The Tech

Grading Committee's new report released

By Laurence Duffy

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Davenport resigns EE position

By Kent M. Pitan

Prof. Wibor D. B. Davenport, head of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, is resigning his position after the spring term. Davenport plans to continue working at MIT with communications system technology and policy. (Photo by Gary Engelson)

Commencement ceremony may change

By Michael Tobias

MIT is seriously considering holding a single commencement ceremony outdoors in the Kil-

litan during the spring. The committee will make a recommendation to the faculty on the feasibility of an outdoor ceremony for June 1979.

The committee will make a recommendation as to the loca-
tion of next year's commencement if the study is completed in early April. During the past 29 years, Rockwell Cage has been used for graduate ceremonies, a graduate and undergraduates ceremo-

nies, a graduate and undergraduate commencement, on May 1. This decision, it will bring no relief for the students who perform beyond the required courses. The new director could be a

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Steal Stolen
A black leather jacket valued at $50 was stolen from the Student Center second-floor lounge on Tuesday. It was left on a chair in the lounge for just a few minutes by a student who discovered it missing upon his return.

Selectic Stolen
An Selectic II from the East Campus area often left open late at night suffered the loss early this week of an IBM Selectric typewriter valued at approximately $600.

Three proposals given to faculty
(Continued from page 1)
... i.e., are subject to discussion and possible revisions at faculty meetings before an actual vote is taken. He said he hopes that student-faculty interaction on the matter will result in "just the right type of revisions to the proposals in the faculty."

Grygir also expressed hope that students will read the proposals as presented in the committee reports. The committee will try to "respond as closely as possible" to student input, he said.

Drew Fritzy '79, the committee's student representative, said he would favor an amendment along with the report which would modify the proposed addition of grade distributions to transcripts. Next week's faculty meeting will be "vigorously discussed," he said.

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Students who missed the 7:30pm Mit.mit.edu dinner last week may order their tickets for this Thursday's dinner by phone. The dinner will be held at the Center for Space Research at MIT since 1974 and professor McCarthy Jr. of MIT's Aeronautics and Astronautics Department, a former chairman of the Federal Reserve Board by Chief Justice Warren Eilberg (D-Penn.), Attorney General Griffin Bell, and perhaps United States Attorney in Philadelphia, will be broadened. The supply. producing $4 million worth of the drug and 95% of England's

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New focus needed by CIA Committee

By Bob Wasserman

When the Ad Hoc Committee of Political Science and Intelligence Agencies was established last month, it appeared that many of the covert actions of the CIA and FBI at MIT would be revealed and that the necessary guidelines for future covert operations would be established. These agencies would be laid down. Both the focus and the membership of this committee, however, will prevent it from accomplishing these duties.

The CIA Committee's most glaring shortcoming is its lack of a student representative. Although three of the current Committee members are students, the two student members do not include a student member of the senior class, and are likely to be the opinion of the majority of the standing faculty committee, and even the MIT Corporation, which is the most important advisory committee, includes no student members of the recent graduate class.

Covert actions of the CIA involve students to a great degree, and these actions are not reflected in the secret files on active students. Student opinions and accounts of CIA actions are vital to the MIT CIA Committee. If not as this Committee on the Retirement Process.

The CIA Committee plans to direct most of its attention to making guidelines for future involvement between MI and intelligence agencies, rather than the necessary and worthwhile step. The emphasis on past covert operations of the CIA and FBI is more likely that the unethical methods of these agencies could be more fully exposed and that what is not easily proven in the figure. Currently the CIA and the FBI are in a period of transition, and CIA efforts to direct students toward "T" studies have not been so successful. There is more that to future actions, the CIA has made very little progress. The Ad Hoc Committee is right in attempting to plan for these future CIA activities. The emphasis on past covert operations of the CIA seems like a very worthwhile step. The emphasis on past covert operations of the CIA is more likely that the unethical methods of these agencies could be more fully exposed. While the investigations ever do take place, or even if they don't. Newly-declassified documents of the CIA offer evidence of the working arrangement between the CIA and a University of California Vice-President. This administration involved everything for the CIA, including the administration of secret operations, and the CIA agents get into the graduate political science department. Currently there are five of these documents being released to the public, and who knows what could have been published.

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Grade changes unnecessary

To the Editor:

The faculty Ad Hoc committee on grading recently recommended three changes to our present grading system. The first is the letter of recommendation, suggested to be limited to 5% of a class. The other two have to do with giving information about the grade distribution for courses taken by the student, and state a clear definition of what the letter grades mean. The arguments given in Alf Geller's article (The Tech, Feb. 24) against the use of the commendation letters are valid. These letters would place additional pressures on the students and probably encourage the aggressive student, rather than the creative one. However, student objections to the other two points were not even presented in the article.

If someone can come up with a workable alternative to letter grades, they will continue to be used by people who must evaluate students for jobs and graduate school. Presently, MIT is headed for a system of grading in which there are basically two grades: pass (A), and fail (anything else). Inflating grades is headed for a system of grading in which there are basically two grades: pass (A), and fail (anything else). Inflating grades means that the lower grades are a result of a general downward trend in grades. So, it seems that any lowering of grades ought to be accompanied by some means of showing that students are not doing worse (just as they are not improving presently at the rate that the average curve might suggest).

People are individuals, not numbers and letters, and any system of evaluation which attempts to reduce a student to such a representation is at fault. But if you think that the dependence of graduate schools and business on grades puts undue pressure on students, imagine what a system which hinges entirely on recommendations would result. Successful students would be those same aggressive ones who could fight for the letters of commendation which John LoFranco (section 1) would not want to know what you are interested in. I think that both students and professors would be subjected to much more pressures under such a system than they are presently.

Richard Ehrlich 'G

ACM group exists here

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to correct a statement in The Tech's article of February 26 on the ACM (Association for Computing Machinery) National Student Programming Contest. In the article (page 9, paragraph 3) it was stated that there is no ACM chapter at MIT. Until approximately one month ago this was true; at that time, however, the existing inactive chapter was reorganized (you may have seen a notice for our last meeting on the same page as the statement that no chapter exists). We are currently planning several activities, including participating in the MIT Open House, sponsoring lectures, and holding programming contests (we hope to host the regional contest — held at RPI this year — next January). Our next meeting for all those interested in ACM and in our chapter activities will be held Friday, March 17 at 4pm in room 8-314.

William Wahl
President, MIT ACM Student

Student government elections will be held on April 12, 1978

Candidates interested in running for class office or UAP/UAVP should drop by the U.A. Office Room W20-401 after Friday March 10 for petitions and procedures. Nominating petitions may be due in the U.A. Office by Thursday, March 23 no later than 5:00 pm.

Non-candidates interested in serving on the election committee should contact David Soulé (661-0668) or leave their name with Lee Fleming (3-2696) at the U.A. Office.

Questions about what responsibilities an office entails should be directed to the current officers. Questions about elections procedures may be addressed to Peter Berke or David Soulé.
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Strat’s Rat. Fri., March 10, 8:30pm in the Strat. The last Rat’s Strat drew 400; it’s back with usual chomps, beer, wine, good music, etc. Five with college ID.

MIT Symphony Orchestra, Sat., March 11, 8:30pm in Kresge Auditorium. Gary Steiger, sokola. David Epstein conductor for Schuman’s Piano Concerto, Prelude and Love Death for Wagner’s Tristan, and Inside and Hindemith’s Symphonic Dance. Tickets free in Lobby 10, $1 at the door.

MIT Concert Band and RPI Symphony Band, Sun., March 12, 2:30pm, in Kresge Auditorium. Program includes: Vivaldi’s L’Orchestre on a Kornatian Folk Song by John Chambert and Flag of Stars by Gordon Jacob. Admission free.

Mid-March Merimont, a dance party sponsored by the MIT/Wellesley Ballroom Dance Club, featuring Phil Bogard & his Band, dance demonstrations, and instruction. Sat., March 11, 8:30pm. Sponsored by MIT & Harvard prolife. Admission $1.50, for info call Scott Brundage x1347.

Just a Plain Old Party, with dancing, karaoke, etc. Sat., March 11, 8:30pm. Sponsored by MIT & Harvard, music, etc; free with college ID.


Edgerton’s Stroboscopic Projects, photographs and demonstrations by Harold “Doc” Edgerton selected from 40 years of his work, at the Margaret Hutchinson Conptom Gallery (next to the MIT Museum). Fri., March 9, 8pm, Mon., March 13, through April 12.

AT THE MOVIES

The LCS lineup this weekend:

- Three Musketeers (Fri.) 7:30 & 9:30pm in 20.
- Fun With Dick and Jane (Sat.) 7 & 10pm in 20.
- Summer of ’42 (Sun.) 6:30 & 9pm in 20.
- Coino Royale, the Midnite Movie, Sat., March 11, in the Sala de Puerto Rico: free with MIT/Wellesley ID.
- Breathless, sponsored by the Film Society, Fri., March 10, 8pm, in Rm. 6-120, donation $1.25.
- Last Honor of Katherine Blum, directed by Volker Schlondorff, in German w/English subtitles, Sat., March 11, 8pm in Rm 66-110, sponsored by the Dept. of Humanities.
- Classic French Film Series: La Kermesse Henrique, Mon., March 13, 4:30 & 7pm in 20, free. Cosponsored by the Dept. of Humanities and the Boston French Library.
- Dersu Uzala, the Hunter, the 1975 Academy Award winner directed by Altro Nero, is currently running at Galleria Cinema, 57 Boylston St., Harvard Sq.
- The Fourth Annual Animation Series continues the fifth of five consecutive weekends with Pioneers of Animation, Fri.-Sat., March 10-11, at 7:30 & 9:30pm at the Carpenter Center for Visual Arts on the Building’s first floor, outside Harvard Yard. Tickets: $2, cell Center screens, 353-7620.

IN TOWN

Stephanie Grappelli, legendary jazz violinist, with the Tri: Biddle Trio, Fri., March 10, 7:30 at Berklee Performance Center; tickets: $6.50 & $7.50 at the box office.

Bush, in concert with guest The Babys, Fri., March 10, 8pm at the Orpheum Theatre; $6.50 and $7.50 tickets at the box office. Tickets, Ticketron.

IN THEATRE

A Thousand Clones, Harvard’s Huntley Club’s original musical comedy based on the year 2070. Performances Tues., Fri., 8pm; Sat., 8 & 9pm; Sun. 8pm, May 12 Houghton Hall, tickets $3.50-7.50.

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COMMITTEE HEARINGS

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Vincent Price speaks of villains on his tail

By Gordon Haft

"Last Monday night, Vincent Price spoke about how he liked playing the part of theatre. He is known for his roles in the film industry.

Vincent Price is, in many circles, not best known for his roles in the film industry. He is known for his roles in the film industry.

Price decried the use of gimmicks in horror movies. He also mentioned that he enjoys playing villains. It seems that he enjoys being the bad guy.

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In the evening competition, MIT dominated the uneven parallel bars with first and second places by Harris and Sears respectively. Both gymnasts threw strong, continuous sets, by far the best routines in the finals.

Harris repeated her afternoon performance, sweeping the vaulting and balance beam events with scores of 1.75 and 8.50. On floor exercise, however, Donna Procopio from Salem State edged Harris by 0.2 in the combined afternoon and evening scores. Procopio finished second in the all-around competition.

Overall the team finished a disappointing fifth out of six teams with a total of 99.25. However, there was a spread of only four points between the top four teams. Boston State took first place (109.4), Salem State second (107.4), Northeastern third (106.3), and Bridgewater fourth (105.60).

The team finishes its season with a 5-5 record. Harris will be competing in the AIAW Eastern Regionals held in Pittsburgh, PA this weekend.

**Smith to defend title in IFA championship**

By Brian F. Wibecan

Editor's note: Brian F. Wibecan '78 is a member of the men's varsity fencing team.

In a disappointing end-of-season meet, the MIT men's fencing team lost to St. John's University, 15-12, on March 1. The team ends its regular season with a 7-4 record at it heads to Princeton for the Intercollegiate Fencing Association Championships.

Although missing two varsity starters, the MIT fencers put up a good fight against the undefeated St. John's team. Epe scored a narrow 5-4 win, including a sweep of three by top fencer John Rodrigues '80 and two from Brian Wibecan '79. Sabre lost by a similar one point margin with two victories by Dave Kep 78 and Dallison Chor '80.

However, up against "the strongest foil squad we've faced all season," according to coach Eric Soller, the MIT squad only took three bouts, including two by captain Mark Smith '78. This was a major factor in the loss, along with the two missing varsity starters, one in epee and the other in sabre.

The team is now in Princeton, fencing in the IFA championshipships today and tomorrow. The IFA is composed of Ivy League and other eastern teams, and is the strongest conference in the nation. Smith is fencing foil in an attempt to hold onto his individual championship crown. Also, the team is fielding a strong epee squad, as opposed to recent years when the strength has been in foil.  

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