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The survey asked the freshmen their views on United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young's recognition of Cuba by the United States; the construction of nuclear power plants; the use of fewer or no nuclear weapons; and President Carter's job performance. It also asked the question "What is the greatest constant problem facing the United States?

Institute observer

Terms off from MIT help many students

By Jordana Hollander

Sometimes between their arrival at MIT and their graduation, a student decides that leaving the Institute briefly is an important part of their education. The most common reason for taking a term or more off, according to Associate Dean for Student Affairs James Bishop and several students interviewed by The Tech, is a lack of motivation. Most students become aware of the problem when their grades start slipping or when they realize they are not attending classes for several weeks. Some are told by the CAP that it would be a good idea to take a term off and decide what they want to do at MIT. Others begin to recognize that the field they are studying is not what they want to do for the rest of their lives and that they need to reconsider their goals.

An example is provided by Mitchell Young '78, who said that when he was convinced he was at fault in the accident that killed his classmate, Michael Young '77. While he was away from MIT for one year, he thought, "What is the greatest constant problem facing the United States?"

"It's there; why not recognize it?" he added, summing up his interpretation of the freshmen's feelings.

A majority of those surveyed favored the immediate construction of nuclear power plants, although 40 percent advocated a delay in construction to allow for "further studies of safety and costs." Burnham said he felt the division was "rather close in public opinion." Only two-fifths of the respondents were willing to complete (MIT) if a term-off were required, with the use of force to assure access to oil being only 70 percent. "The other three-fifths," Burnham noted, "were with their parents the use of force to assure access to oil under other conditions.

Undergraduate Association President Peter Becket '78 left for two different terms, once just to get away from MIT and the second time to work as a programmer for a term. The first time he left he was away for about four years and held a very different job. After he returned he took the fall 1979 term off to work as a programmer at CBS in the presidential election.

Those who do not have definite plans usually find jobs, although some travel or attend another school. The Tech's MIT goes to seminars, reading for courses, and socializing. Another study, and in general catching up with themselves.

Being away from the Institute and the MIT tradition provides quite beneficial for many of those who return. They often find a new perspective on the course work and on what they want to do. Since going to MIT is now a conscious choice it is just following a pattern of going to school — their attitude toward their studies is greatly improved. As a result, these grades are often lower, in the case of the student who took a term off after being on probation twice and graduated with a 4.0 term, he returned.

Unless they have been away for several years, students have little trouble getting back into their course work. According to the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs, most students leave before they start serious work in a major and return during the fall term, regardless of whether they leave. Therefore, fewer people have problems with "getting out of it" with MIT's term-off system, students who need to take courses only in order to finish the spring during the fall.

Students interviewed by The Tech said that they were able to

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World

Palestinian role in peace talks debated — The Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) stated yesterday that the delegation to the proposed Geneva peace talks will not have to be entirely PLO members; a majority of the group can be other Palestinians hand-picked by the PLO. The statement is in response to the plan formulated last week by the US State Department and Moshe Dayan, Israeli Foreign Minister. The plan has been circulated to Middle Eastern countries for comment and revision.

Soviet Jews under house arrest — The New York Times reported last week that confiscation and punishment of Jews stationed outside the homes of about 20 Jews to keep them from protesting against their not being allowed to leave the Soviet Union. The Supreme Soviet is debating a new constitution, and a moratorium on emigration has been opposed until its resolution.

Nation

Committee rejects Social Security age jump — The House Ways and Means Committee reported unfavorably Wednesday on proposed legislation that would raise the Social Security retirement age from 65 to 67 by the year 2001. An alternative bill was drafted by Representative Al Gore, who increased Social Security taxes over the next ten years. Both of these bills are attempts to prevent the predicted depletion of Social Security trust funds.

EPA ratings for 1978 cars announced — The Environmental Protection Agency released its annual gasoline mileage estimates for 1978 model cars to be sold in the United States. Leading the pack were the diesel-engine version of the Volkswagen Rabbit and the Datsun B-210, with combined city and highway mileage ratings of 45 and 46, respectively. At the bottom of the list, tied at 11 miles per gallon were the Plymouth Fury, the Dodge Monaco, and the Cadillac Eldorado and Lismore.

State

Senate retains abortion amendment — The Massachusetts Senate Wednesday upheld the controversial House abortion amendment as part of the state employee pay raise bill. The amendment would have the same effect as the Doyle-Flynn bill vetoed by Governor Dukakis, that ban on the use of state Medicaid funds for non-therapeutic abortions. Dukakis is expected to veto the new bill. The Senate was not able to override the Doyle-Flynn veto and will probably lack the votes to challenge this veto. If the bill is vetoed, state workers' pay raises will be delayed.

Local

Vellucci quits state job — Only one day after The Boston Globe reported that Cambridge Mayor Alfred E. Vellucci apparently did no work in his $16,000-per-year job for the state Department of Conservation and Recreation, Vellucci resigned the post yesterday without giving any reason. The Globe Spotlight Team reported keeping Vellucci under surveillance on a day that the mayor was expected to be on assignment in Everett. Vellucci spent part of the day taking a leisurely drive around Cambridge with some guests and was in the Sloan Building at MIT for almost two hours at lunchtime.

Students find new drive after taking terms off

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find out what they wanted to do at MIT and could view it as a place to get an "incredible education." One person said that he considered it a very "healthy" experience to get away from the Institute and its pressures to do the things he really wanted to do. All those interviewed said that other students should not be "scared to take off.

The Institute does not recognize leaves of absence for students, so that everyone who skips a term has to apply for readmission after the term is over. These applications go through the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs and not through the Admissions Office.

If the student's withdrawal was organized with the Committee on Academic Performance, they must submit an application through that committee. In addition to the written application, they must be interviewed by one of the deans to find out what they did when they were gone and whether they are ready to return. Bishop said.

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The Grogo incident and the Bakke case

By William Lasser

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By Al Sanders

Imagine George Burns as God. That may be the most difficult, far-out idea you've ever had. Now imagine the assisante manager of a supermarket, namely John Denver, comes to you and said that God showed up in your bathroom one morning and asked him to read the word that God is still around and that He'd like everyone else to shape up a bit. Therein lies the title of Oh, God, an amusing new comedy directed by Carl Reiner.

The play succeeds at being just plain fun — one would have to see George Burns playing God in a serious biblical epic. The people that Denver tries to relate his strange tale to never consider him to be a god. But he persists and before long, he receives increasing media coverage until he finally has the big one — an appearance on Dinah Shore's show.

After this, Denver's problems really begin to pile up. His family nearly gives up on him, he has his hair cut and a costume is filed against him. All the excitement culminates in the courtroom where God takes the witness stand (it was somewhat reminiscent of the appearance, wearing a fish cap and decked out in high school caliber)...

This plot may seem to be a little weak, but that is not important in a comedy — the jokes are. This is the reason that this comedy works so well is that there are plenty of good laughs. The audience spends enough time chuckling, who's going to worry about a plot?

The MIT Community Players open their 1977-78 season with Neil Simon's poignant comedy of sexual misadventure. The Last of the Red Hot Lovers. Performances will be Fri., Oct. 7 through Sun., Oct. 9 and Thurs., Oct. 13 through Sun., Oct. 15. All shows will be at the Kresge Little Theatre and will start at 8pm. Admission is $3. For reservations or more information call 266-4245.

Comedian Robert Klein joins Jade and Sassyvella at the Berklee Performance Center Tues., Oct. 11 in a benefit concert for the Committee to Reopen the Rosenrocks Cafe. Tickets range from $5 to $10 and are on sale at Berklee box office (266-7200) Sappho, Out of Town, and Concordia (67-7000).

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Sons probe execution

(Continued from page 7) the pages were rendered worthless — and the FBI charges ten cents per page. However, this fee is only a small fraction of the money that has gone into the Meeropols' legal pursuits. Fishman estimated that sum at about $150,000. This does not include the amounts that the Meeropols' lawyer has accrued in personal debt.

In addition to these matters, there is constant testimony at congressional hearings, frequent lobbying, and continual fund-raising. There is also a bill, buried in Congress's calendar, that would initiate a review of the Meeropols' lawyer has accrued in personal debt. The Meeropols' goals are clearly stated: to convince the American public through legal proceedings that Julius and Ethel Rosenberg did not receive a fair trial, but, more important, to find out the real reasons for what happened before, during and after the April, 1951, trial.

And what then? What are Michael Meeropol's plans after he has cleared his parents' names, after he convinces the American judicial system that it wrongfully executed his parents? "That's easy," he concluded. "I'd just like to go back to being an economist."

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Near the small rural town of Woodstock, stands an old New England farm house called Talbot House, a gift of Laurence Rockefeller, which is rented out by MIT to living groups and activities. It is a trip which has become a yearly excursion for many groups, provided they are able to get to, for the house is very popular, especially during the skiing season.

Woodstock is in the middle of Vermont ski country, the best on the East Coast. Less than thirty miles away is Killington with its extensive slopes and prices to match. At similar distances are a variety of smaller slopes, such as Roundtop, which have fewer trails but have lift ticket prices on the order of $2 to $3. Cross Country skiing is abundant in the vicinity at Mt. Tom and the Woodstock Ski Touring Center as well as the less maintained trails running through the nearby woods.

In the spring and autumn, the activities are somewhat different although they still provide a relaxing weekend for any group. The local town of Woodstock is a picturesque image of a small New England town. Away from the bottle and noise of a city like Boston, one can just sit out in the fresh air. Alternatively, there is horseback riding through the endless woods which infiltrate the area.

What follows are the excerpts from the accounts of two groups which visited Talbot House last year, one over a week during IAP and the other over a spring weekend. Hopefully, they will give you some idea of what happens at Talbot House. First the Spring group:

Our department was dragging along. It didn't look like the entire group was going to get left until about six o'clock at the rate we were going. At that point, John, Dave, Tom, and I reached the conclusion that if we could just get the bus, we could take off the Talbot House ourselves and have a good poker game before anyone got there, which is exactly what we did, although not before running into a grumble of mine who took one look at me, one look at the half gallon of Scotch in my hand, and then said "Don't you think you're starting a bit early?" We had a big party later that week-end which I was coming back for.

When the rest of the group arrived, the party and games got started in earnest. A few card games and monopoly games started up. In their grand tradition, the few Dean's Office people in our group started to play Perquacker. The night became more interesting as it went along. Steve started what would become a twelve page entry in the Talbot House log book. People just kept adding items of varying degrees of oddity throughout the weekend. As with our parties, strange things began to happen around eleven or twelve o'clock. Steve won a monopoly game after Katy sold him five hundred dollars worth of properties for one dollar while giggling, "I have a very low resistance to alcohol. That about did it for the night.

The next day we didn't do much of anything in particular. Frisbee games were won on most of the day behind the house. A few of us drove into Woodstock for a while, wandering through the rustie town and over the recently restored covered bridge. We lay out in the sun for a while, in short, relaxed and had a good time.

New the Winter group:

Wednesday, almost everyone went to Roundtop because "It always snows at Roundtop!" Cancel that! Carpenter has just threatened to kill me if he hears that again. He claims you can't just imagine how nerve-racking it is to hear "Good morning. Welcome to Roundtop. Today is Wednesday, Men's day. Lifts, Lessons, and Equipment for $6.00. Our ski school meets at 12:30 in 27 minutes. That is 12:30 in 27 minutes and remember "It always snows at Roundtop!"" at five minute intervals for an entire day.

We constituted a noticeable percentage of the people on the slopes that day. At times twelve or so of us would be skiing down the hill at one time. The skiing was excellent. In the morning there were close to five inches of powder which packed down toward the afternoon.

Wednesday night Keith made another booze run and everyone settled down to play backgammon, cards, and Monopoly. One of the more interesting games of the night was a Monopoly game between John, Dave, Bill, and myself. It turned into a hair-crazing game. John got Roundtop and Park Place and the remaining three of us made a trade which gave each of us a set of properties. The game then started getting violent. At one point Joe paid me too much for landing on a hotel. When he discovered this several moves later an argument ensued. One of the bridge players arbitrated for us and asked "Is this game for fun or for blood?"

Everyone instantly responded "BLOODY!" Dave eventually won the hotel but not like a horse.

The next day, Johnsnaped one of his metal ski tips and then proceeded to irreparably damage a pair of rental skis. In the meantime, John Cohannon had broken one boot, two ski poles, and four skis although none of them were destroyed as badly as Hopper's masterpieces.

Photo essay by Gordon Hallf
**Sports cont.**

**Rugby loses first 2 games**

By Charles Cox

The MIT rugby football club dropped its first two games of the fall season to Harvard Business School and Albany Law School. The Engineer's A side to Harvard Business School by a score of 13-0, the opposition racked up a penalty goal and then a goal at the line half and finished with a try in the second. Harvard's total was attributed to a try in the closing seconds kept three.

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**Water polo triumphs over Exeter in 2 OT's**

By Gordon Half

Last Wednesday, MIT's varsity water polo team squeaked by a psychology Exeter squad for a 9-8 overtime victory. In fact, the closest score could be attributed to a psychological landslide on the team's part after its in last close score could be attributed to coach Benedick remarked after the game.

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Colts to end Miami skid

By Drew Bechtler

There are still few undefeated teams in the NFL. There are also five teams who can win a game. These numbers will definitely change by the end of Sunday's games. New York Giants 26, Philadelphia 13 — In the battle for the NFL East cellar, the Eagles will take an early lead by losing to the Giants in the swamp of New Jersey. What a way to go! Balance 31, Miami 24 — The Colts are going to burst the high-flying Dolphins' bubble by handing them their first defeat. Denver 27, Kansas City 24 — The Chiefs can be tough, but tend to fade in the second half. The Colts are going to burst the high-swamps of New Jersey. What a game, These numbers' will

New Orleans 31, San Diego 27 — This game is going to prove to be an offensive display by both teams, but the Saints will prevail over the Chargers at the Superdome. Atlanta 16, San Francisco 13 — The surprising Falcons are going to stick it to the defense-less 49ers. Could Atlanta be this year's Cinderella team? Chicago 30, Los Angeles 20 — If you can manage to stand "Good Ole Howard," this should be yet another good Monday night matchup. And who said ABC has no voice in deciding who plays on their telecasts?

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By Andrea Greenhill

The MIT sailing teams continued to finish well in major regattas last weekend. Men placed fourth in the Danmark Trophy at Coast Guard and the women picked up a second in the Man Labs Trophy at Coast Guard. The Danmark Trophy, one of the major New England intercollegiate regattas sailed in the fall, attracted a thirteen school field. After Saturday's eight races, the men's team was in fourth place with a good chance of moving up to third Sunday, light air prevailed and forced the race committee to cancel the regatta after only two races. Yale won the regatta followed by Tufts, Harvard and MIT. In the two Sunday races, MIT had come within striking distance of third and possibly second place. Had the required thirteen races been sailed, however, MIT might have caught third place Harvard.

In B-division, Gary Smith '79, with Dave Kulier '81 crewing, sailed with finishing third, skippers Lenny Dolfert '79 and Elliot Rosen '79 with crew Jared Kriesberg '79 combined for a sixth place in A-division. Saturday and Sunday, the women hosted the Man Labs Trophy at MIT, schools placed in the two division regatta sailed by Tufts and Harvard. Through the twelve races of each division, competition was very tight for the top three positions. Boston University eventually came out on top ahead of URI and MIT. Sally Husted '78 with crew Marianne Salomone '79 sailed in A-division and Debbie Mayer-Katz '79 skippered B-division with crews Alanna Consort '78 and Andrea Greenhill '79. Both finished third in their divisions.

Radcliffe hosted a one-day锃 responsiveness regatta on Sunday Barbara Biber '79 with crew Nancy Searl '81 came from behind to finish second with twenty nine points. One point ahead behind Michele Trickey '79, who topped the nine school field. No races were held due to weather, however, second place honors. "The two weekend races have been held. However, MIT has more men's teams competing in NCAA sports than any other school. In addition, however, MIT has a very extensive women's athletic program. With the rapidly increasing interest in athletics among MIT women, the program has expanded to include ten varsity sports and three club sports. Most of these are less than two years old. Sailing and crew, one of the original two sports, will have the Emily Wu-Trophy."

Women's sports growing

By Helen Miyasaka

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The demand for locker space and shower facilities by the new teams has been huge. A locker room and the hiring of the full-time women's trainer Harriett Pearce. In the summer of 1976 the Athletic Department expanded the women's duPont locker room to include 187 6-foot lockers and 16 more shower heads, a vast improvement over the 3-foot lockers and 2 shower heads shared by most varsity teams in the Brigg Field locker room prior to that time.

Jane Betts, who became the Women's Athletic Director and Women's gymnasium coach in the fall of 1976, says, "Working with women's athletics is an exciting challenge. The women's intercollegiate athletic program is still taking root that will continue to grow, meeting the needs of students currently and in the future." The full-time coaches are Debbe Clam, head field hockey and softball coach, and Jean Heinty, assistant field hockey and softball coach and head basketball coach. This year there is now a full-time women's trainer — Harriett Pearce.

In 1976 a Task Force on women's athletics was formed. It consisted of the Women's Athletic Council (WAC), a group of women students representing all the existing women's teams, and a number of concerned women from MIT's faculty and staff. "Through their efforts a report was compiled evaluating the condition of women's athletics at MIT. The new locker room and the hiring of the full-time women's coach and trainer, among other things, were a direct result of the recommendations outlined in the report."

This year MIT is hosting the Fourth Annual Invitational Basketball Tournament on the first weekend in February. MIT and five other schools (Bates, Swarthmore, U of Penn, Brown, and Chicago) will be playing a twoday, single elimination tournament. In conjunction with the tournament the WAC plans to hold a "humane night" to invite alumnae to return to see the program that has been made here at MIT in women's athletics.