New carpet for Baker hallways

By Martin Prince

In an attempt to develop color coordination in the halls of Baker House, the MIT Housing Office has asked Baker residents to consider a color scheme that will fit the character and coloration of carpets there. The resulting controversy over the value of carpeted hallways, however, points out the difficulties involved in accomplishing dormitory improvements to students' tastes.

Director of Housing and Food Services Eugene Bremmer said that the housing building usually has a limited amount of money to spend on "personalizing" improvements for the individual houses in the dorm last year. He maintained, though, that it is worthwhile to add something to a house such as carpeting if the residents have no desire for such an addition.

Bremmer added that Housing recognizes the variety of personality among the MIT dorms. He feels that it is in the job of Housing Services to promote the "unique character" of the many houses. To this end, housing provides free wall paint to residents of East Campus and Senior House. Students in the dorms are generally concerned in the choice of new furniture.

In the case of the Baker House carpeting, Baker residents asked Housing to make an attempt to coordinate the colors chosen for fire doors, stairwells, trim and borders. When MIT's Interior Designer Viki Sianianni tried to do this, she found that Baker really needs to be carpeted if there is to be a good sense of color coordination in the halls.

Confronted with the question of carpeted hallways, Baker residents expressed concern about the continued viability of water fights in the halls. Another consideration was the appeal the carpeting would have to "Rutgers" and "MacGregor-type" freshman during future R/O Weeks. Also questioned was the possibility of increased noise, and the added difficulty in obtaining money for cleaning bricks if it is spent on carpeting.

According to Bremmer, rent does go up to cover the cost of improvements made in houses. He added that students have been fined in the past for damaged carpeting in water fights. Bremmer cited as the reason for these

The Italian P. D. Q. Bach

Professor Peter Schickele and baritone-counter tenor John Ferrante, following during the JSC-sponsered recital "The Intimate P. D. Q. Bach. The evening, described as "cozy cacophony", is reviewed on page six. (Photo by Gordon R. Halt.)

The Chilean government criticized

By Larry Duffy and Bob Waterman

Three Chilean academicians spoke at MIT last Tuesday against the repressive, military junta of Chile. The speakers had been supporters of Salvador Allende, the former President of the State Technical University of Chile. He spoke of the democratic traditions which existed in Chile before the coup, and of university students' participation in Democracy.

The military coup had drastic effects on the universities, explained Kirberg. "30 percent of the faculty were fired; students were jailed and killed." The junta intended to "dominate the minds of the young."

Kirberg, who had been a prisoner in a concentration camp on an island off the Chilean coast for two years, was released after an international campaign on his behalf. Kirberg expressed his gratitude to Jerome Wiesner and other Americans for their support of this campaign.

The second speaker was Professor Claudia Grozman of the University of Utrecht. The Netherlands, formerly President of the Law Student Federation of the University of Chile. He discussed Allende's reforms of the Chilean social structure which were accomplished within the context of the law.

Grossman mentioned Allende's policy of university democratization and how the University of Chile's campus would be made possible by committees composed of 65 percent faculty, 25 percent students, and 10 percent administration. He also talked about the academic programs under Allende, when a greater proportion of students were from the lower classes. Grossman stressed the Chileans' desire for "autonomy for the university, which is now controlled by the military regime. American pressure was cited as a helpful means toward achieving this end.

The final speaker of the evening was given by Dr. Giorgio Solimano of Columbia University. The former Director of the Nutrition Department of the Ministry of Health of Chile, Solimano came to MIT in 1974 after a year of imprisonment in Chile.

"Chile was one of the more progressive countries in Latin America," Solimano claimed. The Chilean National Health Service, established in 1932, provided health care to the lower-income sectors of Chilean society up to the military coup in 1973, according to Solimano. He added that the Chilean Health Service's "priorities focused on women, children, and the environment."

Provided of food and health care for the poor, the population considered a government duty in the Allende years, stated Solimano. Now, though, said Solimano, "valsi" segments of the employed population can get one half of their necessary protein and calorie intake.

At one point in the presentation, a position was passed asking for cease of United States aid to the Chilean military government. According to the speeches, there followed a period for members of the audience to ask questions.

The talks were coordinated by the New England Chile Solidarity Committee, and were given also at Brandeis University and the University of Massachusetts earlier.
World

Dollar hits new low — the dollar fell to a value of less than two West German Marks, breaking through a psychological barrier considered crucial towards business confidence in the West. The dollar has now lost more than half its value in terms of the West German currency since 1969. According to an analysis done by the West German central bank, economic logic is playing a decreasing role in determining exchange rates.

Nation

Justice Department investigating docks — Federal prosecutors are planning to seek about two dozen indictments charging various labor unions and shipping industry officials with corruption. Said one Justice Department official: "The goal isn't just to get a couple of convictions. The goal is to clean up the union and to change the way business is done on the docks." High School Minimum standards condemned — A panel commissioned by HEW condemned the growing practice of minimum competency standards for high school graduation. In a report released Thursday, the panel stated that: "Such tests can have negative effects if they become the sole magnet of educational energies."

Anti-hijack unit formed — A force of hand-picked veterans, to number around 300 men, is being formed to provide a full-time force to fight terrorist acts outside the country, including hijacking. The unit, ordered into existence by President Carter, has been nicknamed "Charlie's Angels" by its initial members, after Col. Charlie Alvin Beckwith, a former Green Beret who is the head of the program.*

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Board Stolen

A logic board valued at $400 was stolen early in the week from the computer facility in the basement of the Shaw School.

Purse Stolen

A woman using a Student Center basement lady's room Tuesday evening observed a man remove her purse from the chair where she had left it and leave the room. Before the victim could notify police, the suspect had vanished, but not before throwing the purse (minus the cash of course) into the men's room on the second floor. Suspect: Black male, approx. 38 yrs., 5'10", thin build, drawn, thin face, wearing a dark knit hat, long dark plaid scarf and a long gray coat. *Please turn to page 31. 

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Silly human race... Yours is no disgrace

photo essay by Gordon R. Haff
Two false fire alarms sounded within two days at Senior House's Campus Police. In both instances, fire alarms were found to have been "accidentally" pulled by an unknown resident. Of particular concern is the risk which Cambridge Firefighters must incur in responding to such alarms. Riding as they do in open trucks, doors often open and closed charges are incurred in the event of a false alarm.

Engineers and Police. In both instances, fire firefighters must incur in the event of a false alarm.

Grievous concerns are raised over the potential for Cambridge residents to come into contact with the Municipal Police. It is sincerely hoped that no more of them will be sounded.

Interlocks Apprehended

An emotionally acting man who refused to identify himself to Officers was arrested Sunday evening in the Student Center after ignoring repeated police admonitions to stay out of Institute buildings. Arreignd the next day at Third District Court, on a charge of "False Alarm After Notice," he continued to refuse to properly identify himself and carried on in such a fashion that the presiding judge ordered him committed to the Bridgewater State Hospital for a 14-day psychiatric observation prior to his standing trial, scheduled for mid-March.

Larceny at Sal's

A blue daze-filled ski parka, valued at $45, and a pair of ski poles were reportedly stolen from a rack at the Sal's de Puerto Rico while the owner attended an activity there Sunday evening.

COOP NOMINATIONS

In accordance with Article VI, Section 1, of the Bylaws of the Harvard Cooperative Society, as amended, the Stockholders of the Society have nominated the following individuals for election as Student Directors of the Society at the next Annual Meeting of the Stockholders in September, 1978.

IMPORTANT — Members seeking nomination as student directors by petition are urged to obtain a sample form of petition and a more detailed statement of the requirements governing petitions from the cashier in any Coop store.

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Pursuant to Article VI, Section 2, of the Society's Bylaws, as amended, additional nominations for student directors may be made by petition signed by at least one hundred (100) student members and filed with the Clerk (by leaving the petition at the General Manager's office in the Harvard Square Store) not later than 5 p.m., March 22, 1978. A signature will be invalid unless the student designates his membership number and school and is currently enrolled as a degree candidate in that school.

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THE TECH PAGE 3
Self-help books beckon students

By Bob Waterman

The spring term is finally getting under way, and this means that the bookstores and the place and "books" are beginning to go up. But where can the well-read student turn to for a little advice for his studies? If you go to the back of your favorite bookstore, there is a wealth of books written by the famous "motivational" and "self-help" writers. These books are usually about the problems that students face, such as motivation, self-discipline, and time management. These books are written in a more conversational style, which makes them more accessible to the average student.

The work of several authors is especially noteworthy. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale has written several books on self-help, including "You Can Handle It," which is a classic in the field. Peale's books are known for their positive and uplifting messages, and they are popular among students and adults alike.

Other authors, such as Dr. Joseph Murphy, have written books on the power of positive thinking. Murphy's books, such as "The Power of Positive Thinking," are sold in every bookstore, and they are often given as gifts to students who are facing difficult situations.

There are also books that focus on specific issues, such as stress management. Books like "Stress Management for College Students" by Dr. John和 "Stress Management for College Students" are available in most bookstores. These books provide practical tips and strategies for dealing with stress, which is a common problem for students.

Finally, there are books that focus on the importance of time management. Books like "Time Management for College Students" by Dr. John and "Time Management for College Students" are available in most bookstores. These books provide practical tips and strategies for managing time, which is a crucial skill for success in college.

In conclusion, there are many self-help books available to students, and these books can be a valuable resource for anyone facing challenges in their academic or personal life. Whether you are looking for advice on motivation, stress management, or time management, there is a self-help book out there that can help you.

Feedback

Students should cut pressure

An Open Letter to MIT Undergraduates

Friday, March 10, 1978

Dear MIT Students,

I am writing to you today to express my concern about the level of pressure that many students are facing. As a student at MIT, I have seen firsthand the impact that pressure can have on our mental and emotional well-being.

In recent years, there has been a growing awareness of the problem of academic burnout. This term refers to the physical and psychological exhaustion that students can experience as a result of long hours of studying and working. The symptoms of burnout can include fatigue, irritability, and a lack of motivation.

As a student, I have felt the pressure to succeed. I have been encouraged to "push the envelope" and to "reach for the stars." This pressure has been compounded by the high expectations of parents and teachers, who often compare us to our peers and to the great expectations that we have set for ourselves.

However, I believe that we need to reevaluate the role that pressure plays in our lives. While it is important to strive for excellence, we must also recognize that there are limits to what we can achieve. We must also recognize that there are limits to what we can achieve. We must also recognize that there are limits to what we can achieve.

In conclusion, I urge all students to take a step back and to reflect on the role that pressure plays in your lives. I encourage you to set realistic goals and to take care of your mental and emotional well-being. By doing so, you will be able to succeed in college and in your future careers.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Name]

[Class Year]
New UA structure necessary

(Continued from page 4)

- the Student Center Committee chairman
- the Lecture Series Committee chairman
- one person chosen to represent ethnic and national student groups (BSU, CSC, Hillid, etc.)
- one person chosen to represent music and drama groups (MTG, Dymuth, Concert Band, etc.)

The membership of this group could be changed by student referendum. The last two delegates listed above would be representing a diverse set of organizations, and battles for these delegates' selection might become heated. In some ways this situation might be healthy, for these groups should talk to each other more often.

Assemm would be primarily responsible for coordinating social events among the groups involved to avoid major conflicts, and it would also be a prime mover for Institute-wide events. The two subunits would meet together to conduct a variety of business, including the direct ap-

pointment of members of the Nominations Committee and the Finance Board, and the UC would have the power to nullify any action of those two committees. The Undergraduate Com-

mittee would be the final appeal for decisions made by any organization represented on In-

semm. A majority vote of the Representative Committee could put any UC decision to a vote of the entire student body.

A new constitution wouldn't solve all of the UA's problems, but without it no solution is possi-

ble. There is still enough time left to enact this plan at the new UA conv-

ention this spring, anyone in-

terested in helping to do so is in-

vited to contact me.

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The baroque caliope is used in a particularly delicate passage of music during the concert. The intimate P.D.Q. Bach. (Photo by Gordon R. Haff)

Few composers of the past deserve to be awarded their oblivion as much as P.D.Q. Bach (1778-1842), a man born before his time who died after it was too late. This son of Johann Sebastian B. has been referred to by anthropologists as "the strangest stop on the locomotive's itinerary," and by other noted scholars as "the strangest stop on the Bach family organ."

Prof. Peter Schickele had the courage to remind us of P.D.Q.'s existence in a memorable yet already forgotten I.M.C.-sponsored concert last Wednesday night billed as "The Intimate P.D.Q. Bach." You only do everything when what prompted Prof. Schickele to consider it "intimate" but also what prompted him to consider it at all.

This evening of noisy cacophony opened with the Sonata "Abandonata" in F Major (S. 888) which, due to the late arrival of the pianist, forced Prof. Schickele to play both the bassoon and the piano simultaneously. The skills of coordination and dexterity were not required in the original music; apparently P.D.Q. was unable to sing and play the drums at the same time.

The audience was clearly sold on the performance where Tesla stabbed her lover with a banana.

The opera did contain some interesting choreography and a well-received cameo appearance by the Village Idiot. The Wolf (Prof. Schickele) should have projected his voice more clearly, and the Monk, played by Prof. Schickele, went flat in his solo, "Lord Have Mercy On My Soul."

The part of Alice (Prof. Schickele) was adequately portrayed, considering the difficulty of the role, and Schickele's performance as the Innkeeper conveyed life and energy.

Schickele opened the concert by plugging his book, "The Definitive Biography of P.D.Q. Bach." He also stated that he knew he had to finish writing the book before someone severed his car's brake lines, illustrating the professional adage "publish or perish." But when the concert was over, I was sure that analysis was the universal sentiment that "in the great forest of music, P.D.Q. Bach is a stone best left unturned."

The part of Hansel (Prof. Schickele) was superlative; it showed a relative com-
Waiting for Columbus sound as though they would blend in very among the best songs on the disc. sings two of the numbers on creating an extremely without using capitalization and only Pickett with a solo on tenor sax. Pocket." The band is backed by the Tower made popular by other recording artists: Little Feat's new release is a live album. The high point of As many loyal fans had hoped, Little is an enjoyable if not always expanding blend of rock-influenced pop music. Jerry Doucette's vocals are a cross between Boston's hampering and a subdued BTO, and the music is good rich. When Doucette really cooks, on songs like "Dive." The Road" and the Beatles, like "Mama Let Him Play," they are as good as you can get in pop-rock. But they concentrate on slower, more melodic songs like "All I Wanna Do," which has been receiving a large amount of airplay.

Most of Mama Let Him Play lies somewhere between hard-rock and soft hal- and it is generally a very listenable album. The music may tend to be a bit too mellow for some tastes, but if you like to hear a moderately quiet and sophisticated rock band then Doucette may just be the thing you're looking for.

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New IM chairman holds optimistic outlook

By Gary S. Engelson

The IM Council gains a new chairman and secretary as the Council meeting held Mon. Feb. 27, Jason Tong ’80, former Athletic Chairman at East Campus, accepted to the former position.

The new secretary of the Council is Rick Kunitz ’79, who managed soccer for the past season. At a council meeting which sparked an unusually large turnout, new managers were chosen for squash, tennis, and rifle.

“I don’t want to see the sport get flushed!” exclaimed Tom Sparks ’80 on his nomination to be squash manager. Squash had been threatened with oblivion if some managers had not been found by the Monday meeting. This is just one problem that has been plaguing IM sports recently, but it is an extreme case.

John Colton ’81 will be managing a football season in which he hopes to solve the A-league problem. The difficulty is there are fewer, but better A-league teams in the sport each year. Although there are B-league teams which would like to play A-league, they cannot face the present super-powerful A-leagues. Since there are not enough of these for a separate division they have been playing in the B-league and everyone must face them anyway. An expanded A-league will be difficult to bring off, but it would be a boon to the game of IM football.

Joe Clarke ’81 will be managing the varsity basketball team. Joe has had a successful career by scoring 11 points. Van Etten finished his collegiate career by scoring 11 points.

Ray Nagem ’81 goes up for two against Nichols Tuesday. (Photo by Chuck Irwin)

Junior Tom Berman’s 22-foot jump shot at the final buzzer fell just short and the varsity basketball team lost a tough 86-85 decision to the Nichols Bisons Tuesday night in Rockwell Cage. This ended the Engineers’ season giving them a final record of 5-13.

It was a disappointing finale to a disappointing season. MIT had lost for most of the game when Nichols scored 11 straight points in the middle of the second half to take a 75-71 lead. The Bisons then went into a stall with seven minutes remaining in the game. Nichols preserved its lead with consistent free-throw shooting and held MIT 80-80 lead with 19 seconds left in the game.

MIT then put together a near miraculous rally in the last 10 seconds. Senior Howard Runge, who had made four straight free throws while Nichols was in its stall, but this time he missed. MIT’s Michael Ross ’80 grabbed the rebound and fired the ball downcourt to Berman whose shot bounced off the front of the rim as time ran out.

Foul troubles plagued the Engineers throughout the game. In the final minutes, four MIT players, Bob Clarke ’81, John Wozniak ’79, Ray Nagem ’80, and Darryl Fraser ’80, fouled out. At the end of the game, the Engineers had only six players still eligible to play.

Clarke was the high scorer for MIT as he sank 23 points, 15 of them in MIT’s 30 point first half. Wozniak added 21 points while Van Etten finished his collegiate career by scoring 11 points.

On Monday March 6, you can save a life.

Soviet Jewish activist Anatoly Sharansky remains imprisoned without charge in the Soviet Union. His imprisonment foretells a new reign of terror against Soviet Jews.

His wife, Avital Sharansky, will speak in the West Lounge of the M.I.T. Student Center at 12:30p.m.