City inspection notes MacGregor violations

By William Lasser

A Cambridge Heath Department official has found several health and safety violations in MacGregor House which he said must be eliminated before MIT's lodging house license for the dormitory will be renewed.

Director of Housing and Food Services Eugene Brammer told The Tech that violations "are something we should be cleaning up anyway with the cooperation of the residents.

Brammer and Associate Dean for Student Affairs Kenneth C. Browning met Wednesday evening with about fifty residents of the House to discuss the violations. Brammer explained that the dormitory had not as yet been officially cited, but that Cambridge Health Inspector George Kessel had enumerated in the Housing Office the problem areas he found in an inspection on March 9.

The violations included blocked hallways, broken wood and rubbish, and dirty kitchens. Kessel recommended that all vents in the House be cleaned, that all exits be cleared completely and that all "Exit" signs be posted properly.

Health Department President James Hegner '78 stressed that, in cleaning up the dormitory, "the emphasis must be placed on voluntary cooperation." He

Facility meeting

Grade deflation actions outlined

By Mark James

A tougher and more uniform grading system is the goal of several alternative proposals offered by the Ad Hoc Committee on Grading which held Wednesday a faculty meeting.

Committee chairman Professor of Management Zennon S. Zannetos said that the present system of grading, which no longer clearly differentiate between good and superior performance" due to grade inflation — the trend toward a larger percentage of A's being given in preference to lower grades.

The Committee's report showed how the mean grade point average of students has increased from about 3.3 in 1955 to 4.3 in recent years.

The group put forward several solutions:

"Specifying an "explicit definition of grades" in the faculty agreement that states that "no curvilinear grading system is to be used in any course." The report noted that the concern over grade inflation is increasing, and that "grades are no longer clear indicators of the amount of effort put into a course." The report also indicated that the faculty has been appalled by the number of "easy" grades given in different courses.

The report also discussed the origins of grade inflation for some time, but few specific reactions were offered to these proposals.

Professor of Electrical Engineering Arthur C. Smith noted that the concern over grade inflation may be illusory, since data released in the report indicate that the mean cumulative average has either remained steady or declined during the last three years. He said that action against inflation now may produce an overreaction in the downward direction.

Zannetos said that grade inflation reduces the value of A's to students and "poses a threat to the standards of excellence" of MIT.

By Dona del Sol

Director of Housing and Food Services Eugene Brammer speaks to MacGregor residents at a meeting held Wednesday night to discuss the recent health inspection of the dormitory. The Health Department's enforcement power stems from Section 12.2 of the Cambridge Housing Code, which means that in the event of a violation of any part of the regulations, the Health Commissioner or any person designated by him shall enforce the order in writing to the owner or occupant to correct such alleged violations as the case may require, and the time within which the violation or violations shall be corrected.

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Bundy: President is the key

By Thomas J. Speak

Soviet-American relations can be characterized as a 30-year mixture of hope and fear, McGeorge Bundy, president of the Ford Foundation, told an MIT audience Tuesday.

"Throughout most of the period, the approaches of the government and the desires of the public have had a dual focus: move toward an agreement between the two superpowers as well as maintaining sufficient forces to contain illegitimate and dangerous pressures," Bundy said.

- Bundy, national security adviser to Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, was a principal architect of American foreign policy from 1960 to 1966, including the American intervention in Southeast Asia.

Both the confrontations and the agreements between the superpowers have tended to focus support on the President, according to the former Harvard Professor, told an MIT lecture series on "World Change and World Security." Bundy speaking in Kresge on Tuesday evening as part of the MIT lecture series on World Change and World Security.

Dean of Faculty. "In our tradition, only the President can decide foreign policy matters," he declared.

"The crises have tended to bring out in their support of the President, public opinion that resists Soviet pressure and welcomes reasonable agreements," Bundy said.

He questioned the effectiveness of the Carter Administration's focus on human rights in its international policies. "Sermons from the White House are not generally positively productive on the behavior of the KGB (the Soviet secret police)," he commented.

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FDA saccharin ban badgers Americans

By William Lauer

In 1957 the Congress of the United States passed an amendment to the 1938 Food, Drug and Cosmetics Act which ordered the Food and Drug Administration to ban from human consumption any food additive which is "found, after tests which are appropriate for the evaluation of the safety of food additives, to induce cancer in man or animal."

Under this so-called "Delaney Amendment," interpreted strictly, the FDA last week announced that it planned to outlaw saccharin in the United States, an action which would leave a nation addicted to saccharin-consuming American homes with the equivalent of 800 bottles of diet soda a day, an intake which corresponds to 140 pounds of saccharin a year. Tests based on such evidence are of doubtful validity. The government is perceived as looking for areas in which to interfere with the private lives of the people. Compared to tobacco, saccharin is less harmful to the user, less irritable, and less in need of regulation. The FDA was set up to protect us, not to badger us: and the government has a responsibility to ensure that only truly harmful drugs are banned from the market.

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The United States, an action which would leave no approved artificial sweetener for use in dietetic low-calorie foods. The FDA ruling was based on tests commissioned by the Canadian government which found in an eight-year study that saccharin could cause bladder cancer among rats fed astronomical amounts of the sugar substitute.

For weight-conscious consumers, diabetics and opponents of big government, it is a clear victory in the battle to remove the threat of artificial sweeteners. The most outwardly homogenous dorm is Conner 4, floors which I am sure would be as new had there been a referendum when the government was that: it was taking care of the people. The only freedom consists in the people taking care of the government. We can be too homogeneous. But whether we want to live under an increasingly bothersome government is an open question.

By Drew Blakeman

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Drama review

Scenes in the Chapel

By David R. Knest

A play written almost 400 years after Shakespeare penned Hamlet, climaxed each of two evenings of scenes presented by the Shakespeare Ensemble this week.

Nine scenes, ranging from Cassandra's prophecy of doom in Aeschylus' Agamemnon to the confrontation between the horsegod from Peter Schaffer's Equus, were presented Monday and Tuesday evening in the Chapel. The first scene presented was the one from the Ancient Greek tragedy Agamemnon, which dates on 458 BC. Although the typical, motif-oriented plot lacked the sophistication of much of the other drama presented, it provided the first of many showcases for the gifted theatre of Dorrin Jankowski '78.

The next three scenes were from Shakespearean works. Act IV, Scene I was selected from Henry IV, part 2. The king's son, the Prince of Wales, thinks his father dead and tearfully dons the crown. The monarch awakens and accuses his son of attempting to usurp the throne, at which point the young Henry, marvelously portrayed by Stuart Pickering '78, declares his guilty intentions and wins the respect of his aged father.

The third scene from the fourth act of Othello. the Ensemble's full-scale production slated for mid-April, featured Astrid Howard '79 as Desdemona and Jankowski as her servant Emilia. A dry piece, the scene is a vital point in the play, as Othello discovers Desdemona has been unfaithful.

By Brenda Pomerance

Romeo and Juliet are performed by the Boston Ballet this week, a first performance of the company. In the middle of our lives, when the audience and dancers have a chance to become involved with each other. Starting the show with this was somewhat brave, however it worked out well. At the start, there was the feeling that this was no more than a classroom exercise, but by the end it was evident that movement and music were working together to entertain.

Choreographer Martha Gray states that, "In dance, even when a movement ends, there is frequently a flow and follow-through, the movement continues on in space. In karate, however, there is an imitative sense of a sudden dive, and then stop, as if one had struck a brick wall." This feeling was definitely communicated by the two performers, dressed in traditional karate clothing. Anamarie Sarantos excelled, solosing boldly geometrically into her rhythms. Stephanie May radiated calm concentration: her actions were very controlled and yet abrupt - contrasting this with her partner's movements was very refreshing. This novel choreographic style complemented the unusual choreography of the following piece, GoGo Dance.

Zevia Cohen is a young choreographer who has been receiving a lot of attention for her work. In a brief intermission, the Ensemble presented four scenes from modern drama. Two of them, from Samuel Beckett's New Vaudeville and from Bond's Bingo, were flat and not worthy of much attention. The Beckett excerpt was an examination of mother-daughter relationships, and the Bond piece pictured a meeting between William Shakespeare and Ben Jonson.

Caesar and Cleopatra, an 1898 farce by George Bernard Shaw, provided comedies through superb performances by Jo Ann Kugler '77 and Donan Jankowski '78. "As the aging Roman dictator, Cassio stumbles upon the Egyptian camp in the desert, and finds that Cleopatra has a terrible fear of Romans and of Caesar. Eventually Caesar convinces the girl to accept a queen, after revealing his identity to her. The most impressive performance of the set, however, was saved for last. A scene from Equus, the 1973 one-act play, sparked with the talents of Bob Hill '79 as the 17-year-old who has confounded the horse-god in a scene from the MIT Shakespeare Ensemble's upcoming spring production, "The Changeling." This was an enjoyable evening, but more of the Boston Ballet's potential is realized by the incredibly bad acoustics of the Boston Symphony. Flowering into New Battles. This piece was much more elaborate and effective than the previous.
Grendel’s a ‘den’ of quality

Grendel’s, 89 Winthrop Street
Harvard Square

By Jonathan Kutches

Grendel’s in Harvard Square serves a variety of good quality international food at reasonable prices. Located in what was once the Pi Eta house, the restaurant is divided into two dining rooms: Grendel’s Upstairs and Grendel’s Den. Both have appetizing menus, and both give good value for your money.

Grendel’s Upstairs is very informal, and serves a variety of omelettes, salads, quilches, sandwiches, and crepes, mostly ranging in price between $2.00 and $3.35. Among the more interesting choices are guacamole dip, quiche, creme brulee, and crepes patissiere, which are filled with seafood, shllots, and a white wine newburg sauce.

In addition, Grendel’s Upstairs has its favorite salad bar, which is $2.35 by itself or $3.00 additional with any entree. Besides lettuce, tomato and cucumber, Grendel’s serves marinated salad, a shrimp and rice salad, potato salad, cole slaw, kidney bean salad, and green bean salad, with all of which are excellent prepared and quite appetizing. Beware of the service, as it can be quite slow at times. Finally, Monday through Thursday nights, there are two for one specials. Restricted to the same two centres for two people, you can eat two chicken a la King for $6.75 on Mondays, or two Creole stuffed mushrooms for $6.45. This is a real bargain, and combined with dessert is one of the best values in Cambridge today.

Grendel’s Den, located directly below Grendel’s Upstairs, is somewhat more formal, although still casual in appearance. It has a more refined atmosphere with attentive and friendly service, but occasionally the noise level renders from dishes and glassware being carried into the kitchen is disturbing. There is a fireplace at one end of the room with a warm fire burning in the winter, and stereo background music, which may change from Frank Sinatra to Beethoven at any time.

The entrees range from classic steak au poivre to veal cordon bleu, all of which are a good choice for vegetarians.

The prices are reasonable: from $4.25 for a half a roast chicken to $7.75 for steak au poivre, described in the menu as "Airlon steak sauteed in butter, with crushed black peppercorns, shallots, brumty and cream." If you dine at Grendel’s Den, ask your server how you can have the salad bar upstairs. It’s worth the trip.

Perhaps the best part of Grendel’s is its desserts. Pastry chef Christy Timon prepares some of the best cakes and pastries in this area. Especially recommended are the cheesecake, which compares favorably to Baby Watson’s, and the Linzer Torte, which has a raspberry jam filling. (The best part of Grendel’s cheesecake is the crust, which is made from ground nuts.)

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Smith gets Eastern foil title

By Brian Wehner

Going undefeated in the final round, MIT fencer Mark Smith '78 took the Eastern Foil Championships, Friday and Saturday at Cornell University.

This was the finishing touch of a tremendous effort by the foil squad to give MIT its third Eastern Foil Team Championship (FIT) in 1978. The previous two wins were in 1974 and 1975, an attempt that fell short by one point to Penn in 1976. Smith and Rich Reimer '77 qualified for the finals by posting ten victories in the preliminary fencing. Senior captain Artie Stanwix, who went seven bouts but failed to qualify.

The squad was prizes for the championship from the very beginning. At the end of a grueling ten rounds, MIT was one bout ahead of Penn, with three tough opponents to go, while U Penn had easier opponents. MIT swept all three of the next two rounds, including Reimer's exciting comeback from an 0-6 deficit for a 5-4 win, but U Penn took it with them. In the final round, U Penn dropped their second bout to Prinsen, giving the Tech squad a chance to catch up. However, the Harvard squad proved a bit too much for them as Creensen took the third bout, giving U Penn the foil crown.

In the finals on Saturday, Smith was undefeated, while Reimer was unable to duplicate the previous day's success, and he dropped down to eighth out of nine finalists. Smith won the individual crown, and was also awarded the Connie award for the most sportsmanlike fencer.

The other two weapons did not fare well; both ending up twelfth out of 12 schools in the competition. Particularly noteworthy were the efforts of Bob Shih '77 in sabre, who took fifth; and John Rodrigues '80 in épée.

Pistol wins sectional

By Gary S. Eggleson

Tougher Physical Education (PE) requirements would not be truly beneficial to the students such requirements affect. Such requirements would probably overload what is already a heavily enrolled program. They would also have a tendency to discourage people who have an interest in becoming a great athlete.

Some people are getting exercise by taking PE even when not required. This is the result of taking PE courses that are not a part of a curriculum. The athletic department is having difficulties accommodating all the people who want to take PE. Requiring students to take PE even when they would put even greater strain on the system.

Where people are supposed to turn is the question easier to answer. MIT is blessed with a fine intramural program and more varicise supposed to turn? And how should they be motivated?

Touther Physical Education (PE) requirements would not be truly beneficial to the students such requirements affect. Such additional requirements would probably overload what is already a heavily enrolled program. They should also have a tendency to discourage people who lack of motivation.

Compounding the problem of limited facilities is the multitude of opportunities. Who do not get enough exercise during their school careers or afterwards. When they were motivated to get out and participate, the athletic department and intramural leaguers would have a tremendous new problem. The existing programs should be expanded to accommodate the new larger numbers of interested people. Students should not be denied the opportunity to compete, have fun, and get exercise if they are interested.

The students certainly need the activity, so how can they be suspended? To participate more? Non-athletes must be convinced that they do not have to be the world's finest athlete to have a good time and get in shape. That is why the PE classes should have their biggest impact. Their goals should be to make sports as much fun as possible, to make sports a habit with everyone, and to keep the extremely high resources of competition off of new participants as they are not discouraged. The experience, which the course bulletin cites as the program's goal, is simply too much. At least one option open to students now throughout these goals of the PE requirement. An advanced credit exam may be taken for PE credit instead of attending classes. This encourages people to know a lot about a sport or sports and maybe even have some degree of skill in them, but it does help build a habit of sports or build an enjoyment of competition.

The answer to the question I posed last week seem to be, no, stiffer PE regulations — with the possible exception of elimination of AP examinations — are not the ultimate answer. The real problems are those of motivation of students who don't currently participate in MIT's many physical activities and expansion of currently available facilities.

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Dennis McMullen '78 concentrates on the target on his way to the Free Pistol title at the Easterns Pistol Sectional held at MIT last weekend.

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By Gary S. Eggleson

The varsity pistol team went down to the firing range this weekend and came back with the New England sectional title. MIT markedsmen took all the big shots at the meet, which included representations of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), U.S. Coast Guard Academy, and the University of Massachusetts.

The MIT team of Dave Schaller '78, Philip Morris '76, Dennis McMullen '78, and David Miller '79 took first place honors in the Conventional and International Smallbore. Since International shooting calls for three-man teams, Miller only shot in the Conventional competition. The Red team scored a team total of 1134 out of a possible 1200 in the Conventional match and swept past USCGA's second place score of 2251 in the International competition to check in with a score of 2364.

The team did exceedingly well in the individual competition also, taking first and second in both styles of shooting. Morris scored a first in Conventional and McMullen was the leader in International. Schaller held the second position in both contests by a single point, dipping by a single point from WPI and USCGA to do it.

In the International style Schaller also took first place with the standard pistol, while McMullen took first in the free pistol competition.

The surprise of the weekend was the winner of the Air Pistol competition, Kyle Brown '80. He surprised himself and his competitors with his score of 361 out of 400.

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