Simonides coup climaxes late evening indiscretion

By Red Ratner

Jerome Weasel was ousted as President of MIT in a lightning coup early this morning. Vice-President Constantine Simonides has been elected to the throne by the plotters, who were partisans of former MIT strongman Howard Wealnd John-

son. At his coronation tomorrow, Simonides will assume the title of King Constantine.

Weasel has been sent underguard as radar officer of the North Andover ABM site.

The coup was apparently precipitated by Weasel's impending dismissal of Simonides, who was caught passing secret documents to The Daily Reamer in

a second-floor men's room. Simo-

nides, a power behind the old

Johnson regime, was blowing the whistle on Weasel's plan to place a Dropper Line Student Gove-

dance System (SGB) remote con-

trol unit in the train of each entering student.

A revolutionary junta was to have been established until John-

son's son was straight enough to assume the regency. However, in a charismatic move, Simonides has exiled the entire Johnson family by dumping them into the Broad, where Howard Sr. will manage a chain of pool halls.

Simonides has been running a typically murky Boston dawn as New Wrong Coalition students blew up the MIT Student Center. Only the Harvard Bridge remained usable, since the spans were still afflaid to stop the charles. The effetec Eastern liberal estab-
lishment rushed in reinforce-

ments but it was already too late.

Flying squads under the com-

mand of Campus Patrol Captain

Jimmy oliver already had occu-

pied radio station WTBS, and sur-

vored The Daily Reamer. The offices of The Tech and The Daily Reamer were filthy, and Simonides had been mysteriously firebombed earlier in the day and their staffs have not been heard from since.

After silencing King Constanti-

ne's more vociferous critics, the new regime cut tuition to $1,000 a year and promised to repave all dormitory floors in a blinding attempt to gain the al-

giance of the legendary MIT tools. Simonides spent several hours dragging the body of Reginald Stuart-

Smythe, who disappeared Friday evening, was found yesterday morning. Informed that Stuart-Smythe appeared to have met with foul play. The body was recovered by a team of Campus Patrolmen who spent several hours dragging the morat around Kresge Chapel in response to an anonymous tele-

phone call. The body was identi-

fied by staff members of another campus publication, the Tech, where Stuart-Smythe worked as a news editor.

According to staff members of The Daily Reamer, who were present, the body had been crudely hacked and sliced, apparently with a X-Kaeto knife. One such knife was found embedded in the corpse's back.

Blue-pencil markings were found around the corpse's mouth. Informed sources speculated that the tragedy might have had some connection with an incident some months ago in which Harvey Baker, at the time a Tech news editor, was found unconscious with blue-pencil marks around his mouth. Baker recovered after his brain was pumped. According to Camp-

us Patrolmen, the craniotomy analysis of the marks showed that the pencils involved were identical.

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piecetick-Tock. The special, which had been prepared far in

advance, scooped the other MIT papers to announce MIT's new order, to propagandize craz Bob Bought chortled gleefully as he handled the summary from Weasel his first notice of the coup.

Bought then announced that the new regime would assume control of all MIT newspapers so that "MIT can finally get uni-

iform reporting. As the off-

icial action, Weasel returned MIT's document shredders to the RAND Corporation, claim-

ing that they were obviously desirable.

One casualty was incurred when the takeover of WTBS, where Gene Paul '74 was shot in the back while resisting arrest when he refused to relinquish control of the WTBS transmis-

ser. Reportedly, Simonides was threatened by a bullet from Walker Memorial and to control of the WTBS transmit-

ser. However, as Fauld slumped over the control panel with his last exhalation, "I'm not sure just how we'll get along but I'm going to try to make it work."

According to Campus Patrol, rumors which linked Stuart-

Smythe with Leech Pero '72 as partners in an illegal enterprise have been false and malicious.

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Three Campus Patrolmen (center) searching the Kresge Chapel moat

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By Danse Fry

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by Paul St. John

Disconcerting rumors have reached The Daily Reamer in recent weeks that its former managing editor, Ken Torpid, was abducted in broad daylight last Sunday night.

The following details were obtained through usually reliable garbage chats at the Daily Reamer.

At 10 pm Thursday afternoon, Mr. Torpid, white male, blond hair, age 21, short, about 120 pounds, entered the MIT Student Center, large, concrete, five stories tall, about 500 tons. Upon entering door, he pressed the elevator call but-

ton, in the up direction. He then purchased pipe tobacco in the Lobby Shop, wrote and mailed a letter to his friend, and asked for money, had his coat cleaned and pressed, ate a

lunch in Lobdell, and returned to the first floor just in time to catch the elevator. He slipped momenta-

tarily from his grasp, following

which it managed to stop on the first floor. Mr. Torpid has not been seen since; nor has the elevator. After several fruitless attempts to bring the Center in for questioning, several officers were sent to the scene, but none could elicit any information from the imposing building, which may be ar rested for ob-

struction of justice.

A high administration chan-

cellor, who wished to remain unan-

amed, refused to comment on the case any further than to say, "No comment." He went on to add, of the record, that he thought that this was the first in a continuing series of things that have been going on for a long time around here. But we've covered it up pretty well until now, I just hope that this is more than even he can oversimplify."

Authoritative sources in the

Dean for Student Affairs office revealed that Torpid, although short, would still be missed, espe-

cially if he did not complete the S12 step authentication pro-

cess within six weeks of the start of the term preceding his dis-

appearance, whichever comes first. Swainham went on to note that he never knew Ken in the sense of calling him by first name, but that he was "naturally concerned by the sudden loss of someone who was so good, so right, so able to pay $9900 per year in tuition."

High Shun School sources provided the original leak which led to this story, in the fourth floor men's lavatory. From there, it was a simple matter of a few confusing phone calls and a quick autograph or two to fill page one.