Talking Rock
By Don Davis

This term, I am beginning to include top tunes lists with contents in the column. Often it is Billboards top singles list, generally regarded as the official national list; however sometimes different lists of interest may be used. As will be noted, this list, for weeks ending February 18, is considerably behind Boston's chart, due both to Boston's position as a breeding ground for many records and to complication delays for Billboard. The previous week's position in parentheses.

1. "I'll Be a Believer" (The Monkees). This song was written by Don Davis. It is the only real measure I have to compare it with big hits of the past. Yearly leaders in number of weeks atop Billboard's charts follow:

- "I'll Be a Believer" (The Monkees)
- "Green Berets" (The Rolling Stones)
- "Hold on, I'm Comin'" (James Brown)
- "I've Had the Time of My Life" (Sam Cooke)
- "Let It Be" (The Beatles)
- "One Less Bell to Answer" (The Monkees)
- "You Can Never Tell" (The Rolling Stones)
- "We Can Work It Out" (The Beatles)
- "Yesterday" (The Beatles)
- "Here, There, and Everywhere" (The Beatles)

This gives some indication of how the Monkees are selling. It is even more significant in light of the competition produced by the large number of records now released. There were 36 different number one songs in 1966 as compared with 31 in 1965. The Monkees' first album was number one for 14 weeks only to be dropped to two the last two weeks by the second album. This 14-week figure is aSYM, but my figures go back to farther.

The U.S. sales figures (in millions of copies) for their records, which I am sure are tops at least since the earliest days of the Beatles, go roughly. "Last Train to Clarksville" 1.5, "I'm a Believer" 1, "This is your Life" 0.8, "Stop! Look! Listen!" 0.6, "Questionmark's 8th Planet" 0.3. Many records and to compilation play the (Many MITRE employees presented nearby educational institutions including Harvard, Boston University, Boston College, Brandeis, Northeastern, MIT, and Tufts). Depending on your interests, qualifications and current openings, you may start in one of the following, or other, departments:

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