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 twice this year to 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 student claims that 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 raised line reading information.

The City of Cambridge has not been quite as receptive, however. The student noted attempts to get more curb cuts on Massachusetts Avenue but with little success. Existing curb cuts are done incorrectly, sometimes causing wheelchairs to overturn.

The student stated that MIT is better prepared in attitude as well as physical plant for handicapped students than the 15 other institutions with 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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Silver freezes BU exposure funds

By Jordan Housden

The administration of President John Silber at Boston University has frozen the funds allocated to the BU Exposure of its growth by establishing a task force. The task force includes students, faculty members, and interested parties which plans to meet twice this year to present its report in June of 1978.

The administration has frozen the money allocated to the BU Exposure Committee. This action was taken because the exposed student had not submitted its copy to the administration before printing. According to the administration, the faculty advisor to the BU Exposure Committee, a resident of the campus, had not properly reviewed the copy before submitting it.

The exposure committee has expressed concern that the administration would not simply frozen the funding as such. The Allocation Board is made up of 10 members, including the BU student council, the BU Friends of the Arts, and the BU Council of Staff.

ChessMaster Report

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 his country in the last world championship. His chess career can no longer be published in the Soviet Union.

New books, as well as revised editions of older ones, may not contain any examples of his play. The Russian authorities are so far not making any effort to polish off their best players.

In the chess world, Korchnoi himself might be champion. Declining to play even a single game becoming champion in 1972, not even the five million dollar purse or the case with which he could have beaten Kasparov would suffice. Kasparov is no longer a political issue. Korchnoi himself might be champion today had not Kasparov become challenger by edging him out in an unusually hostile match. Kasparov's deflection prompted a barrage of denunciation from which even Stalinism might be jealous. Always a realist, Korchnoi was not particularly popular with his colleagues, and Soviet chess authorities found him a nuisance. His defection thus became an offensively for personal revenge. The Soviet Chess authorities found him a nuisance. "If Kasparov cannot play, Korchnoi will do it," Korchnoi said.

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Korchnoi is surprising favorite

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Korchnoi finds themselves pitched 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 chess crown. Chess players are supposed to peak around age 35, yet Korchnoi has never played better. His convincing candidate match victories earlier this year, over former World Champion Tigran Petrosian, and the reigning Soviet champion Leon 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 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.

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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 behind his chess clubs. Korchnoi looks like a big favorite to win the match right now. Spassky, even though Karpov’s growth is not surprising, nobody expected the aging Korchnoi to continue to improve. He has carried 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.

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news roundup

World
Tension lessens in Bermuda — After violent black demonstration in 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 business has been resumed.

Mideast
Diplomatic relations severed — Egypt has cut diplomatic ties with Syria, Libya, and the Palestinians. This move was in counter to earlier efforts 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 had cut ties with Egypt over a week ago and the Palestinians have no country or embassy to turn to. 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 nationwide. Negotiations between the miners and the coal industry reached a stalemate over the union demand for the right to strike in individual districts. The strike will result in the lay-off of over 1,000 workers of railroads hauling coal and hurt the local economies. Major industry has 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 cost $100 million. The proposal would remove the present one percent gross insurance income tax with an income tax. If a company complies with certain requirements, the top of the tax bracket would be gradually reduced over the next five years. One of the requirements suggested is to have companies contribute over $50 million during that five-year period to businesses in the state which could not obtain funds from any other source.

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Notes
- Friedman evaluation forms are available in Friedman advice offices as of Dec. 7. The student evaluation deadline is Dec. 16. Friedman must turn in an evaluation form for each subject. Instructors should return completed evaluations to him by Jan. 2. Extra evaluation forms are available in Friedman Office, T-107.
- The Learning Executive Society, Inc., invites eligible undergraduate students to attend a meeting at the Library on Jan. 11 to discuss the role of the library in an age of the computer. Pre-registration is required. Students interested should call 495-2011.
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Special to The Tech
Three times proved a charm as David A. Schiffer ’79 was elected Chairman of The Tech for Volume 98 at the annual election meeting held Sunday on the third run for the position of honor.

After the meeting, brunch the elections began, and continued for almost four hours. Soon the count of The Tech’s 1978 Executive Board was chosen. Besides Schiffer, the new Executive Board comprises Bob Wasserstein ’80, Editor-in-Chief; Patrick M. Thompson ’80, Managing Editor; and Lee A. Lordquist ’79, Business Manager.

Newly elected Board members were invited to join the old ones in the Board room, though only to observe and comment, not to vote. The Board Room, once of many dashing and controversial editorial decisions, now became full of young, junior editors eager to carry on the tradition.

The business of the meeting was continued in camera, and Steven T. Krach ’80 was chosen News Editor to be staff assisted by Lawrence Duff ’81 and Jordan Hollander ’81, both elected Associate News Editors. Electrons will continue to keep The Tech’s faithful readers well-informed.

The Tech’s proud production staff was honored by the selection of Night Desk Editor John R. Berman ’79 and Steven T. Krach ’80, and the addition of Jason J. Maglione ’81 and Eric Alton at ’81 to the night editing staff.

The photography department hopes John M. Griscom ’82 will click on the new Photography Editor. Being promoted from his present position as Assistant Photography Editor.

Jim Gay ’78, and Tony L. Neelson ’80 were re-elected Sports Editors for Volume 98 at the Tech, in an unanimous decision. This supreme dual will give their time’s free coverage of MIT’s athletic endeavors.

Leigh J. Pascelle ’81 was selected Associate Arts Editor for the 1978 The Tech, and he will provide culture and dance its pages. The Business Department will feature newly elected Advertising Manager Brenda K. Hamiltonson ’78.

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Several comments on Institute events

By William Lassner

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 editors of the Tech have forced me to concentrate my comments into one column. With that in mind, consider:

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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 Sell, her company, and poet Rhea Tregebov, are being sponsored in a performance on December 9 at 6:00pm in the Walker Gymnasium (Bldg. 50, 3rd floor). This concert will include Casaubon, excerpts from an unfinished piece Conversations in a Foreign Language, and readings by Rhea Tregebov from her Anatomy Alphabet Book. These pieces illustrate multiple contrasts: works finished and unfinished, old and new, psychological and physical. Sell will express her own views on this subject before the performance.

Sell'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 too tense and dramatic, partly due to stage fright, these were probably the most difficult workshops for the group. The images were finished, old and new, psychological and physical. Sell will express her own views on this subject before the performance.

The Workshop concluded its 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, while not numerous, were very positive. The Workshop would like to present material with which it works and to gradually introduce the audience to free improvisations.

The Workshop was presented and described by Sell, which was apparently a great help to the audience. In general, audience reactions were very much in phase with the degree of consciousness 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 performers when the assignment is explicit. They are more aware of what they are doing.

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Harvard tops fencers

By Brian Whelan

The MIT fencing team opened its regular season with a disappointing 12-5 loss to Harvard Wednesday in both.

It was a meet full of surprises. The fice squad, though not expected to do well, won its division 4-3. Responsible for this were John Rodrigues '80, who won all three of his bouts, and Jim 1 medalist, who took two. The same squad, also expected to have a lot of trouble with the strong Harvard crew, lost 4-3, highlighted by sophomore Bill Elkins's two victories. Darling scored a phenomenal come-from-behind win, giving Harvard's top sabreman his only loss of the night.

The fice squad did not have such a good time. They were expected to do very well, and ended up losing 5-4. Coach Eric Soffer commented, "We lost it in the 4th bout. The team panicked with themselves out."

The coach went on to say that he considers MIT the better team, but that they lose because of concentration. Captain Mark Smith '78, who lost two bouts, was quite pleased at his one loss, and his scoring in general in the meet. He apologized after the meet for "focusing 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 fice squad, which took eight out of nine bouts. Juniors Brian Whelan and David Heller both swept three bouts.

Pistol down's three

By Michael Tavis

Last Saturday MIT easily beat its opponents, Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), Boston State College (BSC), and New England Institute of Technology (NEIT), in the College Pistol Shooting Match.

The meet consisted of separate events in the match. The first was the national small five. There consists of six strings of five shots fired in 45 minutes. There is a possible 900 points tied up in this event.

Next was the Conventional, or American style. This again consists of 100 rounds. There consists of 10 shots fired in 10 minutes (plus) two strings of five shots fired in 20 seconds timed, and two strings of five fired in 10 seconds each.

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 fencers 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 rounds are necessary to bring your arm up and aim.

Because there are three events of 300 points each, the type of match is known as a "College 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 Schuler 78, Donny McMullen 78, Phil Mor- 77, Brian Wendt 77, and Lea Brown 79. The first four ended up counting. Their final total scores were Schuler-942, Miller- 791, McMullen-774, and Morris- 752.

This made the MIT team's total Table 3179, which easily beat WPI's second place score of 3001 points. BS and SJF had final scores of 2909 and 2512 points, respectively.

When do Journalism Majors Say Budweiser?

By Helen Miyawaki

The MIT men's gymnastics team lost their first meet last Friday at the University of Lowell 1612 to 11.2. In this meet, which was won by MIT's captain John Troiani, 78, with a score of 755, there were five events, each with multiple alternatives: floor exercise, high bar, pommel horse, vault, and double bar. MIT's men's team fared better in the first event, while Lowell swept the last three.

Unfortunately, Lowell overpowered MIT on the other five events with consistently outstanding performances by their all-arounders. On the last event, pommel horse, the depth of the Lowell team was apparent as they took the lead by almost 11 points.

MIT's only other first place was Jim Cherry, 78, on rings with a 7.8. In coming meets, MIT can expect higher scores from the top three rings men, all of whom received handspots on double bars, somewhat the same. However, their performance was adequate and their team ended up winning.

The men's gymnastics team also finished in first place in last year's meet at Harvard and the Coast Guard Academy. This year, however, they are coming in second, and the meet was won by MIT.

The men's gymnastics team has been practicing at Boston University for the next scheduled meet. This meet will be triangular against perennial rivals Harvard and the Coast Guard Academy. The latter has had several upsets of MIT two years ago. The meet is scheduled for Jan. 13 at MIT, and hopefully the team will be back to full strength.

March of Dimes
Winter sports begin

By Tom Curtis

The approach of winter signals the beginning of the year's biggest sports season here at MIT. Twelve 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 surprised to see last year's team which upset Suffolk. Games will be played Wednesday nights in the Satellite on Rockwell Cage.

Fencing is another popular sport here. The MIT Hockey Club has been improving steadily since graduates have left the scene. Matches are usually on Wednesday nights and Saturday afternoons in the duPont fencing room.

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

The indoor track team is probably the most talented of all the winter teams. All five of last year's All-American performers who placed tenth or better in the nation are returning. Led by David Schaller '78 and Pan-American gold medalist David Miller '79, the team has a shot at the National Championship this year. Meets 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 Championships. Both are All-American teams. 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 team's 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 O'Keefe '79, forward Sheila Lueker '79, and guard Sue Reighle '79 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 11-7-1 record. The only thing that 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 court.

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

The squash team will be competing 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 grappers

By Bob Host

An outbreak of what is presumed to be impetigo caused a member of the wrestling team to miss most of the season and from the cancellation of a game that he was to attend and meet scheduled for last Saturday.

Over Thanksgiving vacation the practice must in the resting room were not cleaned properly, and shortly after workroom four wrestlers came down with symptoms of the disease, according to Bruce Wobler, '79, a member of the team. The Medical Department could not furnish any additional information on the disease as yet.

Inaddition, Wobler noted that the(I) Division, '79, missed Tuesday's matches. Since he has been admitted to the University of New Hampshire UNH because of the disease.

The Tuesday match was unascheduled, however, and although disapproving, it was not interpreted of the team's potential, according to Coach Wobler. However, it 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," Coach said, in becoming a better team. One bright spot for the team is the 138 lb. class, where Richard Miller, '79, did not make weight on Tuesday, weighed 137 lb. and would be available in an unweighted match Polish and Slovak, however, the team points went to UNH because of the suicide and MIT went not close to catching up. Another freshman, Jeff Ollson (142 lb.) was his match, 1-5, however, aside from a 2-2 draw by Gary Spliniter '79 and a 1-5 victory by Wobler, the team could not score against UNH, which Wobler attributed to "too much depth" as compared to MIT's loss of Davidon. He also explained that in the last few years UNH has built an even stronger team.

The dual, originally scheduled for December 8th, will have to be rescheduled at a time mutually agreed upon. "Please try to make it," the coach said.

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 basketball team 82-73.

For the first time in two years, MIT made the first move in the game. After MIT turned over the ball to establish a 2-point deficit, center Dave Mika decided to take the offense into his own hands and unloaded 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 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'Brien called time out and sent in a 90-second break that left the Crimson leading 17-9. 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 off the clock run out.

The steady improving MIT team will continue its season during the winter break. The next home game is Jan. 1 against the Merchant Marine Academy.

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