Reg. forms deadline: why it was changed

By David B. Koretz

Moving up the due date for second-term registration material to the last day of classes was not intended by the Registrar's Office to inconvenience students, but rather to generate usable pre-Registration Day enrollment information.

According to Ronald P. Smith, Associate Registrar, early return of the registration material will enable the Registrar's Office to give academic departments class-size estimates in time to affect teaching assignments.

In addition, he indicated that the makeup of classes to rooms will be made easier by the early returns.

Smith said that the change will be continued: for example, students will have to turn in fall 1978 registration material before the fall term.

In the past, spring-term registration forms have been due in mid-January. Although this deadline was moved up last year to the first week of IAP, full registration has, in recent years, been handed out in May but not due until early August. Before three years ago, the material was mailed out to students in the summer and due in August.

Smith emphasized that the change was made after careful consideration of the pattern of enrollment in previous years. He said that in the past, up to 25 percent of students regret the error.

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Number of women here has leveled off

By Elias Towe

Director of Admissions Peter Richardson '78 said that he is "cautiously optimistic" about the number of women expected to enroll at MIT next fall.

Over a ten-year period from 1967 to 1977, the number of women in the entering class has increased from 52 to 173. The number has held steady over the last three years after a decline from the peak class of '72, which included 211 women.

Based on the general increase over the ten-year period, Richardson said he was hopeful about next fall's class.

"The trick, however," said Richardson, "is to maintain that stability on the yield—the percentage of women who accept MIT's offer of admission.

Richardson went on to say that the Admissions Office would like to see more women enrolled at MIT. He also noted that Ivy League schools such as Harvard generally have percentages of women close to 30 percent, compared to the 15 percent in MIT classes, and blamed this difference on society's traditional attitude that engineering colleges should be exclusively for men.

According to Richardson, MIT's main problem at recruiting women is in convincing them to apply, not in searching for qualified applicants.

For the past five years, the Admissions Office has mailed approximately 30,000 letters annually to prospective women students. The small number who actually apply reflects society's attitude towards engineering colleges, according to Richardson.

He stated that declining Scholastic Aptitude Test scores would not affect MIT admissions policy, and added that he did not envision any lowering of standards in order to accommodate more women, or men.

Richardson said that such a change would have undesirable consequences for MIT.

Up until now, the total number of women on campus has increased steadily, from 251 in 1973 to 382 this year.

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Lobby 7 to be redone

By Mark James

An IAP competition will bring together the design skills and imaginations of the MIT community to design a new interior structure for Lobby 7. David Browne '78, Lobby 7 Coordinator, said that the goals of the design would be to provide a lounge area, a platform for performances, and an area for display.

In addition, Browne expressed hope that the new Lobby 7 could be rearranged and modified without changing its basic structure, so that the area might be used as an "architect's experimentation ground!"

The "building block" lounge furniture installed five years ago on the south side of the lobby was designed to be rearranged almost daily, Browne said. Prior to the time this structure was installed, an "architect set" was simply connected all of the floors of the lobby and provided lounge space.

Browne noted that one of the purposes of the design competition was to revive the architect.

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Reg. material due date moved

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Some of the major changes which are now scheduled for the spring semester include the following: 

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Students seek Drop Date voice

By Bensen Magelies

"The time has come for the students to show the faculty that they care about their education," stated John LosManto '80 at a meeting of the League of Concerned Students (LCS) at East Campus' Talbot Lounge on Sunday.

About twenty students met to discuss responses to the faculty proposals on drop date, grading, and freshman pass/fail. A policy statement was drafted, declaring that the organization will try to unify student and faculty opposition to the various "restrictive" proposals now or soon to be before the faculty.

The group grew out of a meeting in the Undergraduate Association office that drafted a letter to be sent to the faculty. In addition to the letter, the LCS announced several immediate objectives:

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Wasting 750 words on the NFL playoffs

By William Lauer

With apologies to Glenn Beck.

The National Football League season is winding to a close, with the second-round playoff games being played this weekend. The season has become less competitive as it has played out, and football fans everywhere can now look forward to the playoffs, which begin the weekend after next.

Be prepared for more incredible bits of statistical manipulation since some Madison Avenue advertising agency tried to prove that Tylenol sold more pain relievers than Bayer aspirin. The New England Patriots, who have been chasing the Baltimore Colts since the middle of the season, are in worse shape because the Colts tied less than they would have hoped to. And Baltimore is in the middle of the pack, better off because New England won then (the Patriots had lost).

This is no horrible coincidence, for the Colts lost last week against Baltimore, and Miami must lose to Buffalo for the local club to qualify for Conference play. Miami was the only choice.

In that situation, if the Patriots defeat New England, they would win 11-3-1 and lose to Buffalo for the local club to qualify for Conference play. Had the Colts lost Detroit on Sunday, with a Patriots win, the score would be 11-3-1 and, by the NFL's bizarre way of breaking ties for division championships (which I can't even begin to understand), both the Patriots and the Dolphins would be 9-4-1, and the Patriots would have clinched a playoff spot.

I know it sounds weird, but that's because it is. Before Sunday's action, Baltimore and Miami were tied at 9-3, and the Patriots defeated Buffalo, which would have left the Patriots and the Dolphins tied at 10-4 for the championship — and Miami would win because they have won more games in the Eastern Division than have the Patriots.

Now, if the Patriots lose to the Colts, and Miami beats Buffalo, Baltimore and Miami would be tied for the lead at 10-4, and the Colts would win. Why? Because although Baltimore and Miami would be tied in Division play at 6-2, Baltimore would be 9-3-1 in American Conference play, whereas Miami would be only 9-3-1.

If the Patriots beat the Colts, and Buffalo — by some miracle — defeat Miami, then the Patriots would be the outright winners, with a 10-4 record. The Colts and the Dolphins would be 9-4-1.

So, you see, the Patriots must win next week and hope Buffalo beats Miami. Whereas, if the Colts had won, they would have been able to clinch a playoff spot by beating Baltimore next week, regardless of what happens in the Buffalo-Miami game.

There are about a dozen other situations, or so it seems — such as if the Patriots lose next week and Miami and Buffalo blow it to a tie — then all three teams would be tied, and New England would win the Division. And had the Patriots lost Sunday, then Miami could clinch the wild-card spot with a win against Buffalo.

It boils down to the fact that Baltimore — a team ahead of New England before this week — would have helped the Patriots out by winning in their game against Detroit. That's ridiculous.

And, to make things worse, the National Conference wild card spot is in doubt. If the Patriots lose, they will not receive the tie-breaker with Buffalo, if the Bills lose to Miami, and the Bills lose to Miami, then New England would have to beat Buffalo to earn the tie-breaker, which even without a perfect record, is impossible.

Isn't it wonderful, that with all the problems of the world, with Carter's energy bill still being hatched out by the congress, with the Drop Date under debate and freshman pass/fail threatened by an advertising agency, and a National Conference wild card spot, we're being obsessed by the NFL playoff system.

In a recent letter to The Tech (Dec. 6), Professor Robert Michaelitz wrote: "The recommendation for a change in the Drop Date policy has been made solely on educational grounds. We feel that revisions to the present system would be better than the present system, and we would be opposed on educational grounds.

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(Editors' note: The Tech received a copy of this letter to the Committee on Academic Freedom. Dear Cap Members: We believe that you have asked themselves this question: As a student, I certainly have my perceptions of the same role. Could it be that they have mistaken their true role?"

I have to think about the current problem by clarifying the differences in our perceptions of the same role. It is my belief that the overwhelming responsibility of a student is to provide as good an education as possible to the students at MIT. All other concerns should be secondary to this paramount goal. In relation to the drop date issue, it seems that only the athletes at MIT benefit from this decision but my opinion would appear to differ from your own. I feel compelled to speak out for the students at MIT. All other concerns are directed towards the improvement of the educational process or for the convenience of the professors.

In conclusion, while I admire the professors' concern over the students' welfare, I can't help but think that if they directed their energies towards improving educational techniques, the need for which is obviously apparent at MIT, that the prime objective of the professor would be better served. I would therefore like to request that each Cap member ask himself sometime before the next meeting, whether his actions are directed towards the improvement of the educational process or for the convenience of the professors.

Bradley S. Altho, '78
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**Snow emergencies**

With the arrival of winter, motorists are reminded that snow removal operations often require removal of automobiles from certain areas so that plows can operate effectively. Snow removal parking regulations, which are enforced as a matter of public safety, are generally as follows:

**City of Cambridge**

Cambridge "snow emergencies" are declared by the city manager, and are announced over most local radio and TV stations. Parking is then prohibited on designated emergency arteries. Permanent street signs indicate the existence of an emergency artery; many streets in the MIT area are emergency arteries. Any vehicle blocking snow removal equipment may be subject to ticketing and/or towing at the owner's expense.

**On campus**

Recognizing that the circumstances of each snowstorm differ as to the day (business day vs. weekend, or holiday) and the hour (12 Noon vs. 12 Midnight), the occurrence of the snowfall, information and guidelines from the Institute may vary. During periods of heavy snowfall, information concerning on-campus snow removal operations may be obtained by calling Campus Police Headquarters (x3-1212). Note that after heavy snowfalls, parking in large open parking lots (Sloan, Tang, Westgate, Kresge and Albany Open) may be temporarily prohibited to allow for snow removal. In such cases, "Snow Removal" signs will be posted eight hours in advance of plowing.

**Storage of cars**

Though facilities are very limited, persons who wish to store their cars on campus while they are away during the vacation can, on certain cases, obtain special "dead parking" permission from parking personnel at Campus Patrol. Information concerning this permission and certain requirements, which must be met may be obtained by calling Headquarters (x3-1212) 24 hours a day. Cars left dead parked on campus without display of the special permit may be towed and stored at the owner's expense.

**Christmas/IAP Storage**

As in past years, the Campus Police will make available storage space for students absent from the campus over the Christmas vacation and/or IAP who have small, valuable property to store (T.V., stereo, etc.). Due to a serious storage space shortage, the following guidelines will be observed:

- Items to be stored must be reasonably small.
- They must be completely contained in sealed boxes or cases.
- The boxes or cases must be clearly marked with the owner's name, term address, and expected date of return.

Articles to be stored may be brought to Headquarters (Armory, 2nd floor) Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm.
Lover has potential but not memorable

The World's Greatest Lover, a Seventeenth-Century Fox release, produced, directed, and written by Gene Wilder, starring Gene Wilder, Carol Kane, Dom DeLuise, and Dusty Field, opened upon rush sale throughout PG.

By Drew Blakemore

Gene Wilder is quickly becoming one of cinema's comic geniuses. Sunday he will join Miley (Wilder) and her heavenly brother, Adam (Carole), to present a new telecast of that hilarious tale, "The Life of Adam and Eve." But his latest effort, "The World's Greatest Lover," is not one that will earn him an Academy Award. It is, however, a film that is enjoyable to see, especially if you enjoy the work of Gene Wilder. And who doesn't enjoy his work? He has a unique ability to make us laugh at things we would normally find outrageous.

This movie is a pleasant comedy about a baker in Milwaukee (Miley) who is forced to leave his home and family to go to Hollywood to make a movie. The movie is a disaster, and Wilder is fired. But he returns to Milwaukee to try to make a comeback. The film is not exactly original, but it is well executed. The performances are excellent, especially that of Wilder, who is able to bring life to even the most mundane situations. The film is a delightful and funny movie that is well worth seeing.

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Records by War Roberts and others

Galaxy — War on MCA Records

War, a first-rate family band, has been dropped by the MCA label, after several years with United Artists. Perhaps it is in commemoration of this switch, the band has abandoned its boring quasi-rock style and returned to its soul roots.

The change is definitely for the better — just about everything War has put out in its career so far has either sounded like their first hit, "Once Upon a Dark Night," or just sounded dumb. "Can't We Be Friends," for example.

This album, however, is a solid collection of soul with a Latin beat that is not really drove — it's pleasant listening.

Bruce Roberts on Eclips Records

Bruce Roberts has a remarkable voice and an interesting songwriting style, but this album really doesn't do anything more spectacular than take up space on the shelf.

This record was released almost concurrently on two labels, but only Sager sold it; on both albums are a lot of songs co-written by Roberts. Sager and Berthill should have given the group a bigger chance, but they didn't use them up well. Where as Sager's style is pleasant, Roberts is boring.

There's nothing really objectionable on this album: the instrumentation isn't bad and the band doesn't play too badly. But really Bruce, why bother?

David B. Koretz

It Takes One To Know One — Decca on Swan Song Records

This album is good if you need background music for a party — it refuses to distract you. Detective is a group of very talented musicians whose potential, sadly, is not realized on this disc.

This band has two speeds: medium slow and medium fast. Side one sounds like Bad Company played at 10rpm. "Help Me Up," with A&M possibilities, but only if it's not half its length (it just goes on and on and on . . .) the lyrics to "Are You Talkin' To Me" are right out of a scene from Taxi Driver.

The second side is much better. They actually started to rock. "Easy" is the only true gem. And that's an understatement. One of the songs would sound like something right off of Led Zeppelin II (which shouldn't be too surprising, considering they both label they're on). Someone else should write their songs.

Michael Des Barres is straining his voice to sound raw and raunchy. Larry Kaye (yes, the sax) is playingREC

Mike Monarch played a much more enthusiastic guitar role than he has with Stephen Stills.

Kitty Gropp

Works Vol. II — Emerson, Lake & Palmer on Atlantic Records

In mid-March ELP finally released the long-awaited Works Vol. II, the group's first studio album in over three years. Now, in the wake of month's later, we have Works Vol. III and the conclusion to the project. Works.

In contrast to some of Vol. I's longer outings, the single LP of Vol. II showcases the virtuosity of ELP in twelve tracks of color-out-of-group races, each clocked in at five minutes or less. With a five-minute limit.

The group opens with its total "Forgotten Dreams," which originally was released as a single. The Emerson solo, "Bar

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Navy outshoots MIT by 70

By Gary S. Engelson

The varsity pistol team hosted two meets this weekend in the duPont range. Saturday's meet was a disappointing but not entirely unexpected loss to Navy. An International Sectional Tryout for air pistol in which several MIT people did very well was held on Sunday.

In the first contest Navy turned in an impressive team total of 3746 to MIT's 3146. The MIT team was without Captain Dennis McMullen'78, who would have been expected to shoot somewhere in the 760's, to go with a 796 by senior Dave Schaller and a 798 by senior Philip Morris, Junior David Miller's 792 and sophomore Kyle Brown's 796.

Sunday's tryouts were part of a series of such matches which determine the people to be invited to Phoenix in June when they will attempt to become part of the United States team in a three-day match. In the Open class of shooting, Barry Colt, a Boston State instructor and pistol coach, took top honors with a 376 in individual competition and a 375 in the team effort. The First Master spot was attained by an MIT graduate student, Dave Goldstein, with a 374 and a 372. Miller became Second Master with a 365 and 376. The second score broke the collegiate record of 376 and the junior record of 370, but since they were recorded in team competition they will not become the new records. In the Expert class Schaller took top honors with a 333 and 385. An administrator in the Mechanical Engineering Department was right behind Schaller with 352 and 371. All of these scores are good enough to receive an invitation to Jane's match. MIT had no shooters place in the Sharpshooter or Markman class.

On Dec. 17 the Engineers will face Boston State and Rutgers at 9am. MIT is expected to bring their 2-1 record up to 4-1 in that match. The next international tryouts held here will be on Jan. 22 on which the shooters will about the free and standard pistols.

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Winter aggravates sports facility crunch

By Tom Curtis

The arrival of winter has once again emphasized the need for new athletics facilities. In particular, the existing rink has many problems staying in working order and appears to be on the verge of death.

The major problem with the rink is that it was designed to operate under the climate of the East. The MIT administration changed this facility to have a similar appearance to the building in its hometown. The MIT administration purchased it in 1934 and moved it here.

Besides being cold, the rink is less than a spectator's paradise in other ways. For one thing, the only good vantage point for watching a game is near the door. Spectators are then forced to watch the dizzying position of having to spin around and around to watch a game, watching a mile run can be a sickening experience.

For this reason, the MIT administration is considering the use of indoor facilities. If the MIT administration cares at all about students, it would be interested in the possibility of having to spin around and around to watch a race.

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