Better luck than skill?

By Daniel Reinhardt

There are many varieties of courtship behavior from which to choose: rubber bridge, duplicate bridge, Supermono bridge. Of them all, however, rubber bridge is responsible for the most persistent preoccupations with the cards. Take the appended hand, for example.

The situation that north-south were not vulnerable, east-west were vulnerable and had a forty point partial score toward their next game.

When East opened with a club, South, despite his paucity of points, felt obliged to interdict a suit. In this, to his despair, west went from buying a cheap part-score.

Although North's subsequent bid of three hearts was a logical support of his partner's overcall, South's bid of four hearts was definitely objectively unsound. Its only motivation was the fact that there was a rubber.

They were doubled, and West missed his opportunity to bid four spades (an easily makeable contract). However, it appeared certain that west-west would reap many easy points — after all, East-South held only sixteen high-card points between them.

East dropped his king on West's opening lead of the ace of clubs, and South ruffed the return. Declarer considered the situation for a moment, and realized that the contract might be made with some inspired guessing. On the basis of his opening bid, he decided to play East for the queen of hearts and ace of diamonds, and West for the queen of diamonds.

This was the lead to the ace, following which the ten was successfully fanned. The jack of spades was led and permitted to ride to the ace. South took the space, pulled the jack of trumps, ruffed a spade, looked the king of diamonds, and was about to cash the queen of clubs.

If there's one thing this hand proves, thought declarer, it's that it's much better to have luck on one's side than skill.

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Gynecologist focuses on sexual enjoyment

By Lee Giguere

The only things people don't talk about — the pleasure of sexual intercourse — was the focus of the fifth of MIT's Human Sexuality in the 20th Century series.

Speaking in Krenge, Dr. Alan Barnes, chairman of the department of psychology and the sexology program at Johns Hopkins University, emphasized that "this enjoyability is basic to the male-female relationship.''

Dr. Barnes outlined the course of sexual arousal and intercourse in males and females, refraining from explicit suggestions of techniques. In response to a question about how to recognize sexual excitement, however, he recommended The Rosenfeld's Handbook to Sexual Perversion to those who felt they needed a "how-to" book.

Sexual appetite, the desire for intercourse, Barnes explained is largely due to physiological causes in the male. As the sperm quantity builds up, the male seeks release. For the female, however, sexual appetite is based on previous situations.

Sexual arousal has distinctly different origins in men and women. Male sexual excitement, noted, does not require tactile contact; the sight, or even the memory of a woman is sufficient. Women, on the other hand are "almost the opposite." Female arousal depends on physical contact.

To achieve orgasms, however, the roles are reversed. Once a man or a woman, Barnes explained, orgasm can be achieved by physical manipulation. Occasionally a woman's attainment of orgasm, once she has been aroused, depends largely on her mental receptivity, he stated.

Barnes went on to say that while the male orgasm is a "limited phenomenon" in both extent and duration, "female orgasms are more of the body and lasts longer."

Barnes warned against "over-warm" conversation about sex, arguing, "with a good orgasm the person usually goes up through the ceiling, and why should both of you leave the room at once?" He urged sexual partners to be more realistic on what they're going on, commenting that, "We know the limitations of sex."

In his concluding remarks, Dr. Barnes addressed his audience as future parents. "Strange as it may seem, this will happen to you... We can have a generation..." he said, "in which no one needs to go through a period of passive abstinence."

In advising on the way to achieve this, he claimed that parents must convey sexual restraints to their daughters, should them go "without conveying the idea that this is a dirty, sick thing."

"One has done more harm than anything else" emphasizes the importance of conveying a positive idea in her femininity to her daughter. While a boy easily learns to be proud of his masculinity, he claimed that a young girl is less confident. "It is a wonderful thing to be a woman. Make sure she grows up knowing it," he admonished.

This spring will see the return of Kalaedoscope, a festive outdoor-going concert, that was first planned for Friday night, May 7, and will be held on Krenge Plaza.

There is a student organizing committee to do the necessary work to "pull it off. If you are interested in being on this committee, please contact Judy Giguere, activities secretary, in room E-437 at the Student Center."

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Computer waste recycled

By Eric Small

With dozens of large commercial terminals scattered over a large area, MIT is responsible for the production of literally tons of waste output over the course of a year. This is not an easy task to classify as waste — at least in the ecological sense of the word. It is being recycled.

This is one of several programs being instituted by a new group called the Recycling Re-education Cooperative. These five individuals, all present or former students, recently submitted a proposal to the organization created by the students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. They stated three explicit goals: to handle and recycle materials being recycled in the Boston area; to arouse public awareness of the need for recycling as one possible solution to problems of pollution; and to provide a source of employment in the ecological sense of the word. It is being recycled.

The recycling of computer waste in the area is sold to a scrap paper dealer, who bales it and sends it to be re-processed for the production of new materials. The income received from the scrap is used to rent a truck for the collection of the paper and to pay a subsistence salary to the workers on the truck.

Since its inception last September, the organization has been responsible for the recycling of some 200,000 pounds of computer paper that would otherwise have been thrown away. Other types of paper and cards are also recycled. MIT is the largest contributor, with some 4000 pounds being collected by the organization. The result of all this effort has been the saving of an estimated 1600 trees from destruction.

The organization is spreading awareness of its actions through literature, including a newsletter called Earthworks News, as well as the media of slide shows and lectures. The funds for all of this come from loans and donations, since the money collected from the scrap only covers salaries and the truck. As the volume of paper increases, the income and number of individuals and institutions participating will hopefully follow suit.

Anyone interested in learning more about the group can write to them at 14 Park Avenue in Somerville, or read the latest edition of Earthworks News at the Mechanical Engineering bulletin board in building 1.

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