Grads in great demand to take industry work

By Richard Cohen

In spite of the prospects for a nationwide recession, more than 500 companies and government agencies are scheduled to conduct over 9000 job interviews with MIT students in the 1979-80 academic year, shuttering last year's record of 430 companies conducting over 8500 student interviews.

According to Robert K. Weatherall, director of the MIT Career Planning Office, and Phyllis Jackson, assistant director, the demand for MIT graduates has been an overwhelming that some companies will not be able to hold interviews until the second half of March. Other companies that have conducted interviews in the past, including Polaroid, have been squeezed out. They have cancelled their interviews feeling that there would just not be enough students who could plan the interviews with them.

Weatherall attributed these increasing efforts to hire MIT graduates largely to the enormous demands for microprocessors. The need for semiconductors and chips prompted Hewlett-Packard to hire 34 MIT grads last year, and IBM, according to MIT's Vice President of Physics, has in-17 state physicists has increased its recruiting efforts, according to Vice President of Physics. He noted that the demand for MIT graduates specializes in their applications.

However, Weatherall also noticed that the tide could quickly turn; hiring efforts could slacken considerably in 1980. He pointed to the 1971-72 academic year, when tremendous cutbacks in hiring occurred in the aftermath of the successful munitions labor healing. He also showed that fewer interviews were held in 1975 due to the recession when in 1974 companies were "recruiting madly." Weatherall likened the situation to sailing boats on the fact that "...but the wind could change.

Weatherall also mentioned that the demand for MIT graduates generally held, despite a bleak economic outlook. He noted that many companies praised the MIT students for their ability. One company representative was so impressed that he called the MIT student body "a diamond mine."

Feld speaks on SALT treaty

By Joseph D'Ambrosio

MIT Professor of Physics Bernard T. Feld addressed the failure of the SALT II treaty to bring about a real reduction in strategic weapons during a Cambridge Forum lecture, offering both criticism of current efforts and suggestions for the future.

A group of about one hundred were present at the First Parish of Cambridge for the November 26th lecture "SALT and Nuclear Deterrents."

The pending SALT II treaty has come under fire from the liberal wing of the US Senate for not going far enough to control arms, but Feld expressed hope that substantial arms reductions will come about in a future SALT III treaty. Since SALT II is necessary for the continuation of current negotiations it should be ratified by the Senate without delay. Effects by some Senators to block a vote for the treaty to higher military expenditures is really nothing other than "blackmail," said Feld.

Feld also took care to point out some of the current treaty's more dangerous provisions. Foremost among these is the one that prohibits both the United States and the Soviet Union from deploying any new missile systems under any circumstance. "It is always this one exception that kills you."

For the US planning to deploy the mobile MX missile at a cost of at least $30 billion, as a solution to the growing problem of Minuteman vulnerability, Feld, however, suggested that the US should negotiate the price of deploying MX and urge that the Soviets not deploy their own system.

When asked if SALT III does achieve substantial reductions in the number of missiles, the first to be deployed would be the ones equipped with MIRVs. It is this component of the strategic force, claimed Feld, that exerts a destabilizing force on a delicate nuclear balance. Purchasing additional warheads does not purchase additional security, but rather less security.

For an explanation why the SALT process has not yielded better results, Feld said that "there is no real constituency for arms reduction." Such a constituency can easily be formed, however, when it is made clear to citizens that current levels of deployment act as a "Dreadnought sword hanging over the world."

GA issues dining report

Gray to meet with student leaders

By Jordana Hollander

In response to the suggestions raised in the Campus Dining in their recent report, the Undergraduate Ad- mittee on Campus Dining (GA) has voted to present a report to the Campus Dining Group on Commons to "outline student opposition to compulsory commons and to recommend meaningful alternatives" to the administration.

In a letter to Chancellor Paul Gray, the report states that while some of the positions made by the Committee on Campus Dining were well received by the student body, "the vast majority of students vehemently opposed compulsory commons."

Professor Constantine Simonides, has, on behalf of the Chancellor, invited a number of student leaders to a dinner meeting on December 10 to discuss student reactions and recommendations about campus dining.

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"The Administration wants to know how serious the student opposition is to compulsory commons," said UAP, a fundamental under- graduate participation was observed in the November 14 boycott of dinner at all food serv- ice facilities. The Administr- ation's position has since become more flexible because they un- derstand that student opposition is "serious."

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The GA committee's report is divided into four sections, the first of which states that the Committee on Campus Dining has not been able to analyze the proposal, particularly in questions of finances, nutrition, and the problem of "social isolation." The report also mentions that the "valid rationale for the adoption of compulsory commons proposals." The following two sections outline the "disastrous impact" and "social isolation" to provide a valid rationale for the adoption of compulsory commons proposals.

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World

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Hostages moved — The fifty Americans held hostage in Tehran have apparently been moved to various private homes and to the headquarters of the Islamic revolutionary guards. The Iranian students refused to confirm or deny this report for security reasons. The United Nations Security Council is continuing discussion on the crisis in Iran.

— Jordana Hollander

Weather

Partly to mostly sunny today with brisk winds and below normal temperatures. Highs today near 42. Lows tonight under mostly clear skies in the upper 20's. Even colder for Wednesday. Clear skies, highs near 40, lows in the 20's. Chance of snow or rain near 0% through Wednesday night.

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Should MIT put up Christmas decorations?

Guest Column/Debbie Heilsman

Christmas decorations offend non-Christians

At this time of year, the MIT campus is traditionally covered with Christmas decorations, including a massive Christmas tree, wreaths and other ornaments. In addition, all over the campus there are Christmas parties sponsored by the dormitories, the SCC and the various Departments.

For some, albeit a minority, these decorations and parties are offensive and isolating. Those who do not believe in the Christian faith are forced by the public nature of these displays to participate in the observance of a religion which is not their own. The MIT campus takes on the appearance of a theocratic state, a land where all must bow in observation of the dominant faith. In our homes, the dormitories, there are public Christmas parties even though we could never make such a party in our non-college home, if we had the choice. One Jewish student remarked to me that when he was a freshman, he felt very isolated when he read about the Christian faith in his dorm. He definitely did not include him, as a Jew, and felt very left out. If I or other Jewish students held parties in our dorms where we would have to participate in Christian holiday celebrations, we might have chosen a different school.

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I asked, hoping to be offered this service with a look of disgust at my evident bad taste, he replied: "Any pornography, but not Spanish pornography." "Of course," I agreed, and we walked on. There seemed to be a funeral taking place at Jordan Hall. In London, a pub would have been close at hand to remedy such situations with several stiff Scotches, but the only alternatives available in that neighborhood were a rather down-market-looking McDonalds, and a temperance machine at the YMCA.

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The index was found to be within the normal MBTA range: guaranteed to accelerate death by 4.0217684938174 hours per day spent on the bus; it therefore took some time to adjust back to a normal shape after alighting from the vehicle. Peter, an acquaintance, and a Harvard man (unfortunately), was awaiting my arrival with a rather studied expression of worry on his face. Pointing to a poster, the letters "B.P.O." caught the foveal focus. Must be English referring to the British performers' emporium as "Little Deadsville Community College," in reply to which I utter something unprintable with regard to the nature of Harvard inmates. Not willing to give up, we headed for MIT Shakespeare Ensemble's "All American Scene Night."

The first scene we saw, by Tennessee Williams, was a grotesque disaster; the Woody Allen sketch that ended the first half was even worse. The actors had evidently not realized that they were not playing Shakespeare. By contrast, though, a scene from Edward Albee's "The American Dream" was performed with great wit: inanimation, expression, poise, position, pace were just right.

On balance, however, we decided that a hamburger would be of greater entertainment value than the second half, and left. En route I thought I would show my acquaintance the inside of Barker Library's dome, one part of MIT I find attractive to the eye. We rode up to the fifth floor to find that the library had just closed.

After the usual two hour wait at 20 Chimneys, we acquired our charcoal burgers and Peter kindly admitted of MIT: "It's not all air here... just pretty awful."

And so we decided to meet again the next night, and hope for better luck. "We are British," I said. "Yes, we're good chaps," replied Peter earnestly, with a nod of approval.

Saturday. Alarm sounds at 7. Put it off and return to sleep. The MIT guilt effect sounds an internal alarm shortly.

Movies
Key Largo, the Midnite Movie, Saturday, December 8, second floor of the Student Center.

This weekend's LSC Image: Live and Let Die, Fri., 7 & 10, 26-100.
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Music
The MIT Jazz Bands will present a joint concert: Friday, December 7, at 9pm in Walker; admission free.

The MIT Symphony, David Earpse, conductor, will perform on Saturday, December 8 at 8:30pm in Walker. The program will include "The Swan of Tuonela" by Sibelius, "Concerto in G for Piano and Orchestra, Op. 36" by Howard Hanson (David List, soloist) and "The American Dream" by Edward Albee.

The MIT Symphony Orchestra will also present "The American Scene Night," performances start Friday, December 7, with shows at 6, 7:55, 9:30 and midnight on Fri./Sat. For information, call the Drama Office at 253-4556.

The Tech Arts Editor, Catherine J. C'Neduck, was kind enough to provide a review of the Boston Symphony Orchestra's performance in London. She notes that the bus system in London is more efficient than in Boston, but that the food available at McDonald's is not as good. She also mentions that she enjoyed the performance at the MIT Student Center, where the MIT Symphony Orchestra performed "The Swan of Tuonela" by Sibelius and "Concerto in G for Piano and Orchestra, Op. 36" by Howard Hanson.
More non-review

(Continued from page 5) afterwards, however, and a day of travel follows, broken by a listen to a radio interview with the day's ISO soloist, Murray Perahia; am-
munition for my review, I thought, greedily copying down his words. In keen anticipation, and by then truly in need of a dose of Mozart, set off, come evening, for Symphony Hall was easy-biscuit suite normally reserved for weddings, funerals, bar mitz-
vahs and circulations. The Box Office has not seen Mr. Templetts, and refers us to the Stage Door. The Stage doorman pages Mr. Templetts, but he had evidently not yet arrived. Murray Perahia turns up and disappears upstairs. An impromptu performance of "The Flight of the Bumble Bee" wafts down, intermingling with the noise of a small monochromatic T.V. Musicians arrive, people enter and exit — all is busy. A sinister-looking man with a large

knife in his pocket passes about. "No, Mr. Templetts. At three minutes to eight a car arrives, a bolt and Soji Oizawa is precipitated in. Try our luck at the Box Office again; no luck. The man at the Stage Door is much in authority. The concert begins, and by then truly in need of rest. Murray Perahia

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assures that, even in the absence of our consultant, one waits at least 15 minutes. The "chef" bid-

dies about with some lettuce. I remark that he was probably picking his nose only two minutes previously; Peter had been think-
ing exactly the same thing. Gristle indigested, I bid Peter farewell, expressing my regret at the turn of events. "That's alright," he replies, "We're British." "Yes", I agree, "We are." We know the rules of cricket. We are not bad losers..."
By Eric R. Fleming

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As a matter of fact, the difference in the game could be attributed to MIT's inability to establish an inside game against the larger, stronger Judges. Edward Locke, a 6-4, 235 pound sophomore forward, led all scorers with 32 points for Brandeis on 13-for-15 shooting from the field. Locke scored most of his points on inside feeds from teammates, or on missed shots. Senior Geoff Holman scored 18 points, and guard Mark Bransch '83 connected for 11 for MIT.

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