Defeat CAP drop proposal

The proposal recommended by the Committee on Academic Performance to change drop date must be defeated at the faculty meeting tomorrow. The proposal to move the eleventh week drop date back to the fifth week of the term with one day afterward is not in the best interest of students, nor is it necessary. Although only a small number of students each term would be affected by an earlier drop date, the academic freedom of the entire student body would be unduly restricted by this decision.

The CAP proposal is not the most effective method of disciplining students who overload coursework. A far more flexible solution exists: a solution that is much more responsive to the needs of the student population. The advisor-student relationship must be defeated at the faculty meeting tomorrow. That solution is to have drop requests reviewed by someone familiar with the needs of the student on a case by case basis.

A mechanism already exists for implementing this solution. It is the faculty advisor-student relationship.

Please all advisors are required to sign all add and drop cards. If the faculty feels that it is unwise for a student to drop more than one course after the fifth week, they should stress this opinion to all faculty advisors. Unusual circumstances that would warrant more than one drop after the fifth week could be handled in a manner more personal than petitioning.

Snowstorm: New Disaster Film

By George Cena

A new film named Snowstorm has just hit the market and may turn out to be one of the best of this year. Released by Michael Stanley Productions, it stars the United States National Guard with special effects by Governor Mike Dukakis and President Jimmy Carter, and a whole host of extras. Snowstorm is the true story of the biggest disaster film of the year. Mother Nature Productions continues to produce the best disaster films money can buy. Following its last critically acclaimed film, New York City: Who Turned Us The Lights Out?, California, Mother Nature has again achieved excellence with Snowstorm. It is hard to remember when such a cold-hard tale had such a disheartening impact on its audience. The story begins in a tiny low pressure center over the Gulf of Mexico. It builds until Mother Nature spits her precipitation right over New England. Crazies are heard from Rhode Island to Maine. Mourning is felt in every corner of the country. The National Guard tries to rescue the disaster-stricken city of Boston.

No viewer could stop the tears flowing in a warm scene showing farmland citizens, toesches dashed in their fields, yelling, "I'm sick of being snowed in, I can't swallow anymore."

The Air Force makes a special appearance by dropping tons of snow on all time pills over Boston.

When the storm finally clears the people of the United States, we see the National Guard make their first film appearance since It Happened in Ohio. Carrying shovels instead of rifles over their khaki-covered shoulders, they attempt to rescue the disaster-stricken city of Boston.

The climax of the film comes when Governor Michael Dukakis declares a State Of Emergency and tells Boston citizens that they should stay in bed for the next week. The Duke says, "It won't be too hard, if you've been doing it for a long time."

Jimmy Carter makes his first film appearance as the President, who is frozen into siding a declaration of disaster. Congressmen Tip O'Neill accomplishes this as he switches Pictures of the Entertainment to England. Armi with onto of the South Bronx.

A fine cast as well as a brilliant plot mark this film as one of the best disaster films ever. Film critics are looking forward to Mother Nature Productions next film, Whatever Happened to the Empire State Building?, featuring an awe-inspiring tornado that hits midtown Manhattan.

The CIA on campus: files and recruitment

By Bob Wasserman

Although new director Stanfor Turner of the Central Intelligence Agency has recently begun a "cleansing out" of the CIA's past policies, new facts about past covert activities are still emerging. The most striking revelation is the extent to which it seems that the CIA was not only involved in Chile and Cuba, but on a larger scale.

Due to a leak to the New America Quarterly, an article by two National Security Agency groups, MIT analysts have been declassified by the CIA concerning their on-campus activities. MIT's political activities, as well as the general political situation on the politically active campuses of the late 1960's until early 1970's.

One of the most important activities by the CIA in colleges was the secret recruitment of CIA agents and informants among students and faculty. These recruiters were often involved in undercover operations, often faculty paid along the line of getting students to told CIA acquaintances or these recruiters or their agents were actually paid CIA agents as well as members of the college's staff. These recruiters also collected information on campus political activities, as well as on faculty and students.

The CIA directed several other unethical procedures on campus during the past. These included recruitment offers, CIA-sponsors research, and even paid CIA covert actions on campuses. A report to the Committee to Stop Government Spying, a group based in Cambridge, MA, provides evidence of CIA covert activities on campuses. The Committee to Stop Government Spying's activities, including consulting, were pursued at universities nationwide.

Several colleges are currently investigating past and present CIA activities, including the University of Wisconsin and Michigan State University. The University of Pennsylvania is researching spying by campus police, the Philadelphia Police and the FBI. The Cornell Daily Sun has even reported that the CIA-funded Society for the Investigation of Human Ecology, which directed nationwide mind control research. The campaign to stop Government Spying, a group based in Washington, D.C., reports on the best ways to organize efforts to investigate CIA covert actions on campuses. A Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request by any individual or group can also be filed with the CIA for documents relating to any college. Applications are simple to submit, although in the past there is a three-to-four month period during which such requests are often ignored.

Another important right of all students is legislation in the Buckley Act which gives all college students access to their educational records. This Bill also applies to political files, and further rights include written permission from the student before any information may be released.

The CIA has a proven background of operations at MIT, for example, the founding of the Center for International Studies, which was proven to be the prototype for CIA-funded think-tanks. It is now time for past CIA actions at MIT to be investigated, including monitored recruitment offers, CIA-sponsored research, and even paid CIA covert actions on campuses in the past. These included research sponsored by the CIA, such as intelligence agencies such as the Korean CIA.