Yearbook's literary technique is improvement over last year

There's something very different about the 1980 Technique — it contains copy, essays, captions, interviews, and quotations. It seems that Technique has finally decided to supplement their photographic commentary with some word-oriented written narrative. The presence of all this text greatly improves the overall balance of the book, but the major fault now seems to lie in the choice of the subject matter of the essays.

"Instead of putting together another end-of-the-decade-what went-right-with-the-seventies esay, we decided to concentrate on one important aspect of the past decade: the apparent decline of student activism and reform movement," this passage opens Technique's eight-page interview with Noam Chomsky which immediately follows an essay on the draft. Which of these essays would interest a graduate of the class of 1981? Most likely, the piece on the draft, something that occurred during his stay at MIT. At the height of student activism of the '70s, most of us were still in high school. Had Chomsky been interviewed on current student activism, the piece would have ideally complemented the draft and Seahorse essays. The point is does the interview belong in what is supposed to be a record of four years at MIT? The essay by Jerome Wiener also seems out of place — it reads like the 1980 commencement address rather than a former president's reminiscences. A few more photos of Wiener and text would have saved the section much interest.

Technique does have its share of interesting text. The sections on teaching, getting away from the Institute, and Wellesley lend a personal touch that has been missing from recent volumes. The short pieces on faith, science, and the future conference and the place Chomsky is in informative (but a lot of people know about these), and the account of the Bentley Hall Skydell Recovery Team adds some necessary humor.

In the area of representing a record of four years at MIT, the journal section includes almost everything. In this section one finds photos of the Baker piano drop, president-elect Paul Gray, the 2.70 design contest, and the Waterbuck — see this classic Waterbuck (now sold only in real bottoms), Ponderosa Pine, Space, Heavy duty safety line, top of the new lap top mats made with heavy thermal material. All items at all stores. These items were on sale for $5.50 including postage. 1979-1980


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