In Case of Insomnia — Random gripe, bits and complaints

By Storm Kaufman

Being a person who is easily annoyed, I have a rather long list of various complaints about things around MIT. (As a personal editor I did not take an opportunity to tell you about some of them, but to make this the last time I am doing this I also attempted to get the other side in each instance.

Dial 190, and wait

If you've tried to make a long distance call on the NET lately, you've undoubtedly come to the conclusion that all the operators are dead or unconscious at their switch-boards. If you were sufficiently trenches (in my case, downright numbness) and let it ring for a total of five to 20 minutes (slightly less during the day), I'm afraid that I now have operational assurance. The operators will only talk the irate caller (me) that they were "busy," and they'll also throw you over to glass doors say "busy with other calls." (Cursing at them only gets you back where you started: a dial tone.)

But being skeptical (besides trenchas, rate, and the cost of the NET), I was throughly led to believe that any person handling an audible or visual follow-up official to tell me how many operators are on duty at any particular time. (Out-of-town subscribers can dial the NET. Franklin 3 exchange, which is totally outside of MIT's jurisdiction.)

I called the number out that (however many operators were on duty), I usually had to wait over ten minutes for an answer, the assured me that the number of operators was sufficient. I countered that it was certainly not enough, and that some people at MIT (who would never have the event of giving that the only way [the operator] could be to listen to the monitors on their tape recorders.

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As for McNamee's "exclude-the-press" policy, he was informed that if he wished to sit in the orchestra area, he could wait for the other MIT press people to be cared enough to arrive early, secure in the knowledge that he was reserved with a type of ticket in the floor away. This, in general, is the policy that the SCC thought was proper far cry from "discriminating against the press." McNamee's ego being bruised, decided not to wait in line with the others.

As for McNamee's opinion of Ellsberg, he is of course entitled to state what he feels about the subject. ("a rambling, slippered address, [that] last 30 years or so any bright 15 year-old could have discovered. Unfortunately, there aren't too many bright 15 year-olds (making $2000 a night) on the lecture circuits, so we were stuck with Ellsberg. . . . The fact that Ellsberg is making a living is a public speaks is at, best, a tribute to the appeal of a big name at worst, a sad commentary on gullibility.") However, even in col-

To begin with, Ellsberg's fee for speaking was one-quarter of McNamee's im-

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Commentary:

Ellicks: priorities of the press

By Steve Wallman

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The SCC requested that Ellsberg speak at TT because they felt that members of the MIT community would be more interested in what he had to say. The SCC was asked to put aside a front-row section for the press so that they could cover the lecture. The SCC, recognizing that members of the press would be interested in hearing Ellsberg, also wishing to make available as many seats as possible for MIT people, set aside the chair loft for use by the press.

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