MIT investigates S. African stocks

By Mark James

MIT has begun to gather information on the South African involvements of the largest corporations in which it has invested, although Institute administrators have not yet decided what to do about these holdings.

Several other universities in the area have recently received demands that they divest themselves of stocks of corporations doing business in South Africa, but with the University of California at Berkeley and Amherst and Hampshire College having devised so far, and their controversial holdings were minimal.

"The calls for divestment have followed the recent wave of demonstrations on free speech and movement instituted by the South African government against blacks. The proceeding states that efforts by universities to influence corporate policy are generally ineffective. University administrations have determined that divestment would merely transfer stock to another party and not be effective political action," he explained.

Chairman of the Corporation Walter Milne said that the MIT Corporation's Advisory Committee on Shareholder Responsibilities has drafted letters to the 50 or 60 corporations that compose about one-third of MIT's investments asking whether they are doing business in South Africa and if so, what the nature of that business is and whether the business is still going on.

In addition, the letter asks what sort of policy statements the company has made concerning South African issues.

The Shareholder Responsibilities Committee (SRC) advises the Corporation Executive Committee on investment questions related to social issues. Milne said that in the past the group had deals with issues related to specific companies, instead of the broad-based issues involved in the South African use.

Having only met once this fall, the advisory group has not yet made any decisions related to South Africa. Milne noted, but he added that the group will continue to work on the policy.
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Burton first floor flooded

Editor's note: What follows is a comic tale of an innocent hacker, an exasperated housemaster, and an unfortunate plumber. (Reprinted from March, 1970.)

"The guy that did that ought to be castrated with a dull sword," said Woodson, Housemaster of Burton House, the culprit, presumably a student, who had caused a flood of the order to the first floor of Burton House Monday night.

Several huge wads of computer tape were found at the bottom of the main drain, evidently effectively stopped up the drain so that no water could pass through. As a result the water backed up the drain, flooding the men's rooms, and ultimately the whole floor.

A plumber who was called in to repair the damage stated that the cost of fixing the back-up would be very high, and that he was convinced that the back-up was deliberate. Several people involved expressed the opinion that the hack was accomplished by flushing long lengths of the tape down the toilet repeatedly until it had been exhausted. The practical hacker had obviously spent the better part of several hours to accomplish his deed.

The clean-up process began about midnight. Because of the jam, a pipe had overflowed in the vicinity of the elevator, causing it to cease functioning. Consequently, residents had to use the stairs for most of the evening to ascend to their rooms. All the rugs on the first floor had to be taken up, because they were saturated with water. The process itself took several hours, and at this writing, they still have not been replaced.

For about a week prior to the flood, some students, many from Burton House, had been seen walking around the Institute grounds, training long lengths of computer tape behind them, and stringing it around trees, buildings, etc. Many people consider it likely that these students are responsible for the Burton flood.

At the height of the flood, the entire first floor of Burton House was ankle-deep in water, and access was blocked off.

An interesting sidelight to the story is that while the repairs were being made, signs were posted on the lavatories asking students to abstain from using them for the duration of the process. One student nonetheless ignored the sign, used the toilet, and according to reports, managed to deposit fecal waste directly on the face of a plumber working at the bottom of the toilet drain. The comment of the unfortunate plumber is unprintable.

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**Mideast round-up**

Toward the Cairo conference — President Carter this week urged other Arab leaders to follow Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's example in seeking peace with Israel. The Soviet Union, recognizing Sadat's invitation to the pre-Geneva conference, stated for Dec. 14 in Cairo, stated in a communiqué released jointly with Syria that it seeks an "all-embracing Middle East settlement in conditions excluding the possibility of separate deals.

Waldheim proposes UN Mideast conference — United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim has proposed another pre-Geneva conference to be held on the "helpful ground of the U.N." Israel's Foreign Ministry has rejected the idea. Jordan has accepted it, Syria, however, has not. The official approval has pledged "full support" to Waldheim. The Administration is holding open meetings in Tel-Aviv today in protest of Anwar Sadat's Cairo talks with the heretical Arab states regarded as theaters.

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**International housing**

New oil pipeline okayed — Secretary of the Interior Earl L. Butz yesterday gave tentative approval to a proposed coated oil pipeline to be built by Standard Oil of Ohio. The 200-mile pipeline would stretch from California to Texas and carry 300,000 barrels of oil daily.

Carter plans New Year's trip — President Carter announced Wednesday that he will tour Europe for a year-end six-country tour. The president will visit Poland, Iran, India, Saudi Arabia, France, and Belgium. His plans include a trip to Warsaw which will be the first ever from a Communist country by an American President. Carter had canceled plans to visit three other countries — West Germany, the Vatican, and Venezuela — had postponed those trips until later next year.

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What is the role of a free press?

By William Lasser

Following last week's editorial denouncing Peter Berke's performance as Undergraduate Association President and my simultaneous explanation of the role of a newspaper in the evaluation of public officials and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, I received a letter from Henry Gardner '79 inviting me to talk on one of my points.

I was not surprised to find that by his letter a clipping of the column, with the following words circled: "While The Tech does not profess to have all the answers, it is our responsibility to have the ability to decide if a particular answer is correct or not. That's the role of an active, involved, and free press."

Mr. Gardner believes in a free press because newspapers do not have power in the real sense; they can influence public opinion, they can bring facts (or, in inappropriate action, views) to the attention of the community, they can sift, analyze, and transmit. But it is only by convincing others that action need be taken that they can wield any authority.

Is it my fault through impulsive writing that I conveyed to Mr. Gardner and presumably to others the opinion that newspapers—as distinct from public officials or groups—must make a judgment, even a moral or political one (since the single issue itself is right and wrong). The relationship seems to me that The Tech is a broader institution in the real sense, but that we have the right and the responsibility to make the judgment that right and wrong.

In fact in your editorial you point to the intention of the community, they can sift, analyze, and transmit. It is others in disagreement with us who convince us that we are wrong.

Thus, when The Tech calls for the impeachment of Peter Berke as we did last week, we are expressing an opinion formed after a serious consideration of the issues. We have, in a sense, differentiated a "right" and "wrong" course of action from a "wrong" one. But we are not committing ourselves with an ability which we deny to others in an informed position—even undergraduates must make up their own minds as to whether they agree with us or not. Furthermore, we recognize our responsibility to publish opposing points of view, and we will gladly print opinion articles, or letters expressing the views of others.

We have not taken an inflexible position by expressing our opinions. If Peter Berke convinces us, we will change our opinions, not because we have misjudged him, not by words, but by constructive and positive actions, we will not hesitate in commending him and extending our calls for his impeachment. If a judgment—by us or by others—in disagreement with us convinces us that we are wrong, we will admit our mistakes.

The possibility of our being in disagreement with others or of being in last minute wrangling over an issue should not act as a deterrent to the expression of a more active role in the taking of or to the making of decisions.

To the Editor

You may be ticked off by the manner in which our UAP suggests that you handle convincing us that they make a hit. The General Assembly has not exactly been thorough in overcoming importance to MIT students. Even the nobles of efforts by last year's UAP, Phil Moises, failed to get more than 25 GA Reps to any one meeting. Clearly, there is an issue to be discussed and resolved by the GA, but how does a UAP get the Reps to show up? Elections for Representatives to the GA have not occurred recently, and when they have, places like McCormick have found only three candidates for seven seats. The blame lies not with the UAP, but with the collection of guardians which a letter from student representatives to the GA has indicated.
Retirement bill debated

By Brian Adle
A bill proposed by the House Committee on Education and Welfare to raise the mandatory retirement age from 65 to 70 could have several effects at MIT. The legislation, which would affect employees of both private organizations and state and local governments, was proposed as an amendment to the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967.

Several conflicting views have been expressed about the bill regarding its application to university professors. At the present time, most administrators have neglected to comment on the bill. Those who favor raising the retirement age to 70 note that the average age in the United States has increased and that older people are more productive now than they had been in the past. Therefore, if a professor over 65 is still capable of teaching, he should be able to continue teaching. A problem arises when an individual is no longer qualified to teach but still wants to continue working. What criterion should be established to judge the competence of an older faculty member?

Another consideration favoring the increase in retirement age concerns social security. With more professors working beyond the age of 65 there would be a decreased need for social security. According to Jack N. Ray, director of insurance and retirement benefits at Indiana University, the situation could lead to "economic difficulties" for any institution that had made financial projections based on the retirement of their faculty members at 65 instead of 70. Many universities might not be able to pay the high salaries of senior professors who in the past would have been replaced by younger professors.

Universities are also fearful of becoming too heavy with senior faculty, which would decrease opportunities for employment and advancement among younger scholars. Dr. Charles Davidson, a retired Harvard professor said, "I'm delighted to be retired," adding that it gave him "some independence" which he did not have as a tenured professor. He also said he felt that "young people should be able to obtain a position" and that people beyond the mandatory retirement age should be able to teach, although in a different way. Just as new professors have new ideas which are important, older professors possess wisdom which has been acquired through age. However, there must be some point at which the university can tell the professor to leave.

Professor of Humanities Theodore Wood, Jr. stated that "It would be fine if we weren't required to retire at 65." He noted that professors were formerly employed for half-time at half-pay when they reached the retirement age. Although Wood said he felt this would be great, he realized that it would hurt younger professors. "I can see their point of view."

The effects of raising the mandatory retirement age to 70 would have a greater impact than would be expected from a survey of all professors, according to the Ladd-Lipsit Faculty Survey. The survey indicates that 21 percent of all faculty members in the US should be able to continue working. What criterion should be established to judge the competence of an older faculty member?

A reminder from
THE TECH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Thursday, Dec. 8, is a holy day Immaculate Conception masses are at 12:05pm and 5:05pm in the chapel.
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My Mother . . . My Son shows insight

By Jim Walker

My Mother . . . My Son is a superbly performed collage of short scenes from various works ranging from novels to drama which successfully illustrate the words of the play's creator, Vevca Lindfors. "That most intricate, most intimate relationship a mother has with her son."

The acting is dazzling. It is miles above the standard mediocrity one meets all too often on screen and stage. Ms. Lindfors and her son, Kristoffer Tabori, were flawless. Their technique was excellent. They gave the entire show the feeling of top-notch professionalism.

The set is well-designed, remaining entirely a background to the acting - intrusiveness being a definite danger in a show of this sort. The lighting added considerably to the show, again never intruding.

The only flaw in the show is the script. It is successful, but not quite as fully as it could be. It sacrifices too much of its potential development to pursue an concentration: the mother-son theme.

The college is effectively done and proceeds skilfully at times, with the slightest of pauses between scenes. Unfortunately, the pieces are sometimes too short. The inherent difficulty of a collage presentation with short, varied pieces is the impracticality of building to an emotional peak.

(News letter to page 7)

Chorallaries:
new a cappella singing group

By Peter Cunningham

Peter Cunningham is a member of the Chorallaries.

The MIT Chorallaries, a new a cappella singing group on campus, will be having their first concert tonight at midnight in the lobby of Building 7. The Radcliffe Pitches and the MIT Logarithms will be performing as well.

The Chorallaries are a twelve-member show harmony group comprised of men and women. They were organized less than a year ago, in January 1978, and had their first major performance at the fall's Logan Club. The group has a repertoire of songs, ranging from music of the '20s to modern theatrical pieces. Many of these numbers were arranged by members of the group.

The Chorallaries are available for private performances, and have a selection of Christmas carols for the upcoming holiday season. For more information, call either Peter Cunningham at x3-1741 or 492-0164, or Rich Peterson at x7-1747.

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Mindful of building to an emotional peak.

Films

Roader Madness and 2001: A Space Odyssey — This double feature of the most outrageously stereotyped anti-drug movie of the thirties and the best science fiction movie ever filmed is definitely a real winner. November 28 to December 4 at Frankenstein's, Mass. Ave and Newbury St., Boston.

Semi-Tough — A recent movie attractively about football which even made the cover of Sports Illustrated. In fact, the movie dealt with the relationship between three characters and the current consciousness movement. Playing at the Cheri, Boston.

Between Time and Timbuktu — A movie as strange as the stories of its author Kurt Vonnegut. Probably worth seeing through, December 6 at Off the Wall, Central Square. Show at 6, 8, and 10. Also, Friday and Saturday at midnight.

Gangs Die — An old and dull but marvelous narrative story set in Kipling's India. Starring among others Douglas Fairbanks, Sr. At the Cheri, Boston. Friday and Saturday at midnight. Admission 50 cents.

Live

Billy Joel — Should be a good concert by one of the best keyboardists around today, Saturday at 8:30pm in the Orpheum.

Bob Seeger and the Silver Bullet Band — A popular Midwest band which is supposed to have a good stage show. Their repertoire includes their best-known song Friday and Saturday at 8pm in the Middle.

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Marathon Man — Violent action/suspense story with Dustin Hoffman and post-war Nati Laurenco Olivier. One of the best of last year's movies.

What is a Public Policy Program?
Mother-son relationship 'intricate'

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The MIT Concert Band, under the direction of John Corley, will present its fall major production, Ben Jonson's Volpone: or The Fox. The performance will take place at 8:30pm on Fri. Dec. 9 in St. Paul Church, which is located at the corner of Bow and Arrows Streets just off Mass. Ave. Tickets are $4. $2 for students, and may be purchased at the door or in advance at the Harvard Center Ticket Office. Call 491-2664 for additional information.

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... The MIT Concert Band, under the direction of John Corley, will present its fall concert on Sat. Dec. 3 at 8pm in Kresge Auditorium. The program includes Music for Prague 1968 by Housa, Lincolnshire Posy by Gunninger, Emblems by Copland, Drei Natnli by Hanson, and A Gloria. Dux Op. 48 by Roussel. Admission is free.

The Harvard Glee Club and the Harvard-Radcliffe Collegium Musicum, under the direction of the John Adams conductor, will present a concert of Christmas music in Cambridge's holiday season. The performance will take place at 8:30pm on Fri. Dec. 9 in St. Paul Church, which is located at the corner of Bow and Arrows Streets just off Mass. Ave. The performance will benefit the Harvard Center for the Arts and the Center for International Students. Call 491-5035 for ticket information.

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Early retirement discussed

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maintain that they will retire from full-time employment by the age of 60. In addition, 11 percent plan to retire between 61 and 66, and 3 percent plan to retire between 67 and 69. Although

of this group plan to continue in their

early 70's. These statistics are misleading,

according to the survey. The survey

noted many professors at institutions

with a compulsory retirement age of 70 planned to continue working full time until their 70's. Although

petitions from the professors between ages 50 and 54 plan to retire at age 67 or later.

been held at Brandeis where 1,300 students signed a petition requesting divestment. Petitions have also been circulated at Harvard, which has invested over $400 mil-

lion in companies doing business in South Africa. At Wellesley students formed an ad hoc committee to present the college's South African holdings and staged a rally and a petition drive. The group met with Wellesley's equivalent of the S磺C is in the fall and again in the spring, and the ad-


mistration responded by form-

ing a committee to look into the

issue. Another rally was held yesterday evening.

MIT surveying companies involve-

ment in S. Africa

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probably "look hard" at endors-

ing any potential candidates. The survey also noted that 60 percent of the faculty members in the 20 to 30 age group said that they would respond positively to a measure that would assure them of pension benefits equal to what they would be at the mandatory retirement age. Many also said that they would consider retire-

ment sooner if assured part-time employment with a proportionate decrease in salary.

In addition to the proposed bill, within the next few weeks the U.S. Civil Rights Commission is expected to send Congress its proposed guidelines for enforcing the Age Discrimination Act of 1975. The measure provides that "no person in the U.S. shall, on the basis of age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to sub-

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photo essay by Gordon Haff
**Hooper's improve; but drop first two**

By H. G. Weed

Last Saturday night the MIT men's Varsity basketball team opened the season with a disappointing 70-68 loss to Brooklyn College. In their second game of the season this Wednesday the Beavers showed considerable improvement in a 97-70 loss to the powerful Judges of Brandeis University.

In the beginning of the first game MIT showed good ball control and jumped to an early lead. But a lack of effort by the Beavers enabled the Brooklyn College Kingsmen to gain control and maintain the lead for the rest of the game.

However, there were a few bright spots to MIT. A-12 point, 11 for 14 performance by team captain Rick Van Etten 78 is really what kept MIT in the game. And an aggressive full-court press by the Beavers at the end of the game cut the Kingsmen lead to one point. Down by one, with 24 seconds on the clock MIT was unable to score a basket, thereby handing the game to Brooklyn.

In the game against Brandeis MIT showed much more poise and aggressiveness and this time received a superlative performance from sophomore Ray Nagser. Nagser, with 30 points and tremendous hustle sparked both the Beaver offense and defense. Unfortunately, Brandeis' awesome front court and depth enabled them to win the game.

Tomorrow night MIT's steady improving team will take on Trinity College in what promises to be an exciting game. The Junior Varsity begins play at 6:30p and the Varsity game is at 8:00p.

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**Rink woes hurt IM hockey**

By Gordon Hall

The first 1M hockey game of the season was played on MIT's 22-year-old outdoor rink. The previous two weeks of unseasonably warm weather and a broken compressor had forced the cancellation of the first two games.

"Like most IM sports where the trend is low and increasing number of teams — almost an unmanageable number in many cases — IM hockey suffers because of only two teams over last year," said IM hockey evaluator and last year's manager. The IM hockey scheduling problems are more severe than those of just about any other sport.

The breakdown for the teams this season is 4 A-league, 10 in B.33 in C, and 16 in D (originally called C2). The league is a new addition this year, primarily for the purpose of producing a more reasonable level of competition in both C and D leagues.

As with football, although for a totally different reason, A-league hockey is in trouble. This year it consists of four teams in a single division: SAE/FII, Metallurgical, Mechanical Engineering, and the Junior Varsity. The Junior Varsity will serve much the same purpose as the Community Hockey League did last year — they will play the other teams but will not be eligible for the trophy. Their games will be played during their regularly scheduled practice sessions.

The level of hockey playing ability on the conglomeration team entered in A-league this year is not conducive to simple living groups entering teams against them. Even in the traditional sports powerhouses like Lambda Chi Alpha and Sigma Alpha Epilson, there is not enough hockey talent to stand up to teams like Metallurgy. Phil Zylbersztajn '80, the IM hockey manager noted that "if someone can hit hard he can play football, but you can't learn to hate how violent.

When asked about the possibility of having formed an independent and a living group A-league, Zylbersztajn said that Dan Boxerman (this year's referee evaluator and last year's manager) had restored the possibility to him during the fall but too late for anything to be done about it. He added, however, that he would recommend to his successor to look into that option.

Although hockey scheduling is already in trouble due to the loss of twenty games, Zylbersztajn says that "if it's a very long winter there will be playoffs." Last year featured one of the best-run playoffs in recent memory with teams in all leagues competing for their respective championships. He added that "As far as games go, games will not be called off unless Physical Plant says that the ice cannot be used."

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