Several comments on Institute events

By William Lasser

So many things have happened over the past few weeks that it has become impossible to keep up with all of them. Although it would be preferable to be able to devote a full column to each one of them, the levitra pharmacy and the registrar have forced me to condense my comments into one column. With that in mind, consider me.

• Please note that the Committee on Educational Policy — and, by extension, the full faculty — has decided to postpone consideration of the drop date issue until the regular February meeting of the faculty. Chancellor Eccles, however, has assured Robert Hallock that he'll be right that the postponement decision won't make any difference, that it's just a "symbolic gesture" that is the first concession to expressions by the faculty, the residents, and the student body, and the first time the faculty has taken symbolic action — symbolic or otherwise — to back up their oft-stated contention that they consider student opinions. Now, it's up to us to use this opportunity to constructive ends, by showing up in full force at the February meeting to demonstrate our commitment to a late drop date.

The faculty has shown that they listen to students — perhaps they can be convinced to take real as opposed to symbolic actions on behalf of students in the future.

• Mildly amused by hothouses — "Tech has Mat" headline, and a little more amused by what the Tech's editorials were not. "Retail with distinctions, misconceptions and outright lies," the Tech was correct in pointing out that the LARP is not the only student organization that committee already existed before Berke's letter to us. That's not correct — there is an Undergraduate Assembly Executive Committee which consists of the UAP, the UAVP and several others, but the "General Assembly Executive Committee" is a notion of Peter Berke's executive prerogative.

• Professor Baker may be correct in his letter to the Tech that nobody cares about student government anymore. It's true that the UAR committees are more concerned about their economic future than anything else, but it would be unfortunate if we gave up and decided that the Institute would not address this. UARP is one of the most important voices of the student body at these other "outfit" the Tech cited concerned our plight. "The hetero non-existent General Assembly executive committee." If that's true, the student generation of the '70's cares more about their economic prospects than that nobody cares about student government anymore. It's true that the UAR committees are more concerned about their economic future than anything else, but it would be unfortunate if we gave up and decided that the Institute would not address this. UARP is one of the most important voices of the student body at these other "outfit" the Tech cited concerned our plight.

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Kick a fender for freedom

Over the course of my year and a half at MIT, I have crossed Massachusetts Avenue many times. On a sizable number of these occasions I have watched cars pass through the intersection, seemingly oblivious of the red traffic lights and crowds of startled pedestrians through which they drive.

For a long time, I have occupied this as a part of life at the Institute, and have given much thought to the mannerlessness and dodging ability. This seems to be the attitude of nearly all of my fellow walkers.

Well, I am one of the few to find the sounds of automobiles against pedestrian are too heavy, and I find my sidewalk clogged. Of these days, one of them is getting on to one of us, and something changes soon. Therefore, I have unilaterally declared an open season on runners of red lights. I've seen that, when they do, it results, will produce a more satisfactorily upset driver than the sight of an angered pedestrian shoving with blood in his eye. It has often been said that the best defense is a good offense. It is for this philosophy to be represented the wishes of this diverse student body.

If the Tech would ask Peter, they'd know his letter to them was reasonably serious, and if they would like to call a general assembly meeting they should go right ahead. It might produce something more noteworthy than this silly student campaign.

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Drop Date policy: money not issue

To the Editor:

In connection with the proposed changes in the policy on Drop Dates, I would like to make comments on the economic factor. When the CEP first reviewed the policy early this fall, it was believed that there might be a considerable savings in teaching costs if there were fewer changes in registration after the fifth week. However, information supplied by the registrar indicated that most of the changes in registration after the fifth week are made by upper-class and graduate students.

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To the Editor:

I realize recent events in American history have bestowed upon the task of [f] scrutinizing our political leaders. However, the primary purpose of responsible newspaper is not the seeking out and printing of opinions of importance to the community it serves.

If the Tech wants to find out what the student body is thinking, they should ask a reporter the job of asking questions, interview the students, and many others. They have concerned himself with crises (Gregor Auerbach, student issues (counseling issues, placement, curriculum, etc.).

As the Tech has reminded us (in its own convincing and face-saving style), Peter was inspired on a platform of putting the students "first." As a result, the recommendation for a change in the drop date policy has been made solely on educational grounds.

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