Editorials

**Vote in MA today**

Today's Massachusetts primaries present voters with clear choices for the future of state politics. A continuing series of scandals and questionable state policies over the past four years has left many Massachusetts voters embarrassed at its citizens. Change is needed, both in the governor's seat and in our state representative's office.

Voting in the Democratic gubernatorial race appears to be lost in a war of invectives, a choice between the two candidates — Governor Edward J. King and former governor Michael Dukakis. In the course of the campaign, King has tried to obscure his administration's record of scandal and claimed his economic policies have brought economic recovery to the Commonwealth. The governor now spends his time traversing the state to announce any new project with which he can associate himself. Most of his economic policy, such as the recently-contracted state income tax reduction, are blatantly political actions with little or no significant economic worth. There is, indeed, little a governor can do to cure the state's economy woes, which are part of the national malaise.

Dukakis' administration suffers its setbacks and mistakes. Nevertheless, the choice in the Democratic primary is obvious. Dukakis will be a good governor. Four more years of King's policies and politics will be unbearable.

In the three-way fight for the Republican gubernatorial nomination, there is also one clear choice: John W. Sears. Sears has a respected record in the state Republican Party. He has run an honorable campaign, a rarity in Massachusetts politics. Of his opponents, John Lakian has been discredited as a candidate, and State Representative Andrew Card's campaign has yet to start.

In the five-way race for nomination for Lieutenant Governor on the Democratic side, one candidate stands out. Evelyn Murphy, winner of the non-binding party convention nomination, proved herself as state environmental affairs secretary under Dukakis in the business community.

One local race where MIT votes could have a significant impact is the race for state representative in Middlesex County's 25th district. The candidate stands out. Evelyn Murphy, winner of the non-binding party convention nomination, proved herself as state environmental affairs secretary under Dukakis in the business community.

The decision by Congress to override President Reagan's veto of a $14.1 billion supplemental appropriations bill is a wise one. The President vetoed the bill by $70 million more than Reagan requested for social programs, including $217 million for student aid, and $2.1 billion less for military spending than the President desired.

The benefit to the MIT community is obvious. With more federal funding available, students will be better able to study or conduct research at the Institute, rather than be forced into the job market prematurely by financial exigencies.

On a larger scale, the vote to override is the President's major chance at political backlash, and his first major break with the Republican-controlled Senate. The defeat of 21 Republican Senators, though, is not the harbinger of continued strife between the President and the Senate, as some optimistic Democrats hope. In all likelihood the defeat was due to the desire of Republican congressmen up for re-election to distance themselves from the President and his policies.

Whatever the reason for the override, its effects are welcome.

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**Leers and coping at Wellesley**

"Half the world knows not how the other half lives." — George Herbert

Taking a Wellesley subject seems to be some great dirty joke at MIT. Everyone here seems to assume Wellesley is just a green place with a 2000:0 male:female ratio. No one believes anything academic goes on there, or at least nothing academic for men.

Even the women I know feel this way. It was recently suggested to me about the dreariness and drudgery of MIT, and I suggested she register for a subject at Wellesley. "Why," she said, "I'm not a man."

I am taking a class at Wellesley. I am a man (for the record). I am tired of having my friends snicker and jab me in the ribs when I tell them I'm taking a class at Wellesley.

"But you know the only reason you're dragging yourself out there twice a week is to meet girls," people have said to me (frequently in more vulgar terms). I know no such thing. My class consists of introduction to politics, not introduction to women.

I am a political science major and my political science professor, Michael Lombardi, has consistently voted against women's rights, in favor of the bottle bill, and has campaigned actively for the nuclear freeze. We endorse V. Michael Bove '83, a candidate who is pro-choice, in favor of affirmative action, supportive of women's rights, in favor of the bottle bill, and in favor of the nuclear freeze. We endorse Bove '83.

I am a man. If I were a woman I would vote for a woman. I will not, however, be charged with going to Wellesley for the express purpose of picking up women. The reasons I am going to Wellesley are as follows:

1. Wellesley is a good school.
2. I am a political science major and in favor of the nuclear freeze. We endorse Bove '83.
3. Wellesley is in the country. Walking around out there — on the grass, through the trees, over the hills—is refreshing.
4. Wellesley is not MIT. This is what in Yiddish is called a mitzvak. Wellesley provides a stark contrast to the Institute. Getting away from the gray, stony, turgid existence here is great. No one is an engineer. Buildings and subject have names instead of numbers. The whole orientation is toward liberal arts for women, rather than engineering for men.

"Outside Looking In." — V. Michael Bove '83

I went to my first class at Wellesley last Thursday. I was very nervous. Coming from MIT and a high school with a 20:50 ratio, I have never been in a situation where I was the only man. I breathed a sigh of relief when I ran into another guy on his way to the same class. I wouldn't be the only one. The women with whom I had a chance to talk before and after class were very friendly. Still, I had the feeling they were all watching me to see why I was there and what I was up to. I felt I have to prove — or disprove — something to them, though I'm not entirely sure what.

I think I'm beginning to understand what women here at MIT feel. For example, I never understood why MIT freshmen flock to McCormick Hall. I couldn't figure out why, with 4:1 ratio, they didn't take advantage of living in a dormitory with an almost infinite supply of men. After the flood of relief I felt upon meeting another man in my class, I appreciate a woman's point of view here much better. It's not easy to be different, be one of the best men in a woman's world, or vice versa.

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