TCA expulsion sought on 2nd charge

By Mark James

The expulsion of the entire Technologies Community Association (TCA) staff is sought in the second set of charges filed before the Committee on Discipline in connection with the Gropp picture in the TCA-sponsored Freshman Picturebook. TCA President Robert M. Melendez '78 said that TCA members will be contacted individually after any response is made to the new charge. He speculated that the charge may not be accepted as it stands because it contains no names of individuals.

Assistant Director of Admissions John Mack '77 confirmed earlier reports that he had filed these charges. The charges were filed on Friday, March 12, and filed by Associate Professor of Political Science William Johnson as for the expulsion of the Picturebook's Editor, David Soule '78 (See complete text of Johnson's charge below).

According to a well-placed source, Mack charged that TCA was involved in a cover-up of the information behind the assertion that the picture was not released by MIT because it contained a gorilla. The source said that Mack told TCA that it was a joke on MIT's part.

Press advocates use of many energy sources

The Tech: Is nuclear energy essential or desirable in the next 25 years?

Press: I think it's absolutely essential.

When do you do the energy body check? You do it when we can do with conservation, you see what you can do with the diminishing oil and natural gas (reserves). You throw in coal, and a realistic assessment of how rapidly you can bring it on stream, when you do all these things, and you balance the energy, books, there's a big gap, that has to be filled by nuclear. I just don't see any other way to do it, if you want to maintain the lifestyle in this country reasonably close to what we have now. If we can do everything we can with conservation — and that's the best way to go — there will still be a gap that has to be filled with nuclear.

The Tech: Do you see that being filled with breeder-type reactors?

Press: The light-water breeder reactors will carry us on quite a way. Eventually, we will have to start to make up the gap.

Original charges against Soule:

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3. David Soule was aware that the Picturebook would be distributed, (for purchase or otherwise) to members of the MIT community and to members of the Freshman Class.

4. Being a person of normal or above intelligence, prima facia evidence of which is his prior admission to MIT as a regular student, Mr. Soule must have been aware that the picture and caption could be taken as harassment by 1. students of the Freshman Class of the following implications, any one of which would be inappropriate for the booklet and for any publication enjoying the cover of official sanction by the Institute.

a. That the gorilla is a member of the Freshman class.

b. That the gorilla is a citizen of the state of Uganda.

c. That the students who come from Uganda to the Institute.

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The charges continue that Soule, "not only harbors irrational hostility and misguided cognitions about Ugandans, Africans, and black people, and perhaps racist proclivities in general."

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