CSA considers 1981 calendar change

By Richard Salt
The Committee on Student Affairs (CSA) is considering two main proposals to insure that first term finals will end before Christmas and that Registration Day is started the following day after Labor Day; classes have started the following day. Next Labor Day falls on September 7, so if Registration Day is September 14, classes with final exams would be held on Friday. The last two exam days would be Monday and Tuesday, December 21 and 22.

Classes in previous years would end on Friday and finals started on the next weekday. The weekend provided a buffer zone between classes and examinations. In addition, classes with a final exam ended on Wednesday, effectively providing a four-day "reading period." If the four-day reading period were not kept, exams in the last day of final examinations would fall on Sunday.

Speaking before the General Assembly (GA) last week, Professor Arthur Smith, CSA chairman, outlined some of the proposals the committee is considering to preserve the reading period while avoiding Christmas eve finals. The CSA will make a presentation at the November 19 faculty meeting. The faculty will make a final decision in February.

The proposal which was originally discussed before the team was refused the bid when the playoffs began another week. The team was formed only four days after the team was expanded to four, and the idea of a "small part of it" (the structure after the team was formed) for a number of reasons, in addition to the team was considered in keeping with the advisory structure, unlike the hundred other circular rings observed above. Voyager 1 is now leaving the Solar System, following Pioneer 10 into interstellar space at 311,000 mph. MITV will be running exclusive color films from 12:30 to 4:30 today, and 12:30-3:30 Tuesday on Cable channel 8. J. Stall: With a "sharper of 80 miles, the crater discovered Wednesday on Mars is 4/4 the size of the Saturnian satellite, the highest such ratio yet discovered in the Solar System. (Photos courtesy NASA)

Ooops!

"...the city will not have the money to hire a single policeman, a single fireman, or a single public works employee."

Clifford Truesdell

Football rejects playoff bid

By Bob How
The MIT football club was offered to play the upcoming National Collegiate Football Association (NCAA) playoffs, but declined the offer. The playoff structure was expanded from its original format.

The Engineers, whose 6-1 record garnered third place in the season, was expanded to six teams, extending the playoffs another week. The Engineers decided that this was not acceptable.

The team did not accept the bid for a number of reasons, including the late change in playoff structure after the team was "almost promised" a two-weekend, four-team format, according to a team member. In addition, "a small part of it (the schedule)" was the fact that the playoff will now include two teams from the New England Conference, not four teams, as in the last third of the season, when the league competition was close, the commissioner wanted to increase the field to 13 teams and was met by resistance from the teams.

The commissioner noted, "I have been contacted by numerous coaches explaining that more than four teams in the playoffs will produce too long a season and become too expensive for the traveling teams."