CEP endorses plan to move drop date

By Laurence Duffy and Jordan Hellmiller

The Committee on Educational Policy (CEP), the student body's official body, decided on December 3, 1981, to move the drop date to the fifth week of classes. The proposal was approved at a meeting on Tuesday in the Faculty Room. The CEP voted 6-1 in favor of the proposal. The one dissenting vote was cast by student representative John M. Smiley. The committee gathered to consider the proposed change to the drop date policy, which is currently set at the beginning of the second week of classes. The CEP is recommending the move to the fifth week as a way to give students more flexibility in managing their academic workload. The committee also noted that the move would allow students to withdraw from courses earlier in the term, which could help reduce the number of students who drop courses at the last minute. The recommendation is now pending consideration by the faculty, which will meet to discuss the proposal before making a final decision.

SCEP poll: students favor late drops

By Laurence Duffy

A poll conducted by the Student Coalition on Educational Policy (SCEP) has found that a majority of students favor moving the drop date to the fifth week of classes. The poll, which surveyed a random sample of 1,000 students, found that 67 percent of respondents supported the change. The results were presented at a meeting of the SCEP on Tuesday evening. SCEP members noted that the change could help reduce the number of students who drop courses at the last minute, which can have a negative impact on the academic performance of both the student and the class. The proposal is expected to be discussed by the faculty at its next meeting.

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

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

Michael Kowtko '79, reported on the current results of a Student Committee on Educational Policy poll which was mainly concerned with changes in the drop date. A majority of students polled preferred to leave the drop date as is but it is not clear that the CAP proposal was the most popular of the various alternatives suggested. Kowtko pointed out that the student who is being surveyed is the higher for a new poll and that this fact seemed to indicate that students feel strongly in this matter.

The meeting then centered around questions asked by various faculty members. Professor Stephen Senturia raised the point that in the CAP proposal it suggests that instructors should indicate to students their performance by the drop date. Senturia added that this would imply a responsibility by the instructor which he may not desire or be able to fulfill.

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

Several professors opposed the motion, primarily because the CAP's claims of detrimental effects on freshmen are not consistent with the small number of students involved. There were also suggestions that the change would create more problems that it would solve, and that the present system is quite adequate.

The CEP formulates and articulates educational policy and also oversees the review of CEP by various other committees. The CAP reviews undergraduate student performance and advises the faculty on academic matters. In both committees the majority of members belong to the faculty but there are a few student members.
World
Sadat to visit Israel Saturday — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat will pay an official visit to Israel in Jerusalem starting Saturday night. During the 36 hour visit he will address the Israeli Parliament to make two requests which Israel has never granted before. The first is that Israel surrender all the territory it captured during the 1967 war; the second is establishment of a Palestinian state. Sadat’s visit will be the first time an Arab leader has recognized Israel as an official state. Arab leaders Assad, Sadat will pay an official visit to Israel in Jerusalem starting Saturday — Egyptian President Anwar Sarkis, and Hussein are opposed to the planned visit.

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

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

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

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Dear负责同志,

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

Thus, I cannot send you unqualified, mechanical support for the above-mentioned declaration. I do agree with what is being done to control not only the nuclear materials used in weaponry, but all nuclear material. It is my opinion that a control which is internationally effective must be exerted on all such materials virtually from the moment they are mixed. There should be no exception at all. Virtually every nation has seen the need for stringent gun laws. Surely every nation must know the acute need for a strict international law regulating and accounting for every gram of uranium, plutonium, and whatever else can be converted into nuclear weapons. In the meantime, countries with the money, manpower and technology to produce these materials should not sell or give such dangerous materials to nations who will not accept international controls (and therefore accountability). Perhaps a moratorium should be declared on such sales until proper controls are implemented and accepted. It would be much more useful, and infinitely better, to supply countries with the actual electrical power at costs that are compatible with their economy, than to let them purchase, (with what money?) Money borrowed from the USA? Or money borrowed from some international bank largely financed by the USA?), nuclear reactors and the associated technology which can lead to the production of nuclear material; from every possible point of view, the latter is infeasible, whereas the former, supplying the electric power, is immediately useful, and could be better than a pointed splash of cold water on a heated face. This Declaration on the Nuclear Arms Race, I fervently hope, does not mean that the intellectual, religious and political leaders and structures of our society have given up all hope of applying preventive, rational measures. An important objective for research and education should be the reduction and remediying of the causes of human mischief and miscreancy. Perhaps we should begin with defining the difference between creative competition and predation. Our humanity is that much lessened by our continued glorification of our destructive past. In this, and in other respects, I also hope that President Carter’s policy on human rights will be implemented by good people of great intellect, great personal dedication, and exceptional ability in human endeavors. These are my views. Perhaps you will accord them as much of your time, and as sincerely, as was given to your circular.

Salvatore F. Vianna, Ph. D.,
Professor of Physics,
Brown University, Providence, R.I.

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**Bishoff notes errors**

**To the Editor:**

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

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

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2 RUNE, the MIT Journal of Arts and Letters

By David B. Koretz
2 RUNE is a collection of literary magazine that first appeared a year ago. While not of the highest quality, the overall product is worth the time for an all-student publication. The biggest faults of the 2 RUNE magazine are the dearth of prose and the lack of quality of what material is included. The reason for the latter problem, as I found out later, is that the two longer stories are only excerpts from non-length manuscripts.

Styx: rowdy hard rock

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

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

Joanie Lund’s “Jason’s Daughter” is much better; the writing style at first superior to “Reunion.” The main difficulty with Lund’s work is its similarity to many Sholem Aleichem stories, particularly those on which Fiddler On The Roof was based. Lund manages to capture the reader into the mind of an Eastern European town at the turn of the century; unfortunately, the rebellious-younger-lovers plot is hackneyed.

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

The poetry ranges from free-form ramblings to excellent works in imagery, such as Jan H. Choi’s frighteningly introspective “Reminder” and Bill Benjamia’s philosophical “Out of Politevan.”

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St. Louis to win sixth straight

By Drew Blakeman

This week’s predictions are:

Los Angeles 27 - San Francisco 6

After four straight victories, the Rams might be getting a little overconfident.

Oakland 33, San Diego 7 - The Raiders are going to start tuition up for postseason action, but that they haven’t been automáticamente.

Atlanta 7, New Orleans 6 - Last year’s all of the balloting points were either set up or scored by their defense.

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

Pittsburgh 27, Dallas 24 - The last time the Cowboys lost two in a row was in 1982, can anyone remember back that far?

Chicago 13, Minnesota 10 - With Fran Tarkenton, the Minnesota Vikings may have some difficult scoring.

Houston 3, Atlanta 20 - The Oilers are still in the thick of the fight for the playoffs.

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

Cleveland 28, New York Giants 14 - The Browns can stay alive in the tight AFC Central race with a last-second score.

New England 13, Buffalo 9 - Now that the pressure is off the Patriots, they can have fun rolling up the score on revenge.

Miami 19, Tampa Bay 2 - If the Buccaneers win this game, the entire Gulf Coast of Florida will suffer penalties.

Cincinnati 26, Cleveland 20 - The Dolphins have grand designs upon winning their division.

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

Last week: 12-2 .857

Season: .589

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Water polo third

By Gordon Haff

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

On Friday, MIT played games against UMass and Harvard, defeating them handily 11-2 and 10-3 respectively. The next day the team did not fare as well. In an extremely tight defensive game, Yale defeated MIT 5-3. What lost the game for MIT was its inability to capitalize on one-on-one situations, usually one of the team’s strong points. After coming from behind to tie the game 3-3 Yale was hit with several quick ejections, but the MIT squad was unable to capitalize. Shortly thereafter, Yale sprung to a 5-3 lead which MIT could not equal.

Coach John Benedick called the Brown game “an excellently fought game.” He said that “the guys played quite hard.”

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

The season has ended with an 11-9 record — 10-6 in league play. In addition, junior Peter Griffin, MIT’s goalie has been nominated to first team All New England, Sophomore John Dolan and junior Ken Culbert were both nominated to second team All New England, while Seniors Dick Henne and Sam Seine each received Honorable Mention. In short, in the words of Coach Benedick, “it has been a very successful season.”

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

By Gordon Haff

Last Sunday afternoon, under overcast, wintry skies, MIT’s equivalent in the Harvard-Yale game was held on the Rugby Field. It was the MIT Football Championships, 8-League in this case since there was no A-League this season. As it has for the last eight years, the championship game featured Lambda Chi Alpha against Sigma Alpha Equulus and, as has happened throughout those years except for once three years ago, SAE emerged victorious.

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

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

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

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

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

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