Mike Albert is back: a quiet view

The news that Mike Albert was going to re-enter MIT presented us with a journalistic problem. Ordinarily, disciplinary matters at the Institute are a private matter between the student and the Discipline Committee. Withdrawing, expulsion, or readmission usually happens quickly, and every attempt is made to preserve the privacy of the individual student. Rarely do the newspapers here carry any reports of judicial matters, and except in political cases, the system seems to work fairly well.

18 months. He obviously intends to remain quietly and see his degree, for reasons many of us share. A degree is a form of insurance for the future. It does not mean that Albert has given up his radicalism. November Actions style de

monstrations have fallen out of favor as movement tactics; Dean Nyhart regards this form of protest 'as the best way to make a real contribution to any way to reawaken campus turmoil. In short, the climate has changed. Albert's return to the campus augurs no more for the future than the arrival of the newest freshman.

So why should we announce his arrival on page one? We knew from past experience that Mike didn't always appreciate being the spotlight; his presence as a public speaker, amplified by the media, might just keeping him there. But he's not seeking any exposure now; why should we disturb his privacy by printing these stories?

Our only justification is that of historical interest. Half the undergraduate student body came to MIT after Mike was first expelled; it seemed important to us to try to acquaint them with the events of two and three years ago that are still affecting the shape of things around here. We also wanted to point out that Mike is the third expelled radical student to return. This contrasts sharply with the polarized, tense campus of eighteen months ago. We tried, in our news columns, to keep sensationalism to a minimum - a difficult assignment without the hard evidence! A difficult assignment when this is the last time we have to drag him into print. -BSM

NOTES

* Any Senator who wishes to apply for a Danforth Foundation Fellowship for 1972 should visit the Senate office by October 31, 1971, to take the Graduate Record Examination to be offered on October 23, 1971. Each applicant should also submit an informal application to the Senate Office (or to his representative) by October 1, 1971. These candidates will then be scheduled for a 20-minute oral interview at MIT on October 14, 1971 in the Graduate School Office, Room 3.124.

* The Harvard Hilliard Children's School, an experimental parent-child cooperative Jewish school, will begin its fall educational semester program on Sunday, October 3. Classes meet Sunday mornings and one weekday afternoon; a few evenings for the first and second year. Special seminar program for teenagers interested in exploring Jewish themes. For details contact Harvard Hillard, 16th-16th.

* Parents' Weekend isn't until May, but the work starts now, Parents' Weekend Committee isn't just a place of forming itself. If you're even mildly interested in joining, contact the organizational meeting, scheduled for September 28 at 7 pm in Room T-102 (main corridor).

* Auditions for Chork's "The Segaal" September 27, 28, 29, 30, October 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Room 5.324. Information: MIT, 640-6000 x387, 247-4725 nights.

* Professor Stineley's seminar entitled "Opportunities in the Department of Physical Research for Those Who Enjoy Physics and Mathematics." Information: Room 3.123. First seminar will be Friday, October 2.

* One Action is once again looking for volunteers - their projects have been ex- cellent so far and would include clinics, legal assistance, transportation, legal services, research and materials. If you are interested, please call 5294 or stop by at Room 437 in the Student Center.

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