

MIT admissions rate low

By William Cimino

The number of applicants offered admission to MIT exceeds last year's figure by 36. Of the 5200 applicants, 1748 were offered a place in the Class of 1983. This acceptance rate of 33.6% is one of the lowest rates in the past several years and was caused by the increased number of applicants.

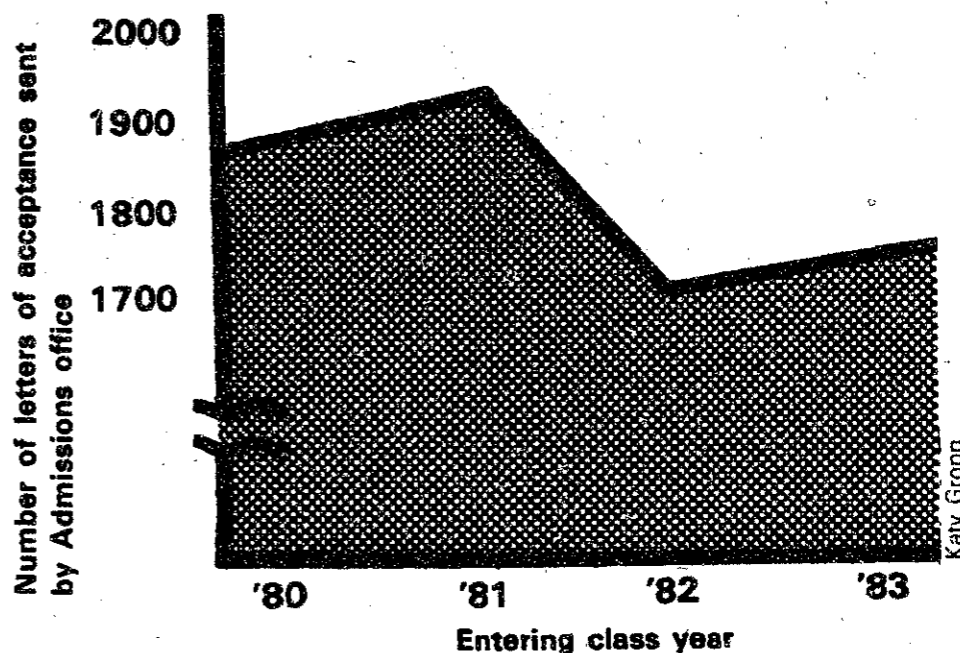
The number of applicants for the Class of 1983 was the largest number that MIT admissions officers have ever seen. Peter H. Richardson '48, Director of Admissions, stated, "This was a very strong group, in both quality and quantity." Of the 1748 admitted, 351 are women.

The admissions office is hoping for a final class size of 1050. "What we do every year is to admit less than what we need," Richardson said. This allows the difference to be drawn from the students on the waiting list.

The recently announced increases in the student equity level and in the student budget may have an effect on the yield of freshmen. Richardson stated, "I have not seen any evidence that this will have any impact. If it is a problem, we don't know it yet." Since MIT loses prospective freshmen to other competitive colleges and to summer attrition, the final class size will not be determined until Fall of 1979.

MIT is a member of the Ivy Group which consists of admissions and financial aid officers who meet a few times each year to discuss policy. This group provides a means to standardize such policy. Previous to 1976 the date at which MIT mailed admissions decisions was earlier than the date for the rest of the group. In 1976, MIT experimented with moving the date up to correspond with the Ivy Group. The yield of freshmen dropped drastically. The following year the schedule was moved back to the original date and the yield returned to the normal level of about 54% to 56%. Richardson stated, "We finish the job of selecting the class. Why should we hold the letters for another four weeks?"

According to Richardson, the schedule was moved back to the original date in order to coordinate Spring Vacation, when many undergraduates return home, with the publication of the names of the newly-admitted students. This allows interested undergraduates to talk to prospective freshmen in order to introduce them to MIT life. "When you haven't been to MIT it can be an awe-inspiring place. Students are most apt to come if they visit MIT. Having talked to MIT students is also a pro-MIT factor in their decision," Richardson said.



In order to maintain a fixed class size, the number of applicants offered admission by MIT has dropped, despite an increase in the number of applicants.

United Artists to film movie scene in Walker Memorial

By Joel West and Katy Gropp

MIT's Walker Memorial will provide the backdrop for a scene from *A Small Circle of Friends*, a United Artists' release which will begin filming at Harvard and MIT this April.

The film, which is set at a men's school in 1967, will feature actor Brad Davis, last seen in *Midnight Express*, and director Robert

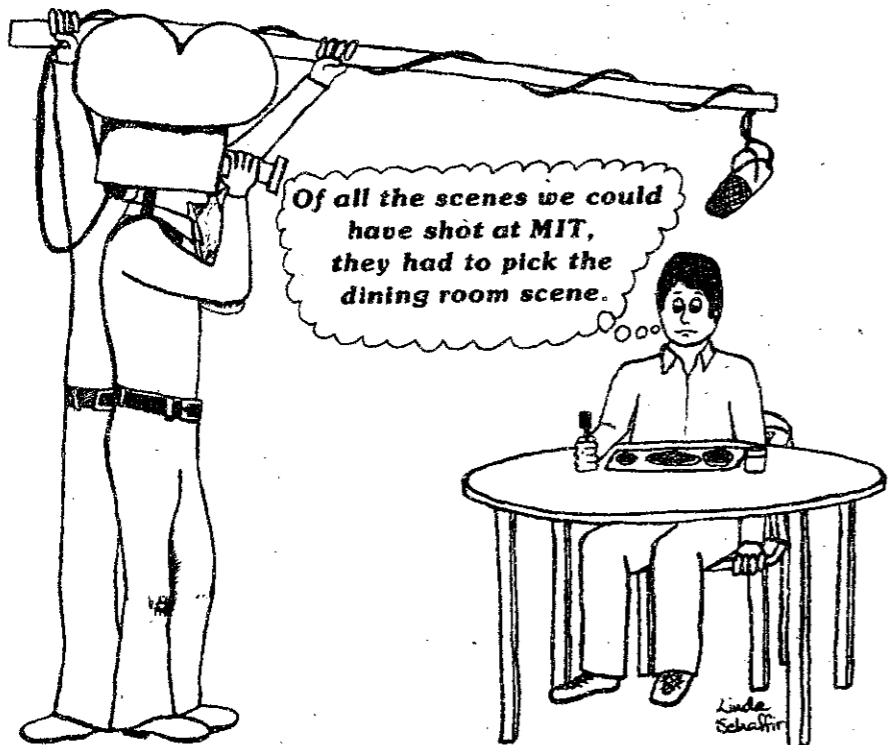
Cohen.

The Facilities Use Committee and the Walker Use Committee agreed to allow the company access to Walker on the condition that MIT students be used as paid extras for the scene.

A local casting company will be interviewing the first 100 men that show up at room 66-110 this Thursday at 2pm. Of this number,

approximately 80 will be hired. Short hair is preferred.

Because Walker is an east campus dining facility, preference may be given to dining service employees and residents of east campus dorms. The filming will take place on April 28, with the extras to receive a meal every 6 hours and a salary of at least \$35 for a 12-hour day.



Forced commons may return

By Joel West

Compulsory commons for dormitory freshmen may be recommended to Chancellor Paul Gray by a committee studying campus eating patterns.

The proposed combined room-and-board program is merely one of a variety of options being considered by the Institute Committee on Campus Dining (CCD). The committee is in the process of preparing a comprehensive set of recommendations, which will be presented to Gray in May or June.

Much of the work of the committee is being done by three

working groups: East Campus/Senior House, Baker/MacGregor, and the other west campus dormitories. Each working group is composed primarily of students from the affected dormitories, with at least one student not from the associated dormitories in each group. The full committee of twelve, of which seven are students, has representatives from each working group.

Since its inception (as described in the Sept. 19, 1978 issue of *The Tech*), the CCD has used various methods of obtaining information on which to base its decisions. A

telephone survey of more than 100 dormitory residents was conducted to "Give us a sense of what was happening on campus," according to John Kassakian '65, Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering, committee chairman. Students also visited dining programs at Harvard, Boston College, and Wellesley.

The impetus for the broad-based nature of the study was the feeling that the "MIT experience for an undergraduate is four ir-retrievable years," according to Kassakian. The primary objective of the proposed recommenda-

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Recently, Harvard President Derek Bok issued a statement explaining his view of the university's place in society. Page 4.

Although for the most part an excellent production, the Charles Playhouse production of *The Shadow Box* places expectations upon itself which it cannot hope to live up to. Page 6.

MIT Dramashop's productions of *Rendez-vous* and *Black Comedy* shed an unusual light on

some aspects of human existence. Page 7.

For the first time in several years, the Physical Education Department will be offering reffing courses in an attempt to solve recent problems. Page 8.

At their last meeting, the IM Council elected three new members-at-large. However, football, soccer, and outdoor track manager elections had to be tabled for lack of nominations. Page 8.



(Photo by Richard Soley)

news roundup

World

China, Vietnam want peace — In an effort to restore normal relations after their four-week border war, China proposed yesterday that peace talks open with Vietnam on March 28. Last week Vietnam said talks could begin one week after all Chinese troops left Vietnam soil.

Birth control vaccine tested — Dr. Alex Shivers, a University of Tennessee zoologist, has successfully tested a vaccine in dogs and other lower mammals. The vaccine, which could be used by humans in about ten years, would prevent a woman from becoming pregnant for about two years.

Local

BU faculty to postpone classes — Last week members of the Boston University Faculty Union voted to "postpone" classes tomorrow and Thursday to protest the university's failure to agree to the union's negotiation demands. BU President John R. Silber sent a last-minute appeal yesterday, but if there is no substantial progress the union executive committee is expected to recommend that the 400 faculty members proceed with the walkout.

IFC Officers elected — At the general IFC meeting of March 14 the following officers for the upcoming academic year were elected: Barbi Hill 80 (DP), Chairman; Greg Wilson, 80 (TC), Vice-Chairman; Jim Wilber 81 (SC), Secretary; Chuck Markham 81 (SC), Treasurer; Mike Johnson 80 (BTP), Judcom Chairman; Bob Matteo 80 (PGD), Rush Chairman; Tom Colten 80 (LCA), Financial Management Chairman; Scott Paull 82 (TC), Purchasing Manager; Frank Huston 80 (PKS), Community Relations Chairman; and Kevin Mazula 81 (DU), Activities Chairman. Nominations for positions on the Judicial Committee will be accepted in the DSA office, 7-133, until the election April 11.

— By Richard Saiz

Weather

Partly sunny conditions with mild temperatures will prevail today. With a northerly wind, highs should drop to near 37. For tomorrow, partly sunny and pleasant, with the highs in the lower 50s. Lows tomorrow night again near 37.

Looking ahead: temperatures in the upper 50's by Thursday. Chance of rain or flurries 30% today, 20% tonight and Wednesday.

Dining viewed as Dean's office responsibility

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tions would be to enhance the current situation to "take advantage of the wide diversity of the MIT environment."

Suggestions have come up addressing the problems faced by individuals who cook for themselves, including educating those who have never cooked before, have been made. Another proposal, establishing an on-campus food cooperative for students has met with nearly universal approval.

The one proposal likely to meet with substantial opposition is a combined room-and-board plan — in effect compulsory commons. The primary rationale behind the idea is to improve student-student interaction; thus, the plan seems to be oriented, towards freshmen. Although it had been considered for all dormitory frosh, Kassakian quickly pointed out that such an idea would make little sense, for example, for Random Hall residents; Kassakian noted that the most likely dormitory for such a plan would be Baker, though other dormitories were possible. He commented that one of the most interesting aspects of working on the committee was to observe the dramatic turnaround by students on the working groups from total opposition to compulsory commons "to almost a zeal approaching that of a missionary" in favor of the idea.

Kassakian felt that the most positive outcome of the committee's work would be "a very firm sense that the dining program is an ongoing responsibility of the Dean's office" after the committee's work was completed. One problem he said he felt that must eventually be addressed was the construction of the Whittaker College, which would necessitate another dining facility on the east side of campus. He stressed, however, that CCD's work was far from complete, and encouraged students to comment to either him or other committee members.

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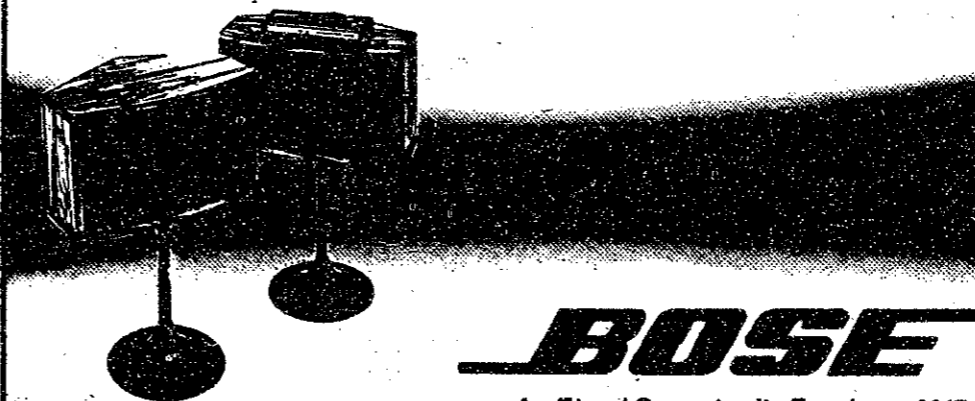
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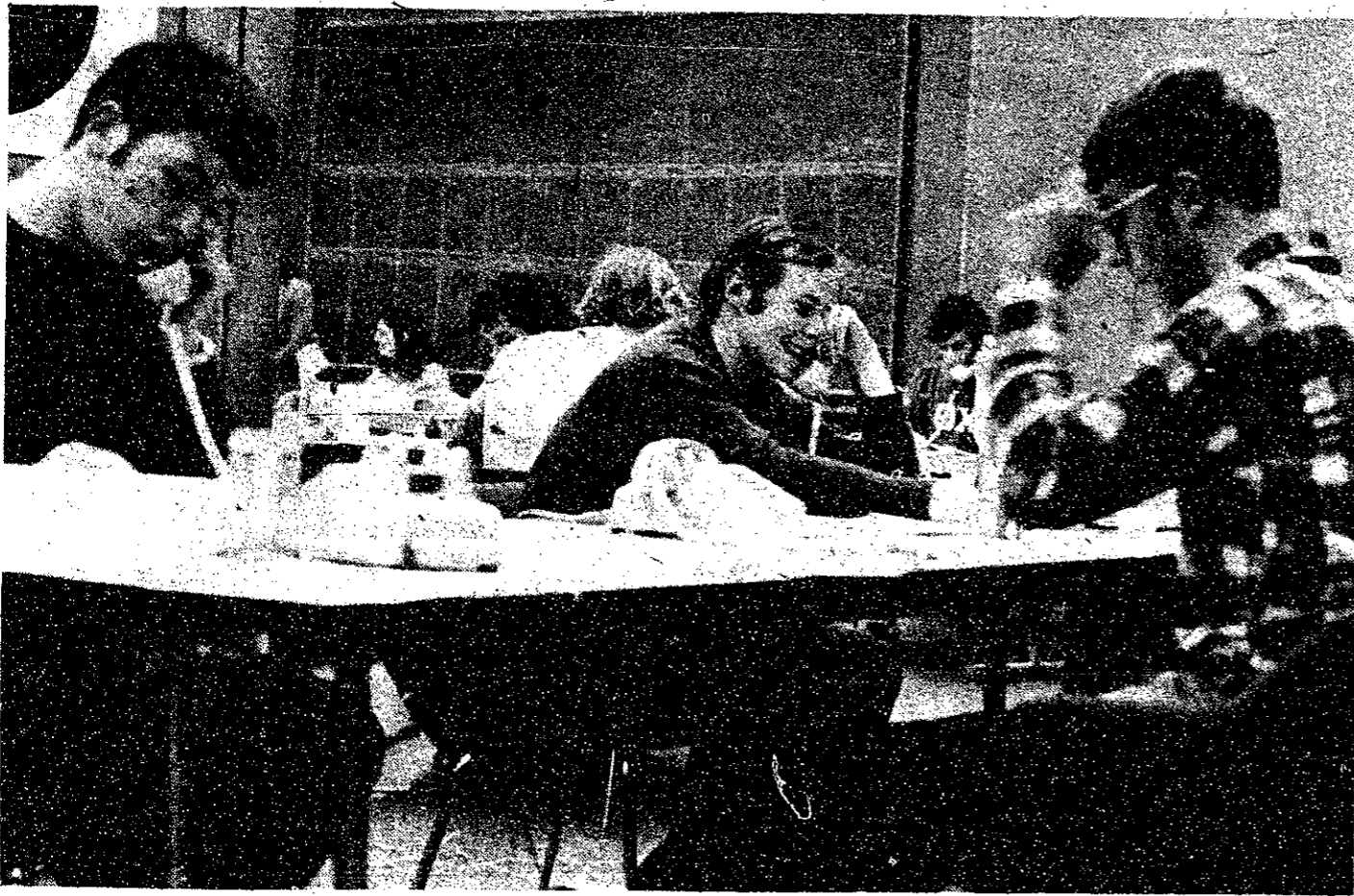
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The Advisory Committee on Shareholder Responsibility (ACSR) will hold its first meeting on Thurs., Mar. 22 at 5:30pm in 10-300. All members of the MIT Community are invited to attend. Topics discussed will include the Sullivan Principles, divestment, ground rules for the ACSR, and several upcoming proxy proposals. For more information contact the Committee's secretary, Walter Milne, at x3-5278 (Rm. 5-208), or the two student members, Chris DeMarco (547-3965) and Dan Saltzman (x3-8021).

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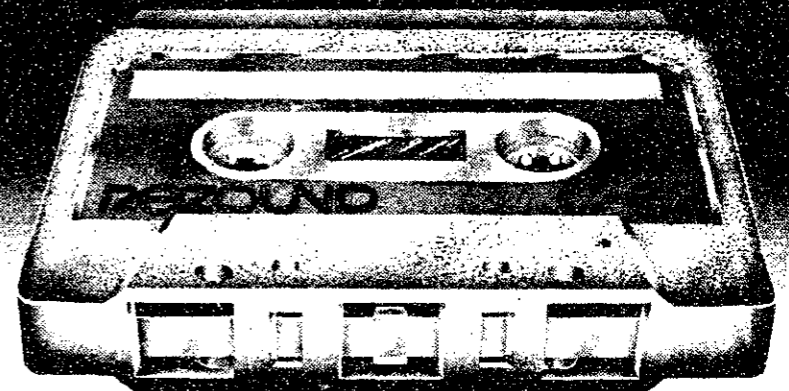
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The university and society

Two weeks ago, Harvard University President Derek Bok did something which no other university president has tried to do. On March 9, Derek Bok issued a statement entitled "Reflections on the Ethical Responsibilities of the University in Society: An Open Letter to the Harvard Community" in which he outlined how he felt the university should approach issues such as South Africa and the Nestle's boycott. Although his letter was aimed specifically at Harvard, his comments are relevant to all institutions of higher education.

A foundation for dealing with the issues

The bulk of Bok's statement is devoted to setting a foundation for dealing with the issues. He states that universities must consider not only the positive direct effects on society, caused when universities take a position, but also the negative indirect effects which might result from taking sides. He notes that if the university has an official position on an issue, a junior staff member seeking promotion may be reluctant to speak out against that position. Furthermore, he says society as a whole may not like the position of universities and try to impose sanctions on them.

Also, taking certain positions could lead to financial losses and economic collapse of the university, according to Bok. Finally, he notes that the deliberation required for the university to decide its position could take "hundreds and hundreds of hours . . . away from regular academic pursuits."

All the points Bok raises are legitimate. However, there are still many times when universities should take positions. Bok recognizes this.

He notes that universities have to take positions in their routine academic activities. Whether or not to pursue affirmative action is a decision universities must make. Also, he says universities have a responsibility as shareholders to vote on proxy resolutions. Finally, he says universities should take positions on issues in society like the *Bakke* case which directly affect universities.

Universities can have an effect

The really controversial part of Bok's statement is how he would approach certain issues such as South Africa and the Nestle's boycott given his reservations. He indicates that he does not believe that these issues are included among those on which the university has traditionally taken a position.

This point is debatable, however. Some people would argue that decisions on which goods to purchase and which investments to make are important parts of the routine activities of universities even though purchases and investments do not directly deal with academics.

Bok also states "neither as stockholders nor as purchasers nor as contractors of services do universities possess sufficient leverage to move large corporations, let alone entire governments."

Although this statement is somewhat true, it represents a very bad attitude. No boycott could succeed if each individual thought that because the effect of personal action is insignificant, he should take no action. Imagine if all eligible voters decided not to vote because their individual vote would have an insignificant effect on the outcome.

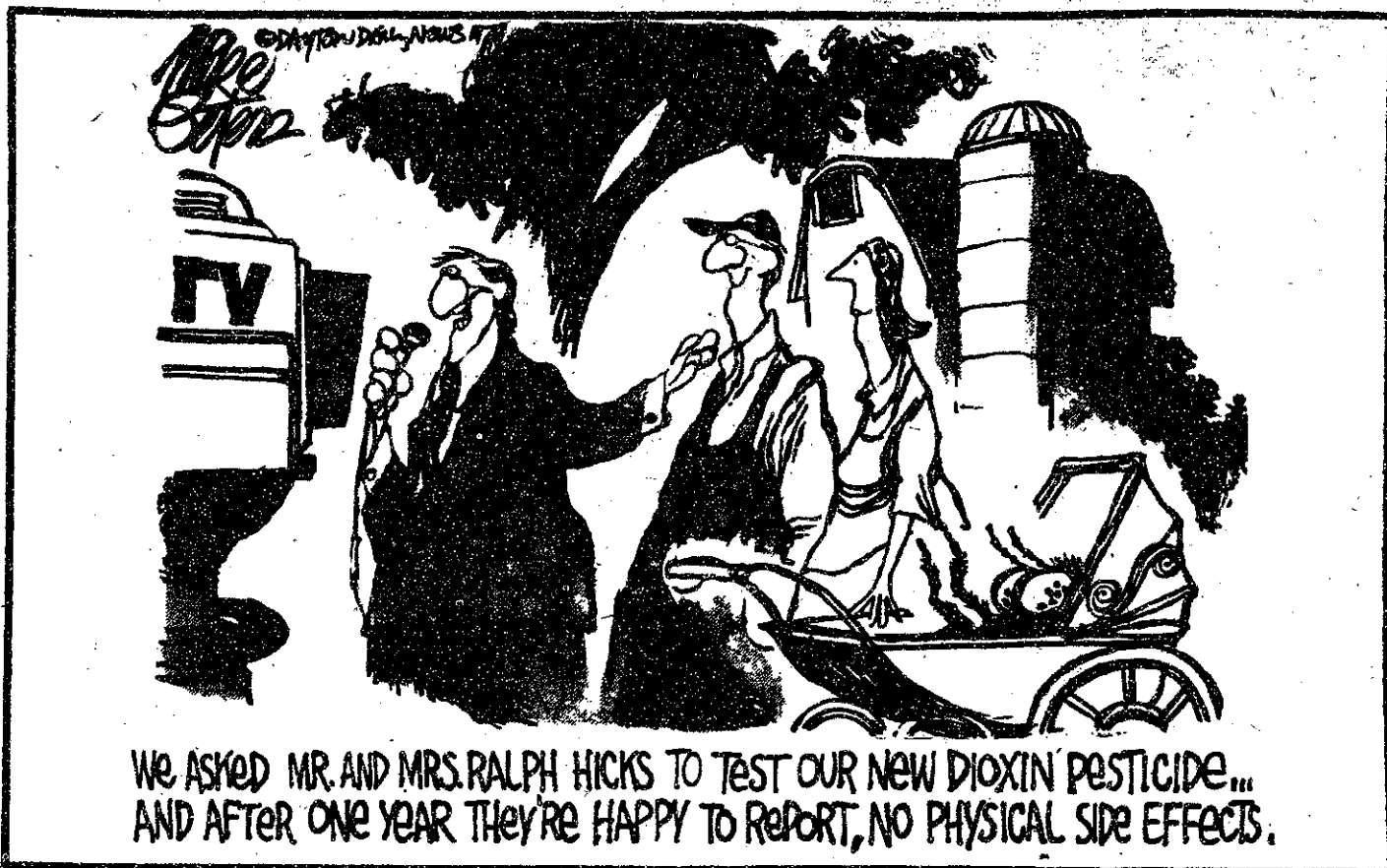
Individually, a university may have no effect; however, as part of a nationwide boycott by all consumers, universities can have an effect. If universities take no action, then their non-action will serve to effectively thwart whatever action is taken by others.

Still, Bok is right that universities must keep issues in perspective. A trivial ethical error by a company should not be ground for severing ties with that company. If it were, universities would probably not be able to find any companies to invest in or products to buy.

On the other hand, however, universities should not totally ignore ethics when making investment or purchase decisions or accepting gifts. Very few universities would accept the proceeds from a bank robbery as a contribution.

The difficult part is handling issues which lie between the two extremes where the problem is not so clear cut. Bok has promised to issue letters devoted specifically to South Africa and Nestle's.

These statements will appear as supplements in the *Harvard Gazette*, Harvard's version of *Tech Talk*. Copies of Bok's letter will be available in the Harvard News Office on the tenth floor of Holyoke Center in Harvard Square.



→ feedback

Jews for Jesus abuse free speech

To the editor:

The decision by MIT to postpone the "Purim Party" organized by the so-called "Jews for Jesus" and its subsequent failure to enforce that decision highlights an interesting dilemma in the concepts of free speech and religion. That dilemma arises when persons or groups such as the "Jews for Jesus" abuse free speech by asserting a right to deceive and trick others, or distort freedom of religion to justify attacks on other's beliefs.

The list of circumlocutions used by the "Jews for Jesus" to cover up the truth surrounding their "Purim Party" has recently grown even longer. They claim to have held a "nonmeeting" Saturday night to inform people that their program had been "cancelled;" in reality they effectively thwarted the decision of the Facilities Use Committee by having their speaker give his presentation in the corridor outside the room where the program had originally been scheduled. Their

earlier semantic games are already well known: a Christian missionary program was disguised as a "Purim Party" (a Jewish religious event); they hid their purpose of proselytizing under the guise of practicing an unusual, syncretistic version of Judaism and Christianity; they have sought to redefine the word "Jew" to include "Christians" by calling themselves "Jews for Jesus." Although fully aware that they have been previously barred from spreading their propaganda at MIT, they sought to sneak in through the back door by obtaining co-sponsorship from an MIT group and reserving one of the few rooms which could be obtained at MIT without going through the Dean for Students or Institute Secretary.

The "Jews for Jesus" insult and attack Jewish belief through parodying Jewish practice and misappropriating Jewish symbols for the purpose of Christian missionary activity. They seek to obtain converts by deceiving the uneducated and pressuring people through constant pamphleting and massive publicity campaigns. Yet they would claim that because their religion requires them to seek converts they are protected in these actions by freedom of religion. In so claiming, they reveal a fundamental misunderstanding of religious freedom, which presupposes the possibility of alternative modes of worship, respect for the beliefs of others and the right of the individual to pursue his own beliefs free of outside pressure. Should the Assassins of India have been permitted to continue sacrificing innocent wayfarers simply because their religion required human sacrifice? Bigotry, even when it has a theological base, remains bigotry.

No one would deny the "Jews for Jesus" the right to practice their own syncretistic version of Judaism and Christianity at MIT, provided they adhere to the same policies of mutual respect which every other religious group is required to obey. Those policies included definite limits on organized missionary activity among members of other religious groups, for the purpose of protecting the religious rights of others and ensuring harmonious relations among the various faiths. Such limits are absolutely essential in a community as compact and ingrown as a college campus. Through their actions — indeed, even through their choice

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Comments on religion

To the editor:

I was pleased to find out from *The Tech* (3/16) that the interchange of ideas at MIT is still free enough for Mr. Sillman to pursue his interest in Judaism, Christianity, atheism, and Eastern religions. I hope that in the future he will discover the three contradictory views of God and the world represented by these religions, without interference from the Facilities Use Committee and the Provost's Office.

I would also like to make the observation that the members of Jews for Jesus have never asked

whether or not I was a Jew before offering me a tract, and thus do not restrict their evangelism to any one group.

There is no ethnic insult implied by the desire of certain black students and Chinese students at MIT to worship with others of the same ethnic origin. Why should Jews for Jesus be viewed differently? The members of such groups may feel an enhanced ability to communicate with those of their own ethnic origin; if so, their efforts at evangelism arise out of love, not prejudice.

Darrell J. Hartwick '80

JFJ 'non-meeting' was non-Jewish

To the editor:

The "non-meeting" held by Jews for Jesus and MIT Seekers last Saturday night was merely another in a long line of circumlocutions concerning their "Purim celebration." In actuality the only difference between the "non-meeting" and the planned activity was the location. The highlight of the program was a missionary speech which had been advertised under the title "Jewish Survival." This was followed by the singing of a Christian hymn. Moishe Rosen, the national director of Jews for Jesus, then revealed his feelings about Judaism in a lengthy harangue in which he accused Hillel and Rabbi Shevitz of "deceit and chicanery." After the "non-meeting" was over, several small discussion groups formed. The Jews for Jesus proceeded to display their lack of knowledge of Judaism by consistently distorting history and quoting Biblical pas-

sages out of context. When this was pointed out to them they did not answer the objections, but just quoted more passages. At one time Moishe Rosen was questioned on the Hebrew text of one of his quotes. He immediately became angry, declaring that the original text was irrelevant.

I have yet to figure out what "very Jewish event" Ralph Giffone referred to, but it was surely not the "Purim celebration" that Jews for Jesus held. Indeed the only thing at all Jewish about that event was the people who Mr. Rosen was trying to convert. Such deception is clearly beyond the limits within which the right to freedom of speech applies. What would be the reaction of Jews for Jesus, Seekers, et al. if a group of former Christians were to advertise an Easter mass and then give a lecture on why Christians should abandon their faith?

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Opinion

South Africa is not the worst oppressor

To the editor:

The call to hysteria has been sounded again.

Once more we are being told about the evils of South Africa. South Africa, they cry, is Repressive. It is ruled by a Minority. And worst of all, South Africa is, horrors! Racist, and that is the absolute ultimate abomination, making mere political repression seem positively liberal. In other words, South Africa is Bad.

Now we in the United States are Good. Since we are Good, we must not in any way support any government that is Bad. Therefore, if a certain government is repressive, or is not supported by the majority of its people, or is in any way Bad, we must not have anything to do with that government. In fact, we should take steps to have that government replaced with one that is Good. Namely and to wit, MIT should divest itself of stock that has anything to do with Bad South Africa, since such investments support Repression and thus are not Socially Responsible.

Suppose we forget for the moment that such an attitude totally ignores geopolitical reality, and that should such a proposal be adopted, students at MIT would be hurt a lot more than South Africa would be, and examine this argument logically.

Proponents of divestment claim to be opposed to "repression" and "minority rule" when they attack South Africa. Now, the point has been raised before, I have said it before, but is bears repeating: There are many other regimes in this world that are far more repressive and even less representative than South Africa. If you haven't guessed already, one excellent example is the Soviet Union. I can't imagine anybody rationally arguing that South

Africa is more repressive than the Soviet Union, or even that it is less representative. The Soviet Union has 250 million people and South Africa has 25 million, so there is at least ten times as much oppression in the Soviet Union as in South Africa, even by this crude analysis.

There are a dozen other regimes more repressive than South Africa I can name without even thinking hard, like Czechoslovakia, or Uganda, or South Yemen, or Vietnam, or the former regime in Cambodia. So the very same people who condemn South Africa should be protesting conditions in the states named, and demanding divestment of stock in any corporation involved with them and calling for Majority Rule.

To my knowledge this has not happened. I don't recall the formation of a "Coalition against Pol Pot," or a "Committee to Free Orlov and Shcharansky." No petitions have been circulated suggesting that we boycott Ugandan coffee. In fact, protest over any of the above, or indeed over any government not a US ally, has been conspicuous by its absence.

Provost made the proper decision

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of name — the "Jews for Jesus" have demonstrated that they cannot comply with such policies.

An Institution such as MIT, whose first responsibility is to protect the well-being of its students and provide for their education, is under no obligation to push freedom of speech and religion to the absurd limits needed to tolerate the antics of

Ron Newman complains that, by refusing to recommend that computers and photographic equipment not be sold to South Africa, MIT helps "maintain its repressive regime." Consider, please, the fact that the United

There are many other regimes in this world that are far more repressive and even less representative than South Africa.

States sold computers, ball-bearing machinery, and other high-technology equipment, and even an entire heavy truck plant (!) to the Soviet Union. This not only helps maintain the repressive regime there, it actually reinforces a direct threat to our own existence and well-being. Yet MIT has taken an "institutional position" here. Last May, the ACSR rejected a recommendation to avoid dealing with Communist countries.

Given the above — the constant braying about South Africa coupled with silence on much more obvious targets like Uganda or the Soviet Union, and the failure of the ACSR to apply the same standard to both cases —

one could logically conclude a number of things. One could conclude that these people are really sincere in their opposition to repression and minority rule, and simply don't know all the facts. This is mere ignorance and can be easily remedied. Hopefully when they are alerted to these facts their actions will reflect it.

One could also conclude that they don't really oppose all

repression and minority rule, but only certain instances of it, say those which are popular or expedient to oppose. This is much worse than ignorance, it's hypocrisy, and as such cannot be tolerated.

Finally, and especially in light of the lack of criticism of the regimes in Uganda and elsewhere in Africa, one could conclude that some of those who condemn South Africa aren't doing so because it is a minority that rules, but because it is a white minority, and that they would be perfectly content to see a black minority replace it. Should this be the case, it would seem that these certain people are as racist as those they condemn, and are in fact even more reprehensible because they make phony claims to morality while doing so.

I suspect that a combination of the three is involved, though I don't know; there may be other factors. I do know that the whole subject needs a lot more discussion, and a lot more rational and critical thought.

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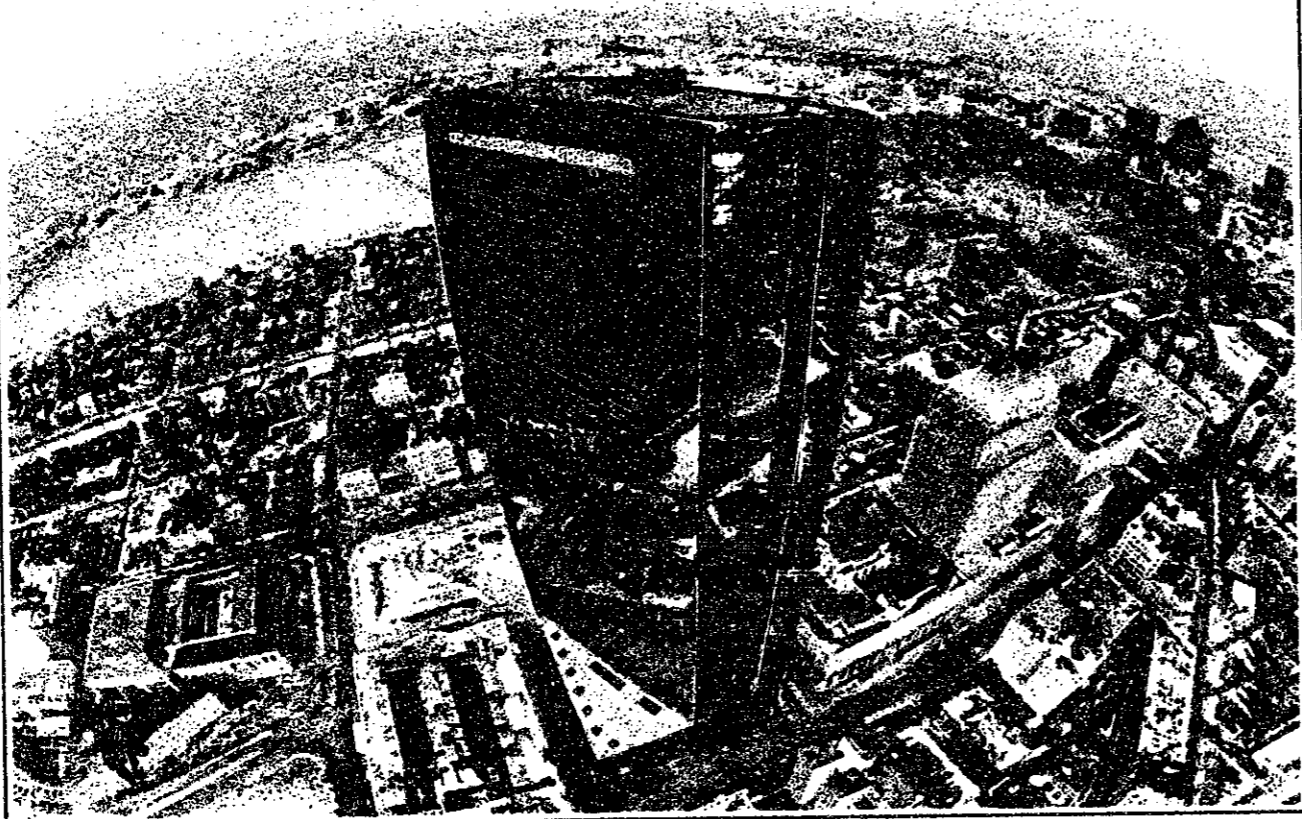
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the "Jews for Jesus." Indeed, it is actually under an obligation to its students to protect them from unwanted pressure and blatant misrepresentation in matters as private as one's religion. As such, it has acted properly by insisting that this "Purim Party" be postponed, and be rescheduled only under the supervision of the Facilities Use Committee.

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Chamberlain directs *The Shadow Box*

The Shadow Box, a two-act play by Michael Cristofer. Starring Frank Converse, Betsy Palmer, directed by Richard Chamberlain. Now playing at the Charles Playhouse.

By Joel West

The plaudits for *The Shadow Box* are numerous, a Tony and a Pulitzer Prize among them. And yet, taken together, while the current production and the play itself are very good, they are only near-great.

The play attempts to tackle a weighty and important concept; the role of hope in people's lives, and how it is affected by the imminent spectre of death. The action takes place in a resort in the mountains of California, where three individuals wait to die. The three, and their respective loved ones, are oblivious to each other and interact separately throughout most of the play.

Each of the three "families" is introduced when the respective terminal

patient comes onstage and carries on a dialogue with an unseen interviewer (James Oyster). Joe (David Sabin) is the first, a tiring New Jerseyite who could be from *Death of a Salesman's* Willy Loman transplanted into the 1970's. His wife Maggie (Karen Shallo) is dutifully supporting, while his only child Steve (Rob DeRosa) is at the "gee-whiz" stage of his life.

In the second group, Brian is the 50ish intellectual played by Frank Converse, with Betsy Palmer as his ex-wife Beverly, a fun-loving dancer, and Tony Blake as Brian's handsome young lover Mark. The third family is an aging-but spunky grandmother figure Felicity (Elizabeth Fleming) who is attended to by her unloved daughter Agnes (Alexandra Borrie).

And therein lies the problem. It is bad enough that Cristofer chose his characters from literary cardboard; but most of them seem to have come pre-printed, with only a slight coloring here and there to add any semblance of originality.

The character of Brian holds the most promise. Intelligent, sensitive, and yet incomprehensible to himself and those around him, he is the only character who is not aptly summed up in two sentences. Converse's interpretation at times is brilliant, as real as if he himself were going to die in 6 months. At other times, however, he demonstrates a confused presentation of a confused character. That the character should pose problems to such an obviously talented actor as Converse is a testament to the writer's ability, but one would hope these are problems that the actor can iron out during the play's six-week run.

Betsy Palmer steals the show. Someone who has enjoyed life to its fullest, toughened by her education in the college of hard-knocks, she nonetheless very much cares about what has happened to the man whose life she once shared. When onstage, Palmer totally dominates Blake and is clearly in control in her scenes with

Converse.

The only other individual that does an exceptional job with a complex character is Alexandra Borrie. Constantly being compared to her mother's favorite daughter Claire, Agnes is nonetheless the one who ministers to her mother's needs during Felicity's interminable path to the grave. Though she has some good scenes in the first act, Borrie's big moment comes in Act II, when she realizes she is trapped in a situation of her own making.

By comparison, the other characters and actors warrant only cursory attention: while only the performance of Tony Blake has serious flaws, the lesser characters are severely lacking in depth. Rob deRosa is

first-rate, however, as he repeats his Broadway role of the guitar-playing adolescent, his singing and playing are perfect, both in setting the mood and in keeping with the nature of his role.

Let there be no mistake made: while most of the characters are shallow and the finale is disappointingly stiff and clichéd, *The Shadow Box* is undeniably good theatre. In tackling such a difficult subject, Cristofer and Chamberlain have chosen the standards by which they wish to be judged, standards by which they fall short. This does not stop *The Shadow Box* from being one of the best (if not the best) dramas to hit Boston this season.



Alexandra Borrie tries to cope with the final years of her mother (Elizabeth Fleming) in *The Shadow Box*.

on the town

Movies

This week's LSC lineup:

The Wizard of Oz Fri., 7 & 9:30, 10-250.

Cactus Flower Sat., 7 & 9:30, 10-250.

The Candidate Sun., 6:30 & 9, 10-250.

Klute, the Midnite Movie, Saturday in the Sala.

Music

The Allman Brothers Band will be coming to the Music Hall April 23 at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$9.50 and \$8.50; they are available at the Box office, Out-of-Town, and various other outlets.

The Preservation Hall Jazz Band is featured by the B.U. Celebrity Series this week. The concert is Saturday at 8pm in Symphony Hall; tickets are \$6-\$9. For more information call 266-1492.

Theatre

A new play by Jon Lipsky entitled *Master of Ecstasy* continues its run

through Apr. 14: Performances are Thursdays-Saturdays at 8pm at the Reality Theatre near Kenmore Square. A student discount is available; for information call 262-4780.

A Chorus Line returns to Boston beginning March 21. The musical plays Tues.-Sat. at 8pm, with matinees Wed. and Sat. at 2pm, Sun. at 3pm. For ticket information call 426-4520.

The Madhouse Company of London has imported insane British comedy to these shores under the title of *Silly Buggers*. The show plays Tuesday-Friday at 8pm, Saturday at 7pm & 10pm, and Sundays at 3pm. For further information call the Charles Playhouse at 542-0095.

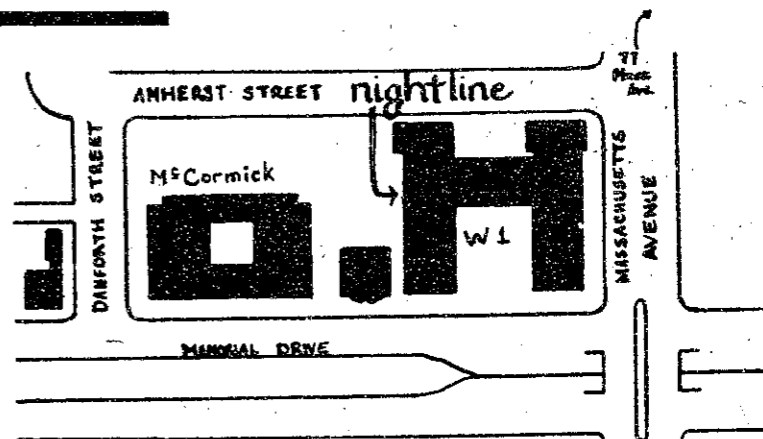
The Next Move Theatre presents *This End-Up*, a topical comedy review with music. Performances are Wednesday through Sunday, with two shows on Saturday. The show runs through April 8; student rush is available. For ticket information call 536-6769.

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Dramashop premieres *Rendez-Vous*



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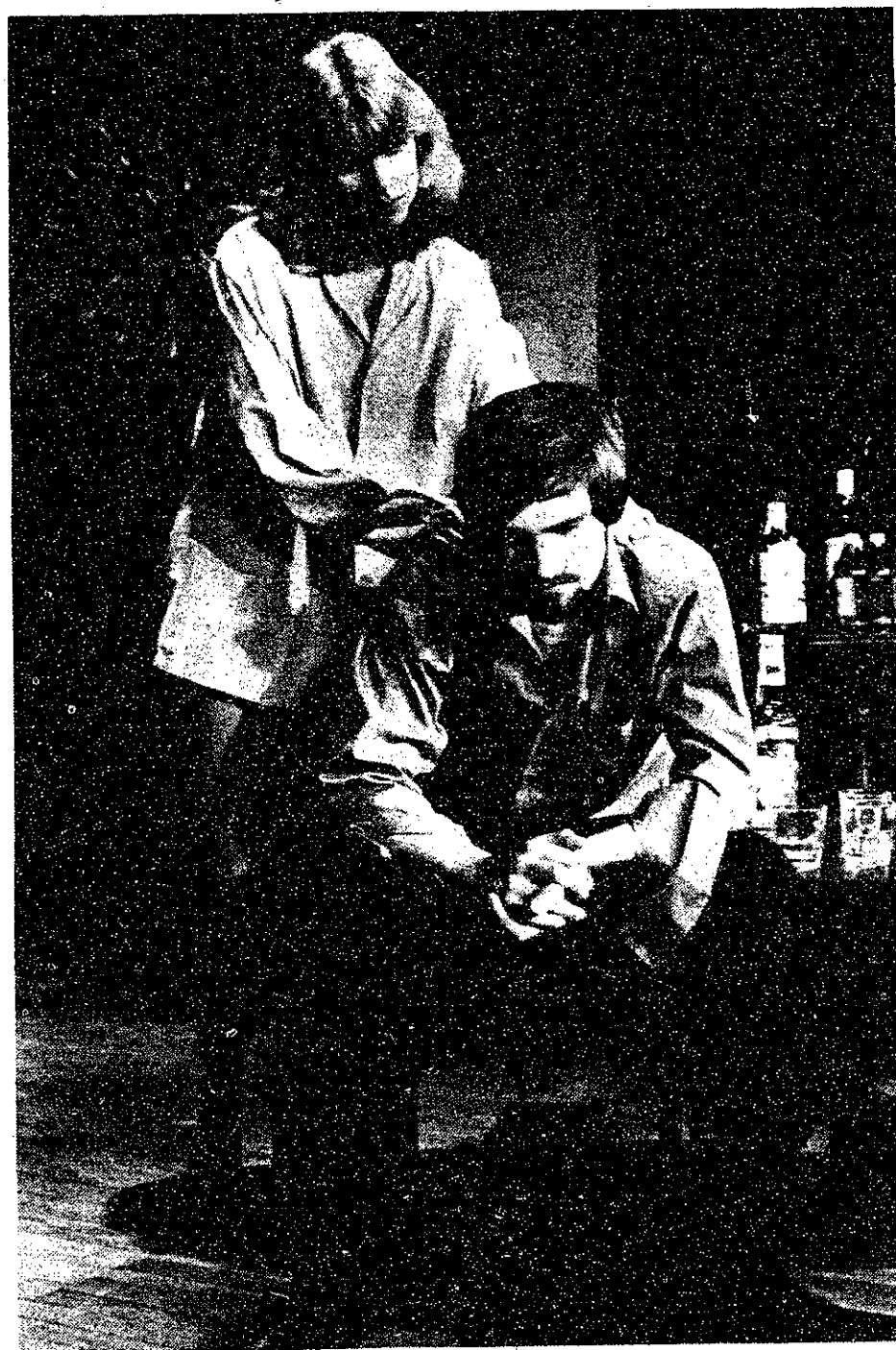


By David Shaw

Last weekend Dramashop presented a pair of one-act performances: *The Rendez-Vous*, a chamber opera; and *Black Comedy*. Both works represented unusual interpretations of the standard one-act play.

The Rendez-Vous was written and conducted by Andor Kovach, Visiting Professor and Composer-in-Residence. The story deals with Paul, a would be Don Juan who awaits the arrival of his mistress. Just before she arrives he learns that the plane she rode was the site of a smallpox breakout. The rest of the opera deals with his attempts to avoid her amorous advances. Kovach's sparse, modern score and excellent singing made the opera quite enjoyable.

Black Comedy treats a common scenario in an unusual manner: the play opens in absolute darkness, yet the characters go about their business as always until a blown fuse causes a blackout — this is when the lights come on. The characters then act out the play as though they were in complete blackness. An excellent script and superb acting by some of the cast had the audience in stitches, and demonstrated the fine talent in Dramashop.



There will be a UA General Assembly Meeting this Wednesday, March 21
at 7:30pm in room 400 of the Student Center.

Vice President Constantine Simonides will talk about the Dean's Office. He will be presenting his findings at Wednesday's Faculty Meeting (3:15pm in 10-250), and will be at the GA Meeting to discuss his findings and the related proposals using the Faculty Meeting presentation as background.

Come to both meetings and find out what's going on.

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IM Council picks new members-at-large

By Gordon R. Haff

At its March 11 meeting, the IM council elected three new members-at-large: Steve Aschkenase '81, George Dowd '81 and Paul Mahoney '81. The primary topic which all three discussed was the referee problem. All discussed the possibility of having PE classes in reffing — which has since come to pass. Mahoney also mentioned that he would "like to see more publicity to living groups on campus to find trained refs."

In addition, candidates discussed their feelings on the enforcement of eligibility rules. They all agreed that violations such as the junior high school player who played for Sloan School's hockey team were totally uncalled for. Their only disagreement came on the point of the enforcement of "technical eligibilities" in the

lower leagues, i.e. a 'C' league caliber player who plays for a 'C' league team even though he hasn't put himself on the roster.

Peter Lemme '80, chairman of the IM Council, announced at the meeting, whose 50 person attendance was one of the largest in recent years, that the Council is going to follow the IM constitution which stated that if an athletic chairman misses two consecutive IM Council meetings, his team loses its affiliation. Affiliation includes such privileges as exemption from providing a forfeit deposit with the roster.

In other business, IM Fencing, which was begun last year by several members of the fencing team, was given IM Council affiliation. Members of the Varsity Fencing Team will direct the sport. This year, they plan to use



electronic scoring equipment. Like last year, foil will be the only weapon used.

Dave Michaels, the IM advisor, talked about the new hockey rink. He said that "Prof. Smith has assured us that the ground breaking will be in April which means that there will be no hockey rink for 18 months." It was suggested that the IM hockey manager for next year should be elected at the next meeting so that surveys could be done to determine interest in renting ice time for IM's next winter.

Steve Pettinato discussed IM Ultimate Frisbee which he is trying to get off the ground. The major problem right now is a lack of field space. He said that last year when he sent out a letter, about 30 teams were interested.

Elections for Football, Soccer and Outdoor Track Managers were all tabled for lack of nominations. They will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Finally, Lemme set a standard time for IM Council meetings of 7pm on the second Wednesday of every month in room 4-149.

Reffing courses offered

By Gordon Haff

This coming quarter, the Physical Education Department will for the first time in several years be offering courses in refereeing. These courses, are being instituted primarily to increase both the quantity and quality of IM referees.

The two courses being offered are soccer reffing, taught by Walter Alessi (Varsity soccer and lacrosse coach) and softball umping, taught by Debbie Clum

In view of some of the recent problems with player abuse of referees, it has become obvious that it is not enough for a referee to be good technically; he must also be able to deal with game situations — for example, getting a player off his back.

These courses have the potential to rescue IM's from this problem.

To be successful, however, there must be active student support. The registration will be with the regular PE signups on Monday, April 2.

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(Women's Varsity field hockey and softball coach). These courses will stress not only the written rules but also those qualities which make a good all-round official, according to Peter Lemme '80, chairman of the IM council.

According to Lemme, the department promises to offer more such courses if the attendance warrants it.

The intramural program at MIT has traditionally been run almost entirely by students for students. Student referees are an integral part of this structure. It is, however, a part of the structure which has fallen on hard times recently.



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