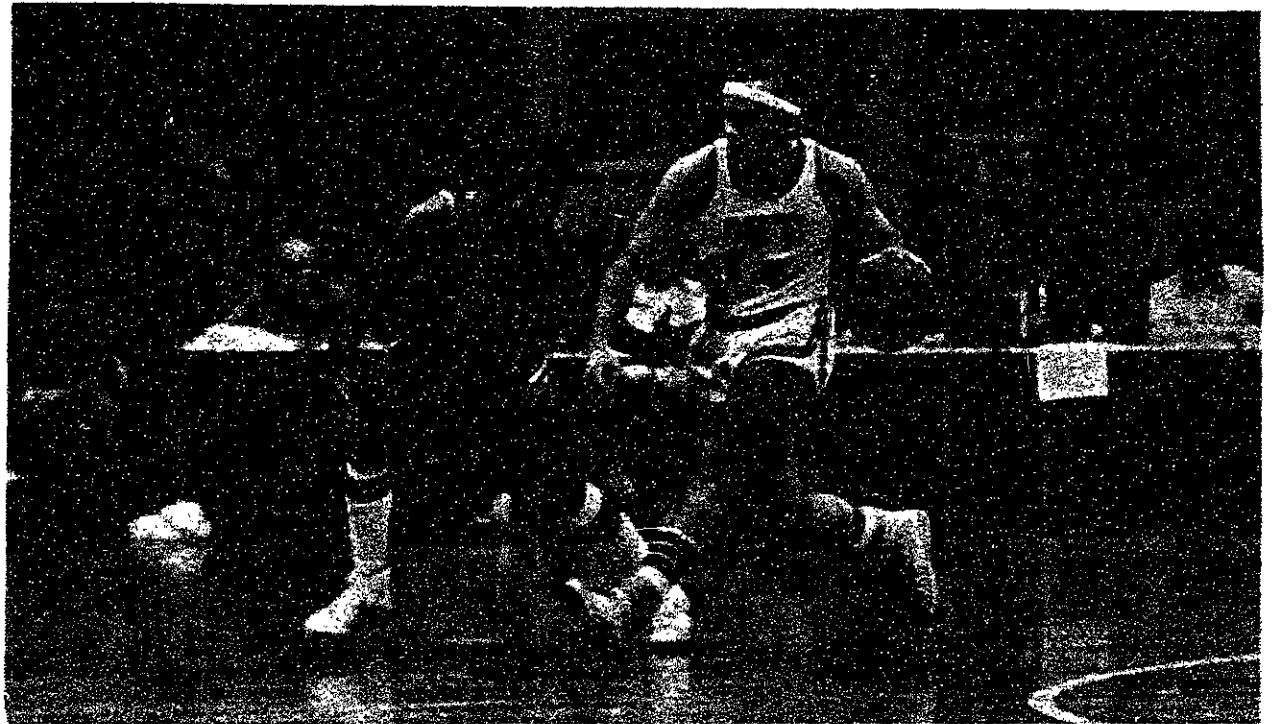
The Tuesday match went on as scheduled, however, and although disappointing, it was not indicative of the team's potential, according to Coach Wilfred Chassey. He noted that there were a lot of young people in the lineup, and with experience and more conditioning, the team will improve. "They need seasoning," Chassey said, to become a better team. One bright spot for the team is the 118 lb. class, where Rich Potash '81, who did not make weight on Tuesday, wrestled his would-be opponent in an exhibition match. Potash won 24-9; however, the team

points went to UNH because of the forfeit and MIT never got close to catching up. Another freshman, Jeff Olson (142 lb.) won his match, 11-6; however, aside from a 2-2 draw by Gary Spletter '79 and a 13-12 victory by Wrobel, the team could not score against UNH, which Wrobel at-

tributed to "too much depth" as compared to MIT's loss of Davidson. He also explained that in the last few years UNH has built some strong teams.

The quad, originally scheduled for December 3rd, will have to be rescheduled at a time mutually

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Tom Berman '79 (44) gets by the Trinity defense in Saturday's game. (Photo by Rob Mitchell)

Trinity upset by cagers

By H. G. Weed

Saturday night, in the last home game before Christmas, MIT men's varsity basketball team showed tough defense and good poise while defeating the previously unbeaten Trinity College Bantams 58-53.

Not only did the Bantams have trouble penetrating the Beavers defense but they could not hold their own against the powerful MIT rebounding. MIT had 44 of the 74 rebounds in the game.

Seven beautiful assists by grand Tommy Berman and a solid 21-point effort by forward Ray Nagem highlighted the MIT offense. Throughout the game the Beavers faced the frustration of shooting 38 percent from the floor and averaged one turnover every two minutes. This type of play adversely affected the teams offense and the Beavers found themselves trailing 33-29 at the half.

But coach Fran O'Brian apparently talked to the team about offense during halftime and MIT came back in and exploded for eight quick points to take the lead

37-33. Unfortunately the effect of the coach's talk did not last long as Trinity held MIT scoreless for the next five minutes and pulled ahead 47-43.

With four minutes left in the game, center Dave Mika decided to take the offense into his own hands and launched a 20-foot jump shot from the top of the key. Although Mika's resulting two points gave MIT the spark it needed, he decided that he had not done enough and proceeded to crank up the defense with two blocked shots and a steal in the next two and a half minutes.

Faced with difficulty getting the ball inbounds, coach O'Brian called time out and sent in a tricky inbounds play that left "end" Rick Van-Elten streaking down court to be hit by "quarterback" Tommy Berman for an easy two points. After running this play three times in a row,

MIT tired of it and decided to bring the ball up court as in a basketball game. Two clutch foul shots by Ray Nagem and another lay-up by Rick Van-Elten sealed the game for MIT.

The junior varsity game, though a disappointing overtime loss, was exciting to watch. A seesawing one point lead and a clutch layup by MIT to send the game into overtime made arriving early for the varsity game worthwhile. With one second left in overtime, MIT was down by one point and at the line with a one and one situation. Unfortunately the first shot bounced off the back of the rim, allowing Trinity to control the rebound and let the clock run out.

The steadily improving MIT team will continue its season during IAP. The next home game is Jan. 7 against the Merchant Marine Academy.

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