Bomb rocks McCormick

By Lenie Marini

About one-third of the students in an MIT graduating class have taken time off typically to do so for an extended period during the junior or senior year, but that "some students have been away for as long as ten years before they've decided to come back." Usually they either work, do research, study abroad, or simply travel. "We have had people traveling as far away from MIT as possible," Heine noted.

One student who shared his experience reported having become disillusioned with electrical engineering. He worked for a year in the Registrar's Office, decided to switch to geophysics, and felt better about his studies after assuming them. A second student, who called himself a "disillusioned electrical engineer," took two classes and worked part-time "in a real-life job and downtown." He resumed full-time studies with a more positive outlook and plans for business school.

Corporation postpones building of "Next House"

By Steven Sobel

The Executive Committee of the MIT Corporation has decided to postpone construction of a new West Campus dormitory until sufficient gift funds are received to finance the initial stages of the project.

Vice-President D'Arcy, asked if the dormitory would be ready by the fall of 1981, said "It could be done in time, but about $2 million we could go ahead.

"The dormitory is expected to cost at least $40 million, for which we have only about $1 million," D'Arcy said.

Simonds indicated that if the decision to build, which had been hoped for in April, was delayed past this May term there would be virtually no chance of completing the dorm by the target of September, 1981. He added that he expected a fundraising "blitzing" in an attempt to col-

-lect sufficient funds by the end of the month. He also commented that delaying the dorm would, through inflation, raise the cost of the pro-

-ject.

The Executive Committee, in a meeting earlier this month, reviewed a report from the Student Housing Program Planning Group for the new dorm, which it referred to as Next House. The report, which was widely commended by the Corporation, called for Next House to house about 400 students. The parking lot is now located.

Some Form, a member of the group, commented that it was hoped the new dorm would "be a retreat for students, to give them a sense of space."

Simonds added that he "feared increased overcrowding without the new dorm" which would force "students to leave us below the current 1000."

Graduate Association faired "strictly a financial decision" with which the Academic Council agreed. He said "gift money is the sole thing that holds it up." He ex-

pected the 1983-1984 House to be completed.

ACSRC to discuss GM and Ford

By Ron Newman

Dealers of US mining, oil, and motor companies in South Africa is expected to dominate today's meeting of the A dvisory Committee on Shareholder Responsibility, scheduled for 4:30 pm in room 10-

300.

Two of the proposals to be exam-

ined will be on General Motors (GM) and Ford to stop selling vehicles and spare parts to the South African military and police. Proponents of the resolution, including Oberlin College, charge that GM and Ford "indirectly profit" from apartheid policy when their foreign subsidiaries make such sales.

GM and Ford claim that the resolution now prohibiting US companies from sell-

ing the South African military and police any goods which contain parts manufactured in the United States or which are developed by US technology.

General Motors, in its reply to the resolution, does not deny that such sales are made, but claims that none by US subsidiaries. GM also claims that adoption of the proposal "would reduce GM's ability to promote needed change in South Africa."

However, the proposal is sup-

-ported by Dr. Leon Sullivan, a Philadelphi minister who sits on the GM Board of Directors. Sub-

-livas is the author of a code of conduct, adopted by many US companies in South Africa, which promises to conduct the company in a manner consistent with the principles of fair dealing and social justice.

Other South African related resolutions are expected to examine whether GM liquidate its South African operations, that Ford has not expanded its uranium mining operations there, and that both companies are still giving orders to Multinational Apartheid companies in South Africa.

The ACSRC is expected to form a committee to implement an affirmative action plan for non-whites employed by those companies.

In other business, the ACSRC is considering a proposal to form an Institute-wide hearing on divest.

-ment, scheduled for Thursday, May 25. The proposal would ask MIT to examine whether MIT should purchase the services of the Investor Responsibility Research Center (IRRC).

This past weekend, over 100 MIT students, complete with some 60's haircuts, worked as extras in a movie being filmed here. It was an interesting experience at least for one of them.

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MIT Cambridge Massachusetts

Tuesday, May 1, 1979
**Weather**

Variable cloudiness expected today with some periods of sun. There may be some widely scattered showers around as the chance of rain is about 40%. Highs today will be in the low to middle 60's. For tonight, cool temperatures will prevail with clearing skies. Lows will be in the lower 40's. Wednesday should be mostly sunny with northwesterly breezes and highs near 60. Wednesday night will be in the 40's. Looking ahead: Thursday, increasing clouds; Friday, mild and wet.

**Lack of gifts delays dorm**

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When asked why the Corporation did not commence construction while still soliciting funds as was done in the new Ice Rink, Simonds replied that the ice rink already had raised $6 million of its $10 million cost whereas the new dorm had no funds at all. Hakula added that another reason is "people don't like to give money after the fact." Cormick residents that the incident would be repeated yet another time, Lyons noted, "we're going to increase the patrols... particularly in this area.

Robert Sherwood was on hand at half a dorm on Thursday to answer questions on housing policy.

(Photos by Kevin Osborn)

**Announcements**

Alpha Phi Omega will be hosting the New England Wheelchair Games May 4-6 at the MIT and Harvard campuses. The events include swimming, table tennis, and weightlifting. Further schedules and notices will be posted around campus later this week. If you are interested in helping at the games, please call Roger Goun (3-9225), Dan Halfen (3-4671), Diane Gunczey (3-4592), Cheryl Giza (3-6456), or leave a message at the Alpha Phi Omega office (2-2622).

A demonstration to protest the enactment of the draft will be held in Boston at City Hall Plaza, Government Center, at 12 noon, May 1 1979. Sponsoring groups are the Students for a Libertarian Society (SLS), the American Friends Service Committee, the Brandons Anti-Draft Coalition, the Boston Alliance Against Registration and the Draft, the Harvard Libertarian Association, and Resist.

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**Time away can be helpful**

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Reentry easy

In response to questions about the reentry process for students who have withdrawn, Heine said that in the circumstances under which one leaves determine how easy it is to get back. Readmission is granted at the discretion of the Student Affairs Committee in which the student is to try out whether the student feels ready to come back.

The Dean's Office treats former students as a part of the family. Students who have done poorly and been asked to leave by the Counseling Office or Academic Policy, however, may have to be readmitted by CAP.

As an advisor said that if an unhappy student stays through a long, agonizing buildup before leaving, he is not likely to come back, whereas he is likely to return if he decides soon enough on his own to leave and does so then. The advisor advocated getting out before going a semester or half a semester without making progress.

One student recommended meeting with one's advisor every week to discuss academic progress. Others have revealed an unduly optimistic or deluded advisor of having refused to accept the Evidence of academic difficulty until it was obvious. Deans noted that students should feel free to come to them to change advisors.

Financial aid officers pointed out that leaving from the middle of a term has aid implications. A term of scholarship eligibility elapses although degree program progresses. Ninth-semiter students can get loans but not MIT scholarships. Also, those eligible for educational social security benefits are eligible only through age 22.

On their own

Students participating in a formal year abroad program receive financial aid based on where they study. Students who are studying abroad or traveling in an area other than MIT and a given cooperating college have their aid suspended. Dean Heine declared that MIT students usually make very little progress toward an undergraduate technical degree while abroad. He and Heine cited the Humanities Concentration requirement as one that is often satisfied in a foreign country.

The Dean's Office should work to improve exchange programs with other American universities, proposed one student, and gather information as to what classes MIT and a given cooperating school would both accept for degree credit. "I would like to see what Stanford is like for a term," he said. He added that encouraging MIT students to spend time at other colleges could help alleviate housing shortages on campus.

Housing problem

Halflman replied that the number of students interested in exchange programs is too small to significantly affect the housing situation or to justify a mass information gathering project. However, respect to making progress on an MIT degree elsewhere, he called Stanford "probably the most likely candidate that would work." He also explained that MIT needs a rich source to start a fund for a new dormitory.

Heine declared that MIT's inability to guarantee Institute housing for returning students is a "very complicated problem." She cited preliminary results of a housing survey showing that the policy does discourage some students from taking time away.

Finding work had been difficult for several students. Halflman added that the student body work with new officials to develop an effective job contact program through the Alumni Association. A placement officer urged all undergraduates and other community members, not just seniors, to seek jobs through the Career Planning and Placement Office.

Pie in the sky

A student was amazed that so few students are at MIT to have a good time as well as study. We're all here to get "that pie in the sky," and a house, and money, and oh, Christ," he moaned. Applause erupted.

Another student asked the Dean's Office to prepare a list of people who have taken time off so that they could be contacted by those considering the idea. Heine said such a list with people who are interested in taking time away could be drawn up.

Heine called for students interested in working on projects related to taking time away to sign up after the meeting. She emphasized the need for more research and for more students to participate.

Halflman counseled students thinking of taking time away to "get a clear idea of what you want to do, something you are interested in working on while you're gone instead of just running away from the Institute, it's much more likely to be successful."
A movie extra for Circle tells his story

By Shana Wilcox

If you didn't recognize some of your friends this weekend, they may have been part of the Harvard Student Extras for the movie A Small Circle of Friends, to be released in November 1980.

Since the film does take place in the sixties at Harvard, the extras (including this reporter) were told to show up at the American Residues and Talent (ART) agency office in Boston last Friday to get an authentic (and often drab) preppie haircut.

We arrived there on Monday morning at around 7am, and ART could make sure we were dressed like proper preppies. Those without button-down shirts, straight-leg pants, sweaters and the like were lest these by ART. Finally, we were put on three hours I had earned the full!-next day. I didn't complain; in this, we weren't going to need us until the day to get an authentic (and often drab) preppie haircut.

They treated us like mutton," said another, talking about an assistant director again. "I'm doing nothing." "Let's hear Brad Davis." "I hope this movie bombs." "Really dull." 'Don't care!" When they said that in Young Frankenstein, it immediately started raining." "But that was a movie." "We're in a movie!" It didn't start raining until after the big curtain came down in which we were all used. That was around 3.

We were placed at our table with trays of real Walker food, the yellow leaflets, and copies of the phony Crimson. For over an hour we were told to converse about the leaflets and eat breakfast, while the camera and lights were moved around. Two Emerson students at my table decided instead to talk about kinky chastity, sex, and I simply read my copy of Anna Karenina for my literature course. Even while working, we were just hanging around.

Some real acting was done too. Davis and co-star Jameson Parker were to run into the cafeteria, look around and start yelling: "We did it!" It started looking awkwardly after three takes; after the sixth and final take, Davis showed his relief by jumping on the director and shouting: "'We did it! We did it!" After every subsequent shot, someone would yell: "'We did! We did it!"

Show business does strange things to people.

When the film is released in Boston, a lot of folks in the audience will be whispering, "There I am!" I fully intend to be one of them.

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Is mechanization of offices progress or crisis?

With computer costs plummetting, data processing firms have been work- ing up a full-scale campaign to help keep factories busy and profit levels healthy. One prominent, virtually unnoticed market for their products is the office. Word processing systems have been around for several years, but have barely scratched the surface. Now one company has taken out two-page spread in the <i>New York Times</i> and Newsweek, showing an innocuous letter with a price tag of $477 attached to it. The ad promises "helping you manage information. And that includes helping you manage the costs of managing information." 

Adding to unemployment

Now this is a nice idea on the surface: let's save all these businesses all this time and energy. How about All Electric, Inc. (see Xerox or Pitney Bowes) another firm heavily promoting office equipment) offer to donate one full-scale computer to American businesses. Thus, one must conclude that either businesses will increase the volume of information processed, or cut other costs. Given that postal costs are rising, and that there has to be an individual to read every page of each transmission, it is inclined to suspect that the main thrust (though it is never explicitly mentioned) is to reduce labor costs.

Although unemployment is currently down to 5.7 percent, there is no indication that things are going to get better. Economists have been predicting a 1979 recession for many months. The children of the baby boom, of which we are the tail end, are entering the job market; with the retirement age recently raised to 70, this largest segment of society will remain in the job market for 40 or 50 years. With escalating energy and housing costs, more married women are entering the job market; in order to keep un- employment at a reasonable level, total employemn figures must continue to expand.

Thus, the mass displacement of semi-skilled secretarial/clerical work should not have come as a surprise. But who would think an economic disaster. The worst part turns out to be that it would not affect all individuals equally — office workers are predominantly women, who as a group already have a higher unemployment rate than white males.

What would be the quality of the jobs remaining? True, for every five or ten women laid off there would be a programmer temporarily employed, but that information processing system works perfectly, presumably such a system would require a few man-hours of software and hardware repairs every week. Will these jobs be available to the displaced secretaries? Probably not — instead, the demand will increase for computer programmers and electrical engineers and technicians, all fields which are currently male-dominated.

What about the women who remain in the office of the future? The thrust of automation of the office would appear to be towards men. Some individuals would become computer engineers, others would become editor/operators, while others would become receptionists or other customer-service oriented jobs. No computer model exists in which the secretary is the most thrilling job to begin with — specialization would drive out the last element of variety and creativity involved.

The industrial revolution revisited

This is not the first time that automation has threatened vast social dislocation: the industrial revolution during the 19th century and early 20th century has been accepted as a "useful form of progress" for society. The increased productivity was used to raise the standard of living of Americans as a whole. However, there were two mitigating factors in effect then that do not apply now. First, since the early days of the industrial revolution, the work week has dropped from 84 hours to 40 hours; it takes no mathematical genius to point out that this change doubles the number of available jobs. Thus, an increase in productivity coupled with a general shortening of the work week would have in fact provided jobs for society as a whole.

The other problem facing the US is a lack of raw materials. Industrialization has produced a system which is energy-intensive rather than labor-intensive; in the future, this trend will have to be reversed to some extent if the country hopes to be able to deal with its energy problems, especially since "automation" saves us all.

I don't mean to suggest automation of the office would not have benefits. Why am I questioning is the vast investment of private enterprise in developing and promoting this change, without considering the larger implications involved.
Meet Maggie, Terre and Suzzy Roche

The Roches, Warner Brothers RSK 3298.

By David Shaw

We are Maggie and Terre and Suzzy Mage, a trio of sisters that call themselves The Roches. For want of a love life/l love you fluff that has plagued you guessed it) The Roches. For want of a folk/coffeehouse type group, but this

The album, produced by veteran Robert Fripp, which might seem to be the greatest mismatch possible when one recalls Fripp's progressive tendencies, yet the Roches' style lends itself perfectly to his current minimalist tendencies. The instrumentation is limited to the sisters' guitar playing on all but two songs: the aforementioned "Quitting Time" and a very characteristic Fripp electric guitar solo in "Hammond Song." After hearing the album one couldn't imagine Maggie, Terre and Suzzy accompanied by anyone but themselves, and rightly so -- the Roches are one of the few new acts that deserve to be judged on their own prodigious talents.

Remember My Name is a triumph for Rudolph

☆☆☆☆ Remember My Name, starring Geraldine Chaplin, Betty Berenson, Anthony Perkins (Hannibal Lecter) and Moses Gunn, produced by Robert Altman, written and directed by Alan Rudolph, music by Alva Noto, starring in the Naturally Theatre through May 10.

Remember My Name is a reprieve for director Alan Rudolph. His first film, Welcome to L.A., was an uneven effort that received mixed reviews. Remember My Name should vindicate the promise of the screenplay.

Robert Altman protégé, Rudolph creates a subdued California mood弥漫ly. With the help of cinematographer Take Fujimoto, the action takes place in a small town in southern California. The story is of bored, languid; slow pangs and long tracking shots abound. This works well in contrast with the tempest of the screenplay. Emily (Geraldine Chaplin) provides much of the tension. She becomes obsessed with her ex-husband Neil (Anthony Perkins). Up to now she has had a benign, beautiful and gentle personality. The appearance of Nedy (Moses Gunn), the superintendent in her building, into getting her room

The ending doesn't bear revealing. Perkins makes Neil's dilemma quite believable. He is torn between Emily's perversion and Barbara's cozy domesticity. In the end, though, the choice is not his. It's Emily's.

One of the interesting sidelines of Remember My Name is the appearance of Jeff Goldblum as Mo. Nud, the pathetic manager of the discount store where Emily works. Nud's mother is in prison and has promised jobs to all her friends at her son's store. Emily's interaction with Nud and the other employees is a light touch that the movie needs.

Remember My Name's score for the film has been receiving wide acclaim. It echoes and contrasts the screen action perfectly. The signature theme for Emily enters Los Angeles to begin her search for Neil.

The combination of acting, music and pacing are what makes Remember My Name a memorable film. Rudolph details the atmosphere so relentlessly that you can't do anything but believe the action as it unfolds.

This isn't to say that there are no surprises in Remember My Name. The ending is one and there are others. One of the largest of them is the revelation of Alan Rudolph's directing talent. After this film we can hopefully look forward to more.

Remember My Name is a triumph for Rudolph

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League double elimination tournament will determine the ultimate victor in the playoffs. With respect to scheduling difficulties, Pettinato, who is also IM water polo manager, said that "the pool is a hassle to schedule as usual." He added that scheduling around the men's and women's water polo clubs in particular makes things difficult. This year's 38 teams (6 in A league, 10 in B league, and 22 in C league) represent an increase of 1 over last year.

Water polo is an IM sport in which a comparatively few participants have played before coming to MIT. Pettinato noted that "You can really see teams improve over the course of the season." IM ping pong is finishing out its season.

Finally, there are a number of one day sporting events in the spring which fall under the wing of the IM Council. The IM outdoor track meet recently ended with SAE emerging victorious over Baker by 6 points (63-57). The women's division with only three teams saw Bowdoin Club emerge victorious over Number Six Club by a scant margin. The IM sailing regatta was held last weekend. The results have not yet been tabulated.

Finally, the IM rifle meet will be held between May 2 and 3.

Finally, the spring IM cycling meet is coming up this Saturday, The 30 mile race, which starts at Fresh Pond, meanders through Arlington and Belmont and finally finishes at Wellesley, will be the same route as one used in the fall. Tom Polzer '79, the IM cycling manager, is not sure how many participants there will be. There were only three or four people who took the first three times are used in the scoring. Registration is the day of the event at 8:30am in the Kennedy lounge.

Although softball is thought of as the sport of spring in which hundreds of participants go out to catch the first warm rays of the sun, there is in fact an immeasurable amount of sports. If you haven't been taking advantage of them, you should.

By Bob Hoti
After six games, the varsity lacrosse team sports a 3-3 record, highlighted by an exciting 10-9 overtime win over Trinity. The IM team also emerged victorious over the Bears, 10-6. Against Amherst, the Beavers again started off early, this time on a goal only 15 seconds into the game. Although the final score was 7-3 halft ime lead but to 2-3 with a 12-5 win over Mer- rimack, boosted by Allan O'Connor '79, who had three goals and four assists. For the second game, the Beavers took an early lead but-ting with only 1:05 left in regulation time, it was scored by O'Con- nor to make the score 5-9. The winning goal was scored by Jim Hagadus at 201 of sudden death on an assist by Phil Macneil. Although the final score was 10-9, goalie Dick Cook '79 made a superb effort, according to Alessi, with 18 saves. At this stage of the season, the IM team leads with 18 points on 12 goals and six assists, with Macneil second with 12 goals and three assists for 15 points. Stu McKinnon '79 is third with four goals and eight assists for 12 points.