

Faculty debates writing policy

By Tony Zamparutti

The faculty moved Wednesday "to endorse the establishment of a Writing Requirement," but again postponed consideration of three proposals to implement the requirement until its next meeting April 21.

Debate on the three motions was postponed to allow clarification of the role of the Standing Faculty Committee on the Writing Requirement called for in the proposal. Several faculty members, including Professor of Physics Robert I. Hulsizer Ph.D. '48, contended the new committee's role would conflict with that of the Committee on Curricula.

About 80 faculty members attended Wednesday's meeting.

Felix M. H. Villars, Chairman of the Faculty, opened Wednesday's debate by declaring, "A large fraction of our students — roughly 50 percent — have a writing problem of some kind." About 10 percent of MIT undergraduates have a writing problem that "is a handicap to their profession," said Villars.

The Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) proposed to the faculty a two-stage requirement for students entering the Institute beginning September 1983. The first stage is "concerned with basic expository writing competence" and the second stage is "designed to engage upperclass students in the more specialized forms of writing that are necessary within their professional disciplines," according to the CEP report.

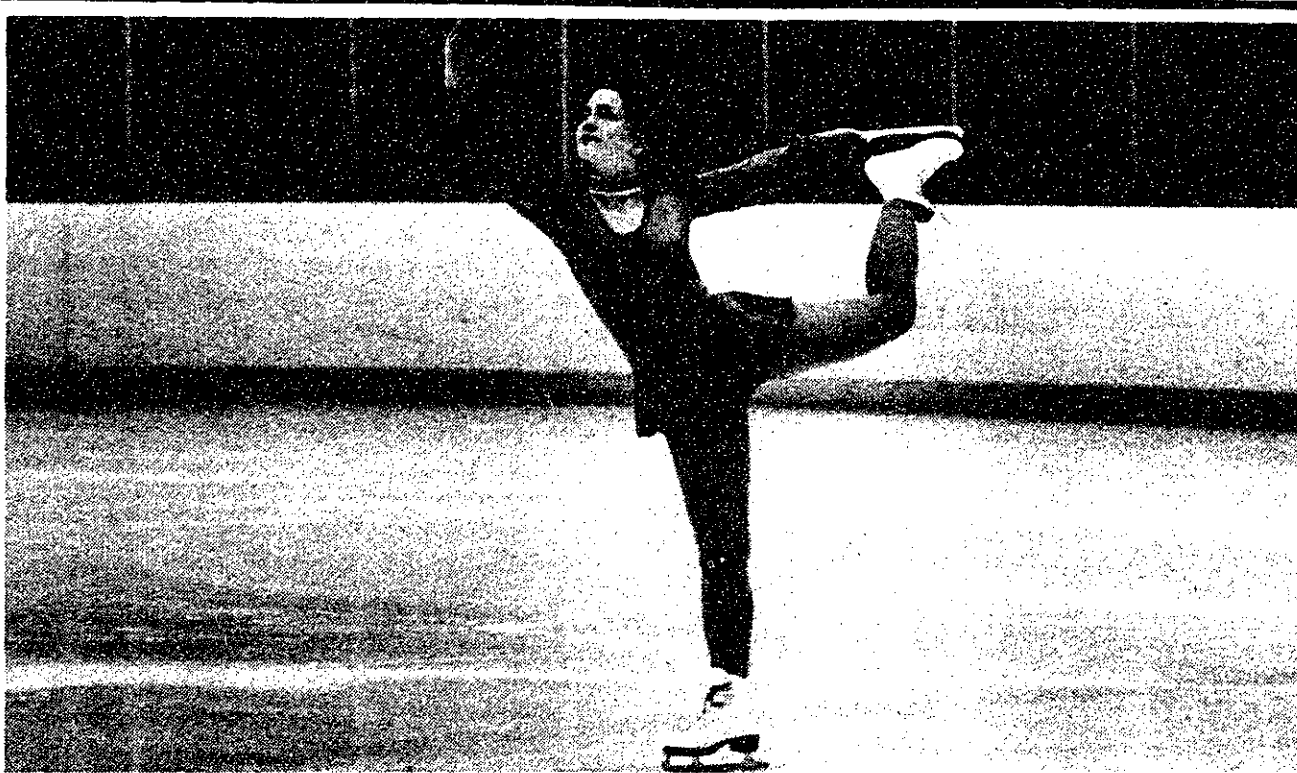
"There have been valid expressions of concern that this requirement is too weak... There is ample room for strengthening this requirement if the faculty so decides and the Institute can afford it," Villars said.

Professor Judah L. Schwartz

noted the writing requirement would not be as rigorous as other Institute requirements. He characterized the CEP plan as a test of "sufficiency." The writing requirement "is a little bit like the swimming test: Can you cross the pool without drowning?" said Schwartz.

Villars replied, "A requirement is something you can flunk."

No professors questioned the need for an undergraduate writing requirement, but several questioned its proposed implementation and the role of the committee proposed to oversee the requirement.



A member of MIT's figure skating club strikes a graceful pose during her routine at the second annual Ice Show last Saturday.

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Record number admitted to Class of '86

By Laura Farhie

A record number of high school seniors was admitted to the MIT Class of '86, according to Marilee Jones, Assistant Director of Admissions. The percentage of women and minorities admitted has not increased since last year.

MIT offered admission to 1884 of the 5790 applicants. The number of women admitted is 25 percent — down one percent from last year. Ten percent of the admitted students are from minority groups, the same percentage as last year. Director of Admissions Peter H. Richardson '48 defined minority groups as Black American, Mexican American, Puerto Rican, and American Indian.

"We are shooting for a slightly larger class [than last year]," said Richardson. The planned size of next year's freshman class is 1075-1100 students. Last year's projected class size was 1050.

The Class of '86 will be larger partly because "we want to maintain the size of the student body and use all housing facilities," said Richardson. Brenda L. Hambleton, Assistant to the Director of Admissions, noted MIT has to "make up" for the small size of the Class of '85, which had nineteen students fewer than planned.

The Admissions was "a little bit more flexible academically in order to take students that are exciting, interesting, and motivated," noted Richardson.

Hambleton said that this academic flexibility is small, because all applicants are "top notch."

"I think this applicant group is stronger academically than in recent years," said Richardson. He explained, however, the "difference is not that great."

Recent admitted classes have been more conservative than in the past, according to Richardson. Hambleton stressed MIT does not give preference to conservative students: "We do not choose them, they are coming to us that way."

The Admissions Office, along with women's groups on campus, is "reaching out to yield an increase in women students," reported Hambleton. The Admissions Office is sending large T-shirts to admitted women. The Association of Women Students included a special note of welcome in the MIT acceptance letters.

MIT will hold its first Minority Weekend April 2nd to 4th, to which admitted minority students are invited. Jance E. Reddix '82, Special Assistant to the Director of Admissions, said, "our hope is to give minority students a chance to see MIT as it really is."

The letters notifying students of their acceptance were mailed Wednesday at midnight. Three hundred students were placed on a waiting list. The Admissions Office will admit transfer students in May or June and readmitted students in August.



ADMISSIONS 1980-1982

	1980	1981	1982
Applicants	5643	5893	5790
Acceptances	1773	1694	1884
Waitlisted	335	429	300
Men	1349	1249	1414
Women	429	445	470
Minority	147	170	182
Foreign	55	52	68

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Gray to discuss research

By Tony Zamparutti
and Barry S. Surman

Next week, President Paul E. Gray '54 and four other representatives of MIT will travel to California to discuss issues concerning commercialization of university research with representatives of industry and four other research universities.

The conference, arranged by Stanford University President Donald Kennedy, will "deal with urgent ethical problems connected with the explosive growth of biotechnology." Provost Francis Low told the faculty at its

monthly meeting Wednesday.

Low, who will attend the conference, asked the faculty for comments on the topics to be discussed at Pagaro Dunes next week.

Among the issues to be considered at the meeting, Low said, should be: potential conflicts of interest for professors undertaking research with public funding while connected with corporations, the large profits that may be made through private use of new biomedical technologies, university ventures into the commer-

cial arena, and the implementation of increasing private support of university research.

Four professors commented on the issues Low raised. Professor of Physics Robert I. Holsizer Ph.D. '68 said some graduate students do research for professors that is later used by the professors to earn money outside the university.

MIT professors cannot have direct responsibility for management of private companies, Low noted, but they often serve as corporate directors.

Five university presidents will and unable to attend the meeting. March 25 and 26: Gray, Kennedy, Derek Bok of Harvard, Marvin Goldberger of the California Institute of Technology, and David Saxon of the University of California.

Each of the five will be accompanied by two university administrators, two professors involved with industrial firms, and two representatives of private industry.

Gray planned to address the faculty Wednesday, but was ill and unable to attend.

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NIH proposal would cut research funding

by Burton Kaliski

MIT may lose \$1 million in research funds if Congress approves a proposal by the National Institute of Health (NIH) to reduce reimbursement for indirect research expenses to ninety percent of costs, according to Vice President of Financial Operations Stuart H. Cowen.

"The money will have to come from somewhere, and we already have an operating deficit," remarked Cowen. He said although tuition is set for this year and next year, "eventually there will be an effect on higher

tuition," from the decreased funding.

President Paul E. Gray '54 was in Washington to speak to "both MIT administrators and congressional leaders," noted Special Assistant to the President for Urban Relations Walter L. Milne, who accompanied Gray. "We were hoping the NIH would retract its proposal," Milne added, "because if NIH can cut funding, others will follow."

Milne reported there is a "vigorous protest underway" against the proposed cuts by

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Students discuss issues at Nomcom forum

By Howard D. Trachtman

Student representatives from Institute committees discussed topics ranging from the future of freshman pass/fail to women at MIT at an Undergraduate Association Nominations Committee (NomCom) sponsored forum in 10-250 Monday night. Roughly twenty students, mostly undergraduates, attended.

Lesley Saunders '83 and James Taylor '84, student members of the Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) expressed concern that abuses of Freshman pass/fail, such as overloading courses, provoke criticism and endanger the system. Saunders mentioned "many freshman have used the pass/fail system as a means of lightening departmental courses early

and otherwise carry a heavy credit load." She told the assembly freshman need to take lighter loads while becoming "used to the pressures of MIT" so they can join more student activities and contribute to the social life. Taylor concurred with Saunders' comments and said the CEP soon plans to make a recommendation on pass/fail to faculty.

Sarah Tabler '84, a member of the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid discussed the possible end of need-blind admissions. The Undergraduate middle class is the group most likely to be affected, said Tabler.

A member of the audience asked why MIT seemed to have so much money available for the construction of new buildings, and so little for student aid. Tabler replied MIT receives donations for specific purposes, and little is given to unrestricted funds.

Lori Lamel '79 discussed the Advisory Committee for Women Students' Interests and said many women are unsatisfied with their present housing and a number are interested in a sorority. She noted there should be a sorority at MIT within the next four years.

Rich Cowan '84, a student member of the Dining Advisory Board, said 55 percent of the student charge for the MIT food service goes to fixed costs, and only 45 percent for procuring food.

Cowan noted one student, a vegetarian, was excused by the Dining Advisory Board from commons but told three months later by Associate Dean for Student Affairs Robert A. Sherwood he was not exempt. The incident has led the committee to believe it has no real power other than to make recommendations.

The planned East Campus kitchen renovations were briefly described and considered as a possible example for other dormitories. Cowan mentioned the Institute provides MIT food service with at least \$500,000 in subsidies each year. Food Service was grossly overpaying for some of its food.

Andrew Washburn '82, student member of the Corporation Joint Advisory Committee (CJAC), discussed its history and possible future. He said CJAC used to be an effective means for students to voice their opinions to the MIT Corporation Executive Committee. Recently the corporation has not allowed CJAC to convene

more than once a year and has not provided it with an agenda, according to Washburn. The Corporation concluded there is less for students to do, they are already represented on many committees, and "times have changed" and there no longer any important issues for student to consider.

Arunas Chesonis '84, student member of the Community Service Fund Board (CSFB), and Sarah Bingman '83, past director of Urban Action, discussed plans to revive Urban Action.

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NIH proposal to cut funds for research

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research contractors, "which include more than universities. We want to inform Secretary [Richard] Schweiker how major an issue this is," Milne continued. Schweiker is Secretary for Health and Human Services, of which NIH is a part.

"It is conceivable that NIH would be boycotted by the thirty or forty largest contractors," Milne commented. "Neither NIH nor Schweiker would want that, because of the importance of the biology research. But that's not to say that this 'job action' has been proposed."

NIH is MIT's fourth largest Federal sponsor after the Department of defense, the National Science Foundation, and the Department of Energy, according to Cowen. "Between here and Lincoln Labs, there is about \$300 million direct and \$60 million indirect funding. NIH funds \$10 million of the indirect costs," he said.

Indirect research costs include utility, administration, and other "general costs which cannot be identified to a particular project," Cowen explained. Direct costs include materials and salaries for research assistants and laboratory assistants.

Cowen called the proposal "a budget gimmick by NIH to shift funds from indirect to direct costs." The danger, he said, is that outside research with low indirect costs would be more profitable [for MIT researchers], and "this could be a wedge between faculty and administration."

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France plans second high-speed railroad — French National Railroads last month approved construction of a new 219-mile passenger train system to connect Paris with existing track in western and southwestern France. The nation already has the world's fastest passenger trains currently operating at speeds up to 160 miles per hour between Paris and Lyons.

Nation

US may buy plutonium manufacturing plant — Secretary of Energy James B. Edwards announced Wednesday his agency was considering purchasing an unfinished nuclear power plant in Washington and converting it to produce plutonium needed for the manufacturing of atomic weapons. Opponents argue the plant, originally planned as a light-water reactor, is unsuited to the production of plutonium, the element is usually produced by heavy-water, continuously loading reactors. They contend conversion of the plant would be prohibitively expensive.

EPA announces new toxic waste disposal rules — The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced Wednesday a reversal of its three week old policy that permitted burial of drums of toxic wastes in landfills designated for the disposal of hazardous wastes. The EPA is now promulgating an interim rule that prohibits burial of containers holding observable quantities of toxic liquids. This revision followed sustained and vocal opposition of the agency's earlier decision to lift the ban on burying such toxic wastes in landfills for ninety days.

President Reagan asks for \$128 million in economic aid for El Salvador — The largest portion of the Administration's proposed \$350 million Caribbean basic economic development plan will go to El Salvador. Reagan, in announcing his proposal, noted "El Salvador's economy is in desperate straits." Eight other nations will share the rest of the funds. No military aid is included in the package, but the administration is expected to propose additional military assistance for El Salvador.

Senate votes to gag journalists — The Senate approved Wednesday an amendment that would make it illegal for journalists and other individuals to identify American intelligence agents if the reporters have reason to believe such revelations would jeopardize the lives of intelligence agents. The House of Representatives already passed the legislation. Under the version passed, reporters could be prosecuted even if they did not intend to impair or impede American intelligence activities. The language passed is less stringent than that recommended by the Justice Department.

President attacks press coverage — In two printed interviews, Ronald Reagan decried press coverage of the US economy and of the fighting in El Salvador. He complained of reporting in El Salvador, "There has been a kind of an editorial slant that has something, almost, of the Vietnam syndrome, which challenges what we're doing there."

Carbon monoxide levels dangerously high in blood of smokers — A Federally financed survey reported Wednesday that 80 percent of smokers have potentially dangerous levels of carbon monoxide in their blood. Approximately 5 percent of nonsmokers had levels of carbon monoxide nearly as high. The study was performed at the request of the National Center for Health Statistics.

Reagan Administration requires labelling rule for toxic substances — Contradicting a policy shift announced last year, Administration officials have resurrected a rule requiring all chemical product containers to carry a label describing chemical composition, hazards and symptoms of exposure, protective measures, and an emergency telephone number for reaching the manufacturers' toxicologists. Such labelling is presently voluntary.

Local

Former Boston official sentenced for extortion — Federal judge Walter Jay Skinner sentenced George Collatos of the Boston Redevelopment Authority to three years in jail for extortion. Collatos pleaded guilty to the charge last month, admitting he accepted a \$12,500 down payment on a bribe from the owner of a concrete firm. The judge called Collatos "an experienced practitioner" of political corruption.

By Jerri-Lynn Scofield

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Reagan reduces the role of government

When Ronald Reagan ran for President in 1980, he promised to get government off the backs of the people and restore America to its former greatness. Reagan also promised to decentralize government and foist some of the national government's accrued responsibilities back to states and municipalities. Several recent news events, however, show that the Reagan controlled Federal government, and local centers of control, are not reducing government intervention in the lives of its citizens, but are in fact imposing values upon constituents.

•Reagan's Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has announced that after April 1, all parents of women under the age of eighteen will be notified when their daughters try to obtain contraceptives. A study the government has just completed shows that of the teenagers surveyed, 25 percent will stop purchasing contraceptives once the policy takes effect. Only two percent, however, said they will stop having sex.

Most everyone would agree that ideally, sexual attitudes should be developed within families. But most teenagers who visit family planning clinics do so because they can not comfortably discuss sex with their parents. As the birth rate among unmarried teenagers soars, the Federal government, especially one committed to non-intervention in the lives of its citizens, should not scare responsible teenagers away from family planning clinics. It is foolish to dissuade frightened young women from using safe prescription contraceptives, thus forcing them to rely on less effective over-the-counter protections from pregnancy, if the Administration indeed wants to discourage abortion. Their policy will only exacerbate the current epidemic of teenage pregnancies. Even Marjory Mecklenburg, a prominent anti-abortionist who heads HHS's Department of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs has confessed that an "upswing" in pregnancies will probably follow "the adjustment period" after the regulation takes effect. An Administration committed to reducing government intervention would not implement such a policy. An Administration interested in imposing its values on its citizens would.

•Every President pays lip service to the Bill of Rights. Reagan's aides, however, have prepared an executive order that would give the Federal government authority to reclassify information it has previously declassified and released. The action follows the Justice Department's efforts to reclaim documents concerning the National Security Agency that were made public during the Carter Administration. V. James Bamford has used the papers as the basis of his book *Puzzle Palace: A Report on America's Most Secret Agency*.

Morton Halperin, director of the Center for National Security Services, contends that no legal basis exists for the Justice Department's request. He argues that the government's request is unconstitutional because it conflicts with the First Amendment. The government, however, claims the documents were mistakenly released and are threatening to national security. What is probably true is Bamford's book is embarrassing and some Federal officials want it suppressed. Unfortunately, this desire contradicts the First Amendment. No one should forget Richard Nixon's claim that national security considerations prevented the release of the Watergate tapes.

An Administration committed to reducing government intervention in citizens' lives should not waste its time trying to retract documents it later finds troublesome. Not only Democratic Administrations should have to adhere to the Constitution.

•A suburb of Atlanta, perhaps influenced by the Reagan Administration's confusion about government intervention and the Constitution, has adopted a new ordinance that would require every head of household to own a gun. The Kennesaw, Georgia, City Council unanimously approved the new statute, in order to reduce crime in the 7000 member community. Mayor Darvin Purdy proudly noted, "We felt, for the safety of our residents, that it was highly beneficial."

The statute, in language eerily evocative of the Constitution, declares, "To provide for and protect the safety, security and general welfare of the city and its inhabitants, every head of household residing in the city limits is required to maintain a firearm, together with ammunition." The Second Amendment of the Constitution states each citizen has the right to keep and bear arms. This provision does not insist all citizens own guns. With a high nationwide rate of fatal handgun accidents, national, state, or local government should not force its citizens to own firearms.

A citizen of Kennesaw claimed the City Council's decision was "the biggest joke." But Mayor Purdy does not think so. The arguments of HHS and Justice Department may also seem ludicrous. But the people making such claims are not joking. The Reagan Administration and the Kennesaw City Council claim to serve the interests of their constituents. Their ideological decisions, which they contend take government off the backs of people, in fact do just the opposite.



Column/Ivan Fong

A few cosmopolitan ideas

"Ideas, like art, must be parochial in the beginning in order to be cosmopolitan in the end," wrote 20th-century English philosopher George Moore. In this spirit, here are a few parochial ideas...

A recent MIT alumnus remarked to me the other day that tuition had more than doubled since his freshman year five years ago. While much of the increase can be attributed to inflation, the increasing financial burden placed on students and their families leaves one to wonder how the Institute spends the additional revenue.

Admittedly, the task of providing the information is not an easy one, and administrators may claim that the necessary data is already available in reports published yearly. Nonetheless, perhaps a one page summary indicating how the final tuition figure is determined or how much educational costs have actually risen, not merely a couple of simple pie charts, would satisfy students that their money is well invested. There is no doubt that many of the Institute's expenses are justified — MIT's administrators remain obligated to outline publically the use of tuition resources.

MIT, as an educational institution, has a responsibility to provide an environment con-

ducive to learning, and, though its role as a research institution will continue to expand, MIT would fail in its purpose if the emphasis on research detracted from the quality of its educators. MIT must continue to ensure that outstanding faculty and teaching assistants are recognized, and that students maintain a broadly-based, humanistic perspective in their technical endeavors.

Unfortunately, MIT tends to insulate students from the realities and priorities of the outside world, resulting in a

somewhat stifling atmosphere on campus and a student life characterized by apathy. MIT, in striving to educate "the total student," must work diligently with its students to uphold the highest standards of teaching — both in and out of the classroom.

Proponents of freshman pass/fail grading contend that the policy provides for a smooth transition into MIT life, allows freshmen freedom to pursue outside interests, and encourages

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feedback

Von Rosenberg's criticism disturbing

To the Editor:

Tuesday's response by Susanne von Rosenberg to the Malchman column disturbed me greatly.

Let's face it, schools are not democracies, and MIT is no exception. They are run by people who are paid to do so, and while one may question the qualifications and motives of the administration, when it comes right down to it, these people have the power, and the students do not. Student government is limited in power to what the administration chooses to allow. Consequently, many of us see the whole process of student government as little

not to play.

Unfortunately, those in student government seem to view us as unpatriotic, or something equally ludicrous and subversive, and traditionally have treated those of us who aren't interested in "realistically feasible projects" as though we were antisocial pathetic scum in need of help. I am not attacking the projects themselves, but the fact that many of us value other activities more should not per se earn us the contempt with which we are treated. In a glaring example, Malchman cheers the victory of new opinions in government over the sacred

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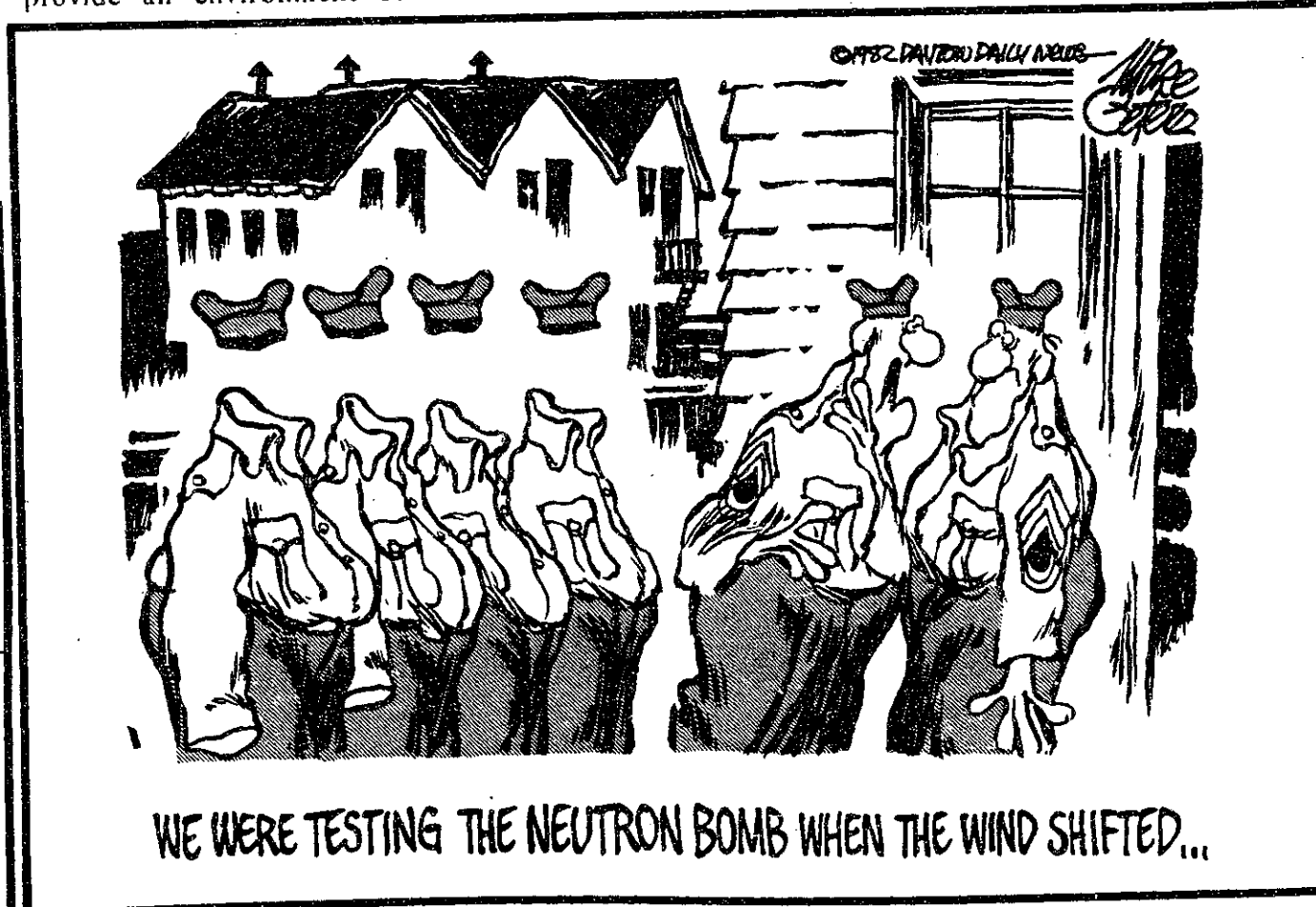
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opinion

Responsibility should determine appropriate action

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diversity in course selection. How, then, can the Institute accommodate students who wish to take sophomore-level classes freshman year and yet preserve the philosophy of pass/fail grading?

One solution is to eliminate pass/fail grading during the second term of freshman year, thereby using the pressure of grades to motivate the learning of second term subject material. While such a move will prove disastrous to those who truly benefit from pass/fail, if freshmen continue to abuse the system by taking courses "to get them out of the way" freshman year, then the only recourse the faculty may have is a drastic change in policy. The very discipline that pass/fail grading encourages is ultimately the responsibility of the student.

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Why is *The Tech* such a lousy newspaper? Any campus newspaper is charged with providing its community with balanced and accurate coverage of campus events as well as thoughtful and responsible opinions concerning campus issues, and *The Tech* certainly strives toward these goals. Mistakes occur, however, despite best efforts to the contrary.

In the words of a former editor-in-chief, *The Tech* does not err intentionally. Slipshod reporting somehow passes even the most

rigorous scrutiny, story assignments can depend on the whim of an editor, and pressing time constraints often limit the facilitation of last minute changes. As students of engineering, science, and social science, and not journalism, we are offered little en-

couragement and can offer less time to do the job well despite the heavy responsibility it entails. Mistakes, however, even as part of the learning process, damage the reputation of any responsible newspaper.

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If there is an underlying thread throughout these flights of fancy, it is that responsibility plays a large part in determining appropriate action — the student's responsibility to himself to recognize the large world in which he finds himself, MIT's respon-

sibility to provide as much encouragement in that direction as possible, and *The Tech's* responsibility to MIT to present it accurately and honestly. Yet responsibility remains the price of greatness.

Have a good Spring Break.

feedback

Student government: elitist social clique

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"serious candidates," and is promptly charged with misanthropy. Intuitively obvious, is it not? Everyone who voted for Segel and Meltsner clearly shares Malchman's hatred for all people, or at least the concerned ones, which is close enough. Gag us all senseless dead.

With this kind of attitude in a class officer, is it any wonder that student government is viewed with distrust as an elitist social cli-

que? No, not everyone in student politics is obnoxious, self-centered, and domineering. The letter of Lopez and Barber shows an honest concern for the student body, and a dignity even in defeat which has earned them my lasting respect. However, many of us have found von Rosenberg's attitude representative of student government as a whole, and this is unfortunate, because both von Rosenberg and student government claim to represent the stu-

dent's point of view, not ignore it. The way Malchman's expressed dissatisfaction with a homecoming king and queen is written off to his failure "to take that issue seriously" is a classic example. It's dead wrong. Many of us cared; many of us took the issue seriously. We just happened to have views on the subject different from von Rosenberg's.

The generic response to this, of course, is "If you're not happy with it, get involved and change

it." No thank you. I do not accept student government as the sole, or even the best mechanism for "helping students." Of those who do, all I ask is that you not treat the rest of us as your social inferiors if we don't agree with your views. Most of us are not "nerds," and even those who are deserve better treatment by those who would pretend to represent us. We'll take you seriously when you take us seriously.

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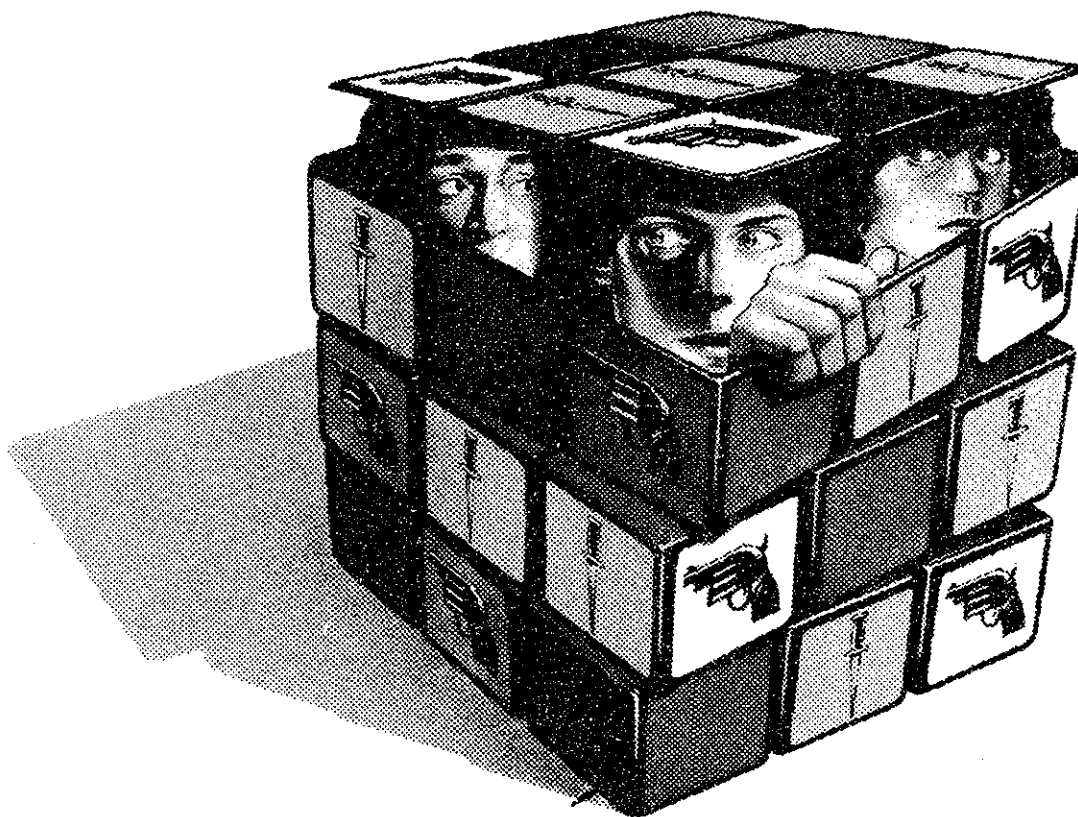
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The main ingredient of several of the films is trick photography. In *Quaint Café*, by Dudley Riggs' Brave New Workshop, a young, troubled urban studies major travels to a country café for some relaxation. Although the cook at the grill fries his own hand, and some of the customers have an extra mouth or eye, the narrator remains oblivious to the fact that these people are anything but plaining folk.

In *Backabout* by John Francis, an obnoxious and destructive young man seems to be helping the customers of a roadside restaurant because the film is run backward. After giving the local toughs some "exercise," he "mends" a pool table, "fixes" a woman's torn blouse, and "fills up" an old man's beer glass before "leaving."

Some of the entrees did, however, taste bad, such as *Spontaneous Combustion*, also by Dudley Riggs, which was about elderly citizens afflicted with a lethal disease; others were just bland, like *The Discipline of D. E. (Do Easy)*, a nine minute homage to mellowness.

The majority, fortunately, were quite savory. *Hero*, by Lizz Matt & Mike Bailey, presented an intensified picture of everyday life as exemplified in the preparation of a hero sandwich by an angry wife who takes out her aggressions on the bread, tomato, lettuce, and chicken that are sliced and picked apart to make the sandwich. In *The Undebt*, a take-off on horror movies (again by Dudley Riggs), swarms of credit-crazed consumers turn against a woman who only pays cash.

One of the most sumptuous dishes was *Sing For Your Life*, a spoof of *The Gong Show*, by Cord Keller. On this game show, the judges wear black hoods, and all the contestants are buzzed and then killed in a bizarre fashion. This entertaining 18 minute film combines sadistic hilarity with a great rock 'n' roll finale.

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Dunster House roars with Lion in Winter

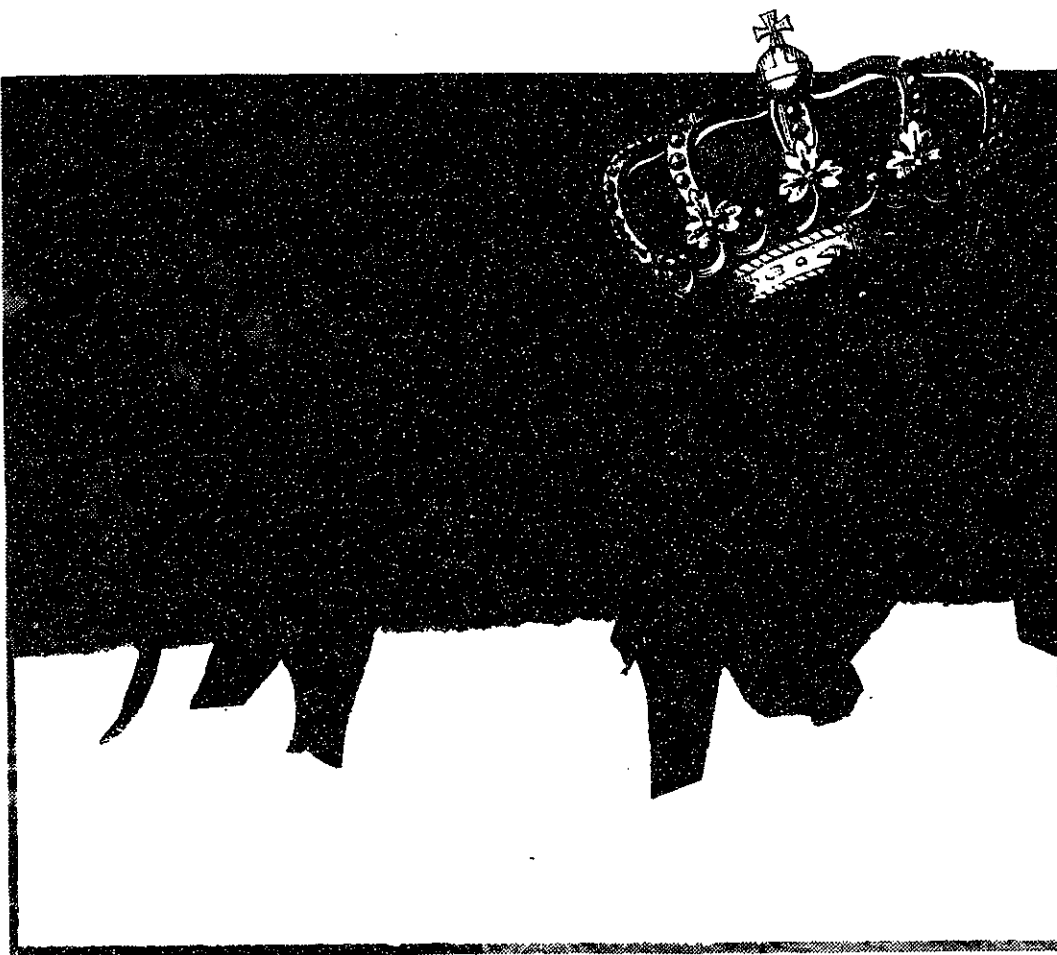
Dunster House's *The Lion in Winter*, is the funny and bitter saga of a rankling uppercrust family unsettled by marital infidelity, adolescent sex, and sibling rivalry. That the squabbling embroils the royal family of England of 1183 adds some swash-buckling action to the play of wits.

Susannah Rabb (who sings a mellifluous lullabye) plays Eleanor of Aquitaine with the clever acrimony of a suburban housewife concerned with adultery and wrinkles. When she complains of being imprisoned, she is not a political rival held by her husband and adversary, but a woman exasperated at being stuck in the house. Christopher Keyser also is as much a household as a crowned head, admonishing his son the prince to "stand up straight" and describing himself as he was when a loversick boy: "I had never seen such beauty and I walked right up and touched it. Where ever did I get the courage to do that?" Together Rabb and Keyser enact arguments and abortive reconciliations that might be charged with political rhetoric but are tendered with the acerbity of marital strife: in divying up the realm, Eleanor says, "No Aquitaine for John," and King Henry answers, "I've got to give him something."

The royal sons keep up a most diverting spate of sibling rivalry; from their antagonism, their bickering for and recoiling from parental favor, stem the forces that will rend and shape England. Mark Morland, as Richard, projects the privilege and vulnerability of the eldest son. Jeffrey, played by Joel Dando, is a practiced upstager, ignored as a potential successor to the throne and commenting on the action with raised eyebrows and poses of ennui while awaiting an opportunity for action.

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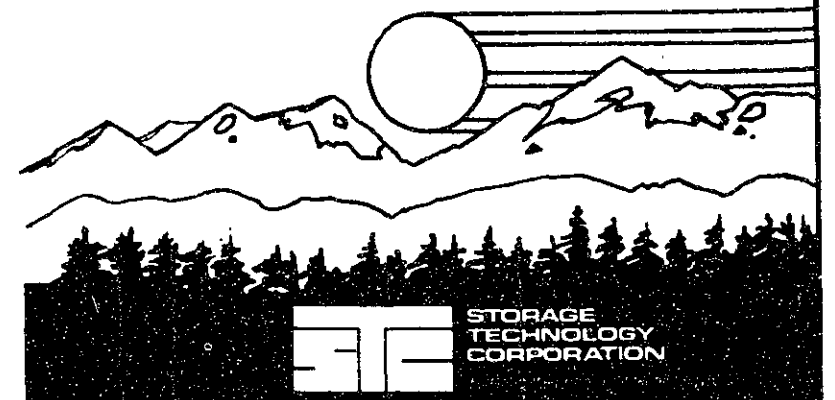
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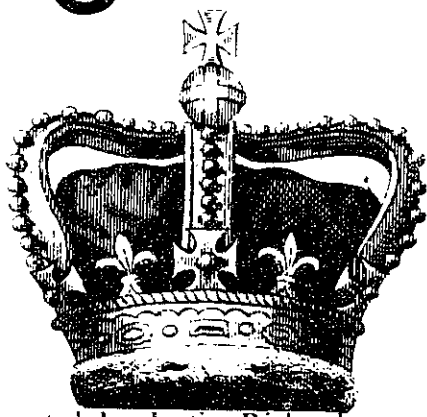
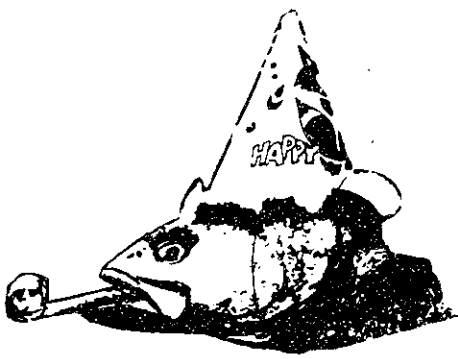
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Many of the dishes were delightfully frivolous. In *Public Service Announcement* by Don Novello, Father Guido Sarducci advises you to become an artist so that you can wake up late. One of the best of the frivolous bunch was *Banana* by Norman Magden, in which you are taught how and why to conjugate the verb "to banana."

Take it from an accredited ichthyoccephalologist, though, that the best dish was the dessert, *Fish Heads*, a cinematic expression of the Barnes and Barnes recording of the same name, whose cast includes, among others, Dr. Demento, the disc jockey who made dementia and *Fish Heads* household words... well, dormitory words.

Interspersed among the films are clips from Ronald Reagan's earlier days when he had a relatively respectable job — introducing television shows. As the press release says, "If the 'trickle down' of Reaganomics has yet to reach you, head for the bread line & grab a bowl of this bizarre chowder." The sixteen shorts presented in this original collection can be nibbled at individually or devoured whole. But no matter how its done, you will want to eat them up, yum!

Joseph Romm

John, acted by Justin Richardson, completely undaunted by regal trappings, is a superbly pouting, puerile kid. After plotting to overthrow his father, John hears the king approach and, like a kid looking for a place to stash an illicit cigarette, bleats, "Father's coming."

Martha Bronaugh invests her Princess Alais with a mix of adolescent infatuation, filial love, childish blunt viciousness, and straightforward fright. William Mallard as Philip King of France intimates the debonair detachment of a young noble.

Meticulously selected props and well-engineered lighting suggest the harsh luxury of a vast medieval castle. The costumes are a pageant in themselves. An additional treat is provided by a troupe of recorder players rendering early music.

The Lion in Winter will play at Dunster House Dining Hall Thursday through Sunday, March 18 through 21, and Tuesday through Thursday, March 23 through 25, at 8pm. Tickets are available at the Holyoke Center Ticket Office and at the door for \$3.50, \$3.00 charged students. This production of the Dunster House Drama Society, directed by Beth Schachter and produced by Shelley Schiffman, is well worth seeing.

ON THE TOWN

THEATER

The Dunster House Drama Society will be presenting *The Lion in Winter* on Thursday, March 18 through Sunday, March 21 and Tuesday, March 23 through Thursday, March 25 at 8:00pm at Dunster House, Harvard University. Tickets are available at the Holyoke Center Ticket Office and at the door.

MUSIC

The Boston Musica Viva presents a **Stravinsky 100th Birthday** celebration program on Friday, March 19, at 8pm in Jordan Hall. Student tickets are \$3, for tickets call 536-2412; for further information call 451-1342.

On Sunday, March 21 at 3:00pm, the **Boston Cecilia** will present Handel's dramatic oratorio, *Athalia*, at Jordan Hall in its first Boston performance. Long considered the first great English oratorio, *Athalia* will feature the acclaimed Handel singer, mezzo-soprano D'Anna Fortunato as Queen Athalia, soprano Nancy Armstrong (star of Cecilia's "Semele" last spring) as Josebeth, counter-tenor Jeffrey Gall as Joad, tenor Ray de Voll as Mathan, and bass James Maddalena as Abner. Donald Teeters will conduct some of Boston's finest players of Baroque instruments and the Cecilia chorus, which plays a central role in this authentic production. Tickets are \$9.50, \$7.50, and \$5.00, available by calling 232-4540, or at the Jordan Hall box office and Bostix near Faneuil Hall.

The **Sequoia String Quartet**, acclaimed by *The New York Times* as "exceptionally accomplished", appears on Charles River Concerts, Sunday, March 21, 1982, 7:30pm at the First and Second Church of Boston, 66 Marlborough Street. The program includes Mozart's *String Quartet No. 16, K. 156*; Beethoven's *Quartet No. 16, Op. 135*; Jolas' *Quartour No. 3*; and von Weber's *Clarinet Quintet in B-flat*. Clarinetist Michele Zukovsky appears as guest soloist. Tickets \$7 and \$5, available at Bostix or call 262-0650.

Pianist **Marek Zebrowski** will play a piano recital on Saturday, March 20 at Kresge auditorium, at 8pm. The program will include selections from Schumann's *Waldszenen op. 82*, Ravel's *Miroirs, Four Mazurkas* by Symanowski, and Chopin's *Sonata in B minor op. 58*. The performance will be free and open to the public.

MOVIES

Center Screen presents *Electronic Animation*, a three part program of the best film and video created by computer-assisted animation techniques, with a guest presentation by California computer artist Larry Cuba. Screenings will be on March 19, 20 & 21 at the Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts, 24 Quincy St., Harvard University. For information call 494-0200.

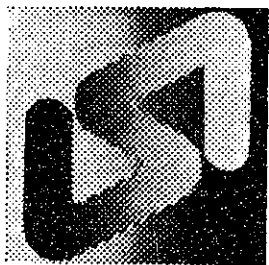
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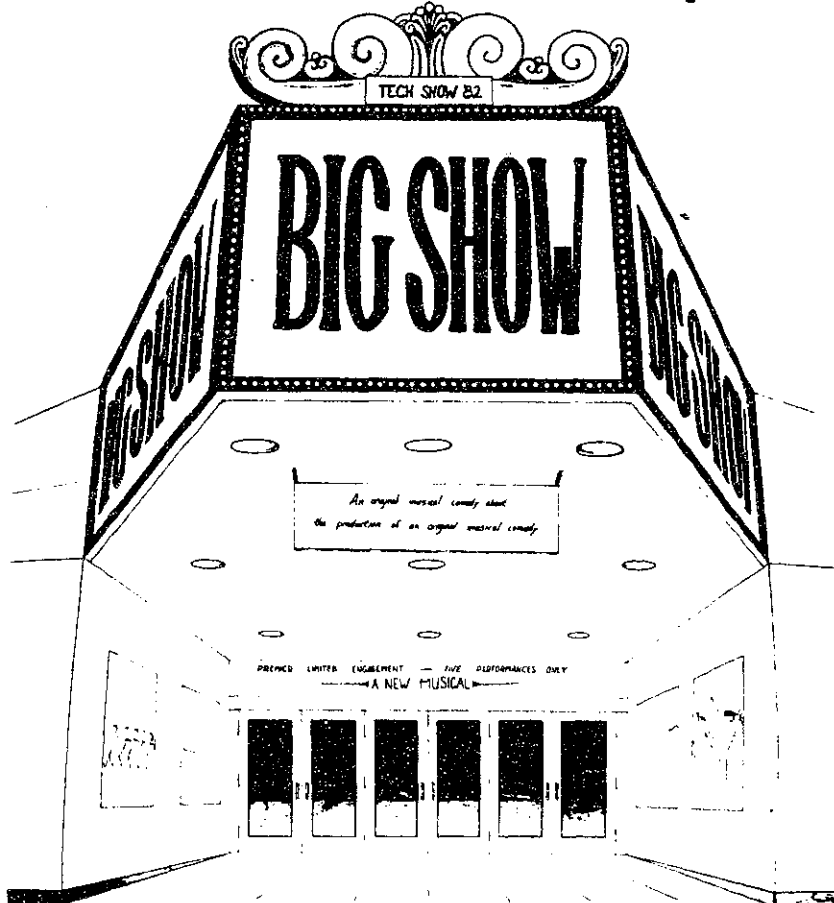
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Sara Sprung wins '84 VP

By Barry S. Surman

Over 200 sophomores turned out for a runoff election Wednesday, after last week's vice-presidential race ended in a tie.

Sara Sprung was elected Class of 1984 Vice President by a 113 to 96 margin over Pamela Gannon. Eleven ballots were cast for other candidates. Over 1100 members of the Class of 1984 were eligible to vote.

Sprung was unavailable for comment following her victory. In the Undergraduate Association general elections Wednesday, March 10th, Gannon and Sprung received 225 votes each. Sixty-seven voters opted for write-in candidates.

Jim Taylor '84 declared plans for last Wednesday's runoff. Taylor manned the voting booth in Lobby 10 for the runoff all day.



Class of '84 Vice-President-elect Sara Sprung (left) defeated Pam Gannon by 17 votes in Wednesday's election.



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Announcements

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The MIT Activities Development Board is presently receiving applications for **Capital Equipment Funding** for student and community activities. Applications are available in Dean Holden's Office, W20-345.

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If you had books for sale at the **APO Book Exchange**, you should have picked up your checks and unsold books by now. If you haven't picked them up yet, they're still waiting for you at the Alpha Phi Omega office on the fourth floor of the Student Center in room W20-415. Questions? Call x3-3788.

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Registration for Physical Education classes for the Fourth Quarter will be held Monday, March 29, from 8:30-11am in the du Pont Gym.

Lectures

A seminar entitled **Free Trade vs. Fair Trade: impact on consumers** will be held Monday, March 22, 7:45pm in the Science Center, Auditorium C, Harvard University. The open panel discussion will include Congressional, academic, and US Department of Commerce representatives. Free and open to the public. For information, call 661-0232.

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James Check, of the Harvard Center for International Affairs, will discuss **Searching for Peace in**

El Salvador at the Cambridge Forum on Wednesday, March 24, 8pm, 3 Church Street, Harvard Square, Cambridge. Free.

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The New England Aquarium presents a lecture on **Right Whales in the Bay of Fundy** Monday, March

22, 7pm. Free and open to the public.

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Hala Atallah and Munir Rasheh will compare **Arab Students' Expectations and Reality** at an Institute of Arab Studies lecture March 22 at 7:30pm. Admission

at 556 Trapelo Rd., Belmont, is free.

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James Check and John McAward will discuss **Father-Daughter Incest** Wednesday, March 31 at 8pm. The forum will be at 3

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Issues in Arab Higher Education: Arabization is the Institute of Arab Studies lecture for May 3. The free lecture begins at 7:30pm at 556 Trapelo Rd., Belmont.

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Old UAP,VP discuss tenure

By Andrew Robbins

Neither John DeRubeis '83 nor Ken Dumas '83, Undergraduate Association (UA) President (UAP) and Vice President (UAVP), thinks their administration has had a major impact on the life of the typical MIT undergraduate in the past year. "I can't see how he was positively affected," noted Dumas, "unless he took advantage of one of our special programs, such as the bus trip to New York." DeRubeis explained, "We really didn't want to change the students' lives."

As candidates, they voiced plans to expand existing UA programs and establish new ones, guaranteed the administration would hear student opinions, and promised "to greatly improve undergraduate life at MIT."

DeRubeis and Dumas have kept some of their campaign pledges and are still working to fulfill a few, but attempts to carry out other promises were either unsuccessful or never made.

Both officers identified their major accomplishments as gaining substantial funding for the UA Finance Board (FinBoard), and getting student representation at meetings of the Academic Council. The UAP is now invited to some Academic Council meetings to represent student opinion, but he cannot vote. "Next year, we hope that he has voting power," commented Dumas.

While noting "nothing was really bad," DeRubeis said the proposed campus shuttle bus program was his biggest failure. The shuttle bus was to trace a figure eight across the MIT campus, serving every dormitory and most fraternities, as well as

the main buildings of the Institute. DeRubeis is still pursuing this project, which began with unfruitful attempts to obtain MBTA bus passes and continues with efforts to gain access to the Harvard Medical School Bus. DeRubeis hopes the shuttle bus will be running within three weeks of spring break.

DeRubeis credited "cooperation with the administration" for much of his success, while Dumas pointed to a lack of manpower as the main reason for failures. Dumas added, however, that "MIT students are not apathetic; they just put their time commitment into a lot of different activities."

The UA SAVES program was one of the projects DeRubeis and Dumas inherited from the previous administration and planned to expand. Student discount coupon booklets were sold in September at MIT and other schools. According to Dumas, the project is continuing, "though not as much has been done as I hoped." The officers had also planned to broaden the scope of previous UA programs such as the course evaluation guide, the buyers' cooperative, and CASH, a project to encourage students to seek outside scholarship help. Dumas blamed "a hesitating among MIT students to apply for outside scholarships" for the poor results of the project.

Their new goals included the shuttle bus, a student-run food cooperative, and an on-campus bank. Dumas explained that the food cooperative program suffered from a lack of manpower, the absence of a suitable location, and MIT's uncertainty about how

the co-op would affect its tax-exempt status. Dumas still believes there is demand for a food co-op, and hopes "some student group can pick up the project." DeRubeis claimed he now has the MIT administration looking into the possibility of putting an automated teller machine (ATM) in the Student Center basement.

Another goal of the UA leadership was to improve communication between MIT and its students. DeRubeis had promised to place a student not only on the Academic Council, but on the MIT Corporation as well. He now feels the student members of the Corporation Joint Advisory Committee (CJAC) sufficiently present the students' views to the Corporation.

Dumas demonstrated the effect of student opinion on the MIT student budget. By making the MIT administration aware of the students' financial situation, he explained, the UAP and UAVP had an impact of financial aid decisions such as the equity level. He did not think they had any effect on the final tuition figure.

Dumas mentioned one additional challenge he and DeRubeis faced this past year: maintaining cooperation between student groups. "Some groups only look out for themselves," he noted. While the General Assembly was involved in some projects, he noted, it did not participate as much as possible.

DeRubeis concluded by citing an increase in student participation in student government over the last year, and also expressed his desire "to leave the office better than when I got there."

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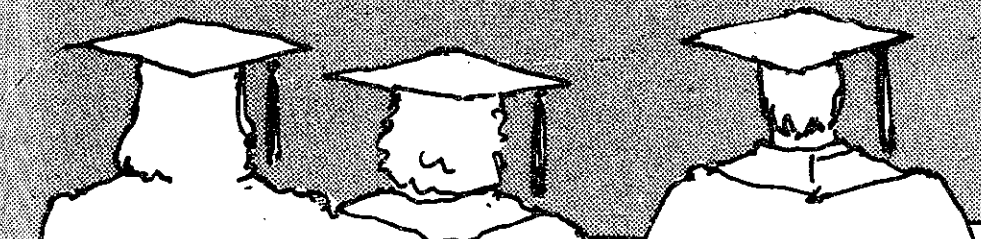
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feedback

Tech letters contradicted

To the Editor:

While I did my best to restrain myself, the letters in your March 16 issue finally convinced me to go on record on a few points.

First, there was yet another reference to Homecoming Queen as symbol of school spirit. It has been my experience that one of the things that MIT students are proudest of is that this isn't Harvard or Penn State or the University of Halibut, and that things like IHTFP shirts (which friends at other schools assure me would never go over in those places) and having the UMOG winner play Homecoming Queen are aspects of the Institute to be proud of. For that matter, so does the ability to elect a Conservative Gumbly ticket UAP and UAVP, which brings me to my next point.

I find it difficult to believe that a front-page picture of Ken Meltzer holding a Crisco can was enough to swing the election; if it was, then the seriousness level evinced would seem to indicate that the Gumbys would have had no problem winning anyway. I find it even more difficult to believe that people are yelling about poor editorial judgement on the part of *The Tech*; this implies the existence of editorial judgement at your paper, which experience leads me to believe is

an erroneous assumption.

Finally, I take exception to Ms. von Rosenberg's taking exception to the enjoyment of the defeat of the "serious candidates". After all these years of watching the UA do nothing but feel important, I am heartened to see people in of-

fice who recognize their positions for what they are.

(By the way, Ms. von Rosenberg, we will see you on the V.M.I. weekend bus trip, won't we? School spirit and all, you know.)

Jerry Wolper '82

Getting Sued: Review has flaws

To the Editor:

After reading the review of *Getting Sued* by Richard Meehan in *The Tech* I was struck by the major complaint against the book. There were sections that discussed the ontology of engineering and the role of engineering in society. These sections were boring—they dragged. Do these questions not interest the MIT student? Certainly they should. If we are a school of engineers, an institution that expands the realm of engineering daily, then we should be very interested in what place engineering has in society and how it got there. It's possible that these questions are all covered as part of the various engineering curriculums and I wasn't in engineering long enough to get to them, but I doubt it. In fact I would go so far as to say that the

large majority of MIT students never question where engineering fits into society. Or even if it should fit into society. Is engineering inherently a good thing? Should we blindly push technology forward because it's challenging and maybe even fun? I don't know but I think that more time should be spent in wondering. Perhaps it's too scary to question your purpose. Or maybe because you'll never come up with a cold hard answer that is clearly right and complete it shouldn't be part of an MIT education. Again I disagree, so I'll suggest that we all step back and ask ourselves why. For the betterment of mankind? Because it breaks up the boredom while waiting? Or maybe just because you can.

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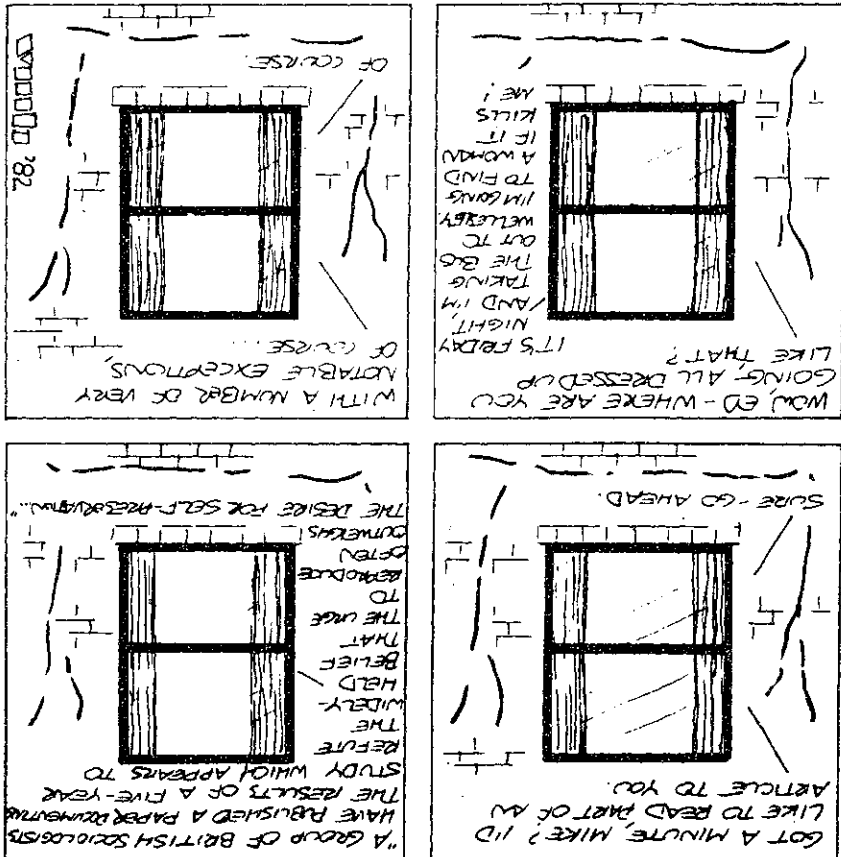
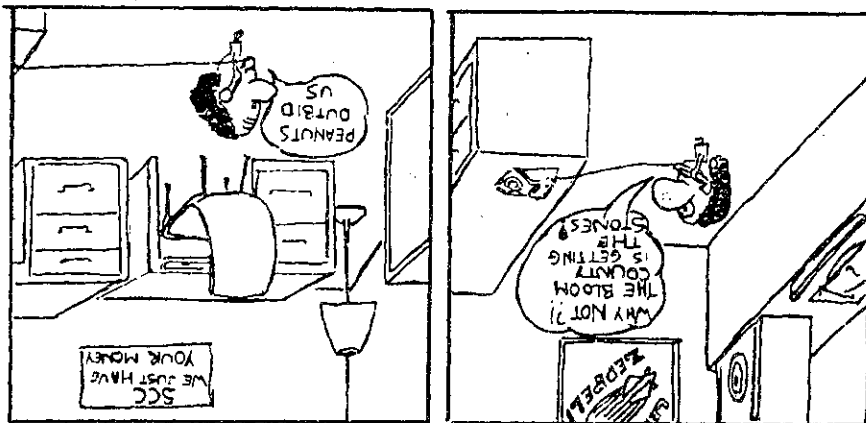
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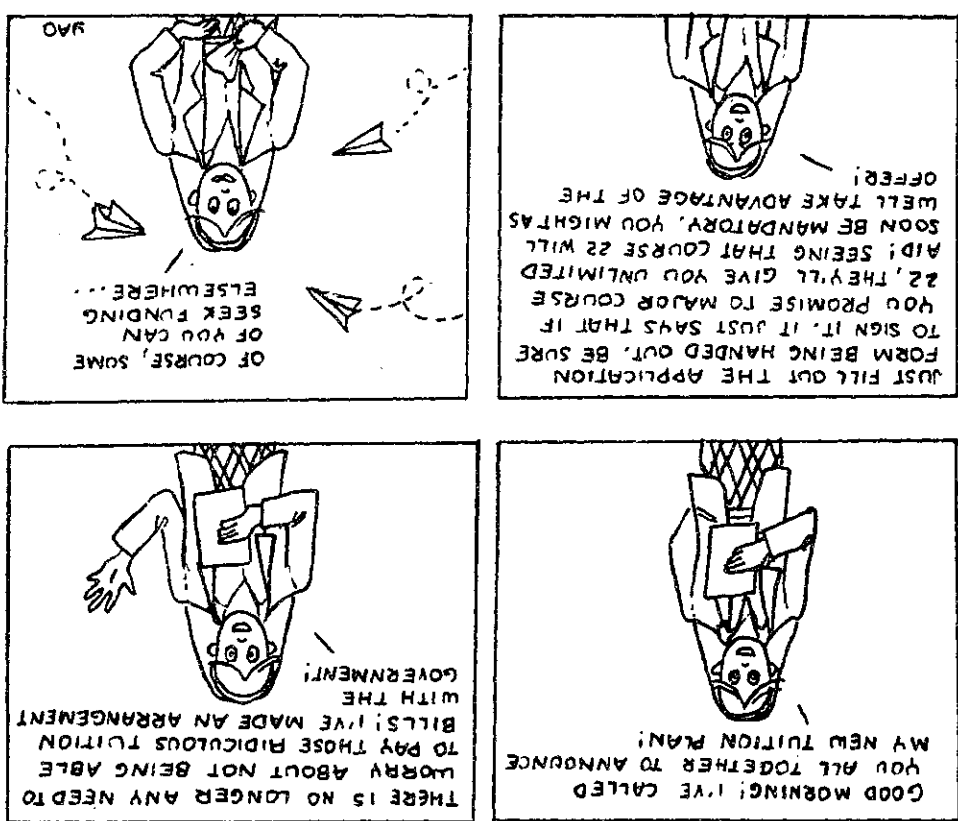
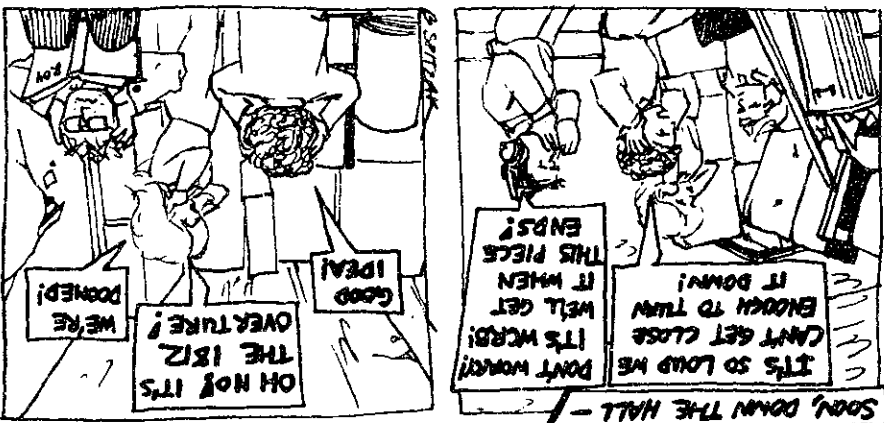
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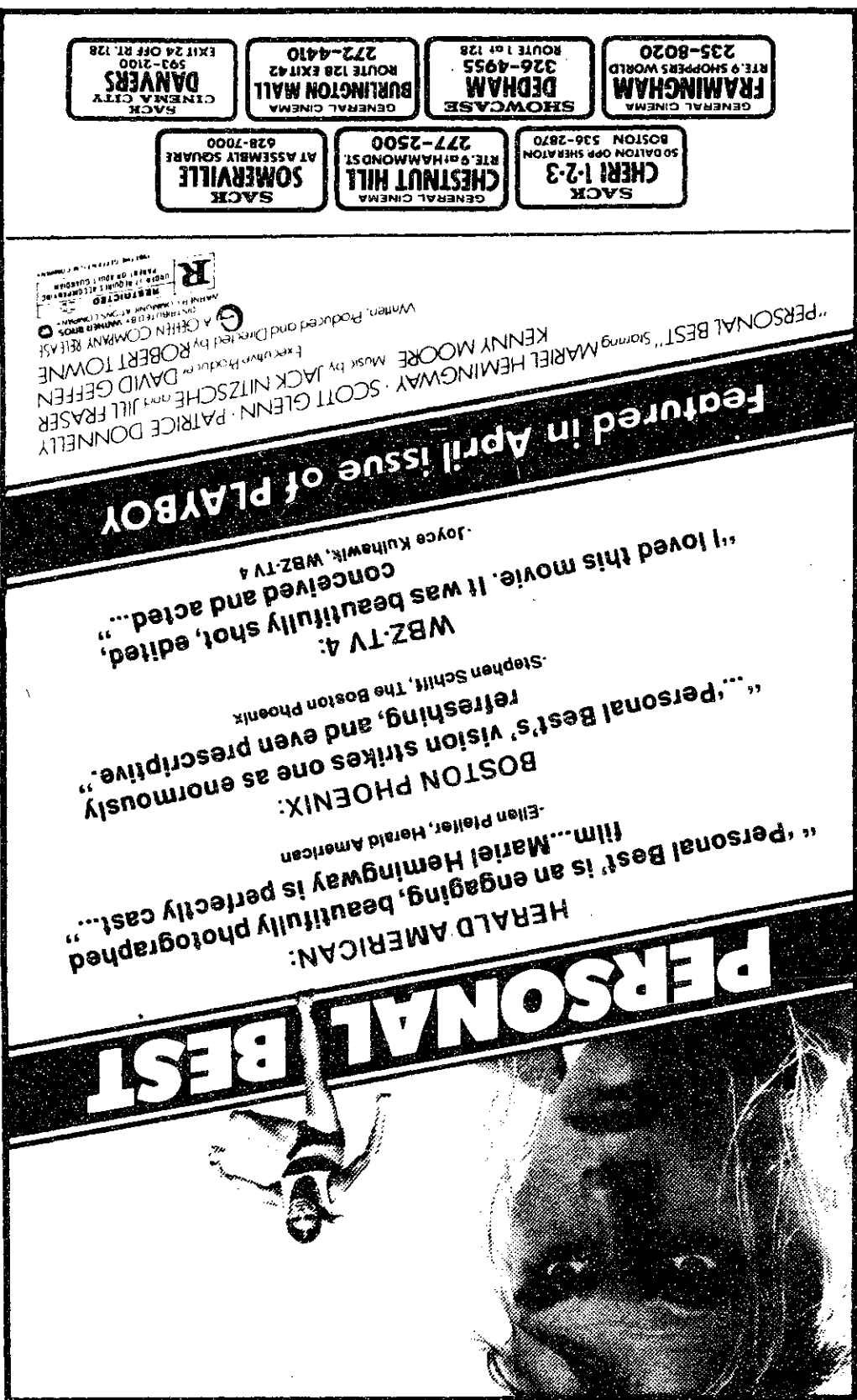


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MIT's "Faces in the Crowd"

As stated in previous columns, sports at MIT are not for "losers." Behind many teams overall records are individuals who stand out and make important contributions to their teams. Many of these athletes have had their performances documented in the page of *The Tech*, but others haven't. Here are a few "faces in the crowd" for this winter:

Basketball — In addition to Mark Branch's fine year (by the way, Branch was featured in Monday's *New York Times* sports section), guard Mike Weiss finished his Tech career in outstanding fashion. Weiss, stepping in when Steve Williams was injured, averaged 8.3 points a game, and provided leadership on and off the court.

Fencing — The class of '83 gives Eric Sollee three reasons to smile, in the form of Ya-Pei

Chang, Oscar Estell and Eric DeBeus. Chang became the first Tech junior to qualify for the National AIAW fencing championships, which will be held April 2-3. DeBaus and Estell won second and third place honors in foil at the Intercollegiate Fencing Association championships, helping MIT to win the Iron Man Trophy.

Gymnastics — Here, a story of brother-to-brother plus one. Mark and Barry McQuain along with Jiro Makauchi '83 led MIT to an 8-2 mark in '81-82, its best performance in a decade.

Hockey — Tom Mickalek G sets all kinds of MIT scoring records, but he was not alone. Also contributing to the 12-4 season, including eight wins in a row were Dale Malone, Paul (Damage) Dinnage, Harvey Stenger, and a host of others.

Pistol and Rifle — Again, it's

the junior class showing its stuff. Cliff Eskey and Duncan Hughes have been models of consistency throughout the season, helping the Tech shooters to stay among the best in the nation.

Swimming — A case of the record belying the true talent. The men feature Andy Renshaw, who twice set records in the butterfly, Bob Schoenlein, a national-class performer in the breaststroke, and John Schmitz, tough in the individual medley. On the women's side, "Double K" is the word. Karen Klinecicz ended her four years at MIT by earning All-American honors in five events at last weekend's AIAW championships. Klinecicz leaves as one of the top female athletes in MIT history.

Track — Would take a week to list all those responsible for giving the Engineers a 10-0 week and their second straight New England Division III championship. Another junior (what a class!), Martin Taylor, is one athlete who deserves notice. Taylor set Tech records in the long jump and triple jump, and took first, second and third in the triple, high, and long jumps respectively in the New England Division III meet. He was also named the team's Most Valuable Performer.

Wrestling — Ken Shull again led a resurgent MIT team to a fine year. Shull, a sophomore, lost only one match this year, and won the New England Collegiate Conference title at 134 pounds. Shull has lost just three times in two years at MIT.

There are many others who could be mentioned here, not for outstanding numbers, but for spirit, loyalty, and dedication to their sports. Those individuals, as well as the "stars," make MIT athletics something special.

IM Indoor Track to BSU

The IM indoor track was held last Sunday in the Athletic Center. The following is a summary of the winners in each event.

Men

Shot Put: Hammond (BSU), 46-2
Long Jump: Walker (PKT), 20-3
High Jump: Corcoran (PDT), 6-0
3000 meters: Schaeffer (Ind), 10:04.6
800 meters: Hendon (Ind), 2:10.5
Mile: Jayaraman (PDT), 5:03.7
400 meters: Pittas (Ind), 54.0
55-meter dash: Allen (BSU), 6.6
55-meter hurdles: Lynch (PDT), 8.9
800-meter relay: BSU, 1:39.4
1600-meter relay: BTP, 4:03.9

Women

Shot Put: Muri (PiKA), 26-3/4
Long Jump: Farmer (BSU), 15-7
High Jump: Donahue (McCormick), 4-3
800 meters: Sutton (McCormick), 2:40.8
Mile: Sutton (McCormick), 5:49.8
400 meters: Ericsson (BSU), 68.6
55-meter dash: Washington (BSU), Muri (PiKA), 8.0
55-meter hurdles: Muri (PiKA), 9.5
800-meter relay: BSU, 2:05.8

IM Weightlifting Results

Weight Class	Winner
0-132	Larry Rosen
133-142	Sang Hooh Jan
143-154	John Zayhowski
155-168	Ed Kutin
169-184	Kevin Mayer
185-202	Bill Kelly
Heavyweight	Steve Kosowsky

Team Scores — Men

BSU 37
PDT 30
PBE 18
BTP 15
PKT 10
ATO 9
SAE 8
Baker 7
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PiKA 34
McCormick 28
Baker 12
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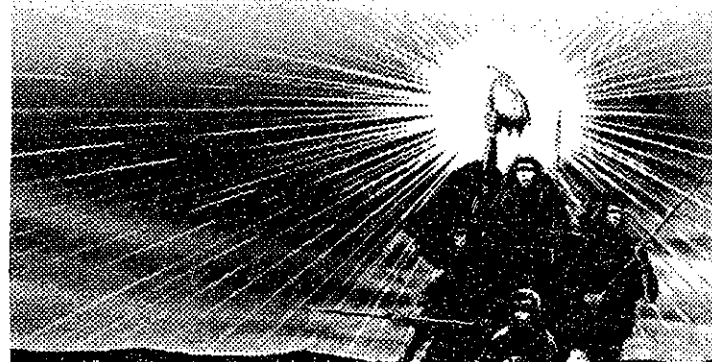
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