**MIT fights bicycle theft**

By Sharon Zito

It's the beginning of a new school year and a time of caution for the students and a time of finery for the kleptomaniacs. It is during this period, when students are shuffling their possessions back and forth in the forms and living groups and getting re-settled, that misplaced possessions become "mismatched" forever.

Perhaps the most vulnerable item in the bicycle, is the lock, often in disrepair or even missing. Students are burglarizing each other's belongings with the same ease as they would another student's bicycle. Some have even taken to using the Campus Patrol as a means of "stealing".

**Near buildings 3 and 5 in the parking lot/Baggage area, there is an enclosed courtyard presently being transformed into a bicycle parking lot. There are new stands near buildings 8, 13 and 13A that are close to ramps and convenient doorways. Inside there is the building 13 basement and although there is an Institute regulation prohibiting bicycles to be parked inside buildings, it is loosely interpreted, to the point where bicycles are only removed by the Campus Patrol if they present a fire hazard or obstruct a passageway.**

Bicycles can be locked in a "relatively safe" place, bicycles must be locked. The Campus Patrol has a free pamphlet describing bicycle locks and chains. There is no free lock, for they are easily and quickly destroyed with one smooth blow of a pair of three foot boltcutters cleverly concealed in a paper bag.

Because of the general availability of boltcutters, it seems almost ridiculous to spend $10-20 dollars for a chain and lock, a large oxygen-acetylene torch requires several minutes to cut it. A special tungsten carbide hacksaw blade requires an hour of continuous cutting and several blades to cut the Stopper.

When opened, the pear-shaped loop encloses an area 20" long and 12" wide. This will secure both wheels and the frame of 3 and 10-speed bicycles to bicycle racks, small trees, posts, etc. It will secure the rear wheel and the frame to objects as large as a telephone pole. When not in use, the hoop folds in half and stows either within the frame of the bicycle or under the seat.

The hoop is coated with rubber to protect the bicycle from scratching. The padlock is placed to resist corrosion, and comes with a seven pin, tubular key cylinder.

Because of the lack of funds, widespread manufacture has been unavailable. For more information, write the MIT Law Board, 38 Grandmont (528 Beacon Street, Boston). One of the suffering heroes responsible for the "Stopper."

**WTBS dazzles crowd; Blgd 10 site of remote**

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