Dean Halfman to decline DSA

By Jordana Hollander and Bob Wasserman
Robert L. Halfman, 44, acting Dean for Student Affairs, said he does not "want to continue Dean for Student Affairs after the interim period." One legal professor remain Dean for Student Affairs Halfman added, "I've been trying to get out of administration and Halfman asserted he would prefer to stay in counseling. Halfman is currently spending part of his time in the counseling section of the Dean for Student Affairs Office and remains chairman of the Experimental Real Student Affairs group while serving as interim dean.

Halfman served as head of the MIT Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics, could not predict who would be chosen Dean for Student Affairs after the six-month review process is on. On the other hand, Halfman commented, "It would be nice if he or she had experience in both counseling and administration."

"Additionally," he said, "that he will "keep the DSA running with less disruption during the review" and that he planned to "keep moving along." The Dean's Office is currently being reviewed by the administration in the wake of the resignation of three senior members.

Halfman is temporarily filling the vacancy left by Carol Eisenberg, Harvard Medical School. Eisenberg's faculty committee positions have been split between Halfman and Institute Vice President Constantine Simonides. Eisenberg is also sharing Eisenberg's responsibilities.

According to Halfman this division of responsibilities of any relucrance on his part to take that position. "I've been trying to get out of administration," Halfman said that he "wished we had a little more balanced arrangement" in the counseling section.

"Most people don't understand the structure of the DSA," Halfman said. He concluded that the "review will be part of the DSA office" and that the "administration will give attention on its problem."

Quillen wins Fields Award

By Michael Tavis
On August 15 of this year, Dr. Daniel G. Quillen, Professor of Mathematics at MIT, was awarded the prestigious Fields Medal for outstanding accomplishments in mathematics.

The Fields Medal is awarded every four years at the International Congress of Mathematicians to those mathematicians under the age of 40 who have done what is considered to be superlative work in mathematics over the previous four years. The award, which consists of a gold medal and a cash prize of $5000 in Canadian funds, is established by a Belgian-American mathematician John Charles Fields.

Quillen received the award for his work in the area known as algebraic K-theory, and his proofs of what are called the Adams and Serre conjectures, the Algebraic K-theory is a new research area that uses the techniques of geometry and topology to solve problems in algebra.

Another mathematician at MIT called Quillen's proof of the Adams conjecture "a beautiful proof" done "in a way that astounded everyone." Professor Kenneth M. Hoffman, head of the MIT mathematics department, described the Serre conjecture "ingenious and surprisingly short."

Quillen admits that, "a problem with mathematics is describing much in everyday terms. Go to a journal like Scientific American and you still find that mathematics articles are few and far between. Those that do appear are usually abstract propositions, or solutions to famous problems, or else they are... it's one of my long term projects to try to explain, even to the layman in the scientific community."

Professor Quillen also teaches three classes a year. This term he is teaching 18.03 and next term he will be teaching the 18.075 lecture and probably a recitation. "I've always enjoyed teaching calculus," he said. "It's basically fun to teach, I think, and it's a lot of fun to teach."

Professor Quillen joined the MIT community in 1964, and became a professor of mathematics in 1971. He spent 1968-69 and 1973-74 studying in Peru, where he was a member of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton in 1969-70.
Around MIT

Minnette Kessler presents a program of music with Marylou Speaker, violin; William Wrezien, clarinet; George Seuman, cello; and Patricia Morehead, oboe. The program will take place on Sept. 24, 5:15 pm at Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsboro St., Boston. Admission is free to members of the MIT community, tickets available at the UA office.

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Carter knew of Vesna aid — The White House has admitted that President Carter knew 19 months ago of a plan by a Georgia lawyer to persuade Carter aides to help fugitive financier Robert Vesco. Deputy press secretary Bob Graham, however, says Carter does not remember being informed of the matter.

**World**

Carter prods Hussein — President Jimmy Carter has told Jordan's King Hussein, through Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, that Jordan is running the risk of having nearby land taken by talks than by remaining independent of them. The argument, is Jordan's King Hussein, through Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, that Jordan is running the risk of having nearby land taken by Palestinians who might then wish to expand eastward into Jordan.

**Local**

MBTA wants to hike budget — The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority board of directors yesterday approved a $280 million budget for 1979, a 6.3% increase over the 1978 budget. The new budget must be approved by the state secretary of transportation and the MBTA advisory board to take effect.

King unseats Dubakis — Governor Michael Dukakis has so far declined to endorse conservative Edward J. King, who unseats him in his primary bid for renomination. —By Lenny Martin

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front page
The election is over, and, as Howard Jarvis predicted, the taxpayers are revolting. Edward J. King, former Massachusetts director who fancied himself the Howard Jarvis of "Taxachusetts," defeated Michael Dukakis in his bid for a second term as governor in this week's Democratic primary. To a large extent King's success is attributable to the tax issue: Proposition 13 and a broken promise by Dukakis from the previous election. King had other issues, too; his opposition to gun control, abortion, the 18-year-old drinking age, and his support for capital punishment were probably conservative stunning. But it is hard to believe that his success was entirely due to issues. "Duck the Duke" emerged when Dukakis raised taxes after a well-advertised promise not to raise taxes, long before King declared his candidacy. King was merely in the right place at the right time — many voted against Dukakis, not for King. The worst problem of all, however, was complacency. Did Dukakis or his staff ever take King seriously? How many full-page ads or TV spots did you see testing the virtue of the governor?
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Comfort is crucial. If you mountaineer in public, pick a padded bar stool, preferably one that spins (to facilitate admiring the scenery). At home, a comfortable chair or sofa will do. Rule of thumb: if it feels good, and the police don't seem to mind, do it.

Then turn on the tube or spin a tune or crack a good book. The choice is strictly between you and the dominant hemisphere of your brain. Of course, some mountaineers say the smooth, refreshing taste of Busch is entertainment enough.

And thank goodness they do, because it's an excellent conclusion.

Be adventurous. Experiment. Most mountaineers have a personal preference. You'll develop one too.

Food is next. Proper mountaineering, not to mention proper nutrition, requires a smorgasbord selection of snacks. Some mountaineers have suffered from a potato chip deficiency, a pretzel imbalance or other serious dietary defects. Plan ahead.

Don't just reach for a beer. Head for the mountains.

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Sailors blow into new season

By Leonard Dolbret
Editor's note: Leonard Dolbret '79 is a member of the sailing team.

The MIT Sailing Teams have started the fall racing season with good finishes in dinghy (small boat) events. On September 9 and 10 MIT finished fourth in a field of twelve in the Harry Anderson Inter-District Regatta at Yale.

The team did not fare as well at the New England Shields Championships Eliminations, failing to qualify for the finals. This last weekend saw impressive showings by both the men's and women's teams. The men won the Admiral Hap Moore Trophy hosted by Coast Guard. The women's team raced in the Women's New England Single-handed Championships hosted by MIT, qualifying three out of four entrants for the finals. Due to wind conditions on Sunday, only one race of the finals was held. The regatta will be continued on October 8. On September 17, the fresh men finished fifth at BU.

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Booters swamp Crimson tide

By Bob Host

In a major upset, the soccer team opened its season by defeating Harvard Wednesday, 3-1, before one of the largest and most vocal MIT soccer crowds in recent history.

The main factor in the MIT attack was sophomore Jay Walsh, who participated in all three MIT scores. In addition to an open-net goal late in the second half, he assisted on scores by Zanda Ileri '79 and Mike Raphael '79, the latter with just seven seconds left in the game.

Walsh, who was playing in only his second varsity game, commented, "If we keep up this pace, we'll go a long way." This optimism was echoed by coach Walt McDaniel, who said the time is right to join the club, and club organizer Patty McDaniel '80 says new players are very welcome to join.

The club has been working on the fundamentals of dribbling, controlling the ball, passing, and heading, and is planning to find a few players before arranging a schedule. McDaniel would like to see the club playing games with women's teams from Tufts, Harvard, and Wesleyan in October, and November.

McDaniel gives three reasons for the club's growth: "It's easy to pick up. "It doesn't take much time," and, most importantly, "It is fun." For more information, contact Patty McDaniel at x3-5049 or one of the practices, 2:30pm Monday or 4:30pm Friday, and last about two hours. The club practices on the grass between Steinbrenner Stadium and Rockwell Cage.

Now... W. soccer

Women's soccer is joining the ranks of MIT club sports. About ten women who already come out for the club, and club organizer Patty McDaniel '80 says new players are very welcome to join. She began practicing during the first week of classes. Practices begin Monday through Friday, and last about two hours. The club practices on the grass between Steinbrenner Stadium and Rockwell Cage.

At the practice sessions, the club has been working on the fundamentals of dribbling, controlling the ball, passing, and heading the ball. Positions have not been assigned yet.

Players are not required to come to every session, but frequent attendance is encouraged. The club hopes to practice throughout the year.

The idea for the club grew out of McDaniel's involvement with intramurals and the New England Soccer League, a summer league. During R/O Week, she circulated posters and spoke to women athletes in order to generate interest in the team. McDaniel says the time is right for a women's soccer club, as soccer is very easy to pick up. "It doesn't take much time," and, most importantly, "It is fun." For more information, contact Patty McDaniel at x3-5049 or one of the practices, Monday through Friday at 4:30pm.