Interview with Mike Albert

By Gerald Radeck

Not all of MIT's students visit the Psychiatric Service of the Medical Department at some time during their academic careers, although many of them do not have "traditional" psychiatric problems.

"Thirty-five to 45 per cent of the students come in at some time in their four years," stated Chief Psychiatrist, Dr. Merton J. Kahne. However, he noted, "the notion of psychiatric illness is not the focal point for our attention."

Kahne discounted what he called the "pressure cooker" view of MIT. "In general, MIT students have more going for them than most people their age," he said.

"What troubles students most is the problem of being a member in the United States," Kahne said. These doubts, he added, are based on students' need to be optimistic or energetic, and compromise their ability to take pleasure in their work.

"The Institute has proved to MIT students with their interest in science," Kahne noted, "that they are not alone in their problems."

Registrar compensating for 'slip-up' in ID cards

By Stephen Blair

The Registrar's Office is studying ways of compensating for the "slip-up" that caused ID cards to be distributed Registration Day for the spring term to read "First Term 1974-75."

Ronald Smith, Associate Registrar, told The Tech that the error was the result of a misunderstanding between the Registrar's Office and the student body.

Members of the Registrar's Office will soon be notifying students about the error. In addition, they will be examining ways of authenticating the status of students who are unhappy with the ID stickers. ID stickers and registration materials are traditionally yellow for the fall term and green for the spring term. However, both sets of stickers are printed at the same time, and, Smith said, "some people apparently didn't edit them closely enough."

While concerned parties on campus will be alerted that the color and not the date is the important criterion, Smith acknowledged that this will not be feasible for non-MIT activities. "There has been a lot of pressure from students to do something," he added. Alterations such as a validating stamp are being considered for these students who ask for it.

No action is anticipated in the near future, since Smith said, "this is the busiest time of the year for us, with registration, February degree halls and grade reports. Nevertheless," he added, "we will give the stickers a higher priority."

Without more funds, WTBS may not last

By Barb Moore

"We just can't run a radio station on the money we get from Finance Board. If we don't find more money, WTBS will just die slowly."

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