Appointment

The Board of Directors of the Tech takes pleasure in announcing the appointment of Robert C. Weisiger '63 as News Editor, of Course XIV-B, is a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, and resides in Flushing, New York.

Peace Corps

There has been considerable misunderstanding about the Peace Corps. To begin with, there are also those who think the idea of the Peace Corps calls for volunteers: their draft status, their usefulness to the Corps, and their talents.

First, let it be said that the Corps is very much a draft agency: there are still some hundred persons either overseas, or undergoing training, and there are several new projects under consideration in various countries. The lack of work to be done; it will simply take time, and money, to get everything started.

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turned very simply. There is no exemption, but there is deferment during time spent in the Peace Corps. One can volunteer for the Peace Corps, on some premises that they expect that draft boards will not, simply as a matter of local policy, draft somewhat longer in some parts of the country. There is, of course, no law requiring this, and how it will work in practice will not be known until the Corps volunteers now in the field have returned home. If local draft boards are cooperative, everything should work out equitably.

It would seem, that as of now, the people who are doing the best in the Corps are those in middle skills: the surveyor, the high school teacher, the construction engineer. At least in the Peace Corps, the Peace Corps is relying heavily on practically trained people, who can survey and build roads, who can teach English and History, or instruct in any of the practical arts. Eventually, people will be called upon to teach engineering, mathematics, and various other fields, but, I'm not sure that getting an under-developed country on its feet.

Where does the MIT mechanical or chemical engineering project go? It seems to me that there is not going to have a great need for a nuclear physicist, but she will have need for people who can teach her how to use her tools. She will also probably be building a certain amount of infrastructure, things which will call on many kinds of engineering skills which could be provided.

There are two other aspects of the Peace Corps for MIT people to consider. One is patriotism. If this is the kind of work that needs to be done, perhaps we should put aside the question of the fact that it might not call on the pure professional skills learned as a student.

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The specific circumstances we have in mind is the MIT classroom. Most classrooms are over-heated, ill-ventilated, and crowded, and probably becoming so more every year. The need for a non-smoker, some people argue, is probably not going to have any great need for a nuclear physicist, but she will have need for people who can teach her how to use her tools. She will also probably be building a certain amount of infrastructure, things which will call on many kinds of engineering skills which could be provided.

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National Review I

Due to the generosity of a group known as the Young Americans for Freedom, The Tech has been lavished with letters from the weekly magazine known as the National Review. We do not ordinarily look a gift horse in the mouth, but now, this is not the case.

The chief apostles of "entertaining conservatism," we thought our readers might like to know a little about it.

The first thing to note about the National Review is that it is a liberal journal. It is a chip-on-the-shoulder, half-starved weekly of a few years ago, it has grown in size to the point where the October 3 issue has grown from twenty to twenty-five pages and an assortment of advertisers. Not only does it now rival its long-established liberal weekly contemporaries in the number of pages, but also in the number of articles by managing a glossy front and back cover. Once one is past the cover, there is the same rough paper, but there is also an ad that outsells the liberal weeklies in price; The Nation costs but twenty-five cents while NR collects forty cents the issue.

To understand the National Review, one must understand the chief postulates of its existence, and the very deep philosophy of its editor. The editor of NR is Mr. William F. Buckley, Jr., late of the American Mercury, Yale University, and many other speaking engagements. He is perhaps best known for a book published a few years ago entitled "Liberation," which caused Yale officials no little alarm. The major thesis of this volume is that the Yale faculty is overthrown by affirmative action. He and his colleagues, who are preaching their gospel to the sons of good free-enterprise, religious Yale alumni. Mr. Buckley called for the kind of "nurture and coura
gous wish to demand the expulsion of the forces of evil. Yale seems to have survived the old, but Mr. Buckley has grown tiresome, trying his more recent books include McCarthy and His Enemies, and Up From Liberalism.

Buckley is the guiding hand on NR. What are the magazinie's basic views? The premise which is the root of all their philosophy is that the United States population is divided into two very dis
tinct groups: the Liberals and the Conservatives, both with cultural leadership that has entrenched in both local and national govern
government. The premises, since the days of Frank

ly Roosevelt. However, the NR believes that it is in power for so long that they have virtually de
terred the country's political leadership. The Conservatives made a determined and sustained effort to regain control of the country's destinies.

The National Review is the organ of a number of hard-core conservative writers, though the staff seems to have grown somewhat lately. Among the chief war-gameers are Dr. John F. Kennedy, Ralph deToledano, Frank S. Meyer, and various others, who may be familiar to readers from other publications of a conservative tone. They all have styles that sound surprisingly alike; if one reads enough of them, it is possible, given a set of circumstances, to virtually read any of their articles will sound like. There is a ter
tribble hackneyedness to the Conservative clarion calls.

Letters to the Editor:

To the Editor: You must be congratulated for your writer editor's choice column (The Tech, Oct. 4, 1963). In the face of a wave of terrorism against which the American public is helpless, the fact that they can live out, when we are, is almost surely a matter of life and death. As a victim of this little bit of terrorism, I can say, that this is the kind of work that needs to be done.

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To the Editor: If this is the kind of work that needs to be done, it will simply take time, and money, to get everything started.

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Kibitz

Kibitzing By Elyn R. Berkekamp '56

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It was an off week and the book was very large, but readers are reminded to tune in opening up for supper, and reconvening the evening.

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