

## Dining committee favors forced commons

By Richard Salz

The Committee on Campus Dining is considering a series of recommendations that would make participation in a meal plan mandatory in a number of dormitories, starting with the entrance of the Class of 1984 in the fall of 1980 and continuing with each successive class.

Although the recommendations are intended to provide items for committee discussion, Professor John Kassakian, committee chairman, noted that the proposals have met with general committee support. Dan Perich

'81, a committee member, mentioned that only he and one other person, also a student, have said anything against the recommendations.

According to the draft, residents of East Campus, Baker, MacGregor and Next House, the proposed new dormitory, would be on a form of combined meal and commons plan, while Senior House, Burton, New House, Bexley, and Random Hall would become primarily "cooking houses."

Although the draft recommends that the West Tower of

McCormick become a "commons dorm," the committee has not discussed the issue since none of McCormick's representatives were at the last meeting.

"It's not clear how McCormick will be embraced in the program," noted Kassakian. "It's a difficult case. It does have one of the finest dining halls (on the campus). We will have to deal with it very carefully."

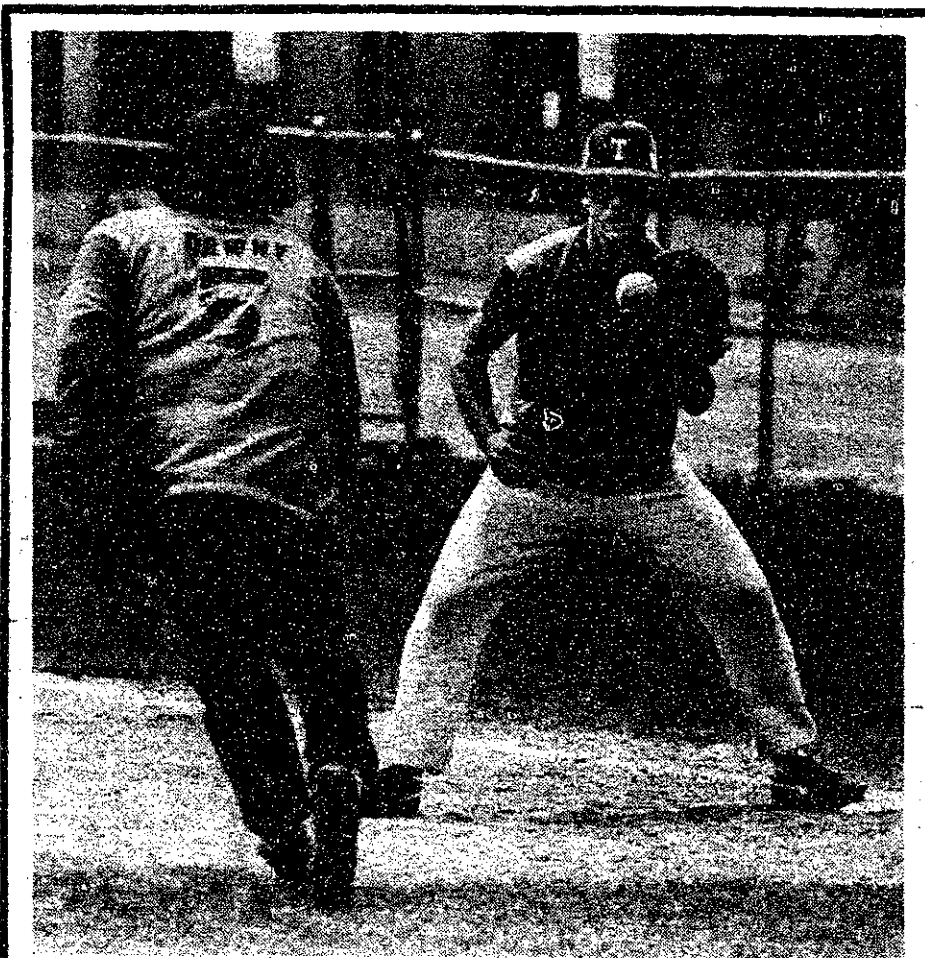
The committee recognized existing facilities strengths, according to Kassakian. Should the plan not work out as well as expected, the Institute would not be locked in since no major construction would be needed to force such an occurrence. An example of the "locking in" would be to close off the parallel between the two halves of East Campus and build a dining hall, as someone had suggested, observed Kassakian.

"There appear to be no institutional objectives or philosophies associated with the

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But it's good for you!



The Baker Orangutans get an easy out at first during their victory over Muddy Charles Pub in the finals on their way to becoming 'A' league fast pitch champs. Story on page 8. (Photo by Gordon R. Haff)

## Shareholding committee holds forum

By Richard Salz

Last Thursday, the Advisory Committee on Shareholder Responsibility (ACSR) sponsored an open forum to solicit opinions from the MIT community on the issue of divesting. MIT currently has more than \$130 million invested in companies with holdings in South Africa.

Roughly fifteen of the more than sixty people at the meeting spoke, and all but one of them were in favor of MIT taking a more active stand.

One of the speakers was

Mfundu Vundla, the Boston Area Chairman of the African National Conference. He said that blacks in South Africa are not interested in affirmative action but rather they want real political power. He also said that South Africa "would know" if MIT were to divest. The blacks are "trying to seize power from the white minority settler regime," he said.

Michael Gerardi '81, the only person to speak against further action, compared doing business with companies have holdings in

South Africa to the practice of doing business with communist countries. He stated that divestment of only South Africa-related stock would be an immoral thing to do.

The majority of the committee does not favor divestment, according to Dan Saltzman G, a member of the committee. In addition, "the Corporation feels they dealt with it last year, and they don't want to do it again," he noted. He sees these as the two major stumbling blocks towards divestment. Saltzman is in favor of divestment.

Lawrence Krauss G, of the MIT Coalition against Apartheid, is more hopeful, "I'm very optimistic for the first time. I think we made an impact on the committee."

The next meeting of the ACSR is Thursday at 5pm in room 10-300. The purpose of the meeting will be to follow up on the forum.

"I think divestment is an issue that's not going to go away," said Saltzman. "It can't be dealt with in one meeting."

## MIT fraternities are no longer social elite

By Gordon R. Haff

Editor's note: This is the last of a four-part series.

MIT fraternities differ from the fraternity systems at many other schools. Barbi Hill '80, chairman of the Interfraternity Conference (IFC) said that the MIT fraternities "have a purpose for existing other than as elitist clubs" since they also function as living groups.

The role of the fraternity in the MIT community has changed significantly over the last two decades. A 1958 *The Tech* story reported, on the basis of a personality test given by Leila Summers and Gene Levine, that "few

of the wealthier MIT students live in dorms, and few of the gregarious, organization-minded students live there. That accounts for the political apathy of the dormitories, and for their proportionately low representation in extracurricular activities."

Today this is certainly not the case on a number of counts. With few if any exceptions, the present-day fraternities are less expensive than the dormitories. In addition, dormitory residents, especially those from the big west campus dorms, are at least as active as fraternity members in student government and extracurricular activities, with the possible excep-

tion of sports.

Dean Sherwood's housing assistant Mark Bye '78 said that the relationship between dorms and frats is different than it was at one time. Bye said that "it used to be if a frat lost to a dorm in an IM sport it was considered disgraceful" — an attitude which he says has changed to a large degree.

MIT's fraternity system houses a much larger proportion of the student body than do most schools' systems. Thus the fraternities enjoy a much greater degree of integration with the rest of the community than is true at most places. The average fraternity is more self-contained than the average dormitory (or dormitory floor or entry). However, there is still considerable interaction between frat residents and other people at MIT.

In contrast, a school like the University of California at Berkeley has about the same number of fraternities as MIT and a student body about 10 times the size. I stayed in a frat there for a week and the separation between the two groups was almost total. The dorms are almost exclusively high rises which the fraternity members talk disparagingly of. Fraternity members do not go to dormitory parties and vice-versa.

Sherwood thinks that the biggest hurdle facing MIT in the years ahead will lie in the ratio of

men to women at MIT. It is likely that eventually this ratio will attain 50-50 or at least more closely approach that figure than it does today. Sherwood believes that this change will force fraternities to go co-ed despite the opposition of Nationals and alumni. He says that "more chapters may secede from their nationals."

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These floats are part of the parade to the Greek Games, an Interfraternity Council event of the 1950's. (Photo courtesy MIT Historical Collections)

# news roundup

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## World

**Protesting students killed** — Soldiers in the Central African Empire killed about 100 schoolchildren between the ages of 8 and 16. According to Amnesty International, the children were protesting rules requiring them to wear and buy school uniforms. Amnesty said that on April 18, soldiers of the Imperial Guard swept through the homes in four areas of the capital of Bangui, rounded up the children, and took them to prison at Ngarangba.

## Sports

**Rangers defeat Canadiens** — The New York Rangers defeated the Montreal Canadiens in the first game of the Stanley Cup playoffs by a score of 4 to 1. The second game is tonight, also in Montreal.

## Nation

**Mechanics mad** — The automobile repair industry has asked President Jimmy Carter to make Transportation Secretary Brock Adams apologize for saying that Americans waste \$1 of every \$2 they spend on car repairs. Adams' estimate was about 20 cents higher than any previous Government estimate. The Department of Transportation said it was sorry to see the industry reacting defensively, rather than trying to resolve what most surveys show as the nation's number-one consumer complaint.

**Teenage pregnancies costly** — Teenage pregnancies cost the American taxpayers about \$8.3 billion a year in welfare and related outlays, according to a new study by the Stanford Research Institute. Jonathan Q. Erskine, director of the study, said the total would be about \$1.5 billion higher if abortion were to become illegal, or if state financing of abortions for teenagers were to cease. There are an estimated 600,000 births a year by teenaged girls.

**Children's inactivity dangerous** — Thomas B. Gilliam, a University of Michigan researcher, says that today's children are so inactive, they're becoming high-risk candidates for coronary heart disease, as young as six years old. While they might not have a heart attack tomorrow, Gilliam says, they are already forming habits and bodily conditions that could lead to one, even during childhood. Of the 400 Michigan school children he has tested since 1975, close to 50 percent showed one or more risk factors for heart disease, including abnormally high cholesterol levels, high blood pressure, or obesity.

**Wisconsin doctor stoned** — A Wisconsin doctor admitted to being stoned on drugs while delivering babies and performing other operations. The doctor, unidentified, said he turned to drugs because of the nature of his job and its pressures. He claims to have been in all but three of the 462 pharmacies in the state.

**Student operates on himself** — A 22-year-old man with a history of mental disorders operated on himself in a college dormitory, in an attempt to relieve his mental illness. Doctors at the University of Wisconsin Clinic say the operation, the denervation of the adrenal glands, was done with an expertise that astonished skilled surgeons. He carried out the operation after months of studying surgical texts.

**House committee endorses draft registration** — The House Armed Services Committee approved a proposal Thursday that would force all men turning 18 after January 1, 1981, to register for the military draft. The committee attached the draft provisions to a major weapons appropriations bill, ensuring that the entire House of Representatives would soon debate the issue. The bill would also order the President to study the feasibility of inducting 200,000 men into the reserves, and of amending the Privacy Act so that draft boards would have access to income tax, Social Security, and other government records on individuals.

—By Rich Salz and Ron Newman

## Announcements

**"Mobilization for Survival"** is sponsoring a rally at noon on Friday, June 2. The rally will start at Senate Park on Broadway, and will feature speakers and a march on Draper Laboratories. For more information, call 354-0008.

**Families and Friends of Prisoners, Boston Bail Funds, and the Coalition to Stop Institutional Violence** are sponsoring an evening of entertainment at the Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave., Cambridge. Tickets are \$3.50 at the door, and \$3 in advance from any of the above groups. The evening will feature refreshments, music, theatre, and other performances to be announced.

**The Annie Ryder Fellowship**, given by the Boston branch of the American Association of University Women, is open to full-time women graduates studying education. Applicants must be New England residents. For more information, contact the Graduate School Office, room 3-136.

All degree candidates must turn in their post cards indicating if they wish their diplomas to be mailed, called for in person, or if they plan to attend the June 4 graduation ceremony by Thursday, May 17, or as soon as the notices are received.

**Freshman evaluation forms** are due this Friday, May 18. The instructor turn-in deadline is Friday, May 25. Forms were sent to all living groups, and are also available in the Office of Freshman Advising.

## errata

A photograph on page 1 of Friday's issue of *The Tech*, erroneously described as an MIT Choral Society picture, was actually a scene from Dramashop's *The Wild Duck* taken by Gary Engleson. *The Tech* regrets the error.



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# Commons policy to increase mobility

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 current [dining] system," says the draft of the Committee's report on the dining review. "Supporting the people who cook and having dining halls produces diffusion and confusion of efforts," observed Constantine B. Simonides, MIT vice-president.

"We want to re-affirm the need for providing for the diversity in lifestyles," said David Wylie, administrative assistant to the committee. Kassakian endorsed this, saying the committee is in support of the present diversity. "We cannot accommodate this in every individual residence hall on the campus, however," he added.

"The committee very early on acknowledged that it had to support the 'cookers' on campus," Kassakian said. Included in the recommendations are proposals to help maintain and set up a food co-op and provide means of educating students on how to shop and cook for themselves.

In addition, the draft recommends setting up a support staff coordinated by the Dean's office to maintain the quality of the program, and act as a liaison with the residence program and food services. "All three programs are interwoven," said Wylie, noting that more contact is needed.

One side effect of the program would be increased mobility between dorms. Kassakian proposed a revised priority system where room changes within the dorm, broken down by class, would have the highest priority. These would be followed by inter-dormitory moves, also broken down by class. The incoming freshmen would then fit

Perich sees a major flaw in the system, however. He pointed out that if after a year a sophomore in Baker on the combined room-board plan wishes to cook his own meals, he must then make a choice between staying with his friends and eating commons or moving to another dorm.

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into the "holes," as opposed to the current system where each dormitory has a fixed quota of freshmen.

Simonides agrees that increased mobility is a good thing. Wylie pointed out that the amount of movement would provide an index of how well the program was working, in that if large numbers of freshmen move to a different type of dormitory the program should be re-evaluated.

that MIT will have a quality program to fulfill their dining needs," said Kassakian. "In assessing the system, we found the real weakness was that we were trying to do everything, so therefore we don't do any single thing well. The status quo is not a viable alternative." Said Simonides, "Quality in food at low cost requires steady patronage, not patronage that fluctuates in numbers."

Perich said that while the proposals do have their good points, they are not worth having the entire package. "The committee members are all very sincere," he said. "They all think this is the best thing, but I think they've lost some perspective about the role of dining in the whole of student life."

# Frats face coed decision

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 Hill added that it is more important for a coed frat to have an even male-female ratio than a coed dorm because of some of the decision making necessary to the functioning of a fraternity but not a dorm. For example, dorm residents do not have to worry about dorm maintenance.

The option which Sherwood did not discuss was the possibility of establishing women's living groups on the order of WILG or even sororities. So far, however, this has not been the method adopted to house the increasing number of women attending MIT. Rather, more and more groups are going coed.

The MIT fraternity system has undergone massive changes since its birth in the last century and will doubtless radically change in the years ahead. Only the direction remains in question.

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**Class of 1982**  
 Dinner for two at the Rib Room at Hotel Sonesta has been awarded to Michael Kim for the Class of '82 T-shirt Design Contest.

**Resource People List**  
 We are looking for students who would like to work with the U.A. or their class government over the summer and/or this fall. Please come in and sign up in the U.A. office. In return you will be notified of projects that we'll need help on as they arise.

**U.A. Weather Committee Formation**  
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## Editorial

## Compulsory commons unneeded intrusion

The Committee on Campus Dining is tentatively planning to recommend compulsory commons for residents of Baker, East Campus, MacGregor, and half of McCormick. We feel the committee's recommendation is not in the best interests of students.

Compulsory commons will unnecessarily restrict students' freedom of choice. The net effect of the plan will be to force all students in the designated "commons" houses to subscribe to a meals plan. Thus, students will not be able to enjoy the unique lifestyles of some dormitories if they want to cook for themselves or if they eat Kosher and cannot eat commons meals.

Compulsory commons will unnecessarily inconvenience students who live in the "commons" houses. If a student wants to leave commons, he will have no choice but to move out of the dorm and leave his friends in the dorm behind.

Compulsory commons will unnecessarily restrict the choices of students on tight budgets. One way these students can cut expenses is by living in an inexpensive dorm and cooking for themselves. Under the committee's plan, however, students would not be able to cook for themselves in two of the cheapest dorms, Baker and East Campus. Senior House will be the only inexpensive coed dormitory where students can do their own cooking.

Compulsory commons will unnecessarily reduce the attractiveness of the designated "commons" houses. Freshmen who are not sure that they want to eat commons will be wary of the "commons" houses and thus these houses will have trouble getting the students they want.

Compulsory commons will unnecessarily inconvenience those students on commons in the "commons" houses. Ac-

ording to the committee's tentative plan, students on commons would have to subscribe to a 12-meal plan, which is approximately equivalent to a 400-point plan. Thus, the students who now eat on the 200- or 300-point plans — about one-third of the students in what will become the "commons" houses — would be forced to take extra meals on commons. Furthermore, more students on commons will mean even longer lines for dinner in already overburdened dining halls.

The compulsory commons plan makes particularly little sense in the case of McCormick, which already has its own kitchens which most residents use. In fact, only two percent of the juniors and seniors and none of the sophomores are currently enrolled in the 15- or 19-meal plans. Under the committee's plan, half of the McCormick residents would be forced onto the committee's 12- or 19-meal plans.

The committee offers several justifications for its plan. First, it says compulsory commons will reduce the cost of commons by ensuring a constant number of students in the dining halls. Although compulsory commons may reduce costs slightly, it will do this at the expense of students who will be forced to pay for meals they do not want.

Some committee members also claim the plan is necessary because cooking in rooms is illegal under Cambridge zoning laws. The committee thus sees a threat from Cambridge. Although Cambridge has forced students to put away cooking equipment during building inspections, the city has never seriously tried to eliminate cooking in rooms. Cambridge probably does not want to risk losing the millions in voluntary taxes which MIT pays the

city. Furthermore, even if there is compulsory commons, people will not automatically quit cooking in rooms.

Finally, some committee members claim that the plan will increase social interaction between students. This may be somewhat true, but is it really right for MIT to dictate lifestyles to students? We think not.

We urge the committee to strongly reconsider its proposal for any form of compulsory commons and ask that no action be taken to establish such a system at MIT.

Joel West

## Four years later, a last look at MIT

The term is easing to a close ("thundering" might be a better word). For some of us, it will be the last term, if not of school altogether, then at least of life at MIT.

It's strange. It was never questioned whether I'd go to college; with a mother with 2 master's and a dad with a law degree, it had always been assumed by all concerned that this bright (though obnoxious) kid would get a bachelor's degree. Thus, one week from now is the date I've been awaiting for 10 or 15 years — the day I no longer have to go to school ever again.

Perhaps one of the reasons I haven't realized what's happening is that I'd been toying with further education, an SM (where else?) or a JD. Perhaps another reason is that, after May 24, I will move from being a student to being unemployed and nearly broke. Or perhaps it's just because I have, as always, so much work to do before the term is over.

Soon I will realize that I am leaving MIT and Boston for good, and my own good. Then the inevitable wave of nostalgia will hit — which is why I'm now attempting to size up the total of my undergraduate experience.

Having never been more than five miles outside of the territorial boundaries of the great state of California, one would-be electrical engineer hugged mommy and daddy and little sister goodbye 45 months ago and hopped on the red-eye to Boston's Logan airport. Needless to say, I promptly went into a state of cultural shock, having absolutely no conception of what an Eastern city was like. (San Francisco, the closest thing back home, I'd only visited once.)

The remainder of the year was a futile attempt to adjust — to living away from home, to Boston, to MIT, to no longer being the biggest math whiz within a radius of 10 miles — all problems which many freshmen have to face. Also, thanks to the benefits of freshman pass/fail, I refined time-wasting to an art, between D&D and fan-tan and generally being annoying — enough so to be the Baker M.O.F.

Where I consider myself to be different — and fortunate — is that I left MIT 3 years ago, possibly to never return. The fact that I did return, and in hindsight feel that it was the best decision, speaks more highly of MIT than those who haven't been elsewhere are capable of saying.

I first set off to be a computer programmer, a fine and noble profession practiced by many



Welcome Class of '84!

MIT students seeking to pay the absurd tuition charged by the folks at 77 Mass. Ave. As with most freshmen, the first summer back wasn't too bad, all your friends from high school are there, it's probably not too different from the previous summer.

What was terrifying was when all my friends started going back to school, none of them locally, leaving me stranded all alone in San Diego, California (something I would not wish on anyone over 18 and under 65). It wasn't long before I realized that although school was bad, semi-skilled white-collar labor was worse.

I then spent one quarter as a half-time student, and the next quarter full time. That brief quarter was a unique experience in my life, not likely to be repeated again — a real student in a real university (UCLA), complete with athletics and scholarships and cheerleaders and liberal arts majors and even a real newspaper (The Daily Boredom).

If perhaps many who read this are not impressed, how many of you can comprehend being in a packed lecture hall of 400 students, where the subject is Art, not Physics, and 300 of the students are female?

But I'm here. Why? I'm still not sure, but once I came back, I found the best reason for being

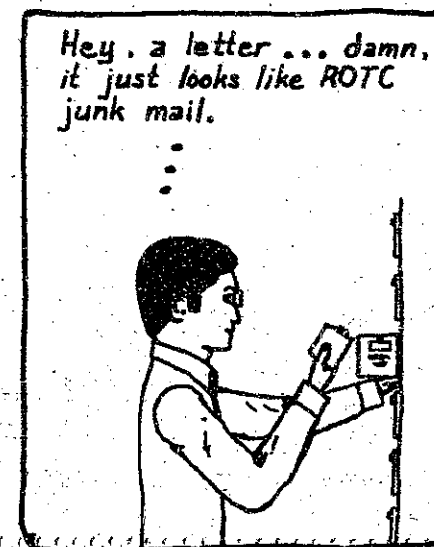
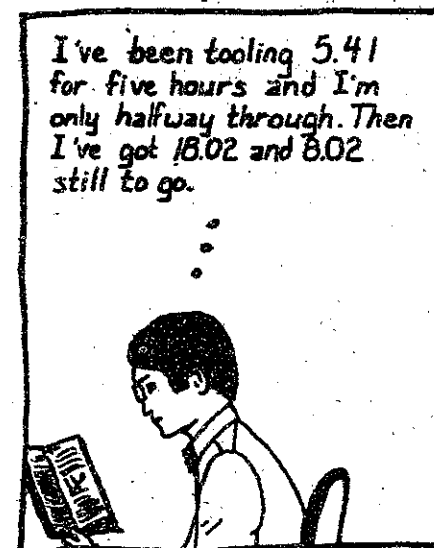
here. Not the professors, not the labs, not the courses, not even the beautiful sculpture. It's the students. Whether we are aware of it or not, MIT is a relatively small community — in August 1977, after being gone a year, I still exchanged looks of recognition with a dozen people each day I walked across campus.

And while I occasionally avow anti-nurdy tendencies, I feel at home surrounded by bright people who regularly debate answers to problem sets or apply Physics to problems from everyday life. UCLA is a far more normal environment, and I'll be the first to admit that I'm not at home in a normal environment.

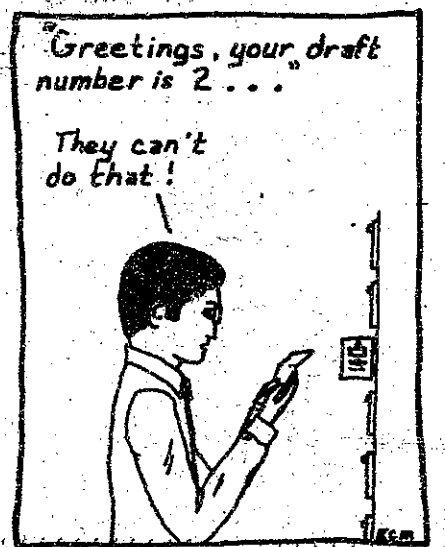
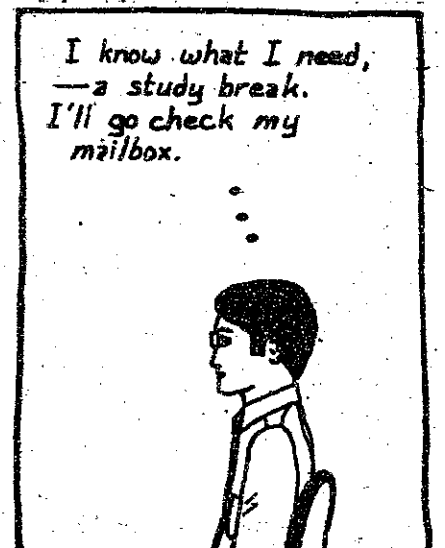
My UCLA experience was not atypical — even at largely residential colleges, most of my friends have not experienced that sense of community which has marked my stay at MIT. Ironically, only those at Oxford and that little school up the river seem to have had a comparable experience.

Like many seniors, I'll miss MIT, but not for the same reasons. MIT did not prepare me for a high-paying job in industry — I gave up that idea long ago. But it did give me a good place to spend three crucial years of my life, and a place that will be largely responsible for what I'll be 15 years from now.

Paul L. Hubbard



By Kent C. Massey



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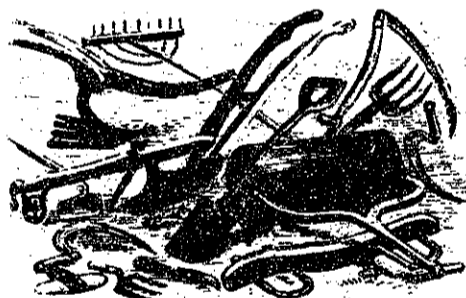
Almost Everyone's Guide to Economics, by John Kenneth Galbraith and Nicole Salinger. Bantam Books, 162 pp., \$2.50.  
By Joel West

Galbraith never gives up. Even in this age of fiscal conservatism he continues to preach his liberal solutions to the nation's economic woes. But whether or not one agrees with his philosophy, he has produced a very readable critique of contemporary economic theories and how they (fail to) deal with the problems of the 1970's.



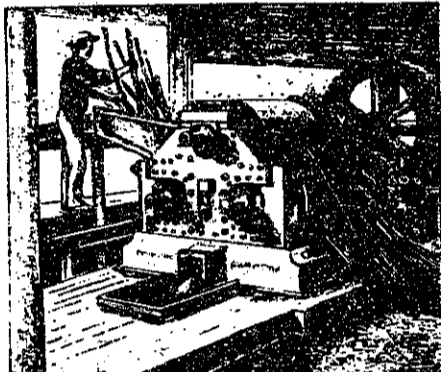
The premise of the book is certainly unarguable. Inflation, taxation, government spending, interest rates all touch our daily lives; in a participatory democracy, citizens should be aware of the significance of the decisions being made for them by politicians, bureaucrats and corporate executives, as well as those made at the ballot box (it is ironic that this book was written before the advent of Proposition 13).

After briefly comparing current economic systems, Galbraith goes after the "marketplace." He points out that no matter how much one professes to admire Adam Smith, everyone seeks to free himself from the tyranny of the marketplace and gain the ability to determine his own price for his goods and services. The theory of the marketplace is based on the interchangeability and lack of individual power of any one producer; as Galbraith puts it, "No one can say that if General Motors disappeared from the automobile industry, price and production would be unaffected." In his opinion, labor unions, oligopic corporations, and government have all largely freed themselves from the control of the marketplace.



With these groups free from the constraints of supply and demand, inflation is fueled onward, as it has in the US during the past 10 years. Unemployment can be used to curb inflation; Galbraith points out, however, that it is much less effective than theory would predict, and that it affects different segments of society unequally. Large corporations have large capital assets of their own, and are thus the last to be affected by an increase in interest or a decrease in money available for lending; when money is available, the corporations are of course the bank's preferred customers.

Galbraith explicitly recognizes a postulate (which may not be shared by all) that underlies all his arguments: a democratic rather than meritocratic sense of equity. His main serious criticism of Milton Friedman is prefaced by the observation that his fellow economist uses a different values system: "he is an avowed conservative, and it is not the function of a conservative to worry about big business over small business. Or about unemployment. He does not, and it is his privilege to ignore these adverse effects."



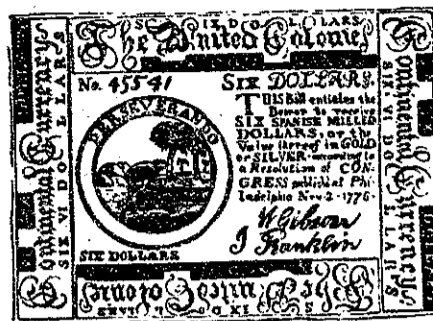
Some of the book's most amusing passages, in fact, are where Galbraith refers to Friedman's allegedly poor grasp of the real economy and marketplace; one exchange is priceless:

Salinger: "Professor Friedman was, for a while, adviser to the government of Israel."

Galbraith: "Well, it is part of the ancient Hebraic lore that the children of Israel were meant to suffer."

Galbraith's dogma is laced throughout with frequent witticisms such as "good statesmanship has always required not only the comforting of the afflicted but the afflicting of the comfortable." Though sometimes tedious, the humor and the informal style combine to give a very easily read book. Salinger's questions, usually intelligent though occasionally on the "cute"

side, serve to break up the monotony of nonstop pseudo-science.



The book's only weakness is where Galbraith presents his own solutions to economic problems. His answer is CIPP (Comprehensive Incomes and Prices Policy), a warmed-over version of wage-price controls. While they leave alone small business and other places where the "market" forces work, Galbraith does not



seem to give much thought to how politically unpalatable controls of executive salaries will prove. In response to the question "Is CIPP forever?" Galbraith gives an unsettling answer: "Yes. So long as unions, corporations, farmers, others, exist and struggle unsuccessfully for higher prices and incomes."

While Galbraith doesn't realize that just because an idea is logical doesn't mean it will be accepted, his treatment of the rest of the subject more than redeems *Almost Everyone's Guide to Economics*. The US's problems cannot be blamed on oil, since European countries are far more dependent on imported oil. The German Mark and economy are far more stable than the dollar and the US economy — Galbraith attributes this to their "Social Market Policy," which resembles his CIPP.



Though it could be faulty, his analysis of the international monetary scene is the first that seems to adequately explain America's weak position in the last 10 years in relation to other industrialized countries.

While it has its weaknesses, and is by no means an economics textbook, *Everyone's Guide* has one advantage over almost any other material available: it is an up-to-date explanation of how the economy actually behaves, rather than how it should behave. This economics novice, for one, found it a very useful introduction to the subject and would unequivocally recommend it to others who wish to crack the "mystic rites and priestly incantations" that are used to obscure the subject.

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# sports

## Women's Softball improved this year

By Gordon R. Haff

In its second year of existence as a varsity sport, the women's softball team posted a 4-6 record, a substantial improvement over last year's winless season.

Mary Rorabaugh '80, the team's captain, is confident that the squad can improve on this record next year since only one of this year's team members is

graduating.

According to Rorabaugh, the primary reason for this year's improvement was Jill Smith '81 who replaced a graduated senior as the starting pitcher for this season. In addition, Rorabaugh was pleased with the squad's defensive capabilities. However, she also said that the squad's hitting was not very good this

season.

The major difficulty which the team encountered was a lack of personnel. The varsity and JV combined had only 13 people, a decrease from last season. However, with only one person graduating and a crop of incoming freshmen next fall, this problem will hopefully be resolved for next season.

## Tennis finishes up at 4-8

By Ted Equi

The varsity tennis team began their season with their annual southern trip. The trip took them to North Carolina to sharpen their skills against UNC, Davidson, Highpoint, Pheifer, and Georgetown. An inspired team returned from the southern trip ready for the start of the regular season.

Early in the season, team members Yusuf Maniya, Captain Stan Drobac '79, Marc Julian '79, Joe Pasquale '80, Charlie Calkins '81, Alex Hamza '81, and Jay Napoleon '81 ripped through their opponents, compiling a 4

and 0 record. With a sound 7-2 win over Wesleyan the team secured a place at the New England Championships.

However, the team began to run into some difficulties. Although the subsequent matches were closely contested (each having four three set matches) the team could not put together five matches for a victory.

At the conclusion of the season the team headed to Williams for the New England. Stan Drobac scored a first round victory then moved on to play the first seed. He was not as successful in his second match. The doubles team of Alex Hamza and Joe Pasquale

also scored a first round victory.

In the next round, they drew a match with the first seed and lost, ending their tournament hopes. After a tough first round three set loss Charlie Calkins won the consolation tournament.

The team will be losing their top three players to graduation but they are optimistic nevertheless.

## Badminton final results

<b>A</b>			Bay State Birds	1	5
Phi Delta Theta	6	2	Beta Theta Pi	1	5
Game Cocks	5	3	ATO	0	6
Baker BADS	5	3	<b>B 3</b>		
Bay State Rowdies	4	4	Metallurgy	4	2
Third East	0	8	Epsilon Theta	4	2
<b>B 1</b>			Le Grand Oiseau	4	2
WE	6	0	Burton Third Bombers	4	2
Phi Kappa Sigma	4	2	Random Hall	2	4
PIKA	4	2	Fiji Badmen	0	6
Burton II	3	3	<b>B 4</b>		
Drunken Sloths	1	5	Deuch-Birdies	6	0
Nu Delts	0	6	Dumbrymple Particles	4	2
<b>B 2</b>			Second East	3	3
Ptitsi	6	0	D-Feeters	3	3
Theta Chi B	5	1	New House 4	2	4
Baker Double Trouble	4	2	NRSA	0	6

## Varsity Tennis Team Final Standings

U. Conn.	9-0	Brown	3-6
Colby	8-1	Dartmouth	0-9
Wesleyan	7-2	Trinity	4-5
Bowdoin	8-1	Brandeis	3-6
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Final Record: 4 wins 8 losses

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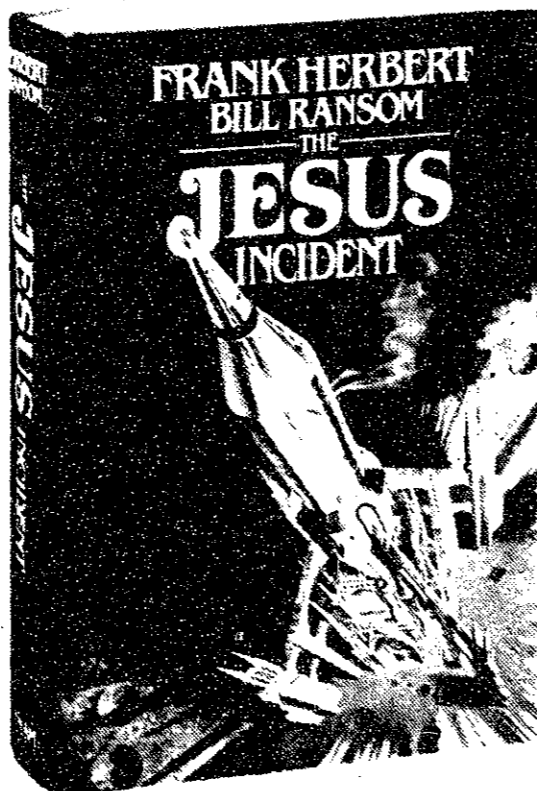
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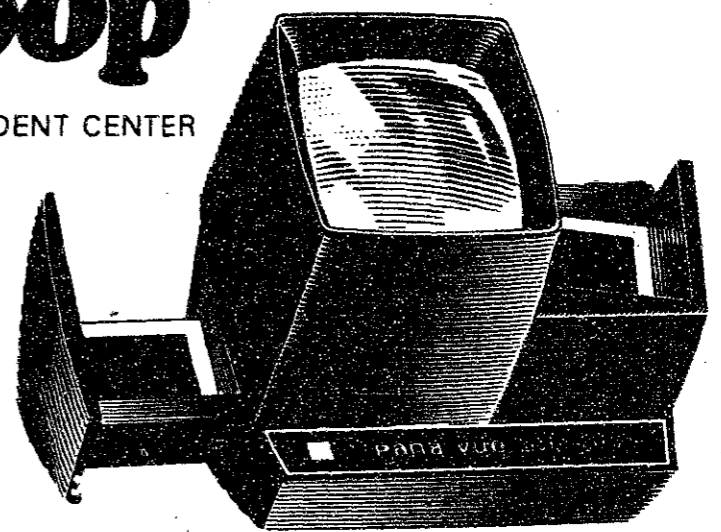
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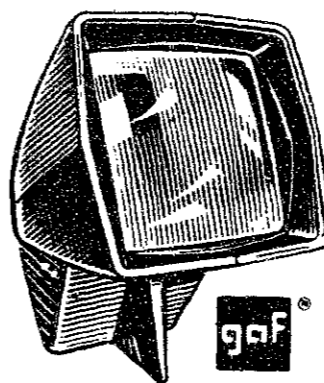
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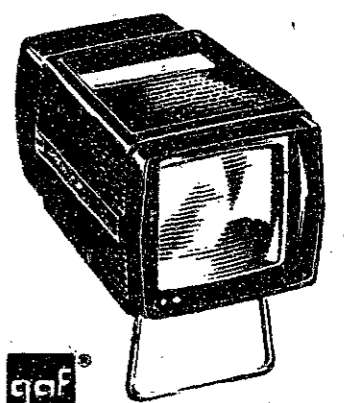


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# sports

## Sailing wins NE team racing

By Eric Greene

Editor's note: Eric Greene is a member of the men's sailing team.

The men's varsity sailing team finished up a very successful season by winning the New England Team Racing Championship last Friday at the Coast Guard Academy. They then proceeded to finish a strong 3rd in the New England Dinghy Championship over the weekend. Both placings qualify the team for the collegiate North Americans in the respective events, which will be held in Chicago June 11-19th.

The MIT team, consisting of senior skippers Elliot Rossen, Lenny Dolhert, and Bates McKee sailing with crews Eddie Marcus '81, Gantran Kenwood '82, and Roberto Lopez '80, won the event by beating Tufts, traditional rivals of MIT. The score was 3-1 in the best of 5 series.

The MIT sailors showed great strength, and dominated the series from the beginning. They are expecting to place well in the North Americans, where they'll compete against 11 other collegiate teams from the United States and Canada.

The New England Dinghy Championships were also held at Coast Guard over the new two days. 11 teams that qualified from the 49 teams in New England competed for the trophy. Saturday morning dawned clear and cold, with the wind blowing from the north at a blustery 35 knots.

By dusk five races had been sailed. MIT sailors Dolhert and Kenwood in A-division, and Rossen and Marcus in B-division, sailed well in the strong winds, and MIT was in a very close 2nd place overall.

On Sunday the wind was from the south and had diminished in strength. Despite rigorous social activity at the Academy the night before, MIT started out well in the first race of the day. This was unfortunately followed by two disappointing races, when the MIT sailors finished near last and the team-score went from 2nd to 5th. At that point, veteran coach Hatch Brown called a team huddle, and the decision was made to substitute Ace-in-the-Hole skipper Bates McKee and crew Roberto Lopez, in an attempt to break the bad streak.

Sailing in B-division they immediately got a couple of good finishes. With Dolhert sailing better in A-division, the team score was on the rise. With only 2 races left, MIT had to beat both Harvard and Brown to nab 3rd place and gain a berth in the North Americans. In the first of these races, MIT tacked on top of Brown on the first leg, pushing them back to last, and then proceeded to catch Harvard at the finish-line. This left MIT 3rd with one race to go, a scant 2 points ahead of Harvard. In the critical last race, McKee and Lopez started right next to the Harvard boat and managed to force them

off to the unfavored side of the course, making it impossible to make up the 2 points they needed to beat MIT. In the final standings it was Tufts in 1st, followed by Yale and MIT.

This is the first time MIT has qualified for the North Americans in 10 years, and it was done twice in three days.

The men's varsity team has had its most successful season in many years, winning several important trophy regattas in the fall and early spring. Their success is largely due to the many dedicated seniors who have been with the team for 4 years. About 2/3 of the team members are graduating this June, and that will be a very difficult gap to fill next year. Hopefully, there will be a North American championship to defend by then.

## W. Crew season ends

By Cindy Cole

Last Sunday, the spring rowing season came to a close for MIT Women's Crew. The varsity, JV, and novice squads finished seventh, tenth and tenth respectively in the EAWRC Sprints. Remembering the winds that cancelled the regatta a year ago, the rowers agreed that the flat waters of Lake Waramaug were a pleasure to row on.

Seeded at the top of a list of crews virtually indistinguishable before this weekend, MIT was upset in their heat by a 3-second loss to 8th-seed Williams who took Tech's place in the grand finals.

Spirits were sagging when MIT pushed off the dock and headed for the petite finals. A blatant false start by the Big Green brought back the fighting spirit of the Engineers. An appropriate comment by one of Tech's oarswomen brought cheers from both Conn. College and Rutgers

and even a muffled chuckle from the starter. The ensuing victory by Tech over Dartmouth by 0.3 seconds made the winning of the petite finals particularly sweet.

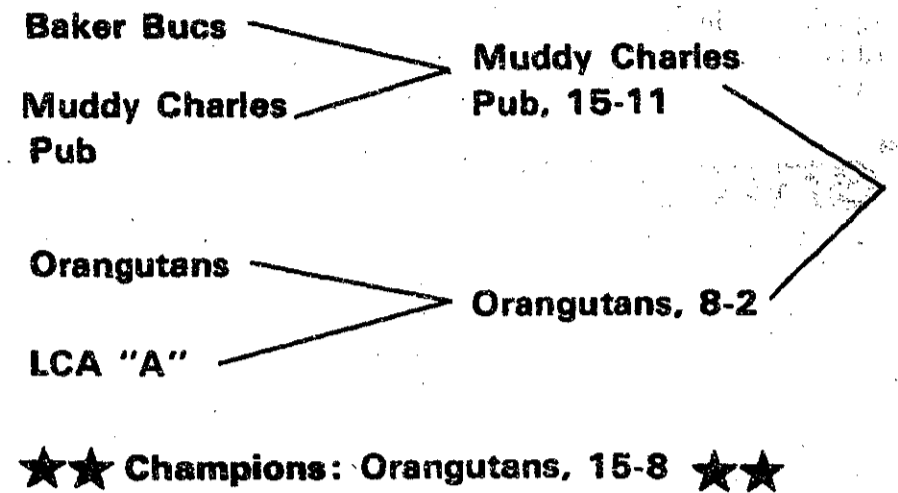
Rowing in the varsity were Bow-Robin Miles '79, 2-Laura MacGinitie '80, 3-Sandy McCurley '80, 4-Wizzy Markham '81, 5-Diane Medved '80, 6-Liz Fisher '80, 7-Joan Whitten '80, Stroke-Cindy Cole '79. Debbe Utko '80 coxed for both the varsity and JV.

As predicted, the 2nd varsity qualified for the petite finals. The JV team placed tenth. They consisted of Bow-Patrice Tyrell '79, 2-Beth Furth '79, 3-Barb Alberti '80, 4-Adra Smith '80, 5-Sue Temple '80, 6-Jenny Kern '79, 7-Kathy Dutrow '80, Stroke-Faith Alexandre '81.

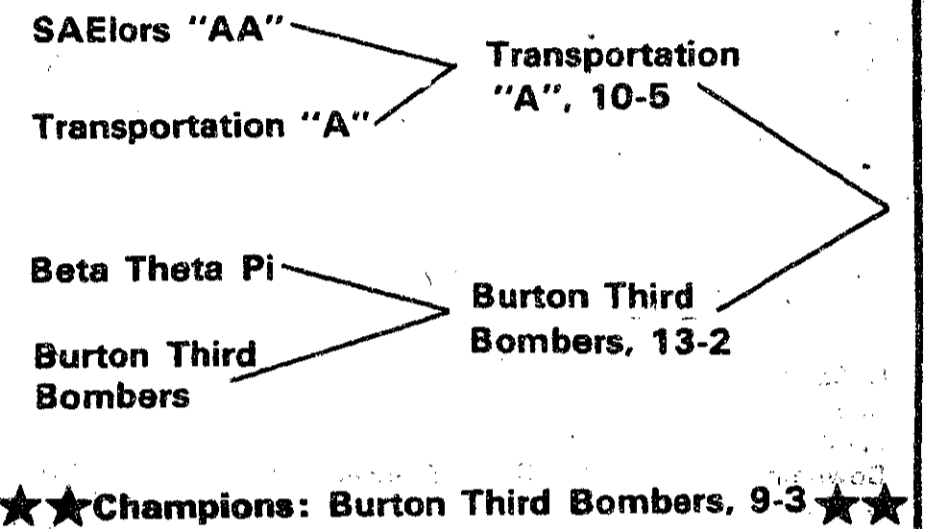
The novice women upset 7th seed Cornell in their heat to qualify for the second level finals and finished tenth, three places above their pre-race seedings.

## IM Softball Championships

### Fastpitch, A League



### Slowpitch, A League



## BROCA'S BRAIN

Reflections on the Romance of Science

by Carl Sagan, author of *Dragons of Eden*

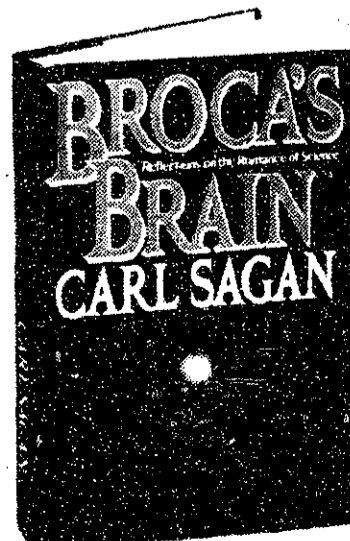
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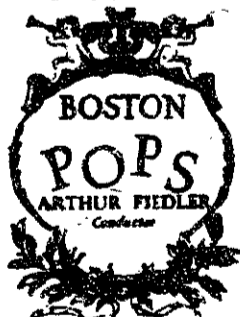
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# sports



Karyn Altman G pours champagne over celebrating Bombers after Burton Third defeated Transportation in the finals of 'A' league slow pitch. (Photo by Gordon R. Haff).

## Orangutans, Bombers are new A-league Softball champs

By Gordon R. Haff

Following two exciting playoff series, the Baker Orangutans and the Burton Third Bombers emerged victorious in IM Softball 'A' league fast and slow pitch respectively last Sunday.

The most unusual aspect of the Orangutans' victory was that the team was not even originally slated to be in the playoffs at all. Fred Sims '81, the IM Softball manager, said that at the beginning of the season, he had intended to have only the top two teams in each 'A' league fast division participate in the playoffs.

However, Sims said that at the end of the season, he decided to get more teams involved in the playoffs. In addition, he said he felt somewhat guilty about how few games some teams had played during the season. Thus he expanded the fast pitch playoffs to include three teams from each division.

One of this year's two Baker fast pitch teams, the Orangutans improved substantially over last year. Baker's 'A' league champions last year, the Baboons, dissolved after last season when all but two people, including their star pitcher, graduated.

Once in the playoffs, the Orangutans handled the opposition with ease and backed by strong hitting and pitching they breezed to the trophy.

Meanwhile in slow pitch, the Bombers faced their toughest opposition in the second round of

the playoffs against the Sig Eps. With two out and no men on base in the bottom of the seventh the Bombers trailed Sig Ep 8-6. However, a walk, two Sig Ep errors, and a single set up a two-run double by John Lowell '80 to win the game.

throw out the runner, he threw the ball into the dirt where the first baseman scooped it up and then dropped it.

Following that squeaker, the rest of the path was easy. The Bombers avenged their loss in last year's finals to Beta Theta Pi in this year's semifinals. The final against Transportation was also an easy victory.

Chemical Engineering won the B league finals, defeating CSC 13-9.

This year's 171 teams were once again the greatest number of teams to ever participate in IM Softball.

Sims said that he doesn't know where the field space will come from if there are seven or eight more teams next season. Although there have been no really serious problems with scheduling this year the weather over the weekends has been extraordinarily good. Only part of one day over the Patriots Day weekend was lost to rain.



One Sig Ep error in particular was a true classic. The pitcher bobbled a routine up-the-middle one-hopper. Then when he picked it up, still in plenty of time to

## Water Ski Club formed

By Gregg Stave

Editor's Note: Gregg Stave is a member of the MIT Water Skiing Club.

A team of six water skiers representing MIT finished third this past Saturday in the seventh annual Northeast Intercollegiate Championships held in Oakham, MA. Penn State won the competition which was comprised of slalom skiing, trick riding, and jumping. Twelve schools were represented at the tournament.

In the slalom event skiers make alternating left and right turns around six buoys through the course. Among the MIT skiers Marc Olen '81 placed 10th scoring 14 buoys. Make Savin '81 finished 11th and Steve Olen '82 was 13th. Don Habib '82 had a strong practice round but unfortunately fell early in the competition. The winner was Bob McGraw of Plymouth State College who tallied 40 buoys.

For the "trick" competition skiers attempt to accumulate as many points as possible in a 20 second pass. Gregg Stave '79 placed seventh in that event for MIT.

Jumping was the most spectacular event and was won by Larry Grella of Plymouth State with a leap of 106'. In the Intercollegiate competition the ramp

was set at five feet and entrants could choose their boat speed up to 32 mph. MIT skiers Bruce Brunsdon '79 and Marc Olen placed 10th and 13th respectively after completing the first successful standing jumps of their careers. For a jump to be counted the skier must stand up and ski past a rideout buoy after landing.

Penn State outdistanced the field in the team competition scoring 1660 points on the basis of strong all-around skiing. The University of Vermont placed second with 1470 points and MIT was third with 1270. Other schools represented included UMass, Tufts, Yale and Dartmouth. The women's overall crown went to Patti Drummy from U Maine.

The newly formed Water Ski Club is not yet officially recognized. Its goal is to promote water skiing as a competitive sport and to represent MIT at the Intercollegiate Championships. The club plans to expand its membership next year and hopes to attract women members.



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