Primary elections

Many of the faculty and staff of MIT live in the Third and Ninth Congressional Districts of Massachusetts. For those who aren't sure of their districts, the Ninth Congressional is composed of most of the West of Boston and the Third of the cities and towns west of and including Newton, and east of Gardiner. It is in this two districts that the only important Congressional races in Massachusetts are being fought.

The primary election is today, September 15, and we urge all faculty and staff, who are registered as Democrats or Independents, to vote.

In the Third Congressional District, we would like to stress the importance of voting, even more so than in the NINinth District. There, Father Drinan, Dean of the Boston College Law School and a Jesuit priest, has a real chance to out-28-year veteran of Congress, Philip Philbin, a militant supporter of Administration policies. As Vice Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, Philbin has been most notable for the lack of scrutiny he has given military appropriations bills. He enthusiastically endorsed the military build-up in Viet Nam and refused to withdraw support of Lyndon Johnson, even when Democratic support of that President dwindled to an all-time low. He says he is now committed to granting a gradual withdrawal to the President and only because it is the most right-wing position he can safely take without risking deep voter alienation.

In 1968, Philbin was opposed by two liberals, Joseph Bradley and Tho as Boylston Adams. Between them, their vote total topped that of Philbin, but because they split the anti-war vote, Philbin came out on top. This year, there is no such split. Father Drinan favors immediate and total withdrawal from Viet Nam. He says he is now committed to a gradual withdrawal to the President and only because it is the most right-wing position he can safely take without risking deep voter alienation.

Mrs. Hills, for the uninitiated, is a former member of the Boston School Committee and a candidate for the State Senate. She was an unsuccessful candidate for mayor of Boston, losing to Kevin White a few years ago. She opposes the present war in Viet Nam and has been a critic of the police with the Democratic Party, wants to "get tough on 'crime in the streets," and is working to repeal state legislation against racial imbalance in the schools. Her campaign slogan is "You know where I stand," and she has refused to publicly debate either of her opponents.

Mrs. Hills will probably win, yet every vote for David Nelson will cut her margin, and increase his chances for victory. Consequently we urge all Boston voters who can, to vote for David Nelson for Congress from the Ninth Congressional District.

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By Harvey Baker

I met Hank early in June at a beach on Cape Cod, flitting with a girl I faintly recognized as an old high school friend. Though it was late in the afternoon and I wanted to start back to Boston to attend a function that evening, at least say hello to the girl he momentarily, I weighed carefully the advantages of forg- ing my way into territory he had apparently not wafted out for himself, but decided that my motives were insufficient enough and that it would not be construed as competition if I quickly identifi-

I plastered a smile on my face, strode slowly toward the couple, and presented the two or three dollars I had caught mine, gave it the big bell, and as I walked, the boy by the while, I introduced myself, as he as Hank looked sorrowfully on. I started a conversation I decided the de-

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