You, too, can get a real MIT diploma

By Bob Wasserman

For all of you seniors who are not sure if you are really graduating from MIT, don't worry, because the Diploma Service Company has just the right thing for you. You can also purchase a non-authentic diploma from almost all major universities, whether or not you are actually enrolled at the school.

The Diploma Service Company has offices in Marina del Rey, California, and in New York, and regularly advertises in the New York Times, Los Angeles Times, and in other newspapers around the country. Their "basic" diploma costs $10, with certain extras such as including the graduate's degree or major running a little bit more.

Although it is as portable as a Brass Rat, an MIT diploma could do wonders for your job opportunities. When you think about it, oil wonders for your job opportunities. When you think about it, oil

Universities themselves are beginning to catch on to Diploma Services, Co. Robert Houghland, a registrar at Stanford, recently sent a letter to the company expressing a desire for a market in his school. The company promptly sent him one, although it cost only $8. What's worse, there were several mistakes on the diploma, which was that of a later Stanford president, and one of the other signatures implied-.

Robert Houghland had previously ordered several diplomas for possible advancement at Stanford due to the new circumstances. He is not the only college lucky enough to be represented by the Diploma Service Company. William Hall, a University of Southern California registrar, recently called Marina del Rey to order a USC diploma for his wife. The company was quite obliged, realizing the importance of their new and their traditional work.

The State of California, however, is after the Diploma Service Company. Senator George, who has already served college and law degrees the hard way, has pressed charges against the company. California is seeking injunctions against the sale of the fake diplomas, and the Diploma Service Company could receive fines of nearly $2,500 for each diploma sold. Absorbing this additional one, however, would still make the fictional diplomas competitive to the ones offered by most American institutions.

Several Eastern Universities told the Chronicle of Higher Education that they had heard of these type of false diplomas, but had not seen any problems. Princeton University was not concerned with the false impressions these diplomas might have, for they insisted that it's easy to recognize a real Princeton man. Harvard University was less sure of Service's offerings, due to the future impact of their recently approved core curriculum. The university officials stated that Harvard graduates and will be so well educated in the future, due to the new degree requirements, that any important consequences of diplomas are unlikely.

So if academic life at MIT gets you down one in a while, don't be discouraged. You are not the only one. MIT does offer you the opportunity to help you. MIT is more than a college education, it is an experience, and most of us experience the real MIT the minute we get here. A diploma is just a piece of paper, and it's not going to help you in making your decisions about seniors or passing that departmental requirement, you deserve an MIT degree anyway. After all, ninety percent is still an A, isn't it?

Reader not ready for Teddy

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the recent editorial entitled "Teddy ready for the big one?" I think that editorial would have been better titled "Are you ready for the big one?"

Yes, it's true that Ted Kennedy is way up in the polls as a feasible winner in the upcoming 1980 presidential election, and it is due in no small measure to the country that we are reading of a glorious "Ted" on the evening news, or that he can hand-write in hand with President Carter, and how determined that his political insurance plan will be a success. We are all for Ted, it is really desirable. It is fortunate that so many people think that Ted is an excellent senator, and Ted is really thinking of you, the reader, for the sake of Ted's election.

If you happen to see Ted in a canoe, look at what Senator Kennedy is up to. Ted happens to be sitting at his comfortable position and slow down slightly right of center. Senator Kennedy along with [Senator] Strom Thurmond [R. S. Carolina] last year pushed through the Senate what is fondly called the "Civil Rights Act of 1957." It is a down-sized version of a bill that was brought to the House in post-Watergate days by the Nixon-Mitchellк coalition and completely revamps the Federal criminal code. It has since been rejected and passed by the Senate by a vote as S. 1437. It is currently under review in a Judiciary Subcommittee on Criminal Justice and will be voted on in the House as H.R. 6699. H.R. 6699 does all of the following:

-Encourages the perpetration of lying
-Imposes new limits on freedom of speech and the press guarantees "soothing immunity" in cases of rape that the bizarre states may take place within 100 yards of a federal building. Etc. It is difficult to see that these classes are essentially on an attack on the Bill of Rights. Kennedy and Senator McClellan (D. Arkansas) are now the prime proposers of this bill. The strength of a democratic nation lies in the supervision and monitoring of its people. Perhaps if we are ready for this one, we are getting ready for a police state.

Name withheld on request.

Watch your bare feet at MIT

To the Editor:

Many MIT students have been walking barefoot for the good of the place. They should stop. There are a lot of risks, broken glass and even razor blades on the sidewalks and streets. Anyone without shoes is taking serious injury.

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surprise, intimidation and violations of human rights on a massive scale. And, unfortunately, American government not only the Shah but cooperates fully in his surveillance and harassment of Iranian students in the US. There have been attempts to deport Iranian students for their political activities. Surely Mr. Birdwell can see that Iranians students are justified in working about being potentially identified as opponents of the Shah. The CAFT supports the right of any Iranian student not to be photographed at all times when they choose to. The real issue here is not if Mr. Birdwell's right to take pictures, but the right of Iranian students to protest repression in their country without fear for their lives.

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Iranians wary of photographs

To the Editor:

We are writing this letter as organizers of the meeting in defense of Iranian political prisoners which was held April 25. We wish to respond to the letter from Mr. Douglas Birdwell, a Photographer for The Tech, which appeared in the April 28 issue of The Tech. In his letter, Birdwell complained that he was physically threatened for taking pictures at the meeting.

We wish to make clear that the committee which organized the meeting, the Committee for Artistic and Intellectual Freedom in Iran (CAFT) did not make any threats whatever against Mr. Birdwell.

At the same time, we wish to point out that there is a difference between a newspaper publicizing the speaker, speeches and political points presented at a public meeting and publishing information about who attends the meeting. Quite simply, it is dangerous for Iranian students to attend political meetings against the government and while in Iran.

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