

New constitution offered

By Gordon R. Haff

A preliminary draft of a proposed UA Constitution, which would differ from the present constitution in several major ways, has been written by UAP Jonathan Hakala '81 and UAVP Chuck Markham '81. This constitution would replace the HAC constitution, which was selected in 1969 from a group of three proposals. A preliminary draft of the new constitution is printed in this issue.

The major changes are as follows:

A) The General Assembly membership would no longer be living group based. Rather, a GA member could be elected by having 30 undergraduates sign his petition.

B) The Nominations Committee would become the Nominations and Elections Commission (NEC). Under its proposed bylaws, new members, currently selected by the outgoing membership of NommComm, would be nominated at random from those people who indicated interest to the GA. The GA could deny a nominee membership by a majority vote of those GA members present and voting.

C) The Steering Committee of the GA would become a more powerful group than the Agenda Committee which it would replace. It could act for the GA between meetings and in addition has presidential veto power over the actions of the GA.

Chuck Markham '81, the UAVP, says he hopes that the new constitution will once again make the GA an effective governing body. He said that he and Jonathan Hakala '81, the UAP,



Jonathan Hakala '81 (UAP) and Chuck Markham '81 (UAVP) propose a new constitution which will change the structure of student government. (Photo by Chuck Irwin)

tried to make the new constitution as general as possible and that operational details could be included in a set of bylaws generated by the GA elected under the new constitution. For example, the Finance Board and the Association of Student Activities would need to be taken care of in the bylaws since the proposed constitution does not mention them.

Reactions to the proposed constitution have been varied

although many of its critics say it is too vague. Chris Wheeler '81, SCC chairman and a member of NommComm, Robert Resnick '78, three-time president of the ASA and a former member of FinBoard, and Steven Berez '80, current ASA president, LSC chairman, and a former member of FinBoard, all thought a more definitive constitution and set of NEC bylaws were necessary. Resnick said that in his opinion

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Rush: dorms crowd while frats fall short

by Lenny Martin

MIT fraternities secured 90 percent of their desired four hundred pledges by Wednesday night. Sixty-five freshmen seeking dormitory assignments were in limbo, and the no-show count for the 1983 class was down to 18.

"We're way oversubscribed," said Burton House Room Assignments Chairman Julie Wu '80. "We wish all the freshmen would go pledge a frat." She reported that Burton, originally slated to have twenty-five triples, was now scheduled for forty.

Also "grossly oversubscribed" was East Campus, according to its R/O Chairman, Jon Griep '82. Only half of the 140 men who listed East Campus as their first choice were assigned to it. Similarly, Baker House was oversubscribed for men and undersubscribed for women.

Random Hall had two openings after not picking up any fresh men in Wednesday's limbo lottery. Random's Room Assignments Chairman, Bruce Findlay '81, commented that the lottery had not been set up properly.

In addition to the hundreds of MIT students to receive fraternity bids, at least one Northeastern student nearly received one. According to a Zeta Beta Tau brother, the student was a Russian immigrant who was just passing through but was considered for a bid because he was such an interesting person.

McCormick Hall, the only all-female dorm, was oversubscribed despite its low-key rush and scarcity of temporary housing assignments, measures designed to encourage more women to seriously consider alternatives.

Freshmen on the average had visited 3.9 fraternities a total of 1017 times, based on figures at the R/O Center. Several freshmen had made thirty or more visits among up to eleven fraternities. The most visits so far, thirty-six, was by a transfer student. Only ninety freshmen had not visited any fraternities.

Bexley Hall appeared to be a leading contender for the residence of many of the freshmen in limbo. Only eighteen freshmen had been assigned to it.

Finding off campus housing no easy task

By John Molitoris

Editor's Note: This article is an account of one MIT student's search for housing in the Boston area

"Well, are you guys students? Where, BU? I had some BU students awhile back who were real pigs. Oh, MIT students, eh? Where are you from originally? Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania and Newport Beach, California. Yeh, I

know all about Wilkes-Barre. Where is it again? Southern Pa.? Oh, your father died? What from?"

The above is an excerpt from a real conversation my roommate and I had with a landlord in Back Bay last year. I guess it wasn't much of a conversation though; this ignorant slum-lord, a species quite common to Boston and its suburbs, just sat there reading our applications and telling us how much he knew about our lives. After wringing us out for about forty-five minutes he said that if we put up three months rent (\$975) our applications would be considered. All this for a two room flat on Bay State Road!

This year we came back to

Boston on the twenty-seventh of August to a place our previous landlord had reserved for us (we were pretty good tenants), but we had hopes of finding a better apartment. So two MIT students and a striped cat arrived in Boston on a Monday afternoon in a rusty van. We were all tired of traveling, since our origin was California, but a few days at my home in Pennsylvania had helped. When we saw "our apartment" it was kind of shocking (I even think Berkeley, the cat, was rather grossed out). The previous tenants slept on the floor and had crammed three or four guys in a two bedroom flat. Their things, including dirty laundry, food scraps, and dishes, were

spread all over creation. The rug looked like someone had taken a power mower to it and the stains on the walls were worse than the ones on Back Street. The place was a pit. I hate to admit it, but these fellows were MIT students. We held off on making a decision until we saw the place clean, but started looking for a "reasonable alternative" the next day.

We both knew the road to finding a good apartment, but things seemed especially tight this year. The *Globe*, *Herald American*, and *The Real Paper* all had very Cambridge listings (and if one discounts the agencies who demand a \$40 fee before they even tell you where the place is, there

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Deans and TCA decide to cancel Grogo hack

By Steven Solnick

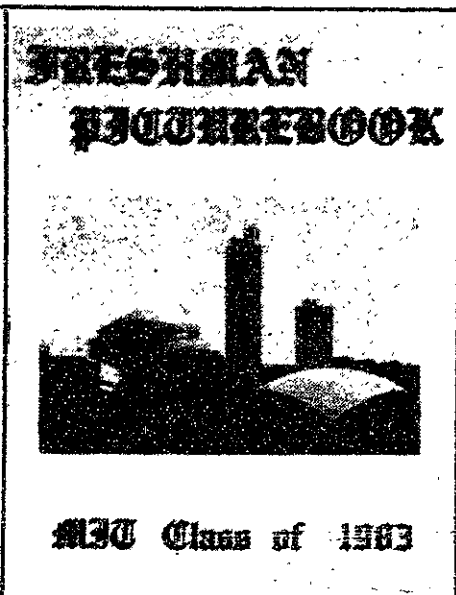
A picture of the *Technique* mascot gorilla, Grogo, was cut from this year's *Class of 1983 Picturebook* just as this year's freshman class arrived on campus.

The action was taken by the Technology Community Association (TCA) after consultation with members of the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs (ODSA) in order to avoid what involved parties classified as "unnecessary hurt to the community."

Two years ago, a picture of Grogo was run in the *Freshman Picturebook* with caption "Harvey Grogo, Kampala, Uganda." Charges from within the MIT community that the photo was a racist statement led to a month-long scandal in which the *Picturebook* staff narrowly avoided being charged before the Committee on Discipline.

Referring to this year's incident, TCA President Rob Firester '81 said, "We didn't want to open old wounds, but we didn't want to edit our editor's work unnecessarily."

The decision to run the picture again this year, with the caption "Harvey Grogo, *Technique*, MIT" was made over the summer by *Picturebook* editor Jeff Fried '82. According to one TCA member, Fried, who was unfamiliar with the 1977 incident, was encouraged to run the picture by certain upperclassmen and



"misted" about the impact it might have. Fried declined comment.

On Monday, August 27, Firester discovered the photo had been inserted and went to Associate Dean Robert Sherwood

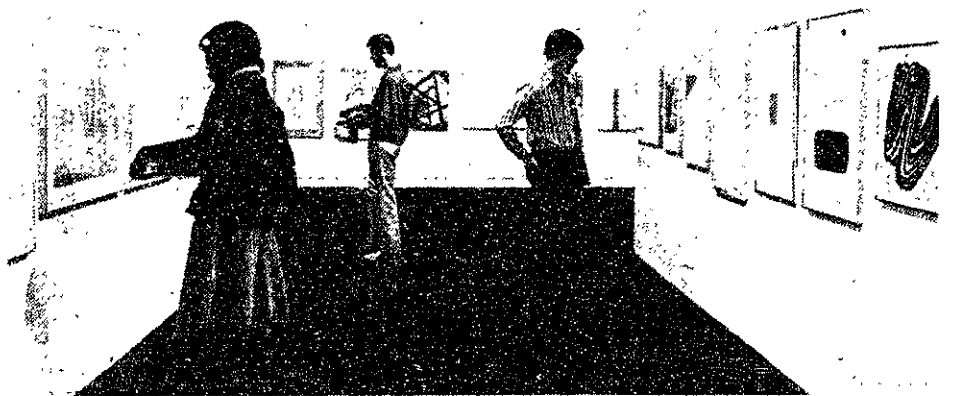
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Art loans raffled next week

By Leigh J. Passman

The MIT Committee on the Visual Arts (CVA) is presently sponsoring its annual student art loan program. More than 150 framed prints and posters will be loaned to full-time registered MIT students for the academic year at no cost to the student.

The prints and posters are on exhibition in the Hayden Gallery through Friday September 14. Students can view the art works and register for the loan program 10am-4pm daily and Wednesday evenings 6-9pm. A variety of styles and artists are represented. Lithographs, silk screens, wood



Students examine art works in student loan program exhibition in Hayden Gallery, fall 1978.

cuts and etching works by Albers, Arp, Calder, Johns, Kelly, Motherwell, Oldenburg, Rauchenberg, Stella, and other contemporary artists are available.

Last year over 750 students signed up for the loans; the art works are awarded by lottery. Winners will be announced at a party, to which the MIT community is invited, at 5pm Friday September 14 in the Gallery.

The prints and posters are from the Catherine N. Stratton Collection of Graphic Art and the List

Student Loan Program. The Stratton Collection was established in 1966 in tribute to Stratton, wife of MIT's eleventh president, who for over 20 years has supported the growth of the visual arts at the Institute. The List Student Loan Program was established in 1977 with the gift of a hundred framed prints and posters from the Albert and Vera List Collection.

The deadline for registering is 1pm September 14. Anyone having questions may call the CVA at x3-4400.

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Robert Fripp, a former member of King Crimson, has remained on the forefront of modern music. His latest album is *Exposure*. Page 6.

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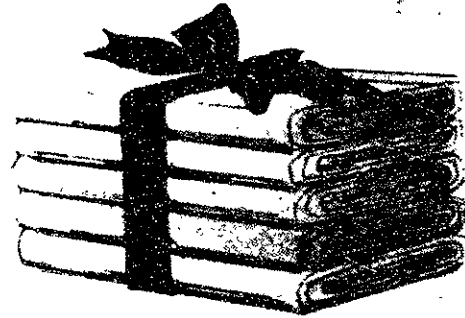
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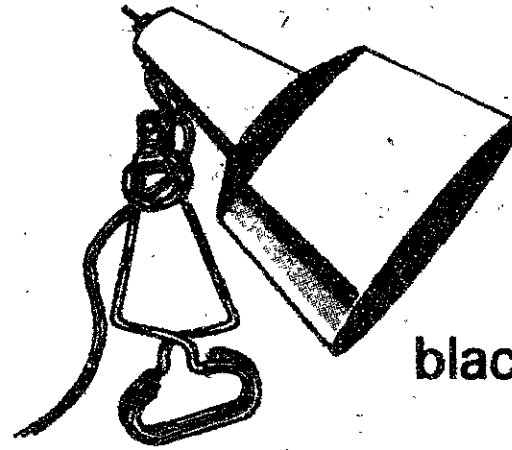


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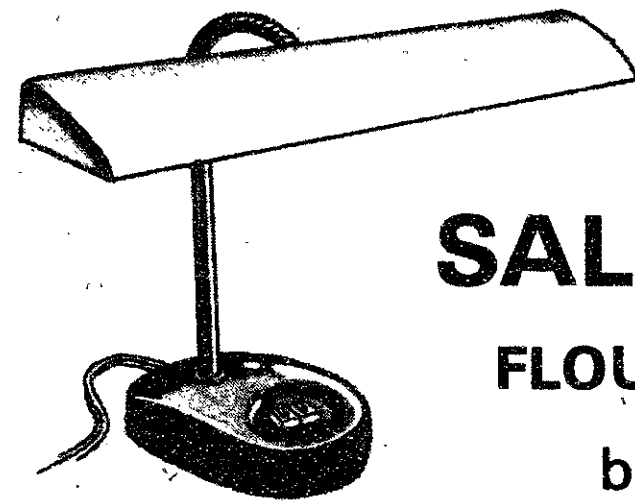
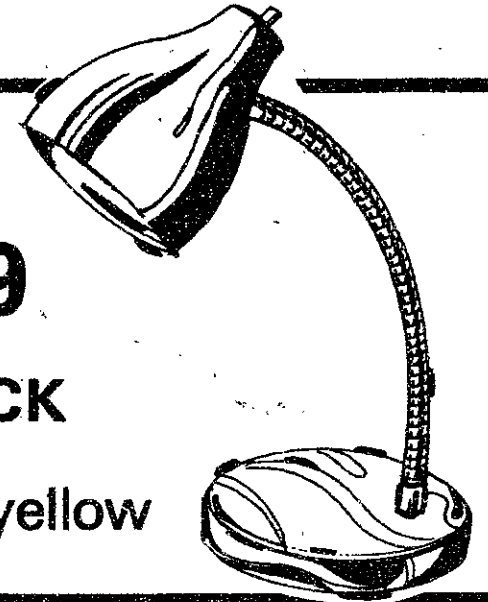


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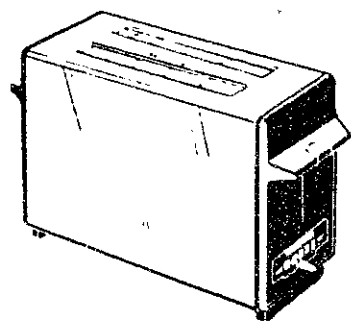
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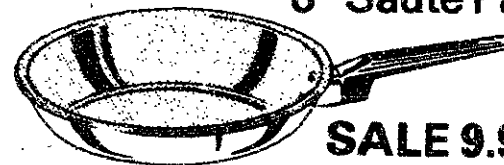
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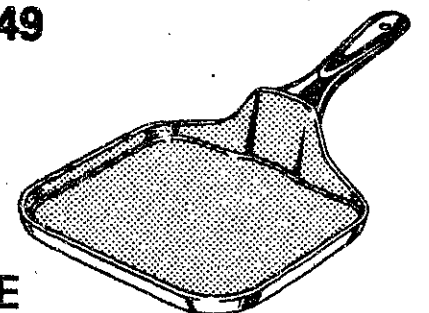
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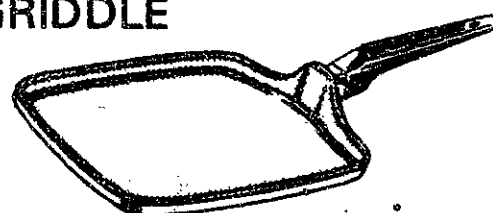
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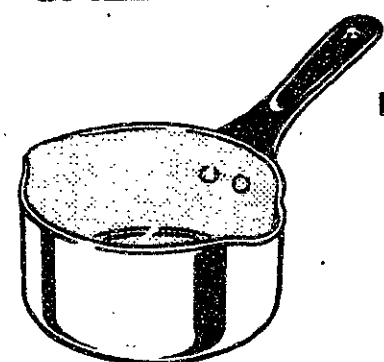
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news roundup

Nation

Nixon asked to repay tax money — The Senate has asked Richard Nixon to repay the US Treasury for tax dollars spent on improvements to his San Clemente home during his presidency. This request does not have the force of law; however, it was designed to get the former president to abide voluntarily by a 1976 law requiring owners of property improved at federal expense to reimburse the Treasury when they leave office.

Direct-mail fund raising begins for Ted Kennedy — "National Call for Kennedy", a direct-mail fund-raising effort for a possible presidential candidacy for Senator Edward M. Kennedy has started to snowball from a "test mailing" in July into a solicitation through 250,000 letters later this month. The fund raising letter signed by William P. Winpisinger, President of the International Machinists' Union, has raised enough to finance further mailings. The mailings are projected to raise \$750,000 by the end of the year.

World

Begin and Sadat talks progressing — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin announced agreement on several issues including supervision of Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai peninsula, but failed to make any significant progress on the crucial issue of autonomy for the Palestinians of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Soviet Troops in Cuba — The Carter Administration warned that if the Soviet Union does not satisfy the United States about the mission of a Russian combat brigade in Cuba, Washington may insist that it be withdrawn. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, in a news conference, stated that the presence of the 2,000 to 3,000-man Soviet force was a "serious matter bound to affect relations with Moscow."

—Bill Cimino

Weather

Cooler weather is expected to follow the passage of Tropical Storm David. Partly cloudy this morning becoming mostly sunny by afternoon. The air will be drier but breezy, and highs will be in the upper 70's. Clear and cool for tonight with lows 58-62. It should be a nice weekend; for Saturday, sunny and cool highs near 70, chance of rain near 0 percent. Lows will be in the upper 50's.

TCA agrees to cut Grogo

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for advice. After consultation with Acting DSA Robert Halfman, Firester reportedly agreed to eradicate the photo with black ink.

According to Sherwood, TCA contacted the ODSA on Tuesday and suggested covering the photo with blank address labels in order to not deface the photo of Maurice Hendon '83 on the reverse. Halfman agreed.

Later that day, Vice President Constantine Simonides, who had been informed of the situation, reportedly told the ODSA that "higher levels of the MIT administration were upset that the whole thing would happen all over again." Simonides said the address labels were too easily removed and made the photo seem like "a game."

Sherwood and Simonides met with the TCA staff that night. After what Sherwood termed "an excellent discussion from the ethical standpoint," Fried arrived and agreed to cut out the picture. Two TCA members who were present concurred that "no direct pressure" was applied to the TCA staff by the ODSA and that the repercussions affecting the staff of running the picture were not discussed.

Maurice Hendon received a personal apology from Dean Sherwood.

Although one TCA staff

member declared that the "community is hypersensitive", Firester admitted the picture "could have caused a disturbance"

Simonides stated that although the caption was not offensive, the picture could "regenerate old scars." He said the affair "stood the chance of being very harmful but was handled very responsibly by TCA."



Freshmen and Transfer Students!

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Symphony	Sept. 11, full orchestra & wind auditions	Kresge stage	7:30pm
	Sept. 12, brass auditions	Room 6-120	7:30pm
	Sept. 13, string auditions	Kresge	7:30pm
Concert Band	Sept. 12, 17	Kresge	8pm
Choral Society	Sept. 10 (Old members)	6-120	7:30pm
Choral Society	Sept. 17 (New members)	6-120	7:30pm
Chamber Society	Sept. 10	14N-435	7:30pm
Brass Ensemble	Sept. 11, 13	Kresge RRB	5-8pm
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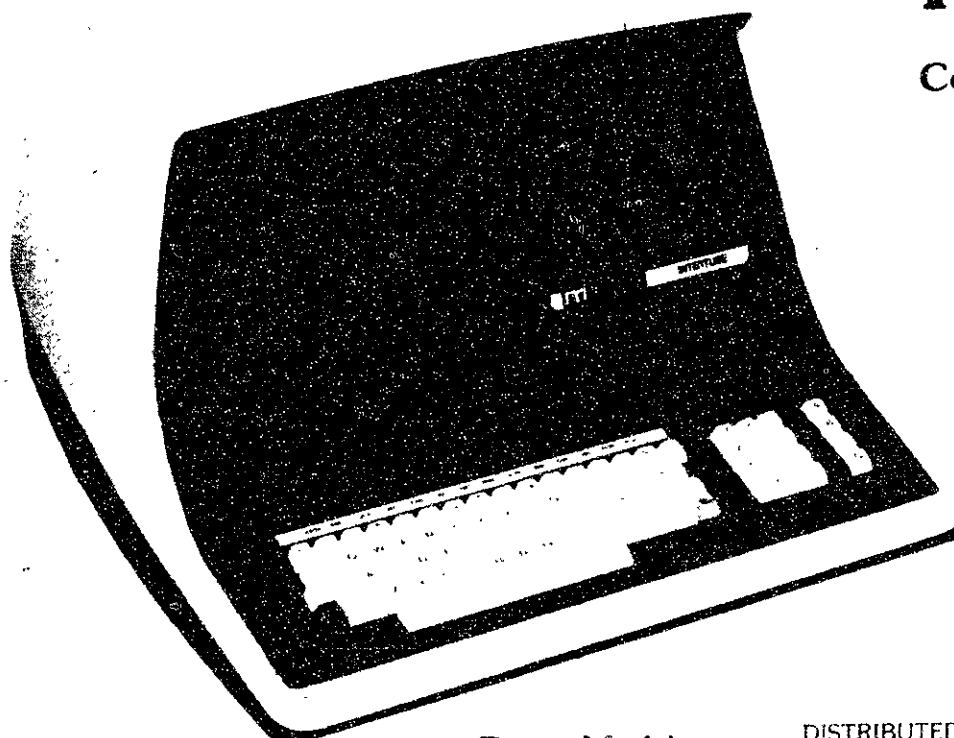
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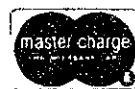
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Picturebook incident attempt to relive '77

In my opinion, this year's *Picturebook* incident is a concerted effort on the part of some people dissatisfied with the outcome of the 1977 controversy to relive the whole absurd nightmare and see if it ends differently. I should add that the TCA staff of the *Picturebook* are not the guilty parties, just inadvertent participants. Let it all end here please.

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If you look through the pages of today's issue, you will find a rather legalistic document entitled the Undergraduate Association(UA) Constitution. This would overhaul the operating structure of student government.

Who really cares?
Not me, anyway.

Only kidding. In fact, we all should care. The General Assembly (GA) of the UA is the sole governing body of the undergraduates of this college. That makes it the only organization which can be said to truly represent this group of people who control, in large part, the technological future of the world.

The sad fact is, nobody does care about the GA. There is currently little or no control by the full student body, either over its own activities or over groups which set Institute policy (student-faculty committees). Students take little interest in how the UA budget is spent. And the current structure does not, in fact, encourage us to "participate effectively in decisions which affect the quality of our lives."

The new Constitution would, first and foremost, allow the GA to do business again. It makes it *easy* to be a GA representative (just 30 signatures). And it would fill the GA with people who are interested, not just people who were stuck with the job when they missed a meeting of their house's government.

There are two problems. First, the new setup ruffles feathers. People who traditionally run things their own way on this campus would suddenly have to deal with an effective overseeing government representing the student body. "The Grease" are upset.

Second, the rest of the Constitution needs some work to patch up loopholes and vagueness. So I have an idea.

Let's just change the makeup of the GA by amending the election system outlined in the new Constitution to the current Constitution. Then the newly formed GA can rewrite the new Constitution and we'll be set to go by the spring term.

Whatever happens, we've got to get some form of student government back on its feet. There are too many important issues ahead to argue legalistic semantics while the student body goes unrepresented.

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In case you haven't noticed, the Tech Coop Lobby Shop now carries four different pornographic magazines (it's added *Oui* and *Club* to the usual *Penthouse* and *Playboy*). Now, I've got nothing against a little recreational smut, but if you think this is getting out of hand, mention it the next time you're buying a loaf of bread.

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In the last issue, I made some housing guesses. It looks like, after one round of assignments, I batted around .500:

The big goof: McCormick is, in fact, seriously crowded but it was only oversubscribed by 3. The close call: East Campus and Senior House did have some trouble attracting women. And the bullseye: the frat bids were being accepted at a very sluggish rate at mid-week.

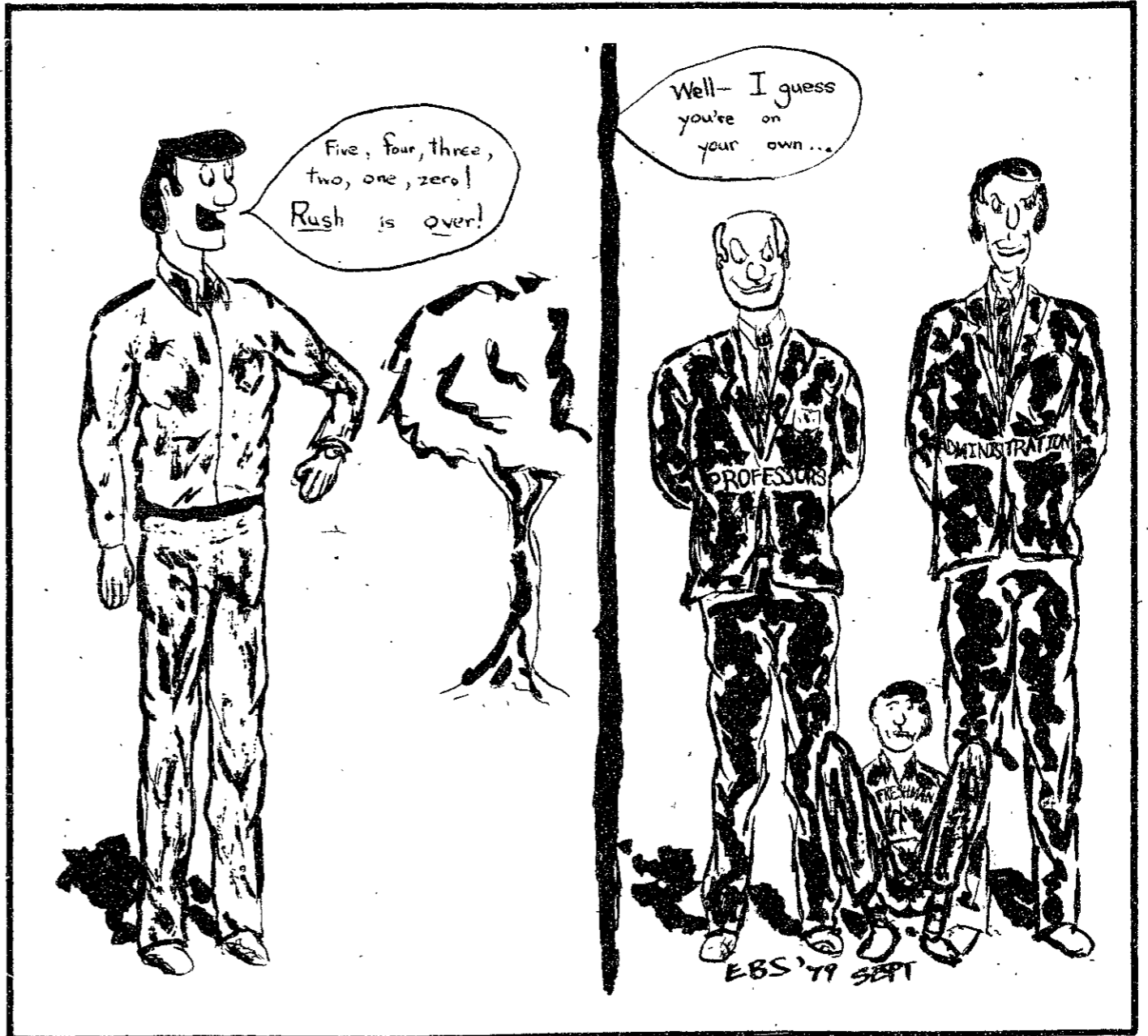
In fact, the frat rush was going so slowly that after yesterday's round of assignments, MIT was looking at the prospects of near-record overcrowding in the dorms of 150-160 spaces. It seemed possible, according to Dean for Housing Sherwood, that the frat system might fall 30-40 short of its goal. The large number of students still in limbo (70-100) were being advised to look into fraternities.

It's a good thing there's a new dorm on the way.

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Finally, I heard a cute bit of news this week. It seems the R/O Committee had originally planned to have the Freshman Picnic catered by Kentucky Fried Chicken. They had estimated the cost to be about \$2600. \$3000 was budgeted for the event.

Well, as anyone who attended knows, Colonel Sanders did not, in fact, get the job. MIT Dining Services did it instead. According to R/O Treasurer Sue Fine '81, the Dining Service used the Picnic to give the incoming class some "exposure" to them. According to Fine, the Dining Service job cost \$4500. MIT reportedly picked up the budget overrun.



Michael Taviss

Of himicanes and herstory

I've got a question for the female members of the Class of '83. In fact, in order to get the largest possible universe, I'll ask all the female students to think back to their first year at MIT. Did you consider yourselves fresh-men or fresh-women?

Maybe you think that that is a trivial thing to ask. You wouldn't if you ever had to write sports headlines for this newspaper. Every time an MIT team beats another school up pops the headline: "Volleyball trounces Brandeis." Immediately it is pointed out that it wasn't Volleyball who did the trouncing but Women's Volleyball, usually known by their initial W. Just suggest, however, that the companion article in the issue should be entitled "M. Football defeated by Fitchburg" and see what a hornet's nest you stir up.

This type of prejudice, or reverse-prejudice, doesn't only exist at MIT. In fact, MIT displays less of the female/male foolishness than the rest of our cockeyed society.

Examples: postman-postwoman-postperson; chairman-chairwoman-chairperson; repairman-repairwoman-repairperson. Our refuse is collected by garbagepersons; our stores tended by salespersons; the construction of buildings is supervised by forepersons (you think that one would be enough). When you walk down the street beware uncovered person holes. Finally, our letters are delivered (slowly) by person-persons. (If you're a man, you get mail, if you're a woman, you get femail). To say nothing about history/herstory and hur/himicaines.

What about writing letters? "Dear What?" Sir-Madame-Person-Homo Sapiens. If it weren't so ridiculous, I'd send a scathing letter to my congress-person complaining about the state of affairs.

Seriously, hasn't this propagation of person pronouns gone far enough? I thought that our eman-

ipated, liberated society wasn't going to differentiate between females and males any more. But aren't we doing just that when we go out of our way to invent new titles for positions? By applying these tongue-twisting labels we are only drawing attention to the fact that in certain professions there aren't many female representatives. What we want to do is just the opposite. The presence or absence of females, males, blacks, Jews, gays, satanists, or Martians should not be of any issue. It should be accepted as the norm.

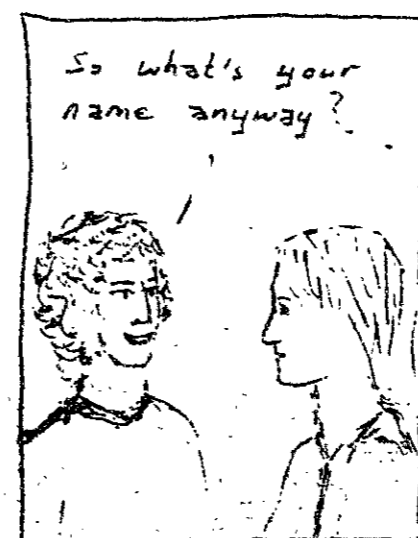
The main argument against the current labels is that they all imply that the positions are reserved for men since they use the suffix "man". There are two ways out of this. First, accept the fact that until recently these were male-dominated positions. The society

is different today, though, and the suffix "man" refers to the entire human race, not just to the male half. Man does not imply gender. We are humans, not humales or hufemales or hupersons.

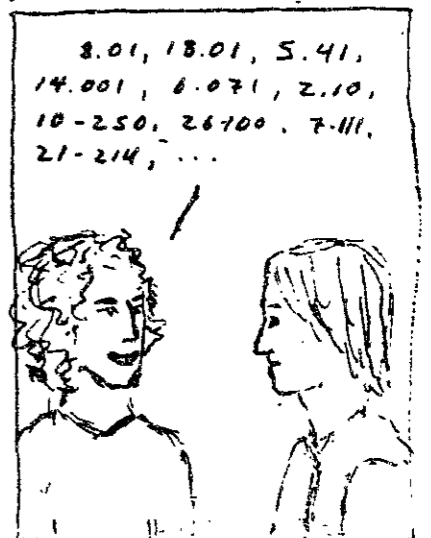
If you can't get along with that, invent new labels which have nothing to do with gender. I don't mean an appended "person" to all the old labels, either. Devise unisexual labels. Examples: pilot, president, professor.

Personally, I prefer the former solution. Who wants to remember a new set of names for positions? Besides, some of the attempts along the latter line have been less than successful. For example, according to Diane White of the *The Boston Globe*, one Boston restaurant now refers to its waiters as "Waitrons", giving one the metallic flavor of robot with your meal.

Paul Hubbard



By Kent C. Massey



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many additions would have to be made to the preliminary draft before it could be a viable constitution.

Resnick said that he did not see how an organization as big and powerful as the general assembly could operate under such a vague set of guidelines. He said that there is no real definition of the GA's power, where it begins and where it ends.

Markham defends the vagueness on the grounds that he "wanted something flexible." He said he did not think it desirable to specify everything exactly.

Hakala says that he expects the GA established under the proposed constitution to be one which can get things accomplished. He expects the body to oversee its committees although he admits that in cases such as the approval of the Fin-Board budget, that the GA's approval would probably be a rubber stamp. He says that the GA can be used to increase communication between the student body and the administration. In addition, he foresees helping the UA social committee and dealing

with such issues as the Drop Date debate last year as representative of the functions of the GA

Wheeler, Berez, and Resnick, did not, however, find any severe fault with the proposed way of selecting GA representatives. Wheeler, in fact, thought it was a good idea which would in fact generate GA reps who would go to meetings. Resnick did mention that it would be highly desirable if a list of circulating petitions was published, thereby letting the voting students know who their choices were. Hakala and Markham agreed that this was a good idea.

By the same token, Berez, Resnick, and Wheeler were universally opposed to the new method of selecting NomComm members. Wheeler called the selection process "a joke." He explained that it is fine and good to give a freshman an equal shot at a position as someone who has been around for a while, but he questioned whether that freshman would in fact be as qualified on the average.

Wheeler added that it is desirable to increase the respon-

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Preliminary Draft of UA Constitution

Preamble

We, the undergraduates at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), are organizing ourselves so that we may participate effectively in decisions that affect the quality of our lives. We therefore adopt this Constitution.

Article One — Membership

All undergraduates shall be members of the Undergraduate Association. An undergraduate is a person considered by the Registrar to be making satisfactory progress toward an MIT undergraduate degree.

Article Two — Referenda

Section 1: The referendum is the highest decision-making instrument. Any action of any undergraduate organization, including the General Assembly, may be challenged by a petition of 200 undergraduates.

Section 2: A referendum shall be held within 20 academic days of such a petition. The Nominations and Elections Commission shall conduct the referendum.

Section 3: A majority vote shall decide a referendum, provided that at least 20 percent of the undergraduates vote.

Article Three — General Assembly

Section 1: The legislative and judicial powers of the Undergraduate Association shall be vested in the Undergraduate Association General Assembly. The General Assembly shall have jurisdiction over all undergraduate organizations and their bylaws.

Section 2: General Assembly members shall be elected to serve a one semester term of office. A petition of 30 undergraduates shall be sufficient for election. No person may sign more than one petition.

Section 3: The General Assembly shall meet at least twice each semester.

Section 4: A special General Assembly meeting may be called by the Steering Committee or by a petition of 100 undergraduates or 25 percent of the total General Assembly membership. A special meeting may discuss only those issues mentioned in the petition and shall be held within 20 academic days.

Section 5: A majority of the total current General Assembly membership shall constitute a quorum.

Section 6: The General Assembly shall enact bylaws, and may amend them, by a two-thirds majority of those voting.

Article Four — Officers

Section 1: Each year, the Undergraduate Association shall elect a President and Vice President. The Nominations and Elections Commission shall conduct the election.

Section 2: No person may hold an office in an undergraduate organization unless that person is an undergraduate.

Section 3: The President shall chair the General As-

sembly and shall decide the interpretation of this Constitution. The President, with General Assembly approval, may fill vacancies that occur in Undergraduate Association positions until new elections are held.

Section 4: The Vice President shall chair the Steering Committee. The Vice President may act as President when that person is absent. Upon recall or resignation of the President, the Vice President shall become President until the next election.

Section 5: The President and Vice President may serve as *ex officio* members of any undergraduate organization.

Section 6: The President and/or Vice President may be subject to recall within 20 academic days of a petition by 10 percent of the undergraduates. Recall shall require a two-thirds majority of those voting, provided that at least 20 percent of the undergraduates vote. If both the President and Vice President are recalled, a new election shall be held within 20 academic days.

Article Five — Steering Committee

Section 1: The executive powers of the Undergraduate Association not vested in The President and Vice President shall be vested in the Undergraduate Association Steering Committee.

Section 2: Steering Committee membership shall be defined in its bylaws. The General Assembly shall have jurisdiction over the Steering Committee bylaws.

Section 3: A majority of the total steering Committee membership shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4: The Steering Committee shall serve as the agenda committee of the General Assembly and may act in the capacity of the General Assembly between General Assembly meetings. Such acts shall be considered acts of the General Assembly unless reversed by the General Assembly at its next meeting.

Section 5: The Steering Committee may ask the General Assembly to reconsider an action. The General Assembly shall reconsider the action at its next meeting. A two-thirds majority of those General Assembly members voting shall be required to sustain such action.

Article Six — Constitutional Amendments

Section 1: Constitutional amendments shall require a two-thirds majority of those General Assembly members voting. A proposed Constitutional amendment shall be considered by two consecutive General Assembly meetings.

Section 2: Upon petition by 200 undergraduates, the General Assembly shall consider a proposed Constitutional amendment. If the proposed amendment is not agreed to by the General Assembly, it shall become the subject of a referendum.

Article Seven — Ratification

This Constitution shall be ratified by a referendum of the Undergraduate Association.

Police Blotter

Bicycle Thefts Increase

Although bicycle theft has long been a continuous problem, there has been a marked increase in the theft rate this year because of the increased number of bikes on the campus. Many members of the MIT community are turning to "pedal power" because of the high price of gasoline as well as the decrease in parking availability on campus caused by construction projects.

Statistics indicate, however, that the majority of locked bicycles stolen from the campus were secured with inexpensive chains or cables. Students are urged to register bicycles and mopeds with the Campus Police, and take advantage of the display and literature concerning heavy duty bicycle locking mechanisms in the lobby of Campus Police headquarters at 120 Massachusetts Avenue.

Gas Siphoning

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Exposure — Robert Fripp on Polydor Records PD-1-6201.

Some History:

From 1969 to 1974 Robert Fripp was the leader and guitarist for King Crimson, a pioneering progressive band. Following the demise of Crimson, Fripp collaborated with Brian Eno, producing two albums and a series of guest appearances on Eno's later projects. More recently Fripp has acted as producer for a variety of artists, including Daryl Hall, Peter Gabriel, Blondie, and the Roche sisters. This May saw the release of *Exposure*, Fripp's first album in five years and the first ever to bear his name. Unfortunately, at times *Exposure* sounds like the first effort of a new solo artist instead of the work of a highly respected progressive avant-garde musician.

The flaw is not in the material or the production; rather, it is the attitude with which the material is presented that disappoints. It would have been expected that Fripp, in his usual passion for perfection, would have painstakingly produced every note until it met with his satisfaction, but this is not the case. As an experiment Fripp chose to do each tune in one take; in addition, he wrote no melodies — he just handed the lyrics and the chord changes to the singers and had them improvise the melodies. The album opens with a taped conversation (*Exposure* is rife with these asides) in which Fripp asks someone to listen to some of his recent work which might be "more commercial" and proceeds to present one of his most uncommercial efforts, closing the album by stating (again, on tape) "it's all a big hoax." This is not the best way to make one receptive to a new release.

No amount of mind games can obscure the moments of brilliance that surface, all of them instrumentals. "Breathless" is a chord-crusher that sounds like a variation of "Red," a tune from the Crimson album of the same name. "Breathless" features Fripp soloing on a "skysaw guitar" which produces an amazing hollow sound. (The "skysaw guitar" is a modified guitar developed by Eno and used on the tune "Sky Saw" from his *Another Green World* album.) The other instrumentals, "Urban Landscape," "Water Music I" and "Water Music II" are the opposites to "Breathless"



in the mood they present. Utilizing a system called Frippertronics (two tape recorders and a long tape loop used to produce a long repeated delay, enabling Fripp to play along with what he recorded ten seconds before) the "Water Music" cuts and "Landscape" come across as very soft, meditative pieces. The harmonies and rhythms follow naturally from each other, creating a very pleasing (but not boring) sound.

The tunes with vocals do not always fare as well as the instrumentals, but there are still interesting ideas. The improvise-your-own-tune experiment produces two excellent results. The first is Peter Hammill's forceful screaming rendition of "Disengage," and the second is Terre Roche's contribution to "Mary," a simple pretty tune that benefits from Ms. Roche's

spontaneous innocence. Hammill and Roche trade off lines of "I May Not Have Enough Of Me But I've Had Enough Of You," however, their improvisations do not save the piece from repetitiveness.

Daryl Hall (of Hall and Oates — remember them?) sings "You Burn Me Up I'm A Cigarette" and "North Star" — the two weakest tunes on the album. "Cigarette" is a sloppy three-chord rocker with inane lyrics (the only words penned by Fripp), while "North Star" makes a poor attempt at imitating early Hall and Oates, complete with syrupy instrumentation. The phrase best describing the tune is found in the middle of "Haaden Two," in which Fripp describes something as "an absolutely dismal, horrid chord sequence." How ironic. Hall originally sang all the vocals on the album, but corporate executives had all

but two of his contributions deleted, hence the presence of Hammill and Roche.

"Chicago" is an unmemorable altered twelve-bar blues sung by Hammill, which is followed by "NY3," a rather startling piece. The vocals were provided by an anonymous family argument Fripp happened to hear and record while in New York. Backed by frenetic grinding instrumentation, "NY3" is a frightening experiment with "people's music."

The remaining songs, "Exposure" and "Here Comes The Flood," are Fripp's arrangements of two tunes from the Peter Gabriel solo albums. Fripp's instrumentation on "Exposure" remains the same as Gabriel's version, however Terre Roche's vocals destroy Gabriel's intent. It is difficult to listen to anyone scream the word "exposure" repeatedly until she becomes hoarse. "Here Comes the Flood" fares much better; sandwiched between the "Water Music" cuts, it continues the mood of those instrumentals. Where Gabriel's version of "Flood" was grandiose and apocalyptic, Fripp contrasts with a calm, almost resigned rendition. Gabriel sings Fripp's version backed by a piano and the ever-present Frippertronics, producing a variation that is superior to the original.

The most irritating aspect of the album is the constant interruptions of the taped conversations. These bits and pieces of trivia ruin the continuity of some of the tunes, especially "Here Comes the Flood." Fripp apparently discovered religion through the teachings of J. G. Bennett, so the listener must bear with an album full of Bennett's platitudes. The "First Inaugural Address to the I.A.C.E. Sherbourne House" is a 40 minute speech by Bennett that Fripp sped up 800 times to produce what sounds like three seconds of tape hiss; a cute but unnecessary addition.

It is difficult to rate *Exposure* as either a good or bad album, but it is easy to accept it as a statement — in Fripp's words — of "some of my recent ideas." *Exposure* is to be the first of a trilogy that will include *Frippertronics* (to be released this month) and *Discontronics* (scheduled for release in a year), so I will allow Fripp some inconsistency this time in the hope that he will prove himself with his next effort.

—David Shaw



Captain Miles Gloriosus sings "Bring Me My Bride" in a scene from the MTG production of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. (Photo by Dale Senechal)

North Dallas Forty is simple entertainment

By Gordon R. Haff

When I left a sneak preview of North Dallas Forty several weeks ago, I was pleasantly surprised. The film had been enjoyable although it certainly wasn't great. The publicity had given me a sneaking suspicion that here was yet another "B" sports film — replete with busty women — concocted just for those dyed-in-the-wool football fans who can't even wait for their first exhibition game.

In fact it wasn't half as bad as I expected. The acting on the whole was fair. The stars, Nick Nolte (who some may remember as the Swooper in *Rollerball*) and Mac Davis, were even pretty good. The social commentary wasn't even as overdone and just plain bad as it could have been. In fact it's when the film stops being about football and pain and starts trying other things that it gets weak.

I guess the best summation I've heard came from the person I saw the movie with when she said "That wasn't bad for a summer movie particularly when I thought it would be absolutely terrible."

However, the film is enjoying a popularity out of all proportion to its merits. In Philadelphia, it seems that every other theatre is alternating between North Dallas Forty and a re-released *Star Wars*.

In retrospect it probably isn't all that surprising. Semi-Tough made it all the way to the cover of *Sports Illustrated*, albeit with the name of Burt Reynolds behind it. It's all part of the mystique which surrounds American football, ironic in that North Dallas Forty exposes some of the real happenings behind that mystique. A lot of lousy football movies have done well

in their day. By those standards, an above-average football movie should do very well.

And North Dallas Forty is above average. It effectively combines comedy with a scathing view of a pain-killing-drug user called pro football. Even the peripheral characters are credible if a bit stereotyped — a hard-line coach, a big, dumpy linebacker, and lots of football groupies.

So, in review, don't be turned off by the act that North Dallas Forty is a football movie, but don't expect miracles either. Just look for a film, entertaining and better than most.



Nick Nolte as Phillip Elliot.

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The MIT Musical Theatre Guild presents *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* in the Kresge Little Theatre. Performances are Friday, Sept. 7 & 14 and Saturday, Sept. 8 & 15 at 8pm; with a matinee Sunday, Sept. 9 at 3pm. Tickets are \$4, \$2 with MIT ID. For reservations and information call 253-6294.

Current members of the MIT Choral Society are invited to come for auditions on Monday, Sept. 10, in room 6-120 at 7:30. The Society will be performing two major works: Martin's *Golgotha* and Bach's *St. Matthew Passion*.

The first meeting of the MIT Dance Workshop will be on Wednesday, September 12 at 3pm in the T-Club Lounge of the Dupont Athletic Center. Come

prepared to dance. The Workshop is open to all students, faculty and staff at MIT. For further information, call 253-2908.

Movies

Monkey Business, the MidNite Movie, Saturday, Sept. 8 on the second floor of the Student Center.

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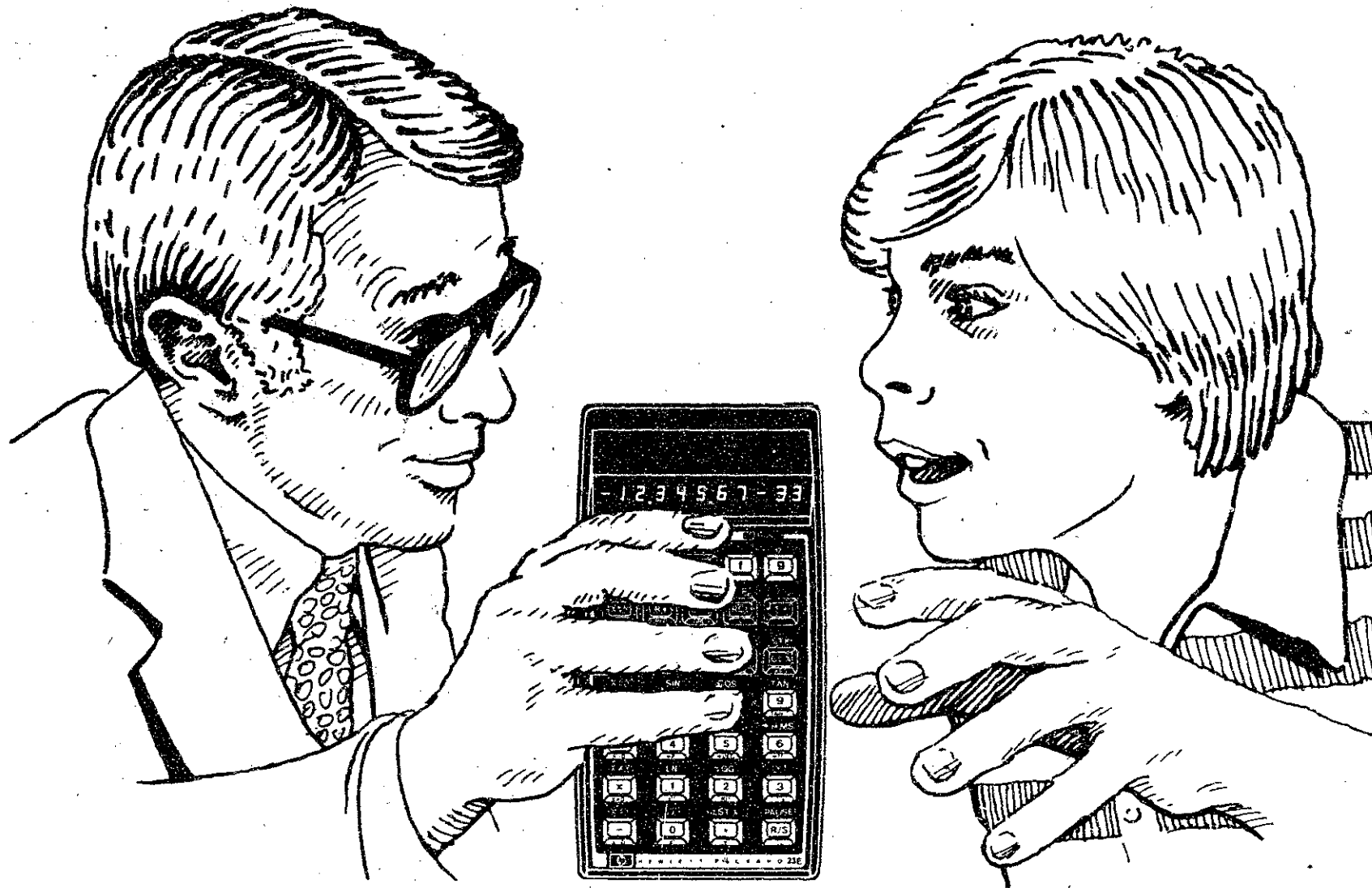
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Apartments tight

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are even fewer places available). A friend of ours in Physical Plant, Merrick Lehler, who is himself a landlord, gave us some sound advice: "Grab whatever you can get!" The apartment situation in Cambridge is exceptionally tight this year because of the usual student pressure and the added fact that subway construction has brought many new families to Cambridge.

By Wednesday we were pretty disgusted and the van was starting to reek. We sent Berkeley off to a kitty hotel and unloaded most of our belongings at my lab. We had already exhausted the newspapers, but some openings did develop at the MIT Off-Campus Housing Office. My roommate had talked to a woman just as she was listing an apartment. We tore up to Green Street to check this place out. It seemed respectable from the outside, but as we knocked on the door two other students emerged exclaiming that they had taken it. Bill (my roommate) and I wanted to see exactly what we had missed (by about thirty seconds). The place was great: we were sick.

On Friday we found a place on Inman Street. Beautiful, large rooms, and in our price range. We were two of about thirty people who saw the place. The application was pretty extensive, but after filling it out we realized that on paper, students look pretty bad: no impressive salaries or even a tangible means of support. People in general do not rent to students, especially to undergraduates. The rest of the day was pretty fruitless so we played frisbee at Wellesley that afternoon until seven o'clock. We called the landlord at seven to be informed that we did not get the apartment and that a total of thirty-two seconds had been spent scrutinizing the applications (it took longer to fill the darn thing out).

We decided the only thing left was the apartment we had the wisdom to reserve for ourselves. The old tenants had to be out by Saturday at noon, but they managed to stretch that to Sunday evening. The place was less cluttered, but from the inch of grease in the bath tub to the moldy aged rice on the kitchen floor, it was a pit. The landlord

had it reasonably clean by Tuesday. By Wednesday we had it painted and the new rugs were in, so the place even looked respectable.

We were pretty smart to let the old landlord keep our security deposit and save a place for us; I just wonder how many MIT students were not as lucky as we were. We could have done without the aggravation, and our cat could have done without being grossed out and staying in a kitty hostel, but that was all in the past and things are settled now. I, for one, just do not want to see my van for awhile.

Announcements

On September 10, the Campus Police will begin a voluntary program of bicycle and moped registration. Registration will be handled at Campus Police headquarters (120 Massachusetts Avenue, 2nd floor) on a Monday-Friday, 9am to 5pm basis. All that is required is for members of the community to fill out a bicycle registration form. Upon registering a bicycle or moped community members will receive an adhesive license which should be placed on the frame of the bike. There will

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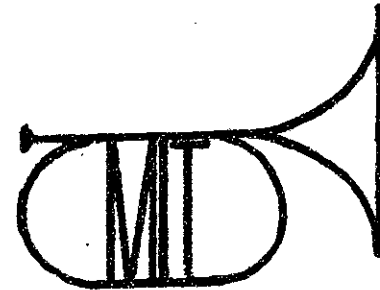
A program of scientific and advanced diver training will be offered at MIT beginning in the fall. Open Water Sport Diver, Advanced Diver and Research Diver certifications will be issued through NAUI and PADI. An

orientation session will be held on September 17th at 7pm in 4-149. For further information call x3-7041.

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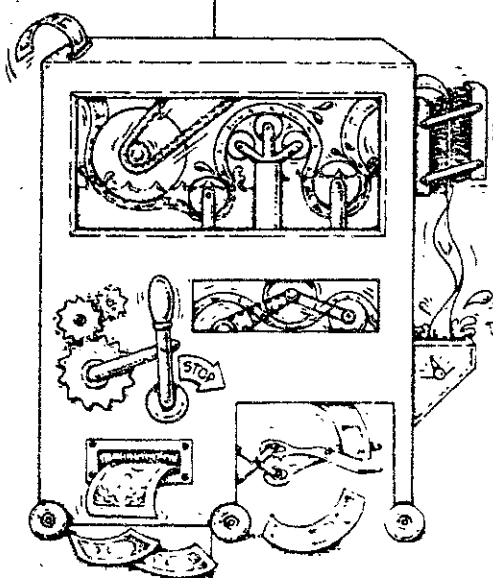
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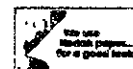
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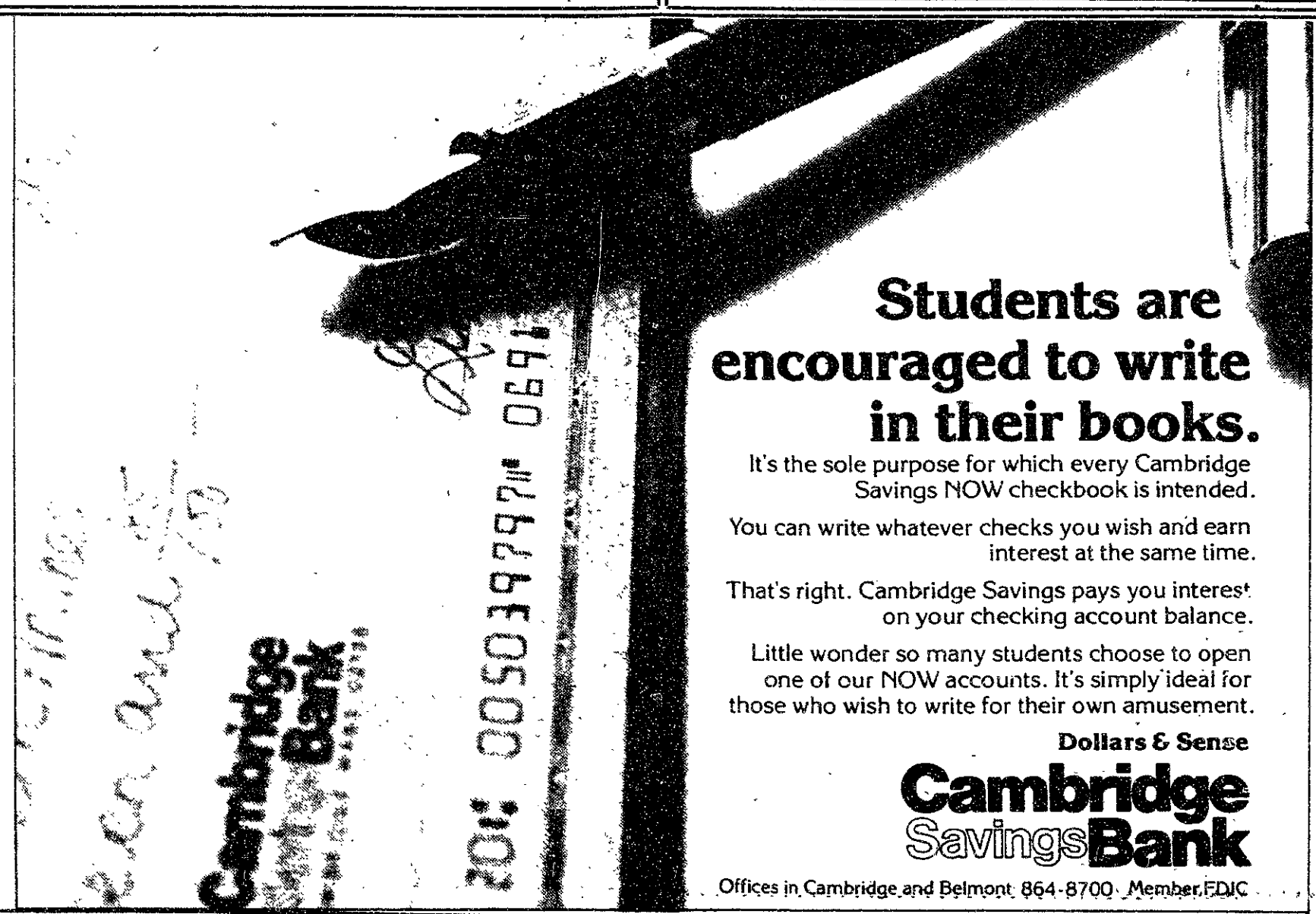
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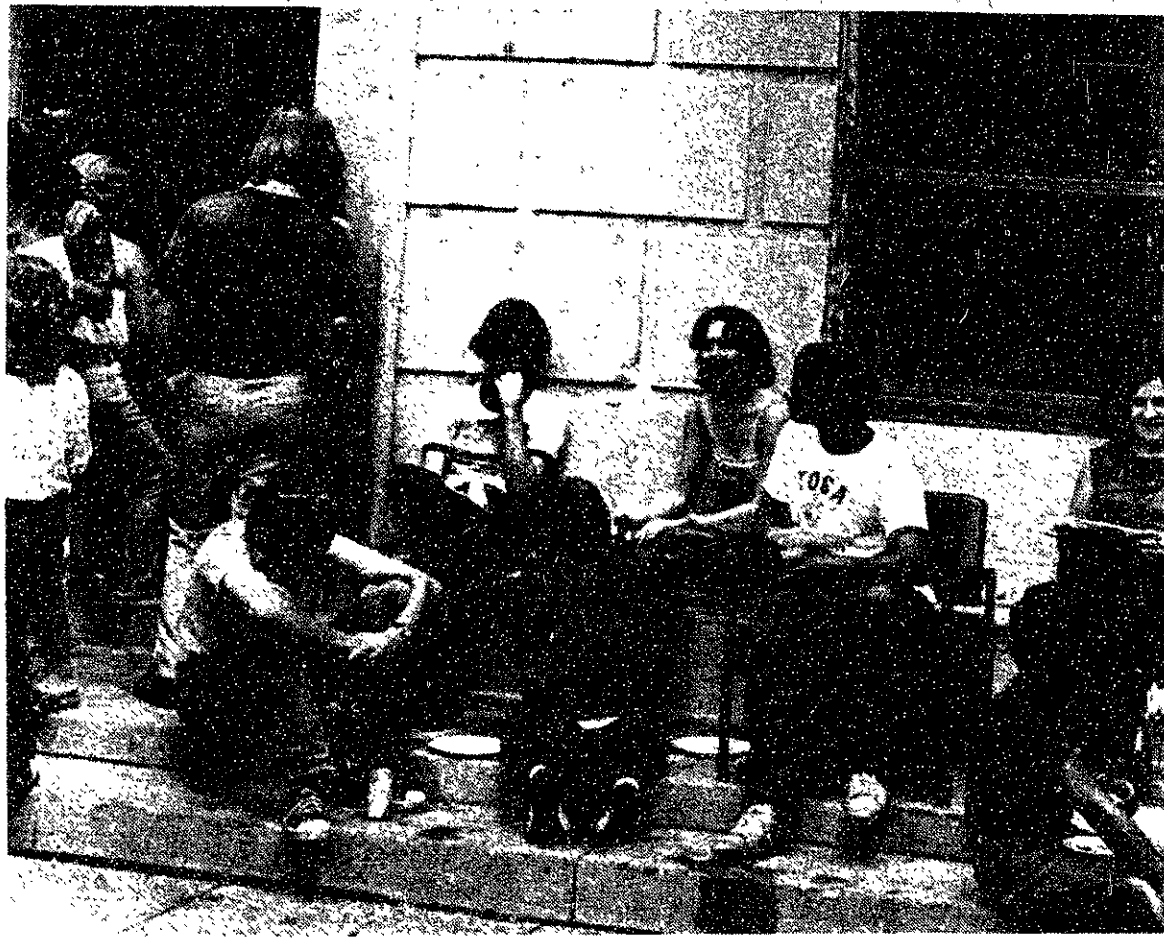


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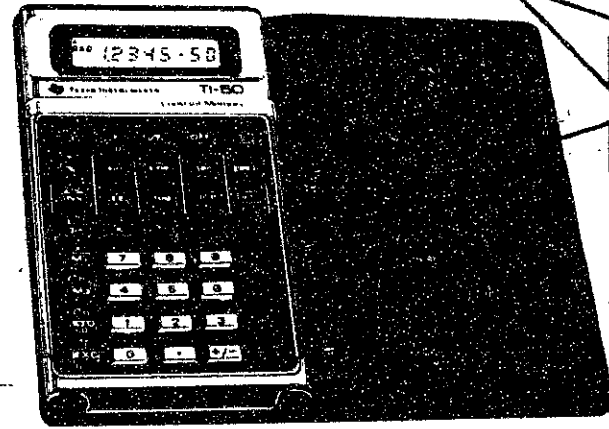


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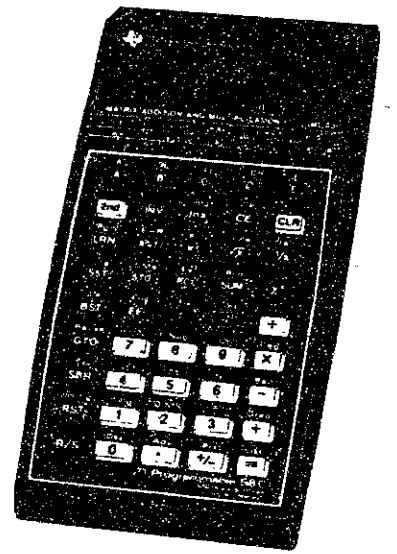
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UAP seeks proposal feedback

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siveness of NomComm to the student body as a whole, however, picking people at random is not a solution.

Markham, on the other hand, is very much in favor of the proposed method for picking NEC members, the group which would replace NomComm. He said, "Ideally I think a pure lottery is sound" and compared this system to Athenian democracy. He also mentioned that the system had worked well at the University of Pennsylvania.

Resnick was also disturbed by the clause in the preliminary draft which gives the GA power over the internal affairs of student activities. Although a similar, though uninvoked, clause exists in the present UA Constitution, Resnick is totally opposed to such a clause because "irreparable damage to such an activity could result." Resnick added that the ASA does not even have such a power because that body's constitution, which he wrote, specifically forbids the ASA from regulating purely internal workings of its member groups.

Resnick also debates the propriety of the GA to even interfere with the internal actions of its standing committees such as the ASA. He said that "excessive interference with activities or committees can and would result in their ceasing to perform any useful function." Berez added that "the interest and benefit of most MIT activities derives from their independence. This would destroy it."

Hakala stated however, that "a majority of the student body should have control over all aspects of its activities." Markham felt less strongly about this and indicated that he would have no objections to the student body only having control over the internal workings of student governmental organizations instead of all student organizations.

The new constitution provides for referenda which could "challenge any action of any undergraduate organization." Berez and Resnick both agreed that situations might arise where it would be desirable to be able to have student referenda which could have a wide range of power. Resnick emphasized, however, that such referenda must have safeguard attached which would reduce the chances of their use as a political tool to achieve an inappropriate end. Such a case would be the regulation of the purely internal workings of a student activity for personal ends.

Resnick suggested a safeguard which would allow a referendum to appear only once in a given form. Berez added that he felt that it is hard to draw a line between appropriate and inappropriate items for referenda. He

said it is better to make sure there is no danger of an appropriate referendum being illegal while at the same time minimizing the danger of its improper use.

Berez went on to say that the entire question of student referenda was a moral one. He said that it is basically a question of whether a large group has the right to dictate policy to a small group when the actions of the small group do not directly affect the large one. For example, could a student referendum prohibit an ASA group from meeting on campus, even on non-ASA space? Resnick's feeling was emphatically that a referendum could not have such a power.

Hakala indicated that it could although he agreed that if the group were using neither MIT space or funds then they were outside MIT jurisdiction as an activity. Berez noted that this problem is a tricky one "with fine shades of meaning" and added that he would have to think a great deal before he were certain exactly what his own feelings were.

Markham stated that he did not think serious problems would arise from abuse of referenda by the student body, particularly in view of the fact that such a power does reside in the current UA Constitution. He added that "the student body can't prohibit con-

stitutional rights." Berez said that he thought that more specific guarantees should be included in the proposed constitution. Hakala agreed that including guarantees which would protect individuals and groups against inappropriate interference is desirable.

Hakala says that he expects numerous changes to be made on the preliminary draft although he says that he agrees with its basic philosophy. He also feels that even in its present form, it is better than the present constitution. A number of people disagree with this, including Ernie Brogmus, a former FinBoard member and a former treasurer of WTBS, SCC, and LSC, who thought that this preliminary draft is worse than any of the ten or so proposed constitution he has seen since he has been around MIT. (These include the "Senate" and "Assembly" constitutions which were considered at the same time as the HAC constitution and the Wallman constitution which essentially tried to replace the GA of the HAC constitution with a modified Institute Committee).

Nevertheless, Hakala says that he expects this draft to be significantly improved with the help of feedback from the students. He added "I think people will be surprised with how open we are."

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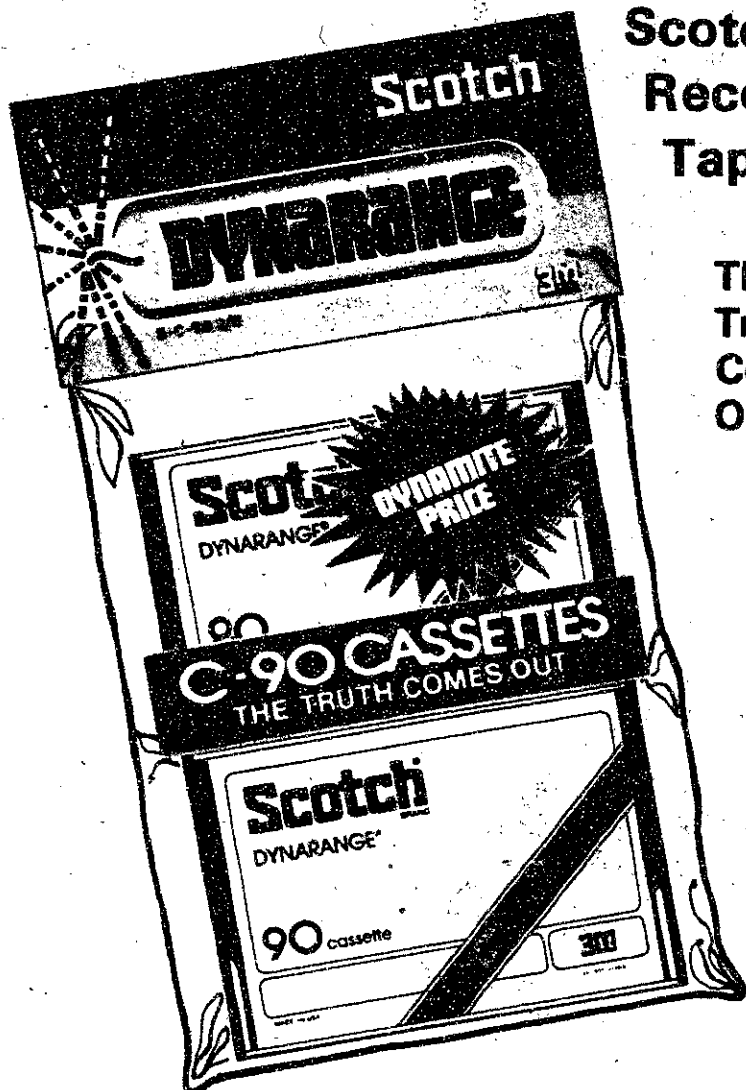
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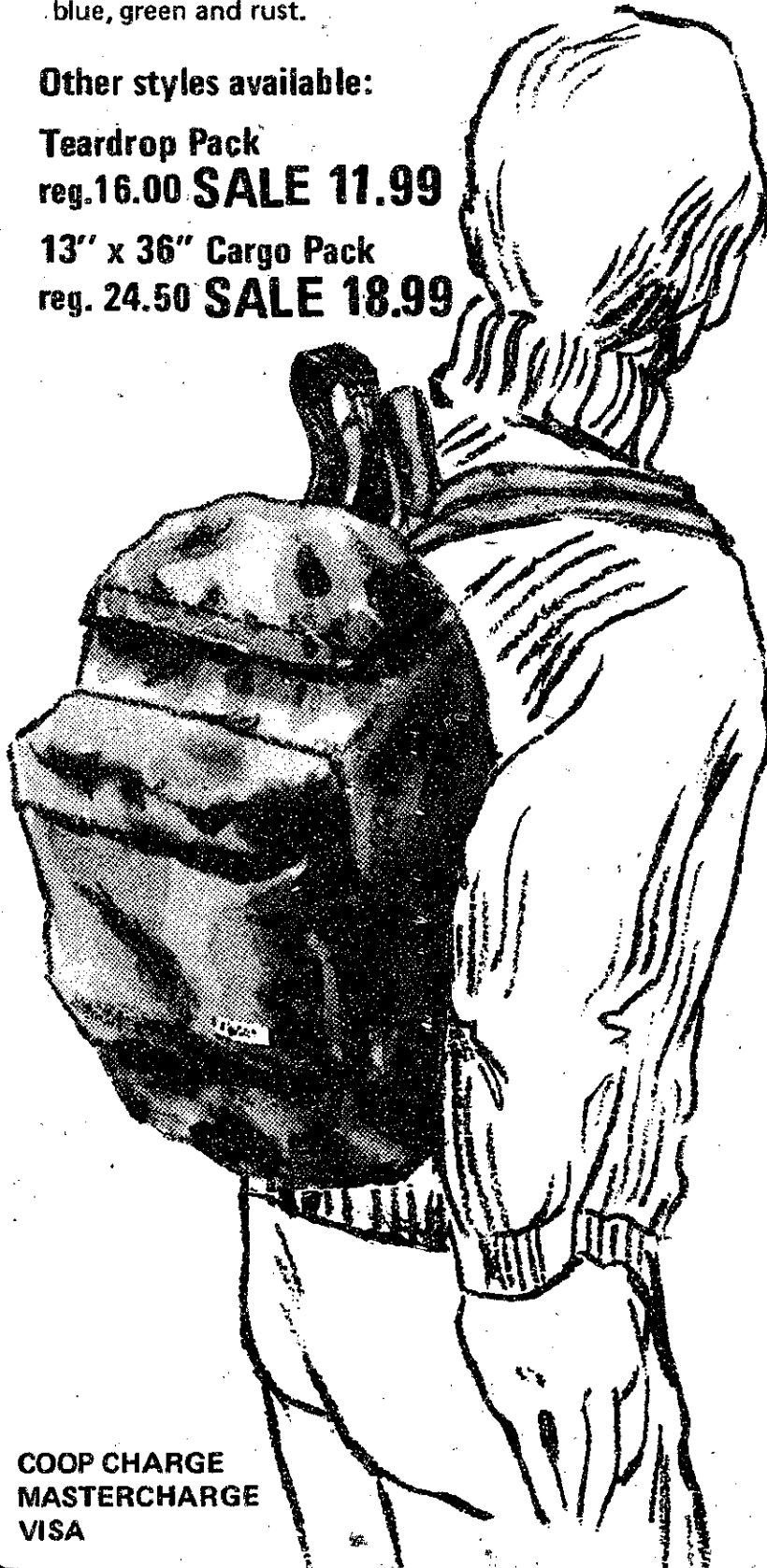
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By Bob Host

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On the intercollegiate level, there 32 varsity sports for men and women, which constitutes one of the largest NCAA and AIAW programs in the nation. This fall's squads will compete in about 150 contests in and around the Boston area. Of last year's 4,400 undergraduates, over 1000 participated on an intercollegiate team.

Even more impressive, however, is the intramural program. Here the figures are staggering. During the 1978-79 year, there were 11,292 students on 1160 IM teams. Of those teams, 171 were in softball alone, and 160 of them were basketball squads. Club activities, ranging from dance to football, had over 1600 participants.

Athletic director Ross Smith noted that the major objective of the athletic program at MIT is to introduce all students to sports and recreational interests which they can use after graduation. The same objective is also extended by the department to members of the faculty, staff, alumni, and their families.

With such an interest in the program, one that has been described as "bursting at the seams", space is becoming more scarce for athletic pursuits. To attempt to alleviate part of this problem the old ice rink, located next to the duPont Athletic Center, has been torn down and a new one, which will also include a field house and events center, is being built on the same site. The completion date is unsure, with late 1980 or early 1981 mentioned as likely.

This brings me back to my original point. MIT, no matter what the freshmen have heard concerning its scholastic reputation, has one of the finest sports programs anyone will find anywhere. There is ample opportunity for incoming students to sample a variety of sports. It is not uncommon for an all-American to begin his sport when he comes to MIT.

Of the 132 acres that comprise the MIT campus, 26 are devoted exclusively to athletics. Baseball fields, lacrosse, soccer, track, and football areas, tennis courts (including an indoor complex), a rugby field, gymnasium, field house, Rockwell cage, the Alumni Pool, the boathouse, the sailing pavilion.

So, before the term starts and

the workload piles up, it's a good idea to check out the options the department has to offer. If intercollegiate sports demand too much time, try intramurals. Or, if you have as little as two hours a week, you can take a physical education course in any one of a number of sports. The opportunities are there; don't pass them up.



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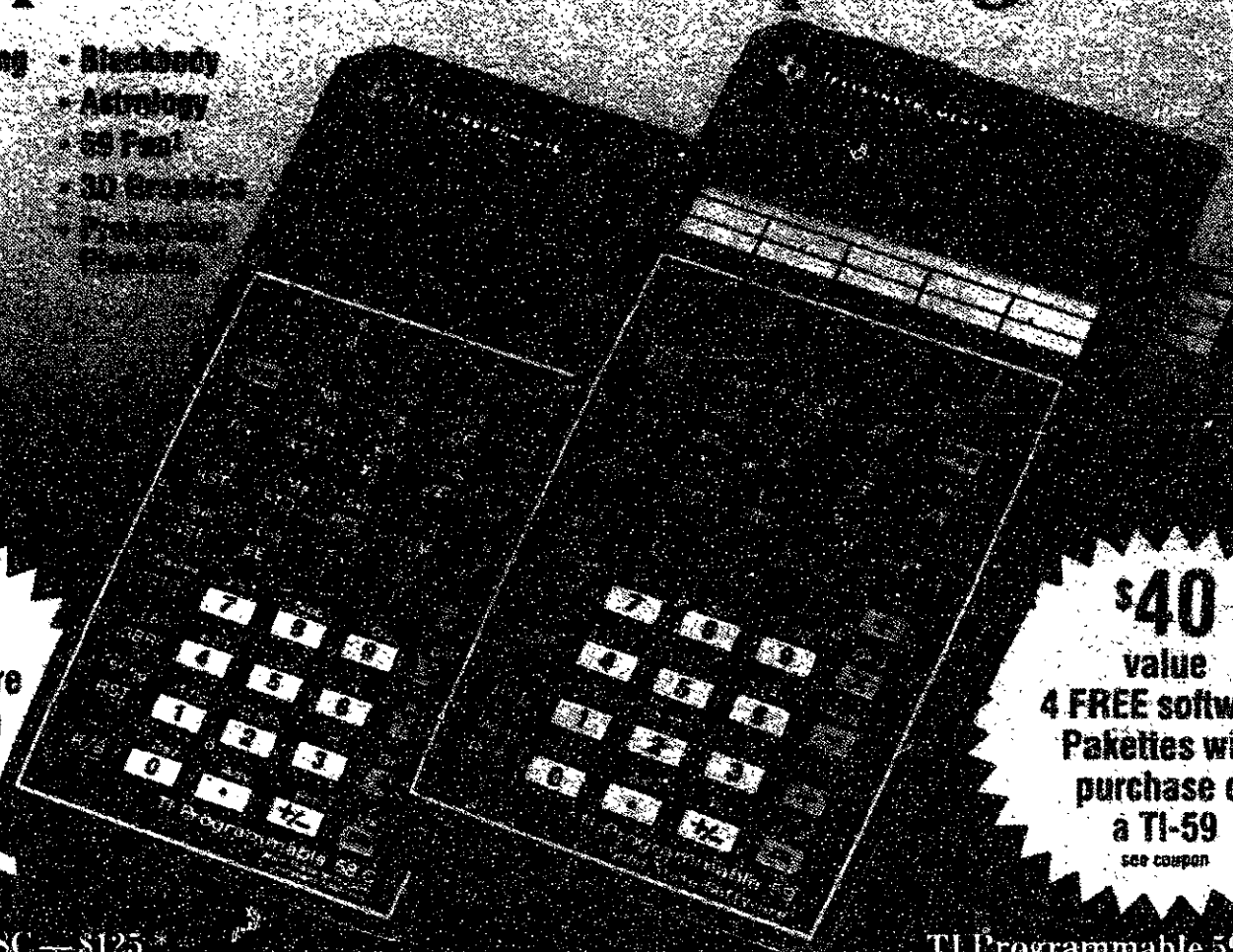
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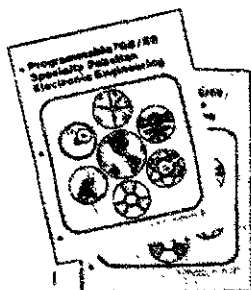
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