Z. Link now on right track

By Vittoria Michele, Jr.

The Link, founded two years ago as an “alternative newspaper, reemerged this week from the first of its revenue plans as Z. Link, a bi-weekly conservative tabloid.

According to Coordinator Z. Mike Salomonstall-Lowell IV ’54, “We were looking for a place on the east end of campus in which we could sip our Bloodies in relative peace, and Link offered us our office in return for paying off their back debts. They insisted that we take their equipment as part of the deal, and eventually we decided to try our hand at some journalism. I sort of felt I owed it to Mummy and Daddy for bringing me up properly and sending me to the right schools. They were so happy when I told them the news that they even gave me their Saab around a tree.”

Cute Girl Muffy Lowell-Salomonstall ’54, commented, “We felt that it was only appropriate to bring out our first issue on the occasion of George Bush’s visit to MIT. He was Andover ‘42, you know, and they think he’s just completely darling. . . . We chose to keep the Link format and name so that we could spend more time drinking and less in creative thought—ice, hee . . .”

Advertising is reported to be completely sold out through December, and planned activities for the fall include a casino party and a skating trip to Vail.

Novel activities occupy dorm rooms

By Frecy Cocaine

The Housing Office announced today that empty dormitory rooms will be filled by “revenue-producing activities” according to Gene Brammer ’54, Director of Housing and Food Services. Presently, there are 76 open rooms in the dormitory system.

According to Brammer, the openings in the housing system “came about because of total incompetence in the Admissions Office and a complete disaster with the Dean for Student Affairs.” These open rooms will result in a revenue loss of approximately $100,000.

Robert A. Sherwood ’54, Associate Dean for Student Affairs, noted that “Brammer obviously knows nothing about housing.”

To earn back some of the lost revenue because of the lost dormitory rooms, according to Brammer, the Housing Office is going to install video games in each room. Brammer explained that by putting two video games in each room, the housing system can expect to bring in approximately $1,200 each term. Although this figure is higher than the amount of money presently brought in by rent, Sherwood said that “at present there are no plans to ask students to move out of their dorms and be replaced by video games. This is under serious consideration by the office, however.”

Other ideas presently under consideration include equipping rooms with waterbeds that would be rented out by the hour. Also, some rooms could be rented out for one night at a time for students with noncooperative roommates or for students who return to their rooms and find that their roommates have locked them out for the night.

“Last year for Student Affairs Shirley McKay ’54 noted that she is very interested in this new plan and will personally go out to inspect the dorm rooms, ‘if someone will tell me where the dormitories are.’

Strip mines to replace sports on Briggs Field

By Puffinie Frolic

As the first step in implementing its long-awaited corporate investment on campus, MIT has leased the mineral rights to Briggs Field to Kerr Consolidated, Inc., according to President E. Gray ’54.

The Reagan Administration’s recent elimination of all unnecessary and costly environmental hurdles imposed by previous administrations assures that strip mining will begin almost immediately. Some barriers will be erected to prevent students’ clothes from being soiled as they trot off to class.

“This development is a logical outgrowth of the new position that natural resources are here to be used and abused, an attitude we previously held only about students,” commented President E. Gray. Gray noted that similar activities are under consideration for next year, including MIT’s gas drilling rights to the Chapel mound and timber rights to the Great Court.

MIT will retain control over the lacrosse and field hockey fields. Theicky sports of football, baseball, and soccer will have to be eliminated from the athletic program, and increased emphasis will be placed on squash, tennis, and sailing.

Gator shirts walk away?

By Cole Slaw

A rash of Lacoste shirt thefts has occurred since Wednesday, October 21, reported MacGregor Judicial Committee (Judcomm) Chairman Lawrence Leverett Kirkland ’54. The natty sport shirts also have recently been stolen from other undergraduate dormitories on both sides of the campus, reported Chief of Campus Patrol James Olivieri ’54. Understandably, no thefts have occurred in any of the graduate residences.

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Peter H. Richardson ’54, Director of Admissions, belittled the eff ect of the new policies will have on incoming classes, "The applicant pool will of, course, decline," said Richardson. "Median SAT scores may decline by, say, two or three hundred points, but with a wealthier class, other factors make the candidate more attrac-tive. We will, no doubt, continue to admit a few enterprising stu-dents from lower income brackets."

Director of Student Financial Aid Leonard V. Gallagher ’54 en-dorsed the Academic Council’s decision. "Now we won’t have to hassle with those damn financial aid statements any more," he noted. "Hey, I may be out of a job," he noticed.

"I’m sure the Academic Coun-cil will invite me to the discus-sion," said Undergraduate As-sociation President John E. DeRubeis ’54, when informed of the policy change.

Reaganomics comes to MIT

By Hairy S. Vermin

"If you can’t beat ‘em, join ‘em," said President Paul E. Gray ’54, explaining the Academic Council’s decision to base future changes in tuition and equity level on the supply-side economic theories of President Ronald W. Reagan ’54. The new policy is part of the broad-sweeping tax cut and energy recovery program of the Gray Administration. (See related stories, this page.)

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