Life insurance agents deceptive

By Bob Wasserman

Life insurance salesmen have employed unethical methods and misrepresentation in their efforts to sell policies to graduating seniors.

Complaints have been received by the office of the Dean for Student Affairs, primarily from members of the class of 1977.

Lisa Broderick, secretary to Dean for Student Affairs Carla Eisenberg, receives most of the complaints from students concerning life insurance. She said the main complaint is about telephone harassment by companies calling four or five times. The agents tell a student that they received his name from a "friend," but either they refuse to give the name or use one without any authorization.

Several students have complained about claims from companies that they were the sole insurance agency authorized to operate on campus. According to Blodgett, an agent was asked to leave Lobby 7 by Campus Patrol last fall after a number of complaints of soliciting.

Dean Kenneth C. Browning asserted it was "simply not true" that any one company was solely authorized. Broderick noted that soliciting is prohibited on campus, and that this rule is especially enforced in dormitories.

MIT Insurance Officer Kimball Valentine said he doubts any one life insurance company is solely authorized by MIT or has ever been. He recalled, however, that twenty years ago certain companies were sanctioned by the Institute. These companies were offered policies with dividends payable to MIT, as gifts from graduates.

The Alumni Association and a graduat- ing class sponsored these plans, Valentine added, and policies from several companies were always offered contemporaneously.

Robert J. Holden, Associate Dean for Student Affairs, has dealt with the life insurance problem in the past. "The problem is exacerbated by the apparent aggressiveness of the salesman," Holden said. "There is a significant decrease in the number of solicitation complaints recently."

Holden said "life insurance is sold, not bought," which explains the apparent aggressiveness of the salesman. "We have been notified of complaints by students, and we have previously contacted the companies concerned. However, we are not able to verify that these policies have been sold to students."

By John Rogers, deputy chief of staff. Major General Charles C. Pole, director of the Air Force Reserve, has been fired by the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Stanford University.

UPDATE

Frank Press, Head of the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, is currently awaiting final approval of his clearance on his appointment as Science Adviser to President Carter. Press, who is spending his summer in Washington preparing for the job, told The Tech that he "was anxious to accept it but that he was "in the process of offering to him and he "would accept it."

Representative Lois Pines (D-Newton) is gaining support in her efforts to pass a bill through the Massachusetts Legislature limiting the admission of evidence in rape cases to the victim's past sexual history and the alleged rapist's past sexual history.

NATION

Nearly 5,000 University of Hawaii students participated Saturday in a march on the Hawaii State Capitol in protest of a proposed 13 per cent budget cut for the university.

With the end of the Vietnam conflict, anti-war feelings have waned. A new study of the Vietnam era, have risen to 15,000 this year and are expected to continue climbing.

The National Safety Council has released statistics showing that the rate of traffic accidents has decreased in 1976 - 34 people killed per million miles of travel — was the lowest in recorded history. The drastic reduction in deaths has been attributed to the 55 mph speed limit.

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Excerpts from the statement of position have been sent to all members of the faculty can be found on page 5.

Thomas Hill dead

By Mark James

Professor of Management Thomas M. Hill died Friday at the MIT Infirmary. He was 62.

Hill was a member of the Al- fred P. Sloan School of Manage- ment faculty for 35 years, and had been an Institute graduate.

He was born in Bucksport, Maine, and received a bachelor's degree from Wesleyan University, Maine. Hill did his graduate stud- ies at Harvard University, and completed additional work at Stanford University.

After serving in the Armed Forces during World War II, Hill was a visiting professor in economics at Leeds University in England, and was instrumental in founding the Indian Institute of Management in Calcutta.

The Winchester, Mass., resident was co-author of a textbook, Accounting - Financial and Management Ac- counting - Cost Systems.

Hill is survived by his wife Hil- deth, a son, Thomas, Jr., of New- ington, and a daughter, Katherine, of Portland, Maine.
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Games
More cold
By David Potter
Next year's weather patterns will be a repeat of those this past year, according to the predictions of Professor Emeritus of Meteorology Hurld C. Willet.

Although there will again be colder than usual weather in middle latitudes, regional patterns will be different, Willet said, probably resulting in colder temperatures for the West and less severe snowfall in the Ohio Valley and Midwest. He bases this prediction on the current cooling trend and the tendency of winter weather patterns to repeat after three years.

Willet has forecast a 20-year period of colder weather beginning in 1980.

A major cause of cooler weather has been a shift in wind patterns, according to Willet. The westerly winds normally cross North America from west to east, but during this winter they split into branches that brought warm air over the western, Alaska and forced cold, Arctic air southeastward to the central and eastern United States.

This north-south shift in wind direction has been made possible for the drought which has been lasting this past summer, Willet noted.

He stated that "if one quarter of the money now spent on development by pointing out that "of the 50 Soviet generals in their civil defense force, 43 are retired World War II generals," who are probably not actively involved in military planning.

" Soviet civil defense manuals read the same as American programs of the early '50s. I don't think the shelter gap is much of a threat."
A Journalist copes with his emotions

By William Lasser

“Hey was 33.”

That was how The Tech, and for that matter Thursday, in typical journalistic parlance summed up the life and tragic death of Jeffrey L. Pressman last week.

Newspapers use the formula for almost every obituary and death notice. But here there is nothing quite different about “He was 33.” We are used to “He was 66,” or “He was 86.” It is always the same. It is, our covering of in our early twenties or late teens.

In the newspaper business, deaths commonly with tragedy — fires, murders, suicides are constant reminders of our mortality. Fortunately, The Tech does not have to report such news events very often. But there are others every day, including the deaths of metropolitan dailies. But they occur often enough that those of who deal with death, even in an irregular basis learn to steel themselves against it. I am not sure if I was ever in our early twenties or late teens.

I attended the memorial service held Thursday in Kresge. There was no question but that I would. It was something I simply had to do, and I sincerely felt that I had to be present some respect for his memory. It was strange, for he had never seen me before. It was something I simply

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(See story, page 1)

the present crisis

Both Deans explained that while the Report has been "received" by the humanities administration, no action will be taken on any of the Committee's proposals until next fall. Blackmer and Hanham did explain that extensive plans have been completed for what is expected to be a "transitional year" for the Writing Program beginning next fall.

In July, 1974, a group of students and teachers in the Literature Section of the Humanities Department began the MIT Pilot Writing Program to integrate writing instruction into the undergraduate curriculum. To that end, the Program has:

1. provided writing instruction for 2,000 students.
2. created a Course XXI Writing Major and a Humanities Concentration in Writing — there are now nearly a hundred Concentrators and several Majors.
3. introduced ten new courses, including two Humanities Discussion Subjects and several interdisciplinary subjects.
4. introduced undergraduate Teaching Assistants into the Humanities Department.
5. established educational links with other departments and programs...

...Evolution of the Pilot Writing Program began in the spring of 1975. The Committee to Evaluate the Pilot Writing Program [chaired by Professor Nathan Silver] included professional writers, teachers of writing and literature, educational psychologists, a member of the Visiting Committee to the Humanities, and administrators of experimental programs...

The Evaluation Committee undertook an unprecedented examination of the goals of the Pilot Program, the performance of the staff, and the relationship of the Pilot Program to the educational environment at MIT...

In June, 1976, after more than a year of work and a reported cost of $20,000, the Evaluation Committee issued an 83-page report with extensive supporting material. The Report "strongly supports the directions and achievements of the Writing Program's pilot endeavor.

pedagogy

The student writing that most MIT faculty see is expository; they are most immediately aware of deficiencies in students' communication skills to a significant number of students who have a deep and continuing interest in writing.

The largely positive conclusions of the Report called for a substantial commitment by MIT to a permanent program in writing, with a major emphasis on student-centered teaching. The events of the past term do not reflect this sort of commitment.

I. Circulation and Discussion of the Report. In May, 1976, Dean Harold J. Hanham announced at a public forum that "we should try and produce a sensible approach to the teaching of writing. This approach, which drill in mechanics and organization, too often ignores the student's own thought processes and limits "creative" writing to a preselected few." In gathering qualitative and quantitative data to measure the effectiveness of different approaches to the teaching of writing, the Evaluation Committee compared the MIT Report with extensive supporting material among the deans of the Harvard Expository Writing Program, which conducted the surveys for the Committee, reported that "Harvard's program does much less with student reading of papers and with student response to other writers' work. We definitely will seek to build more of these features into our program..."

toward a solution

That the Writing Program has survived and grown in a break of time and in an unlikely environment is not to be taken lightly. It suggests grassroots strength that no "ideal" program designed by a task force and imposed administratively could have developed.

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Wizards falls short of expectations

By Stephen R. Wilk

Wizards, written, produced and directed by Ralph Bakshi, released by Twentieth Century-Fox. Ralph Bakshi's Wizards is set in a world common to comic book art. It's a world of sword-swinging heroes, ill-clad maidens, sorcerers, elves, fairies and Nameless Beasts. Set two million years after an all-consuming nuclear holocaust. Wizards is concerned with the battle between the grotesque beings of the radiation-scarred land and the elves of the pastoral Montagia.

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Any persons having information as to this matter are urged to contact the Campus Police at x-1212 and leave a message for Sgt. Joseph Sullivan. If desired, messages can be left anonymously.

Readers at the wheel of the vehicle shortly after it was reported stolen.

Camera Lenecenies

Camera equipment valued at around $1,000 was reported stolen this week.

Photographers in both cases.

Auto Thieves

A patrolling officer surprised two men shortly after 2 am this morning attempting to steal a car in the Westgate area. The pair fled in another car at a high rate of speed heading eastbound on Memorial Drive.

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Cambridge. Shortly after being stolen from MIT last week. In the former instance, officers from Boston's Division 15 (Charlestown) made the recovery even before the owner knew the car was missing. In the latter case Cambridge officers apprehended a juvenile at the time.
**Rites of spring training begin**

By Glenn Brownstein

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