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The Boston Symphony's all-British concert series continued last night with a program of professional works under the baton of Sir John Barbirolli. The evening's highlights included Tchaikovsky's 3rd Symphony, which was performed with great élan by the Boston Symphony Orchestra. The program also featured works by Elgar and Delius, performed with skill and sensitivity by the orchestra. The audience responded enthusiastically to the performance, and the concert was a success.

The summer's crop of science fiction was mostly unremarkable but A Whiff of Madness by Ben Goldfarb and Bridge of Ashes by Roger Zelazny stood out for book review Charles Hulcomb.

The installation of the Henry Moore Sculpture in the Great Court has been a source of lively discussion on campus ever since it was first announced last term. Editor-in-Chief Glenn Brownstein examines the nature of the controversy and proposes a solution to the problem.

OUTSIDE

A survey of 74,000 executives of leading US corporations by Standard & Poor's COP-MA Division has revealed that more than 30 per cent of them listed the same 12 schools as leading centers of graduate education. The first-place school for bachelor's or graduate degrees is MIT down from ninth in 1974. In the recent survey, 1,264 executives had a degree from MIT, Harvard led the list with 5,017 alumni, followed by New York University with 2,502 and Yale with 2,271.

Vice-presidential candidates Walter Mondale and Robert Dole held a nationally televised debate in Houston tonight. The debate will be carried on all four major networks (Channnls 2,4,5, and 7 locally) and will begin at 9:00pm.

Following the initial drama of a scheduled death threat to Kitty Dukakis yesterday, she moved to defend her husband and the ERA. "We're not anti-men," she said, "We're for everyone in the Commonwealth, she added.

Men, Dukakis said, are frightened by the amendment because "they want what they think they should have." She stressed that personal relationships between men and women should not be affected by the ERA since such relationships "will not and can not be affected by law." The ERA, she asserted, will "permit all women to choose their own lifestyles with equality and dignity under the law." She added that homewakers would not be discriminated against under the amendment as some opponents claim.

The movement for the passage of an ERA is not an "elitist group of professional women" but "a broad based coalition of women." Dukakis stressed. ERA is important for women, she declared because "it will give a legal tool through the courts which we don't have now because the fourteenth amendment is thrown out by them."

Dukakis said that the ERA would provide a broad range of protection against inequality in areas not covered under present law. It will place the duty on the state rather on the individual to guarantee equality under the law.

Need for a Mass. ERA declared

By Kate Maloney

If the Federal Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) does not pass in the near future, an ERA for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be especially crucial to guaranteeing women and minorities equality under the laws, Kitty Dukakis, a leading proponent of the state ERA said.

Dukakis's statement was made at a rally in support of the state ERA held by the Association of MIT Alumnae (AMITA) and the Association of Women Students (AWS) at MIT on Wednesday evening.

Dukakis asserted that the ERA will have no effect on abortion laws or marriage laws. "ERA has no place in a discussion about abortion," she said, adding that she felt that pressure would be put on Catholics to believe the opposition.

With the passage of the ERA, Dukakis said, the influx of retired nuns would come from the higher wage of a couple, and widowers as well as widows would be able to get death benefits. She therefore urged her audience to "vote for ERA not only for women but also for the men scattered among you who will also be affected."

By Stephen Rosen

"Technological growth has little or nothing to do with alienation," stated Paul Henshaw at a Technology Studies Seminar on Wednesday.

Henshaw, a member of the Department of Science and Technology at the Smithsonian Institution, said that "menkind is no more disenchanted [by technological advancement] than at the time of the Industrial Revolution." "Each generation perceives the same increase of discomfort because of technological growth," Henshaw asserted, adding that "biological and social adaptation to technology continues from generation to generation and each generation accommodates it."

Henshaw asserted that technological growth is exponential rather than linear because invariance breeds more invention, therefore combating the technological growth. Henshaw defined technological alienation as "hostility toward technology" or "estrangement" because of uncontrolled technology. He said that "uncontrolled growth can contribute to alienation," but that exponential growth does not produce the same effects. Some people, he added, "thrive on the pace of increasing technology." He noted that young people are adaptable and can turn technology to their advantage.

Whether technology will "turn cancerous and result in the decay of civilization," is one of the positions facing the future of technological growth, Henshaw said. Henshaw favored continued technological and economic growth. He sees an expansion into outer space as the basis for continued cultural and technological growth.

Henshaw said that he believes that "we are faced with two alternatives: we can stay on earth depleting our resources, or we can support continued technological growth which will lead to the preservation of our present culture.

Fall blood drive to open; aims for 1700-pint goal

By William Lasser

The Technology Community Association's fall Blood Drive will be held Oct. 27 to Nov. 3, in an effort to collect 1,700 pints of blood.

The drive, headed by Shannon Maker '78, is using the slogan "Lend a Hand - Give a Pint - Save a Life" in its attempt to exceed last year's total of 1,679 pints. As an incentive to donors, both the Delta Lambda Council and the Inter-Fraternity Council are offering free beer to the living groups which provide the highest percentage of their members as donors.

Appointment forms will be available at various places throughout the Institute, Prospective donors are asked to fill out the forms and send them to TCA through interdepartmental mail. The donors will receive confirmation of their appointment immediately.

There will also be representatives in most living groups who will have the forms. Walk-ins, donors without appointments, will be accepted, but appointments are preferred.

The "dead fast" spring was disappointing to TCA because it considered an over_quota buy on campus. "We hope to make up for that now," said Lucy Everett '79, TCA's publicity chairman.

TCA is planning a cable television adreption for the drive, but details remain to be worked out, Everett said.

"Alienation not caused by technology"