

Christian Science Horvitz, Rodburg, Kaye on TV; balloon sighted over Great Dome

The Christian Science Organization is sponsoring a lecture in the West Lounge of the Student Center Thursday at 7:30 p.m. The lecture will be given by Lenore D. Hanks, CSB, of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship, on "The Mythology of Matter."

A noted practitioner of Christian Science, Mrs. Hanks is currently on tour through the U.S. and Canada.

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lb. sign, the weight of the wire, and the valve assembly.

It was decided to scrap the sign and launch only the balloon, painted with the large red letters SW.

TV crew arrives

Then television channel 4 (WBZ) arrived complete with newsman and camera. The historic launching was recorded for posterity by the station and aired on the 11 pm news report on Monday night.

During the day the big yellow balloon greeted Techmen across the campus. One remarked, "Oh, it must be spring, they've launched the old balloon." That comment still has not been quite understood.

As evening approached, Phase Two went into effect. A powerful strobe beacon provided by Dr. Edgerton was carried to the roof and installed there by Horvitz (who still had not been asleep); Mark McNamee '68, Managing Editor; Guille Cox '68 Business Manager; and Gerry Banner '68, News Editor. The flashing light illuminated the balloon, making it visible across the river in Boston.

Balloon escapes

Sometime Tuesday afternoon disaster struck. The balloon loosened itself from its own collar and took off into space. It was last sighted by members of Course XIX soaring over the Great Dome heading toward the Green Building, and has not been heard of since.

Wednesday afternoon Horvitz replaced the balloon by a silhouette of a train, one of the symbols of Spring Weekend. The strobe was trained on the train at night, intermittently flooding the train, the night sky, the little dome, and the entire top floor of McCormick Hall with brilliant light.

Brigham appointed Assistant planner named

The appointment of Gordon L. Brigham as assistant planning officer for community relations has been announced by Philip A. Stoddard, vice president of operations and personnel.

Mr. Brigham's function will be to coordinate the use of MIT's technical and professional resources in support of other agencies and organizations dealing with housing and redevelopment in the Cambridge area. If plans for the Inner Belt are ever finalized, he will work with other area agencies in easing the problems of relocation.

Mr. Brigham is a graduate of Yale University, where he received a BA in architecture in 1956. He attended MIT for three years under a Sears City Planning Fellowship. He earned his master's degree in 1963. During his final year of graduate study, he was awarded the American Institute of Planners Award for outstanding academic achievement.



Gordon L. Brigham

Tech applicants shine in Foreign Service test

State Department officials would like to know but so far have no clue—what is the secret of MIT and Swarthmore College.

In the last written examination for the Foreign Service, given in December, all nine applicants from MIT passed; 12 of 13 from Swarthmore passed. Grouping the results of the last three examinations, MIT's record was 23 out of 24; Swarthmore's was 21 out of 27. The national average is one out of five.

In general, State Department officials are satisfied that their examinations select as successfully as possibly the best of those who apply for Foreign Service careers.

The written examination tries to measure reasoning and writing ability, general liberal arts knowledge and some specialization in economics, history or political science. Those who pass it undergo a two hour oral examination by a board of three veteran Foreign Service officials who attempt to judge personality, mental ability, presence and maturity.

About 250 young men and women out of an initial 5000 are ultimately selected. The Department does not know, however, whether those 5000 represent the cream of the college and graduate population, but they believe that the Foreign Service rates high in collegians' minds as a desirable and prestigious career.

Fresh convocation

Holt leads panel program

The annual freshman course convocation was held Wednesday night in Kresge Auditorium. The discussion was moderated by Professor Charles Holt of the biology department.

His panel included Paul Gray, Associate Dean of Student Affairs,

Dr. Benson Snyder, Psychiatrist in Chief, George Valley, Undergraduate Planning Professor, Richard Douglas, head of the Humanities Department, and Charles Miller, head of the Civil Engineering Department.

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For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.—Ephesians 2: 8, 9

The convocation was planned by Mark Mathis '69 and Alan Milner '69. Also included in the program for the next two weeks are open houses to be held by each of the departments.

The basic format of the convocation was a discussion of various questions of universal interest, followed by an open question-and-answer session in which questions were directed from the floor at the various panel members.

Topics of discussion included the relation between the freshman's choice of undergraduate major and his eventual career, programs leading to more than one undergraduate degree, the new curriculum which will lead to an unspecified bachelor's degree in science, and the possibility of changing majors after the sophomore year.

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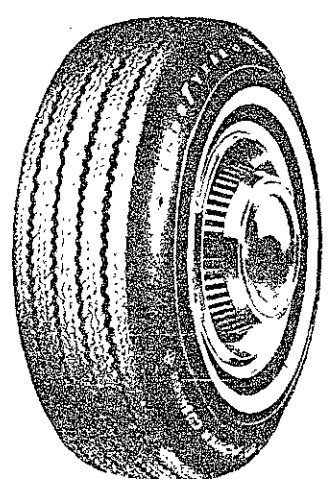
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