news roundup

World

Tension lessens in Bermuda — After violent black demonstrations in the island of Bermuda, the atmosphere is gradually returning to normal. The troops sent by Great Britain to quell the rioting are no longer prominent, tourists are returning, and the flights to and from Bermuda are being shortened to save curtain time which it plans to end as soon as possible.

Mideast

Diplomatic relations severed — Egypt has cut diplomatic ties with Syria, Libya, and the Palestinians. The move was to counter attempts to isolate Syria and Libya and to allow President Sadat to continue talking with the Israelis. It also serves as a warning to Jordan, with whom the Soviet Union is ending relations with Libya and the Palestinians was a purely symbolic act because Libya is a small nation and has no army to back up its small economic interests. By cutting relations with Syria, Libya, and the Palestinians, Egypt is warning the Arab world to cease associating with the Soviets.

Coal miners go on strike — As of midnight Monday the United Mine Workers have been on strike nationwide. Negotiations between the miners and the coal industry reached a stalemate over the union demand for the right to strike in their individual companies. The strike will result in the lay-off of over 3,000 workers as coal hauling and coal hauling companies begin to shut down operations.

State

Bill to reduce insurance company taxes — This week the State Legislature will act on a bill that may give domestic insurance companies in Massachusetts a tax break that could cost $100 million. The proposal would replace the present one percent gross investment tax with an income tax. If a company contributes over $500 million during that five-year period to the state, it will be granted a $100 million tax break. The proposal has companies contributing over $500 million during that five-year period to the state which could not obtain funds from any other source.

Special to The Tech

Three times proved a charm as David A. Schaller '78 was elected Chairman of The Tech for Volume 98 at the annual election meeting held Sunday on his third run for the position of honor.

After the meeting, brunch was served, and for almost four hours, patrons mingled and discussed the future of The Tech. The Executive Board was chosen, and the new Executive Board comprises: Paul Wurman '78, Editor; Kathleen M. Thompson '80, Managing Editor; and Lee C. Lordington '79, Business Manager.

For their valuable experience and advice, seven contributing editors were elected: Gordon Half '79, William H. Harper '79, Rebecca L. Waring '79, Kevin A. Wagner '78, Dave S. Blakeman '80, Katy I. Grupp '80, and Leonard Tower Jr.

Finally, a new board position was created, that of Senior Editor. To fill it, candidates are evaluated by the editors, with the winner elected to run for the position of honor. Those elected are: Mark J. Mankecki '80, William Lower '79, David H. Thompson, Mark H. Jones, David B. Koniezer, and Kathy J. Hardin.

The newly elected Board members will take over The Tech with the first issue of Volume 98 in January.