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Wiesner announces retirement

By Michael Tenen
On June 30, 1980 President Jerome B. Wiesner will retire from his position as president of the Institute. The MIT Corporation has formed a Committee on the Presidency to begin the process of selecting a successor. Announcement of the retirement, and the organization of the Committee was made by Howard W. Johnson, Chairman of the Corporation, on Friday, December 1.

Wiesner, who will be 65 years old at the time of his retirement, received his B.S. (1937), M.S. (1938), and Ph.D (1950) degrees in electrical engineering from the University of Michigan. He served in various positions at the University of Michigan, the Library of Congress, the University of California, and MIT until 1961, when he became science advisor to President Kennedy.

Wiesner returned to MIT in 1964 as Dean of the School of Science and was appointed Provost in 1966 when present Corporation chairman John Johnson became President of the Institute. When Johnson became chairman in 1971, Wiesner was appointed MIT's thirteenth President.

Following his retirement as President, he will be expected to remain active in the life of the Institute. This is a custom that has been practiced by other former Presidents, notably Dr. James Killian, Dr. Julius A. Stratton, and Johnson.

Killian was President from 1949-1959 and is now Honorary Chairman and a Life Member of the Corporation. Stratton was President from 1959-1966 and now serves as President Emeritus and as a Life Member of the Corporation. Johnson was President from 1966 to the start of Wiesner's term in 1971, and is now Chairman of the Corporation.

Both Wiesner and his immediate predecessor will serve as consulting members to the Committee on the Presidency.

Johnson said that "it is the Corporation's intention to conduct a careful and deliberate course in selecting a new President and to seek the suggestions of all segments of the MIT community -- faculty, students, undergraduate and graduate students, and alumni. The MIT community, under the chairmanship of Professor Robert H. Holzman, has been asked to form a committee which will serve in an advisory capacity to the Corporation Committee."

The Committee on the Presidency, will be chaired by Professor M. M. Muller '41, a Life Member of the Corporation.

Humans of Mazlish steps down

By Gordon Hunter
After five years as the Head of the Department of Geophysics, Professor of History Bruce Mazlish has announced that he will step down from his position.

The announcement comes as discussions about reorganizing the department are starting. Mazlish says that he will leave in July or August 1980, and "will wait for what fits in."

Mazlish said that there are no immediate plans to find his replacement, nor are there any concrete plans for restructuring the department if it will be reconstituted. "Everything is fluid at this point," he explained.

Mazlish noted that there are no new candidates. The selection process is expected to be a long one.

While the job was "not pure joy," Mazlish said, "I liked it because it was a chance to help build the department." He explained that he liked being helpful to his colleagues and having a role outside of his own work.

Mazlish is looking forward to mediating between administrative and faculty needs. He also disliking not having enough time to listen to the problems that the just under 150 people in the department think are important. He also pointed out that the position was a "very tough one."

After stepping down, Mazlish plans to go on sabbatical in order to work on a large book tentatively entitled Toward a Science of Men. He said that the book would explore the reasons why anyone would want a science that would connect all the social sciences. He explained that this book would not be very ambitious and that he felt that all of his work has pointed toward it.

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Press talks on China

By Eric Sklar
"There is a great deal we can learn from China, and of course there is a great deal they can learn from us," concluded Presidential Science Advisor Frank Press during his talk on "Science and Technology Cooperation with the People's Republic of China." Press's talk was based on Provost's recent trip to China, which was sponsored by the MIT chapter of Sigma Xi, a scientific honorary society.

Press, who is on leave from his post as Robert R. Shrock Professor of Geophysics in the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, stressed that although this trip included the heads of the National Science Foundation, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the National Institutes of Health and the US Geological Survey, the Department of Defense was not represented. Military aid was not under discussion said Press, adding that "the President is not going to export military items to China."

Press briefly discussed such objections as the export of jobs, the adverse affect on our relationship with the Soviet Union, and possible Chinese human rights violations. When questioned on this last point, he said that without access to China he did not have enough information to make a judgment.

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Press attributed China's recent enthusiasm for science to its renewed interest in the sciences. This follows the cultural revolution of the 1960's which halted the progress of science by closing the universities, demonizing scientists, and introducing a system of apprenticeship for the low level of scientific research training which did occur. He remarked repeatedly that the current Chinese administration of Vice-Chairman Teng Hsiao-Ping is supportive of this change, probably because of China's need for modern science in such areas as agriculture and energy production.

Under Teng's rule, the universities have been reopened. Admissions are now based on merit.

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Search for summer jobs

By Elias Towe

The Director of the Student Employment Office, Nelson Armstrong has urged MIT students to start hunting for summer jobs early.

Many college students hoping to get a summer job with the Federal Government in 1979 started looking in mid-November. Federal agencies hire well over 80,000 students every summer. Normally, however, the job market for the typical student is limited to about 10,000 positions. Students who wait until spring vacation to start the job hunt rarely get the May to September offers.

The government announcement concerning summer employment is labelled No. 414. This announcement lists job possibilities, qualifications and tells where and how to apply for them. It also lists the deadlines for filling applications. The announcement is available at Civil Service Commission Offices. The clerical jobs listed usually require a written test given during January and February. The technical and sub-professional ones do not require such a test.

When asked what the chances were for an MIT student in securing a job with a federal agency, Armstrong stated that "MIT students have a slightly better chance than the average student because of their technical backgrounds." He went on to say, however, that he would still encourage those aspiring to work for a federal agency to apply early enough because in the final analysis preference often "goes to those who apply early."

Armstrong emphasized the need for students to go out during Christmas vacation to look for summer jobs. "I think people who wait until March are too late. It is prime time now." Asked what advice he would give the MIT student on the job hunting issue, Armstrong said: "Start now, don’t wait."

World

Richard Nixon speaks at Oxford — Last Thursday the former President delivered a speech to 800 students, after 1000 protesters attacked his motorcade as he arrived; discussing the need for students to go out during Christmas vacation to look for summer jobs. "I think people who wait until March are too late. It is prime time now." Asked what advice he would give the MIT student on the job hunting issue, Armstrong said: "Start now, don’t wait."

Science in new China

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Science ability rather than political beliefs, thus greatly improving morale of the scientific community. The new government of China is presently attempting to modernize its position in the areas which are viewed as critical to its survival: agriculture, industry, national defense, and science and technology. The planned advances in science and technology underlie and unite the other three areas of development.

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New dorm in 1981

By Jay Glass

In a move to relieve the widespread overcrowding in the dormitory system, the MIT Corporation has given its approval to the development of a new dormitory. The dormitory will be located in the present Tang Hall parking lot.

Current projections for the new dormitory call for an expected capacity of about three hundred undergraduates. The target date for completion of the new facility is September of 1981.

While the architect has not yet been selected for the design of the new building, administration officials have already decided that it will be a low-rise structure with an external design similar to New House's, said Operations Vice-President Philip A. Stoddard. Concerning the Corporation's decision to give the go-ahead on the new dorm, Stoddard added, "I'm delighted with the turn of events."

Funding for the project will be provided from the current Leadership endowment raising campaign, though specific source of the funds has not yet been determined. The Corporation has budgeted ten million dollars for the development of a new dorm.

Details such as room layout, style of interior structure, and the question of living style are still very open and student suggestions are welcome. The Undergraduate Association is sponsoring a student forum concerning the new dorm tomorrow afternoon at 4 pm in Room 54-100.

Press discusses China visit

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1978

President Philip A. Stoddard, announced last week, that the MIT Intercollegiate Bridge Tournament will be held this Thursday night in room 407 of the Student Center. Anyone can play (and win master points). Anyone who needs a partner should plan to arrive early.

The card fee will be $1.25 per person. **(Continued from page 2)**

Outside. The Chinese, Press said, are quite willing, and anxious, to pay for whatever assistance they receive, but their ability to do so is questionable. Even though it is one of the few countries without an international deficit, China has no current source of international income. Therefore the Chinese will have to borrow heavily in order to pay for an extensive program of technical development as they intend to implement. Because of its great resources, credit should be available on the international market and the Chinese are currently attempting to find the best possible terms.

Among the specific requests made by the Chinese are the construction and launching of a communications satellite for them by the United States, nuclear power plant development, and a student exchange program. Although there are objections to the first two items because of their possible military applications, the exchange program is already being implemented, with approximately five hundred students expected to be sent to the United States by next year.

When Press asked Teng whether the Chinese government was concerned about the possibility of losing several students to western culture, Teng replied, "If we lose a few, so what?" which Press views as an indication of the seriousness of their determination to fulfill the goals of their scientific programs.

Press viewed his trip as "opio-making" and very important from the standpoint of the establishment of "communication links" between the United States and China.

Notas

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**Tis the season to be jolly...?**

By Benson Margolin

Sometime last week I found a Request in my mailbox. It was a handwritten invitation to, ‘Super’ and host Trim the Christmas Tree: A Religious Controversy. This was an event that I hadn't been aware of. Was this some new program designed to connect interest between students and Administration, or between students and each other? A quick check in The Tech revealed that I’d found no announcement of such a thing. Asking around I found one other invitee, but we had nothing in common that gave evidence for the criteria for invitation.

Sunday night I called the MIT extension listed on the invitation. A man answered, who quickly translated ‘me to a woman. I asked her who the man was. ‘He’s just my brother, she said. ‘I was just wondering if you might be interested in attending.’

‘I asked, “Is he Jewish?”

‘No, she said. ‘But he’s been a Christian for several years now. Do you want the invitation?”

‘I said, “No, I’m not, I replied, I’m Jewish and trimming Christmas trees turns me off.”

‘She, and the man (who was apparently still on the phone), laughed. ‘I’ll just have to find something else, she said. Again I asked her who she was and again she refused to tell me. That ended the conversation.

So I sat back and began to think about the implications of this invitation. I didn’t like them.

There are several things that disturb me about this business. First, I continue to wonder about just who is invited, and why. But this is probably just my paranoia showing.

My real objection comes from the nature of the event: a Christmas tree trimming. I have always had a rather jaundiced view of Christmas trees. The notion that there are any ethical beings that would engage in or kill it, thereby stopping it from producing oxygen, holding down topsoil, and all the other good things trees do, then throw it afterwards, requires some serious intervention. ]

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Other side of the Rat 1981 Pres. supported

(Continued from page 4) It also stated that if they couldn't... The Tech... Tom Chang, Sophomore Class VP, President of the I.U. in Tech (the only correct quote, I might add), I was very angry at that... I was put in the uncomfortable position of having to announce that the committee had decided earlier that the final vote would be taken by committee members only. The meeting was never declared closed, however, as was stated by the Tech and Ms. Ford in her public letter of resignation.

At every stage in the process, we tried to solicit class opinion. We tried very hard to be objective and professional, including Ms. Ford, had his or her own opinion. Each member was told to vote in accordance with the results of his or her survey. The vote was close (5-4), so the company was old to begin working on both designs until further polling could be done. Ms. Ford did not wait to see what steps had been taken with the company before she resigned and stated her letter and her drawing to The Tech. Ms. Ford's drawings were inaccurate, as the actual pictures did not arrive from the company until Friday afternoon, after Ms. Ford's poll of Lobby 7 had already been taken.

I feel that the article in Friday's issue of The Tech painted a very bad picture of me. Contrary to popular belief, I am not unresponsive to class input. The results of the Lobby 7 poll have convinced the committee to abandon the tree design in favor of the twigs. If any member of the Class of '81 has any further questions or constructive comments, feels free to contact me.

Lori E. Ullman, President, Class of '81

To the Editor:

I was appalled to read your coverage of the Byrds 1981 controversy. I have been discussing the class ring with various committee members for the past several weeks, and I am certain that nothing was "railroaded through". Although I am personally in favor of the twig option, I am confident that when the five committee members voted in favor of the tree design, they believed, based on surveys, they were being representative. The question of holding a closed meeting Wednesday night is necessary to hold such meetings as the committee can discuss and exchange ideas and findings without the turbulence of a crowd of interested, enthusiastic constituents. The surveys served to indicate the general feeling of the sophomore class; anyone who wanted to have input could easily have talked with committee members who would have definitely brought up his or her ideas and options in committee discussions. I know that Tom Chang mentioned to the committee an idea to replace the two men found on the side of the ring with a different design suggested by a single souvenir.

We elected six officers to represent us, and now we seem to demand a direct vote on all the detailed issues. I feel we should have more faith in our elected representatives and examine their efforts before judging them as incompetent or nonrepresentative.

Lastly, from conversations with Lori, Tom, John, and Glen (two from each side of the controversy), it seems that The Tech has misinterpreted the facts to make Lori appear a villain. She is doing a good job; she does not personally support either design and has acted in what she thought was the best interest of our class.

Rob Fiesler '81

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Blue Valentine: Waits for select few

By Claudia Perry
Blue Valentine, by Tom Waits. Asylum
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By Bruce Nawrocki

Theatrical arrangements overpower Waits' moody
voice. Paramount's big advertising campaign for
King of the Gypsies, starring Sterling Hayden, Shelly Winters and Eric Roberts,
directed by Frank P. Robinson, during December 20 at the Sack Beacon Hill.

By Claudia Perry

paving the cut with sarcastic solemnity. Originally from West Side Story, this song is
sentimental enough, the treatment it receives makes it ludicrous.
Waits' own compositions fare much better.
Departing from his usual spare approach the arrangements are jazzy without being derivative. "28th Street," the tune that
does the first side, tops up, reeling out phrases that are descriptively simple.
Although the music on Blue Valentine is excellent, Waits' lyrics are the main attrac-
tion. "Kerosene is Bleeding," a study of a dy-
ing gang, leader and his underlings, describes a scene that only Waits could have
written.

Tom Waits' albums have long been known for their simple arrangements and recording techniques. His last release, Foreign Affair, was probably his best ef-
tort. Another fresh, well-balanced work and melodies with exemplary music.

Blue Valentine, Waits' latest effort, is a plea for the gypsies. The lush
arrangements overpower Waits' moody voice in a few cases. This is particularly evi-
dent in "Somehow," the song that opens the album. Strings are recklessly employed
with his father, in the gypsy tradition. ends, but
his mother Rose was sold into marriage
The gypsy music the narrator relates is full of beauty. Waits' vocals seem to

Dave (Eh-rob) reluctantly accepts the leadership role thrust upon him in King of the Gypsies.

Though many of the episodes are violent, they are fascinating as well. The movie maintains enough suspense to keep it in-
teresting and even blends in some comic relief. All this coupled with its big ad cam-
paign, King could become a high-grossing

TINA OBERTH & SUECh SARANDON

Dave has his sister Tita away in the same manner when Groffo sells her into
marriage with Tita's words "a really

LEFT: tomatoes

The MIT Concert Band celebrates its 30th anniversary this year. Also featured was a suite from a movie made about campus life in 1956 entitled The Social

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IM hockey has problems

By Gordon R. Haff

IM hockey this year witnessed the continuation of a trend which has been affecting that sport for the past several seasons. There is no 'A' league this year, but this shouldn't be that surprising to those who have followed IM hockey for the last few years. At one time, 'A' league hockey was composed of mostly living groups. The names which come to mind as the hockey powers of the past are living groups — Theta Chi and Lambda Chi Alpha to name two.

However, even as long as three years ago, the trend was changing. That year Fiji/Baker defeated LCA for the championship. It was a victory for the large team. In addition to Fiji and Baker people, the team had skaters from East Campus and most importantly, a superb goalie from Burton, Dave August '76.

The trend continued. Last year the only living group entry in 'A' league was an SAE-Fiji conglomerate. All the other entries were "department teams." However, the squads like Mechanical Engineering and Metallurgy in fact drew from all over campus.

This year, only two teams signed up to play 'A' league — Metallurgy and Mechanical engineering, and as a result the top league was cancelled. Metallurgy and Mechanical Engineering will probably set up some kind of schedule between each other and the Junior Varsity.

I talked to Dean Novelli '81, IM hockey manager, about what he saw as possible solutions to this year's problem. Novelli agreed that this year was a problem. Specifically he said that "It's unfortunate that two good teams can't play because they don't have a league." However, he didn't see an easy solution. While concerning that separate living group and independent divisions in 'A' league, he said that he couldn't see enough teams to make that plan feasible in the near future.

At least, referees don't appear to be a difficulty with hockey this year. Although the numbers are lower than in previous years, Novelli is very pleased with the quality. For that matter, he said that his biggest problem was having players less than they were worth, since almost all the refs are experienced yet he can't pay everyone at the top rate.

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Hockey wins first

By Lou Odette

MIT opened the 78-79 hockey season Thursday night with a 4-3 victory over Tufts at Briggs Arena. A new coach and some new talent has recently resulted in a dramatic improvement in the Tufts brand of hockey. Last year, after losing an earlier game 6-2, the Jumbos came back to defeat MIT 5-2 in a game delayed by several brawls.

Thursday night's game, while quieter than the last meeting between these two teams, provided a lot more excitement for the crowd as no team was ever ahead by more than one goal. At about four minutes into the game, Rick Bryant '79 took advantage of a rebound to put MIT ahead 1-0. Tufts answered with a goal forty seconds later and added another at the ten minute mark to give them a 2-1 lead at the end of one period.

In the middle of the second period, Dick Menner '80 broke in on the left wing and powered a shot through the goaltender's pads to even the score, and Dave Tiohib '79 put MIT ahead with just three minutes left in the period.

Tufts came back hard in the third period, scoring at 12:36, but Andy Hudson '80 got the game-winning goal on the next shift with an assist from defenceman Matt Nevill G.

Track looks strong

By Lew Bender

The varsity team began practice November 30, with a good indication of a strong season ahead. The team, with the addition of a new assistant coach and the returns of over two dozen varsity letter winners, and a large number of freshmen with high potential, is loaded with both talent and depth.

Head coach Gordon Kelly will be assisted this season by three other highly qualified coaches, Chris Las, Dave Wilson, and Greg Hunter. Lane will be working with the middle distance runners, Wilson will be coaching the jumping events (primarily the pole vault), and Hunter, the newest member of the coaching staff, will be working with the weight events. The coaches are an excellent track athletes, and will coach by demonstrating their talents to the team.

The team has depth in every event. Leading the hurdlers, triple-jump and pole vault, are Chris Las, Barry Bayas and Jim Dunlay. In the distance events, Mike and Johnnie Benn, Johnnie '79, Bayas will be running with returning varsity men Walter Sargent, Dave Wierenga, Lenney Nasser, and Stan Silver.

The jumping events are the high jump, long jump, triple jump and pole vault. The high jumpers are Jason Tong, Max Klein, and school record holder, Jim Turlo. Turlo, Toeg, and Klein, will join Kerrie Wade and Paul Mahoney in the long jump. Wade, Toeg, and Mahoney will all share the triple jumping duties. Pole vaulting this season are returning varsity men Ed Ingenito, Lew Bender and Nick Piazza. Three freshmen, Mike Davits, Rodney Robertson, and Jt Simko will also be vaulting. The single hurdling event, the 50 yard high hurdles will feature Turlo, Klein, and freshman Frank Diamond.

The Beaver track team is a good mixture of experience, talent, and depth. The schedule is tough but the team is expected to be successful.

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