Hanham discusses Humanities' plans

By Gordon Hunter

Plans for reorganizing the Department of Humanities should be ready to be presented to the Faculty meeting in February, according to Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Science Harold Hanham.

Hanham said that the department is "in the first stages of the reorganization with each of the programs making suggestions."

From initial indications, he concluded that there will probably be "very little substantial change, just an affirmation of what is already true within the department." He added that "in the next couple of weeks we will sort everything out."

Discussions about reorganization started recently when Professor of History Bruce Maulick announced that he would be leaving his position as department head.

Hanham said that the first round of discussions took place when he was acting head before Maulick assumed the position five years ago, and added that "it was obvious then that the next change of heads would mean a reorganization."

Hanham described the Department of Humanities as a "holding company" of programs at "different stages of development."

He added that the department hadn't been designed as such, but that circumstance had made it necessary.

The concern is now "what makes sense for the next five years," according to Hanham.

He added that the big question that had to be answered was "what degree of further autonomy is each of the programs capable of and what degree does each want?"

The Foreign Language and Literatures section was added to the Humanities department two years ago after the demise of its own department (Course 23).

Hanham said that the section has been recognized and is now "one of the strongest such programs in the Boston area."

He added that the section is also working well with its counterpart at Wellesley.

The dean noted expectations that "Course 23 will be revived by past-dollar."
World
Golda Meir dies — Golda Meir, 80, former Prime Minister of Israel (1969-1974) and in the afternoon of December 8 after a long illness. Praise for the former leader of Israel's Labor Party came from many heads of state, including Egyptian President Anwar Sadat who described Mrs. Meir as a "first class political leader" and an "iron fist." "Courage," "warmth," and "tenacity" were common themes in statements made by many other government leaders.

Vance to Egypt — Partly motivated by the recent death of former Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance left for Egypt in a new effort to break obstacles to the Egyptian-Israeli peace movement. Vance met with Sadat yesterday and is scheduled to meet with him again today.

Iranian March — Hundreds of thousands of Iranians marched peacefully through Tehran in a demonstration against the Shah. The Shah earlier authorized the march which was carried out without military supervision.

Nobel Prizes — Six Americans were among the nine recipients of Nobel Prizes in Stockholm on Sunday. Americans receiving prizes included Isaac Bashevis Singer (Literature), Herbert Simon (Economics), Hamilton Smith (Medicine), Arno Penzias (Physics), Robert Wilson (Physics), Daniel Nathans (Medicine), and John McEnroe broke several Davis Cup performance records as the United States won this year's Davis Cup tennis tournament.

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Course XXI to reorganize
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Hannan. He said that it has a great deal of potential and that students are very interested in it. He explained that it would be added to Course 23 so that the new department would be concerned with "language skills".

Hannan explained that the Anthropology/Archaeology section "functions in its own style" now and that it will probably become a special program. This section is now in its second stage of development. Hannan said (Please turn to page 3)

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U.S.-China initiates student exchange

By Richard Salz

Early this year, 13 American students will be travelling to China as members of the first official US-China exchange program. They will be studying in China for one year. In the past, US exchanges had been limited to short-term visits.

Among this group will be Lucy Jones G. of the Earth and Planetary Sciences Department. She hopes to study the Chinese methods of predicting earthquakes, which are said to be extremely accurate. Also going will be Tom Gold, a 30-year-old doctoral student in the department of sociology at Harvard. He plans to study economics or modern Chinese literature.

Most of the details about the exchange have not yet been finalized, however. The group was originally to leave early January before the Chinese New Year. Now, according to Gold, they will leave sometime in late February.

Hanham says Hums plans nearly ready

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Out of over 100 applicants, twenty were selected to be interviewed in New York City. The next day Gold was informed of his selection. "It all happened rather quickly," Gold noted.

"This is an important historical stage. We're being called on to play a role. We're not just students, but will also be representing the United States," Gold observed, "It's up to us to represent American society to China." He also noted that the Chinese have shown great interest in cultural and political exchanges.

The Committee on Scholarly Communications, the section hopes to move to Building 20 to acquire lab space and to be together.

"Music is practically autonomous now," the dean continued. He also pointed out that the section already had a de facto department head. He said that the Institute is in the first stages of planning an "Arts Building" on the eastern side of campus near the psychology building. (ElO)

This proposed structure will eventually house the visual arts, music, and drama in that order. The Science, Technology and Society (STS) section is already a special program, but it uses the Course 21 numbers. Hanham added that eventually STS will become part of the New College.

The History and Literature sections are working on new curricula and are beset with "uncertainties about the directions in which they are moving," according to Hanham. He said that it is unclear yet what will happen to them.

"The Department may not need a new department head," said Hanham. He explained that a counselor of two or three section leaders might be more workable in the new situation. He added that he would become acting head again if the department is not reorganized by the time Mazlish leaves.

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The Committee on Scholarly Communications, organizer of the current exchange, was founded in 1966. In the past, it has handled one month scientific exchanges. It is housed in the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) building in Washington, DC, and is jointly run by the NAS, the American Council of Learned Societies, and the social sciences Research Council. The current exchange will be funded by the International Communications Agency, formerly the United States Information Agency.

Chinese education has been in a state of flux for over ten years, and still is. "This is as exceptionally exciting time," said Gold. "All of the issues I'm interested in are up for public debate now." He also observed that the Chinese students studying here will probably form the vanguard of the new methodology.

While Gold is "tremendously excited" about the possibility of studying in China, it has caused some problems. "I had wanted to get married," he explained. "But I decided to postpone my marriage because I wouldn't be allowed to take my wife.

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To the Editor:

In an editorial in the December 1, 1978 issue of The Tech Bob Wasserman suggests various curricular reforms which would lend "a great psychological boost to the Humanities Department, whose morale right now may be anemic."

I would like to make it clear that our morale in the English Language and Literature Department in action was conscripted by Mr. Wasserman. The faculty and staff in English Language and Literature feel that on the contrary, morale is extremely high.

I would like to point out that the MIT administration, including the President, Chancellor, Provost, Dean of Humanities (Social Sciences), and Head of the Humanities Department, supported a pattern of development of the English Language and Literature program and continued to build a program as strong in scholarship and teaching as those at other major institutions.

There is significant support for research in the Humanities at MIT, the Institute's teaching load is substantially lighter than that at many comparable universities, and our faculty has been privileged to teach one of the finest humanistic literatures in the world. The policy of giving credit for a colloquium which facilitates exchange with leading scholars at other institutions is available to all, and direct and personal assistance from the Dean in applying for grants has been extremely helpful.

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Prof. David Thorburn's attack (The Tech, Dec. 8) on Bob Wasserman's editorial is an classic example of Citizen A as Citizen B at Citizen C. Instead of treating Wasserman respectfully for his modern adulation of the "great man" English requirement, Thorburn intentionally misreads a threeway remark of Wasserman so, in effect, it all is superior in his eyes. Wasserman's detailed argument for his abdication of standards in the anti-antiacademic 1960's and early 70's. Evidently Thorburn would like to reverse the principle that led to the We-require-the-requirements and syllabi of the Humanities Department instead of his own 21.10 is a proud example, he tells us.

To prevent this from happening, I would like to point out that the Humanities professor, like his colleagues in other departments, should have the authority to choose his own course listings and syllabi. It is at MIT that too many Humanities professors have a lack of awareness of where they are. Too many professors come to this Institute with dreams of teaching courses that would be vastly more appropriate for Russia, Harvard, Yale, Berkeley, etc. Too many books using Citizen A so that they haven't the slightest chance of stimulating the least amount of interest among the [editors note: book] with the least amount of time to spend with the like-minded student. As far as I am concerned, such a religious holiday does not cease to exist because of our keeping office hours on Christmas Day (and that day hence becomes holiday once a year and is hence "seasonal") or because theTop Forty-ish list comes once a year (and is hence "seasonal") or because the Top Forty-ish list comes once a year (and is hence "seasonal)"). As Humanists at MIT we have the opportunity to work with superb students, and the large number of Concentrators in our Section attests to the interest in many MIT undergraduates in our programs. In response to this growing interest in the Humanities, we have set up educational offices at the Institute encourages our cultural and intellectual life outside of the classroom.

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**Jazz, Queen, on Elektra records 6E-170**

By David Shaw

In 1973, Queen embarked on the music scene and was immediately heralded as "the new Led Zeppelin." The claims were not unfounded, for both group's albums were produced by a brilliant guitarist producer, Johnstone. Johnstone, the second album was the perfect merging of hard rock and sophisticated lyrics, co-

written by singer Freddie Mercury and guitarist Brian May. The tour "Sheer Heart Attack" provided the group's first single "Killer Queen," and also marked the onset of the band's unparalleled success. Queen's popularity increased, the quality of its material decreased, but its popularity grew with the release, "We Are The Champions" and "We Will Rock You" worldwide hits, they were also simplistic, watered-down versions written to captivate the high school aged crowd. Now, with jazz, the onetime orchestral rockers have sold out completely, pondering the question: Will Queen be as successful as the Beatles fans?

Jazz opens with "Masatopia," one of the albums few world-time tunes. The first thing to strike the listener is the Arabic Lyons Melody was so successful in writing (in his words) the first Moroccan rock and roll sound. The unusual lyrics with their unfathomable rhythms are a decided benefit, for they allow you to con-

centrate on the music. An interesting production note - the utilization of the piano accompaniment for the verses is far too often a wasted opportunity. The keyboard, though limited in its own special way, makes up for its deficiencies by adding a Latin jazz counterpart. Though it is concealed in the background during "To Love or Not to Love," it bursts out in the middle of the song during "Bass Reader."

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opinion cont.

'Secularization' and holidays

(Continued from page 4) forms of religious compulsion in the United States today.

I am referring, of course, to the erection of MIT's Christmas trees, the organization of Christmas observances by the Institute on Christmas, without any reciprocal recognition of observances of other religions. Nothing (as far as I know) in the charter of the MIT corporation authorizes it to act as a religious organization, organizing religious activities (although it may, of course, support such activities organized by student groups). I do not wish to be included, through my representation by MIT, in the erection on of Christian religious symbols, and feel that MIT must recognize that much of its clientele (students and staff) are essentially passive-compelled to contribute to such activities through the actions of MIT.

In a certain sense, the problem with "secularization" of religious ceremonies is that people are trying to be too nice to me and other non-Christian students, but are blowing it due to ignorance. In order to "allow" non-Christian students to participate in such observances, such as Christmas parties, the organizers seek to downplay the religious aspect, and claim that the event is purely "secular" or "national" or "seasonal" or social, It does not downplay the religious aspect, and claim that the event is purely "secular" or "national" or "seasonal" or social, it requires recognition of the right of others to participate in Christian ceremonies, not efforts to trick them into participating by lying about the religious significance of the event. That is a form of insidious proselytization, whether recognized for what it is or not.

I would much rather that the Institute stopped this nonsense of pretending that Christmas is a non-religious, "seasonal" or "national" holiday, and recognized it for what it is. The means of course, relegating it to the realms of the religious organizations on campus. Either that, or provide equal recognition to observances of other religious groups, by closing (for example) the Jewish holidays of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, just as the Institute is closed during the Twelve Days of Christmas. And don't add insult to injury by erecting a Chanukah menorah next to your Christmas trees. It may save your consciences, but it just doesn't have the significance you think. I won't buy it.

Joseph Weinstein

"We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth." (John 1:43)

"Surely our diseases he did bear, and our pains he carried; whereas we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded because of our transgression, he was crushed because of our iniquities . . . and the Lord hath made to light on him the iniquity of us all . . . for he was cut off out of the land of the living, for the transgression of my people to whom the stroke was due." (Messianic Text, Isaiah 53:4-6; B. circa 712 B.C.E.)

"Our Rabbis with one voice accept and affirm the opinion that the prophet (Isaiah) is speaking of the King Messiah, and we shall ourselves also adhere to the same view." (Rabbi Moses Abshek, late 19th century C.E., Commentaries on the Earlier Prophets)

"He (the Messiah) will give himself and his life over unto death, and his blood will stone for his people." (Luchoth Habberith: 242)

Jesus Himself said, "for this is my blood of the covenant, which is shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:28; cf. Jeremiah 31:33-34, Zechariah 12:10; Isaiah 59:15, 16)

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By Karl Nyberg and Lew Bender

The MIT indoor track team opened the season last week ago last Saturday by scoring 160 points at the Rockwell Cage. The final score was MIT 160, WPI 55, and Brandeis 49. The meet was MIT- 65, the Rockwell Cage. The final score was MIT- 65, WPI- 55, and Brandeis- 49. The team scored was paced by co-captain Barry Bayes '79, who placed second in the mile (4:32.4) and first in the two mile (8:49.2) and Jim Turlo '80, who took fourth in the long jump, second in the hurdles, and first in the high jump (6'4). The team also did well in the pole vault, capturing the top three finishes, the weight throw, taking second, fifth, and fourth, and the triple jump, with places one, two, and four.

Last Friday the MIT track team suffered its first loss of the season, losing to a powerful Holy Cross team. The final score was Holy Cross 80, MIT 56.

The main problem for the Beavers was their inability to capture the crucial first-place finishes. The trackmen only won three events, one running event and the two relays during the entire meet.

MIT seemed to take control early in the meet. Ed Ingenito '81 led the pole vaulters to a sweep of their event with a 13' jump and Jim Turlo '80 with a 21'9' long jump allowed MIT to keep their slim lead. However, from then on MIT was not even in the running.

Frank Luedtke's 8'600 yd. run victory (11:28) and Jim Turlo's win in the high jump were the only leads the Beavers could gain in the next eleven events. The meet did end on a good note, as the relay team of Jim Dunlay '79, Fred Beretta, Frank Luedtke, and Ron Adolph '79, and the two mile relay team of Tim McManus '79, Phil Veatch '82, Jeff Lukas '82, and Marc Alberts '82, ran to victory.

Head coach Gordon Kelly was not overly upset with the team's performance, for the team showed a great deal of spirit and came away with a 100 percent throughout the meet.

The next meet is the Alumni meet, scheduled for Saturday Dec. 15, in Rockwell Cage starting at 1:00.

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MIT PISTOL TEAM

The MIT pistol team, ranked fourth in the nation behind the service academies for the past two years, is off to another fine start at 5-0. Tech defeated the US Merchant Marine Academy on Nov. 4 by a score of 312-279. Dave Schaller '78 led the Engineers with 803 points of a possible 900. Captain Dave Miller '79 and Bob White '79 added 772 and 771 points, respectively, and Tony Parish '80 tallied 763.

MIT travelled to Newark Nov. on Nov. 18 to challenge the New Jersey Institute of Technology and came away with a 314-2773 victory. Schaller again paced Tech with 817, and Miller followed with 804. Parish chalked up 766, and White registered 754. Finally, MIT edged Worcester Polytech on Dec. 19, 313-302. Schaller was top man with 810; Miller tallied 794. Ed Seddon '81 added 736, and A.J. Wechsler '80 contributed 712. Jim Shewatel '80 shot for 770 points but was not designated for team scoring.

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Football is popular

By Gordon B. Halff

The recent decision of the Athletic Department to go on a year-to-year basis in ordering to continue for another year is yet another indication that football has come a long way at MIT in the last few years.

When Bruce Wrobel '79 and a few other first year students started knocking around the idea of having a football team last year, many people around the Institute greeted the idea with knowing skepticism. The idea was hardly a new one, even in recent history. Indeed it was a notion which seemed to go through something approximating five year cycles. In fact, the Athletic Department had in chairmen over two fat reports which had twice in the last decade and a half proved that football at MIT could never be within reasonable budgetary and academic considerations.

Field Time

When the idea began to pass the planning stage, many people began to get concerned. The Club applied to the Association of Student Activities for permission after the Athletic Department told them that a feasibility study would have to be done before they could be affiliated with the Department. In conjunction with this, they applied to the Finance Board of the Undergraduate Association for funding. All this was done outside of the Athletic Department.

At this point, with grave concern about insurance and other similar matters facing them, the Institute stepped in and formed a special committee to study football at MIT. The Club's request to the ASA was dropped. Over the summer a report was produced by this committee on football which recommended that football be instituted on a year-to-year basis provided that concerns over field space and facilities did not stand in the way of the football club on an experimental basis for next season, subject to the same conditions that existed for this year's club. And official report is expected to be presented to Athletic Director Ross Smith this week.

According to Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics James W. Mar, chairman of the Board, the conditions on the football club pertain to sources of funding and medical care. The club must obtain its money from within the Dean for Student Affairs' budget without taking away from existing programs. In addition the Medical Department must be able to provide whatever care they deem necessary for the team.

Bruce Wrobel '79, the outgoing president of the football club, added that the club will again raise money by releasing intramural football games and through fund raising. The medical care provision did not bother him, as he said that the club had less injuries than the intramural program did. He added that there was no problem with insurance.

In a presentation to the Board, Wrobel showed that concerns over field space and facilities did not cause any problems; in fact, he later stated that next year's home schedule would increase to four games, compared to this year's one. Wrobel also pointed out that the interest in this year's team was high. The squad started with 35 players, and by the end of the season there were 44. All this was done with very little impact on other fall sports. Two JV soccer players and one rugby player were the only people on the football team who played on a different sport last fall.

Mar explained that the Board was, in general, favorably disposed to continue the experiment. The participants all enjoyed it, he stated, but pointed out that the club is "not an integral part of the athletic department yet." Wrobel himself said that as late as last year he didn't know what the chances were for the club, and that participating on the club level is as far as the players want to go for now.

Year 2 for Football OK'd

By Bob Host

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