

Francis E. Low to retire as Provost

By Ellen L. Spero

Provost Francis E. Low confirmed Wednesday he will retire as provost on June 30, 1985. He will remain at MIT as professor of physics and continue his research in theoretical particle physics.

"It seemed the right time to retire," Low said. "I'm 63 now; in no time I will be 65." Someone in his position, he explained, would normally retire at the latest at 65.

Low said he expects the term of President Paul E. Gray '54 to continue beyond two years and believes it would not be reasonable to stay the entire time.

A president and a provost usually serve concurrent terms, Low said. "A reasonable provost should resign when there is a new president."

When Low began his tenure as provost on July 1, 1980, Gray and he thought a five-year tenure was a good idea, the provost said. Low's retirement day marks the end of this five-year period.

The role of the provost is "to the best extent possible, facilitate the processes of research and education and how they change," Low said.

The provost should "try and bring out the best things that are happening in the Institute, to build on strengths and make sure the strengths are used," he continued. "That's what I've certainly tried to (Please turn to page 12)



Tech photo by Henry M. Wu

Provost Francis E. Low is leaving his post to return to research and teaching in June.

Faculty discusses EECS restriction

By Thomas T. Huang

The Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) presented to the MIT faculty at a meeting Wednesday a plan to restrict the choice of major for some admitted students.

The plan arose from talks over the past year on the overcrowding of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS).

Restrictions, if applied, should occur "during the admissions process and [be] communicated to students before they accept admission to MIT," according to a CEP report released last week.

If the plan goes into effect, about a quarter of admitted students will be restricted from entering Course VI.

A limited number of restricted students could eventually enroll in EECS, by describing "in a formal petition the reasons for wanting to enroll in" the department, the report states.

The faculty focused its discussion on the possible impact on MIT admissions and will decide whether or not to adopt the plan in October.

Admissions Office would set limits

The director of admissions, under the guidance of the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid (CUAFA), would determine the number of restricted students.

"Restricted admissions could be initiated only for the class entering MIT in 1985, in 1986, or in 1987," the CEP report states, "and . . . such restrictions could be applied to no more than the subsequent two entering classes without further vote by the faculty."

The CEP acknowledged in its report that the plan does not specify how the Admissions Office should decide which students will be admitted with restriction.

President Paul E. Gray '54 said, "It is not possible to lay [the implementation] out in detail." MIT will have to rely on the experience of its admissions staff, he said, and see how the plan works in "practice — real-time."

Arthur C. Smith, chairman of the faculty, said, "The major question is: 'Is the faculty willing to change its education policy, and then rely on the admissions office [to implement the change]?'"

In the normal admissions process (Please turn to page 2)

20 percent of frosh pass writing test

By Craig Jungwirth

Less than 20 percent of freshmen and new transfer students passed the Freshman Essay Evaluation unconditionally, according to figures released by the Committee on the Writing Requirement.

Of the 1031 students who took the test, 36 percent failed and 45 percent passed marginally.

Those students who failed the evaluation demonstrated "serious errors in . . . structure, syntax, word choice, grammar mechanics, or tone" in their essays, according to Bonnie Walters, coordinator of the Committee on the Writing Requirement.

Trends in writing quality have been consistent over the past three years, Walters said. More

students "marginally" passed the test this year than last year, while fewer students failed the test, she explained.

The essay test, administered during Residence/Orientation Week, gave students an "immediate evaluation of MIT's perception of their writing abilities," Walters said.

She instructed students to write a clear, coherent expository essay for the general reader in response to one of three questions. The questions dealt with financial aid in US universities, family planning programs promoting abortion, and policies regarding Olympic boycotts. Students were given 90 minutes to complete the exam.

Professional readers and members of the MIT community evaluated the essays. Each essay was read once to determine the grade.

The Freshman Essay Evaluation is one of four alternatives

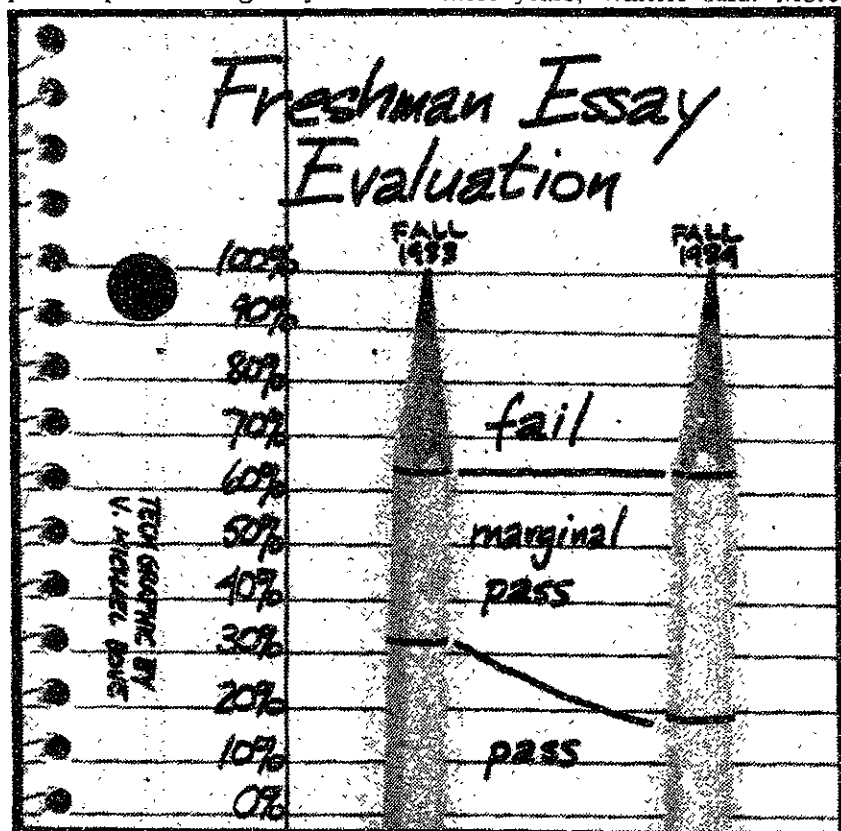
for completing Phase I of the MIT Writing Requirement, according to James Paradis, director of the writing program. (Editor's note: see box on p.2)

Students can fulfill Phase I of the Writing Requirement by attaining a score of 750 or above on the College Board Achievement Test in English Composition with Essay. Five students in the Class of 1988 qualified for credit for Phase I by this method.

Walters said she expected approximately 265 students to fulfill Phase I by submitting five-page papers of expository prose.

MIT also offers four undergraduate subjects which can be used to fulfill Phase I of the Writing Requirement.

There was "no oversubscription to the expository writing course," Paradis said. In fact, one section of the subject was cancelled, he added.



GSC elects two as treasurers for 1984

By Michael J. Garrison

The Graduate Student Council unanimously elected dual treasurers last night. The issues of graduate housing and educational grants also emerged during the council's first meeting since April.

Brent Barnett G and Steve Semken G will share the duties of the newly reorganized office.

The GSC treasurer is normally responsible for GSC accounts and records. The treasurer is also on the Board of Governors of the Muddy Charles Pub, an establishment operated by the GSC.

However, the two new officers decided to split the two responsibilities into separate positions. The move was made because severe time commitments precluded the normal one-person arrangement, according to Ron Siegel G, present treasurer.

The position of secretary remains vacant, because no nominations were made for the office. The GSC will accept nominations for the post until the next general meeting.

Many open positions for graduate students exist in the standing committees of the Institute. These include posts on the Committee on Discipline and several other committees which require graduate representation.

During the meeting, GSC members discussed the issue of MIT graduate housing.

An Institute study stated that MIT would not allocate funds in the next ten years for construction of new residences, according to Lisa Vawter G, GSC representative on the Committee on Graduate School Policy.

MIT uses a lottery to deter-

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Kerry, Shamie win primaries

By Amy Sommer

Lt. Gov. John F. Kerry and businessman Raymond Shamie respectively won the Democratic and Republican nomination for the US Senate last Tuesday.

Kerry beat three-term Rep. James M. Shannon from Massachusetts's 5th Congressional District, Massachusetts Secretary of State Michael J. Connolly, and former Massachusetts House Speaker David M. Bartley.

The lieutenant governor won 41 percent of the vote, Shannon 38 percent, Bartley 11 percent, and Connolly 10 percent.

Shamie drubbed former US Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson in the Republican race, 62 percent to 38 percent.

Carrie Richardson, communications director for Shamie, said the campaign will continue to "talk about the issues, and support [President Reagan] on most" of them.

"We're going to make this a two-party state again," she said. "We're going to make the Republican party strong again in Massachusetts."

Elliot Richardson will "support Ray," said Peter I. Blute, one of Richardson's field directors. "I mean he's not going to say, 'Go Ray,' but yeah, he'll support him."

Kerry Press Secretary Alexandra Deseise said, "We're going to continue to discuss the issues, like John has been doing for the past seven months. Outside of that I can't tell you much, we're just working out the strategy now."

Marcia Hertz, a Shannon press

officer, said her candidate would actively support Kerry in the November election.

Shannon "will probably move back up here and go back into private practice as a lawyer" when he leaves Congress in January, Hertz said.

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Tech photo by Shari Jackson

The cross country team trains for their meet against the United States Coast Guard Academy Saturday.

Students raise \$3000 in aid

By Amitabh Lath

A group of students called the Committee to Assist Non-registrants (CAN) has raised \$3000 to give financial help to students who have lost federal aid because they failed to register for the draft.

President Paul E. Gray '54 said last term that MIT would not replace the withheld funds because the Solomon Amendment prevents non-registrants from receiving federal aid.

The administration, however, did not rule out the possibility of an independent group raising funds to aid non-registrants.

The group has solicited funds from the faculty and the Class of 1984. It has raised about \$1500 in

donations from the faculty, and the same amount in pledges from the class of 1984, according to Joseph Minato '84, spokesman for the group.

The wording of the group's primary objectives allows the funds to be available for both men and women.

"There are women who have not submitted the form stating they don't have to register, because they disagree with its principles," Minato said.

The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), affiliated with the Quaker Church, is handling the money. CAN deals with AFSC through the New England Yearly Meeting (NEYM), one of its sub-branches, Minato said.

The NEYM is involved in many other politically sensitive issues and acts as a clearinghouse for groups similar to CAN at Brown and Brandeis Universities. The non-profit status of the AFSC enables the contributors to claim their donations as tax deductions.

CAN is not yet an official MIT activity, but its members are considering becoming one.

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Admissions office may screen for EECS major

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cess, each applicant's folder is reviewed by an admissions staff member and a faculty member, who then assign the applicant a scholastic index and a personal rating and enter him into an "admissions matrix."

Under the plan, the Admissions Office would have to "ensure that students from throughout the admissions matrix receive restricted admission" so that restricted students not be perceived as the bottom quarter of the class, according to the CEP report.

The admissions staff should also consider the sex and race of applicants in designating restricted admission, to avoid discouraging the "underrepresented" women and particular minority groups from scientific and technical careers, the report states.

The admissions staff may use information on career interests in designating restrictions, according to the CEP report. "Judgments on background information such as the strength of interest in particular areas would be based on a reading of all the material..." although the applicant's stated field of interest by itself "will not be a major factor."

Willard R. Johnson, professor of political science, said at the meeting, "It is not clear to me how one could avoid" using the applicant's career interest to decide who would be restricted.

The admissions office would not place students with different career interests into separate groups, Smith responded. "But still, we should not be blind" to their interests.

EECS enrollment rise a recent phenomenon

Sophomore enrollment in EECS remained at roughly 200 in the thirty-year period between 1947 and 1976, Smith said. In

1976, however, enrollment exceeded 240, rising swiftly to 380 last year with "no indication [the trend] will change," he continued.

MIT has developed programs in the School of Management, and the Cognitive Science and Materials Science and Engineering to attract students who might otherwise enter Course VI.

"If these actions do not result in a sufficient decline in EECS enrollment, overt restrictions may be unavoidable... a decision by CUAFA regarding the need for a restrictive action should be made by the first week of October," according to the CEP report.

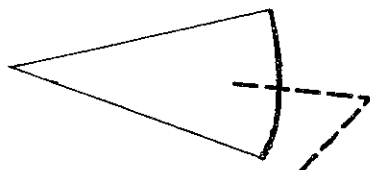
Joel Moses PhD '67, EECS department head, said, "We don't believe the problem is gone... [yet] nobody is pleased to impose these changes."

The report recommends that CUAFA enact the plan unless enrollment in EECS significantly decreases within the next three years. The committee provided the following benchmark levels in its report: EECS should only enroll 350 sophomores in 1984, 310 sophomores in 1985, and cut down to 270 by 1986.

"We are not ecstatic with the [proposed plan], but we think we should take it," Moses said.

Erratum

The following data was inadvertently left off Tuesday's page one graphic on sophomore major choices. *The Tech* regrets any inconvenience this may have caused.



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The MIT Writing Requirement consists of two phases. Phase I, which should be completed by the end of the freshman year, can be satisfied by:

- Receiving a passing grade on the Freshman Essay Evaluation given during Residence/Orientation Week.

- Submitting a five-page paper of expository prose written for any MIT subject. Students may submit papers from spring, 1984, until add date, Oct. 12.

- Achieving a score of 750 or above on the College Board Achievement Test in English with Essay prior to entry.

- Receiving a passing grade in any one of four introductory expository writing subjects.

Phase II of the requirement, which should be completed by the end of the junior year, can be satisfied by:

- Receiving a grade of B or better for the quality of writing in the cooperative subject within the general area of a student's professional field. This phase may also be satisfied by receiving a grade of B or better in any one of three advanced subjects in scientific and engineering writing.

- Submitting a ten-page paper of expository prose from any MIT subject or UROP activity within the general area of a student's professional field.

Ellen L. Spero

GRADUATE STUDENTS

The Graduate Student Council will conduct interviews for seats on Institute Committees on Tuesday, September 25 and Wednesday, September 26. All interested graduate students are invited to apply for seats on the following committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE FACULTY:

Committee on Discipline (2 positions)*
Committee on Educational Policy (1)*
Committee on the Library System (1)*
Committee on Student Affairs (2)*

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Committee on the Use of Humans as Experimental Subjects (2)
Committee on the Visual Arts (2)
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Nation

Air Force Academy dishonored — Evidence of widespread cheating on a senior-class physics test has caused the Air Force to suspend the cadet-run honors system. Nineteen senior cadets were suspended in the academy's worst cheating scandal in twenty years.

SAT scores rise — The average scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test rose four points last year. Verbal scores averaged an increase of one point, from 426 to 427, while mathematics scores rose three points from 468 to 471. This is the largest gain since average SAT scores began to decline in 1963.

Local

Flynn proposes student tax — Mayor Raymond L. Flynn is considering submitting a \$138 million revenue package to the state legislature that may include a tax on college students that could raise \$9 million. The student tax would amount to \$75 per student annually.

Boston haze man-made — Although it may appear that the thick summer haze is a natural phenomenon, the Environmental Protection Agency has determined that the hazy summer skies are due to the same air pollution that causes acid rain. Both the haze and acid rain are the result of industrial sulfur dioxide pollution.

Why were they boiling water? — Diane Avoli gave birth to a 7¼-pound girl while teaching a cooking class at her natural food store in Boston last Monday night. The baby was tentatively named Kristin Pearl.

Sports

Ali undergoing neurological tests — Former heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali is taking tests in New York to determine the cause of slowed and slurred speech. Doctors have ruled out previously-suspected Parkinson's disease and the syndrome known as "punch-drunkenness," according to Ali's doctor, Martin D. Ecker.

Tigers clinch AL East — Rookie Randy O'Neal fired a four-hitter, shutting out the Milwaukee Brewers to seize the American League Eastern Division crown for the Detroit Tigers Tuesday. The Tigers are the first team since the 1927 Yankees, and the third in history, to lead the race from the first day of the season to the last.

Weather

Weekend no fall guy — Sunny today with pleasant highs of 68 to 72. Clear and chilly tonight with lows between 42 and 48. Saturday morning fog should burn off to a lovely day with highs between 70 and 74.

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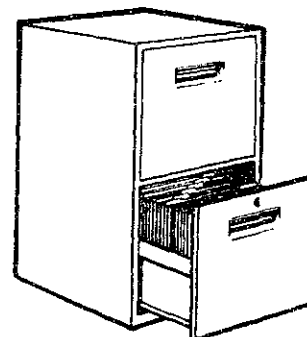


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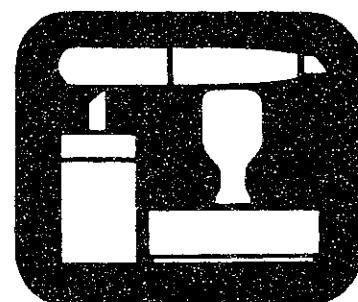
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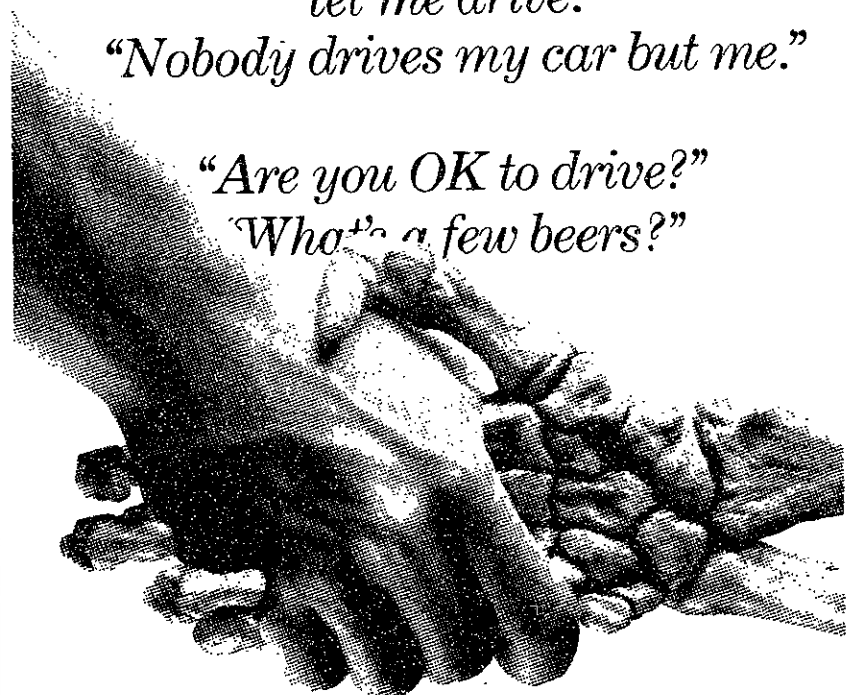
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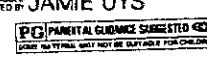


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A lesson in White House reporting

"[Nixon] rarely holds press conferences, and his personal relationship with the working press is almost nonexistent. In the White House and on the road, he 'communicates' with the press corps through his mouthpiece, press secretary Ron Ziegler... [who] treats the White House press corps like a gang of troublesome winos who will only be tolerated as long as they keep out of the boss's hair" — Hunter S. Thompson, Fear and Loathing on the Campaign Trail '72

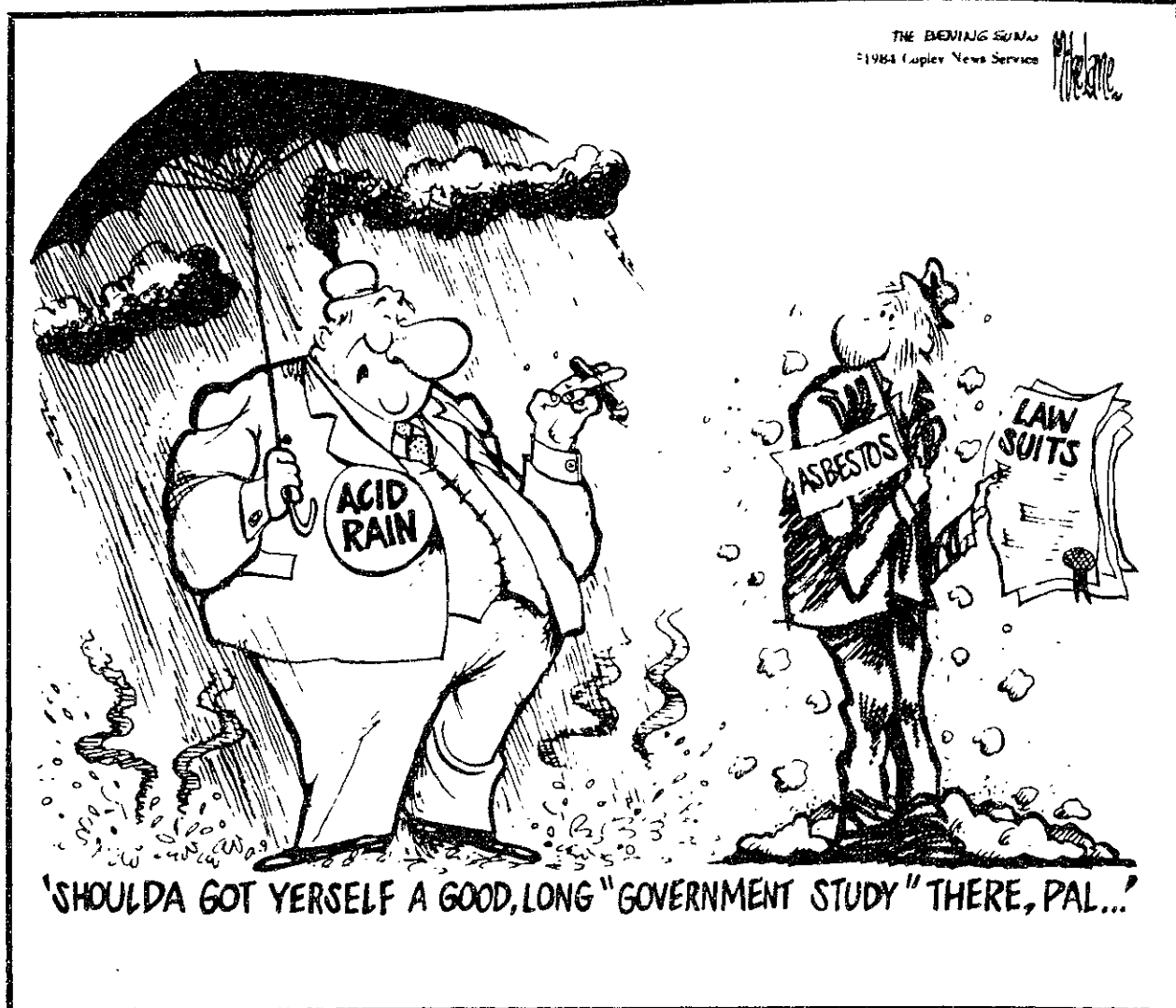
On Monday, I represented *The Tech* at a White House press conference for college newspaper editors. No, we did not see the president, just to get that question out of the way. We did see, hear, and question Jeane Kirkpat-

rick, ambassador to the United Nations; Larry Speakes, the president's principal deputy press secretary; John A. Svahn, assistant to the president for policy development; John D. Bergen, director of speechwriting and big wheel at the Pentagon; and Terrell H. Bell, secretary of education.

Many of us went to Washington armed with probing queries aimed to elicit the shocking truth about the horrors of the current administration. Predictably, we received very few direct, revealing answers. In fact, the most shocking thing we could reliably document was the immense difficulty of getting facts of any kind, good or bad, out of the Reagan White House.

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Column/Simson L. Garfinkel

Much ado about porn flicks

Harvard Yard is surrounded by a wall. MIT doesn't have any means for locking in students, but you would think it did after reading the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs' policy statement on sexually explicit films.

One of the key points in the policy statement is that films which are deemed "unacceptable" may still be shown, although not in Kresge Auditorium, as long as the group showing them gives a six-week notice so other groups may plan alternative activities.

Does the Dean's Office feel that students who can't find "acceptable" entertainment on campus have no where else to go? It's not as if there were gates encircling MIT to lock in students when pornographic films are shown.

The Repeta Committee has enumerated certain criteria which make a sexually explicit film "acceptable." I don't think people who oppose pornography will be satisfied when they are told a pornographic movie being shown has passed the committee's stan-

dards and is "acceptable." Many people who are against campus pornography will not stop until they have total censorship of sexually explicit films. For these groups, the Repeta Committee's action is merely the first step.

And it's a pretty good first step, at least as far as those anti-pornography groups are concerned. A movie can be deemed unacceptable if it doesn't "reflect believable reality or more normalcy in the relationships and sexuality displayed." That essentially gives those who will judge the movies a license to say what is and what is not normal sexual expression.

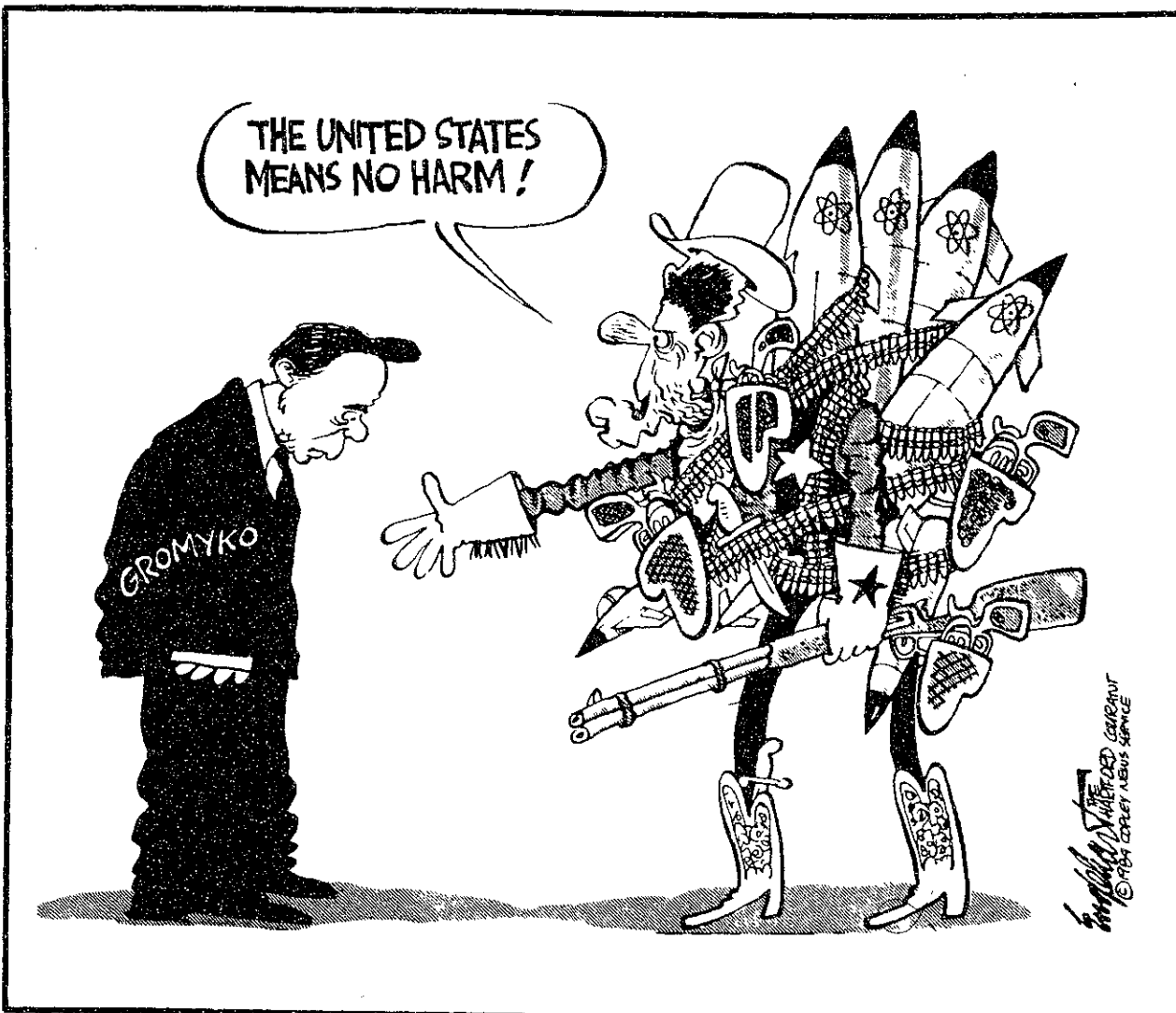
Last September, LSC showed the XXX film *Take Off*. Then-LSC Chairman Leo J. DaCosta '82 thought the film was "not degrading to either women or men." I saw the film; I didn't find it objectionable. It didn't degrade men or women. In a few places it was even charming, but it never would have been approved under the new criteria because the scenes in the movie were not believable.

Despite these failings, *Take Off* drew over 2600 people into Kresge. I do not know of any women living in McCormick or Green Hall who were assaulted, either verbally or physically, by hordes of rabid males exiting Kresge. Yet, this is one of the reasons the Dean's Office gives for not allowing objectionable movies to be shown in Kresge: the auditorium is right next to women's dormitories.

The ODSA feels that the effects of pornography are short-term, not long-term. They don't want the films shown at Kresge because it is right next to McCormick and Green Hall. But they say it's okay to show the same film in 26-100. I guess they feel that any rabid students leaving the auditorium will have cooled down by the time they've walked back to the west side of campus.

The sad truth is that the effects of pornography, if any, are long-term, not short-term. It is repeated exposure which fosters attitudes of male dominance and

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opinion



White House answers don't match questions

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House.

Kirkpatrick, the first speaker, delivered a forty-five minute political science lecture describing the Cold War years as "secure, strong, prosperous, and hopeful. . . The institutions of freedom were more secure than at any other period since the end of World War II."

She discounted the Soviet annexation of Eastern Europe, and the after-effects of the war on Europe; she did not mention the McCarthy witch-hunts. There was little time left for questions after her history lesson, and she answered every question on the future with a meditation on the past.

The other officials seemed more open to audience participation but, with the exception of Bell, released little more of interest. Their answers relied heavily on common knowledge and vague generalities. Sometimes they simply restated or focused on the question, or told the student about the question he "should" have asked.

Often they responded by talking about things that had nothing to do with what the student wanted to know. A question to Bergen about "what the Department of Defense does specifically to prevent [internal electronic or decisional nuclear] accidents and what plans are specifically in action if an accident does occur" elicited a speech about the dangers of nuclear proliferation.

Speakes contradicted himself throughout his presentation. "Communication is a part of leadership. The American people give Reagan high marks for leadership. . . I think the president has communicated with the public and the press," he said in response to questions about the campaign. To topical questions, he said mostly either "No comment," or "At the time, there were reasons for it."

A student asked him about efforts by the Reagan campaign to "cater to the college vote. Is this briefing part of that?" he said. Speakes claimed the timing of the briefing was unrelated to the campaign. "It's surprising that a

president who is about to be the oldest ever has such appeal to the young," he said. Merrie Spaeth, Special Assistant for Media Relations, later referred to the exchange as "a question about what this administration is doing to reach out to young people."

Because of security restrictions and the tight schedule, we were not allowed out of the building for lunch. Most of us paid two dollars for a box lunch consisting of a ham or turkey sandwich, potato chips, cookies, and soda. In the bottom of the box were the vegetables: mayonnaise, mustard, and pepper.

The twenty minutes lunch break was the only time we had to talk to each other. I met an editor in chief of a daily with fifty editors, the editor in chief of a biweekly at a school with twelve hundred students and a fifty year-old priest who was representing his seminary. We all agreed we were not getting very satisfactory or useful information.

When we returned to the press conference room, the daily White House press briefing session was being broadcast live over the intercom. Every day at 12:30, professional reporters informally grill Speakes on current events, and if Monday's briefing was any indication, the sole point of the practice is to keep the lines of communication open.

"The President doesn't seem to endorse the high-growth scenario," a reporter was saying.

"Well," said Speakes, "some days he does and some days he doesn't."

A reporter asked a complicated question about protection for the steel industry. "You'll have to ask the proper people about protectionism tendencies. The president will decide," Speakes said.

Someone asked about Mondale's meeting with Gromyko. "I just don't have any views on it," Speakes said.

Lester Kinsolving, a priest turned media gadfly, asked if the president were eating lunch with Jerry Falwell that day. "Why no, I don't think so. I don't know.

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feedback

Sklar was narrow and self-righteous

To the Editor:

As a member of a fraternity, perhaps it is natural that I should be angered by Kimberly Sklar's column "Defending a major during Rush Week" [Sept. 14]. Perhaps I have every right to be put off by a column that begins "Fraternity guys don't tend to have great imaginations." But the point of this letter is not to rush to the defense of my fellow fraternity members — no, I'm sure that will be dealt with quite thoroughly in other letters to the editor. My goal is instead to point out the narrowness and self-righteousness in Sklar's column.

A year ago, when I first came to MIT, I realized it was best to shed my "Animal House" predilections and go visit fraternities with a completely open mind. As a result, I was able to find the right place for me. But where I now live in no way slants this letter. In fact, if Sklar had substituted "dormitory" for "fraternity" throughout her column, my reply would stand.

Having now seen rush from the other side, Kim, I have some idea of where you are coming from. True, the list of rush conversation openers is far too short and not very inspiring. It seems, however, that you overlooked something. You could have started some conversations with brothers yourself. How about explaining what it is about creative writing that intrigues you, instead of simply assuming (based upon a few persons' decisions) that no one was really interested? This certainly would have elevated your rush conversations to an interesting level. Unfortunately, it seems your haste to judge every house by the first two minutes of conversation with a brother precluded this. Too bad — for you and for us. A brother of mine who graduated last year was a creative writing major, and he is extremely interesting to talk with. Perhaps his advantage lay in the fact that he was neither ashamed of his major, nor defensive about it, as you seem to be.

There is one thing I would urge you to do, Kim. Meet some of the fraternity guys in your classes. You just might find that talking with them in a more relaxed situation will reveal that we are human beings, too, with feelings and convictions as well. We are fully capable of friendship and understanding — even imagination. Who knows? You might come to like us.

Kim, welcome to MIT. It seems others could gain a lot from you, as long as you are willing to gain from them as well. If you came here to get a great education, you certainly can, regardless of your intended major. A word of advice, Kim: please realize that schooling is but one aspect of that education.

Stephen Russell '87

Shocked and horrified by pornography policy

To the Editor:

That MIT would come up with a "policy" concerning the showing of pornographic films leaves me, and I am sure countless others affiliated with MIT, shocked and horrified. There are limits to what can be permitted in the name of academic freedom. For example, on the same page with your story concerning MIT's policy on pornographic films [August 31], there is a story on theft and other crimes on campus. Such crimes could be condoned in the name of "academic freedom" also. If anyone has a mindset for thievery, who are we to try to regulate his freedom to choose, and why should we complain if we happen to be the victims?

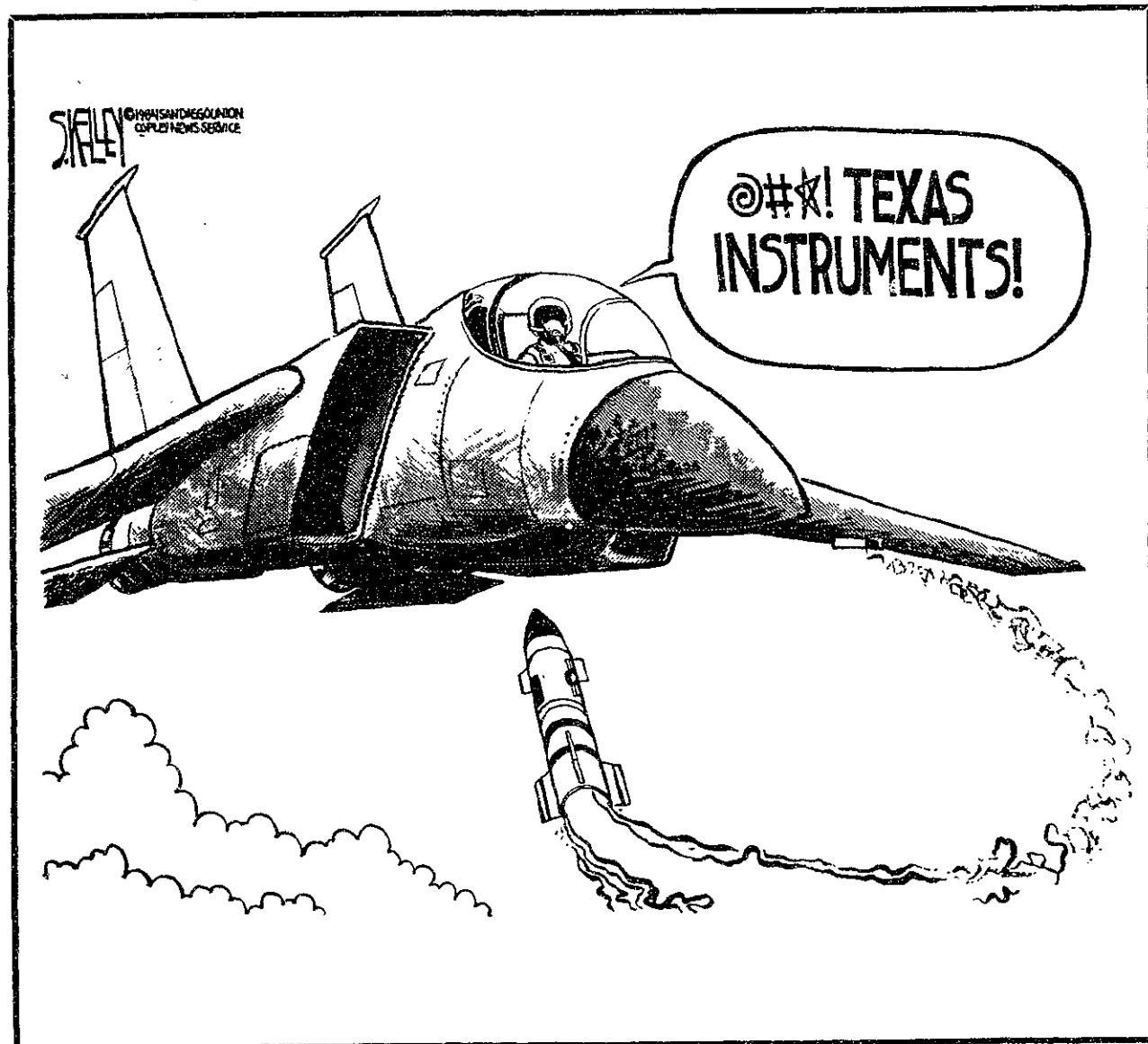
The losses concerned with pornography are more lasting and more devastating than the loss of property! Pornography robs peo-

ple of their innocence, their purity, and their holiness — and inspires the depraved to acts of violence against others.

Even as beautiful experiences are unforgettable, rotten experiences must also be indelibly etched on the mind. I am sure that many who go to see pornographic films will always regret it, because they will not be able to purge the ugly and depraved things in those movies from their minds.

God have mercy on us all when a world-renowned institution stoops to such a travesty on academic freedom, instead of upholding — even insisting on — what is noblest and best in human behavior.

Georgia M. Nagle
Reading Room Administrator
Information Processing Services



opinion

Join review committee, see free pornography

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female subjugation, not a one-time viewing.

The real thing to be concerned with is pornography's effect on men. If pornography is as influential as the ODSA feels, then besides making the MIT environment uncomfortable for women, it is really screwing up a lot of men. That's potentially a much larger offense.

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The only movies the Review Committee will approve won't be worth watching. For a movie to be acceptable, the characters all have to be nice to each other, at least when they're in bed. They have to have normal sexual relationships. They have to treat each other as people.

The truth is that people are not

always nice. Some of the most interesting stories — be they fact or fiction — are of the times when people treat their fellow human beings in as inhuman a manner as possible. I am not saying that a movie portraying gang rapes would be a worthy artistic endeavor. But there is a limit to how many "see Dick and Jane have sex" scenes a movie can have before its just not worth the trouble to watch.

We've got the rules, we're going to get the Review Committee. The committee will approve only movies that are not worth watching to begin with. So what's a hard-core porn fan to do? Join the Review Committee.

Editor's note: Simson L. Garfinkel is a member of the MIT Lecture Series Committee.



White House regards public as children

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I'll send someone to check," said Speakes. Another reporter later said Falwell had told her he was lunching with Reagan.

Another newsman opened fire: "Both Baltimore dailies reported yesterday on page one that the latest polling reveals President Reagan ten points ahead of Mr. Mondale in Maryland, of all places. Does the White House impart this as being in any way due to the strong support of the president for re-election by Senator Mathias?"

"He's one of your favorites, idd'n he?" Speakes guffawed.

"I just wondered, do you think it was due in any small part to Senator Mathias's strong support, or not?" the reporter continued.

"We have done no polling in Maryland," said Speakes finally.

"The President said he'd be having little mini-news conferences. We're free this afternoon if he is," said someone else. Speakes said the president was not free that afternoon.

"Well, what's he doing for lunch, if he's not eating with Falwell," a voice persisted. "Is he brown-bagging it or what?" Mad laughter. Speakes reminded the Fourth Estate that the president had already spoken on the record for forty minutes this month.

Finally Kinsolving burst into a tirade asking why the president was so insulated from the press. "What is this cocoon policy?" Kinsolving grumbled. "Mr. Reagan is a very good speaker, very

able with the press. Why do you have the impression the president can't handle the press without you or Baker or Deaver as a fall guy?"

"That's the most complicated question you've ever asked, Lester," said Speakes. "...Do you realize all these college students are listening? Do you think they have any idea how to handle Lester?" The intercom fell dead. According to press summaries distributed to us later, Kinsolving described the answer as a "Larry Speakes Mississippi Delta cop-out."

With laughter and relief, we realized we were not the only reporters frustrated by the difficulty of getting news out of the White House. Newspaper stories about the White House are usually assembled from multiple, often unofficial sources, Weber told us afterward. "The daily briefing sessions are not televised. I hope they never are...there aren't a lot of answers that come out of daily briefing sessions," he said.

I object to the people who hold the life and death of the world in their telephone receivers treating the press and the public like children, saying, in effect, "It isn't your business, you don't deserve to know, and you wouldn't understand it if you did." As an effort to gain votes and trust for the campaign ahead, the college press conference was a dismal failure; only as a crash course in the rigors of reporting in an informational vacuum was it a success.

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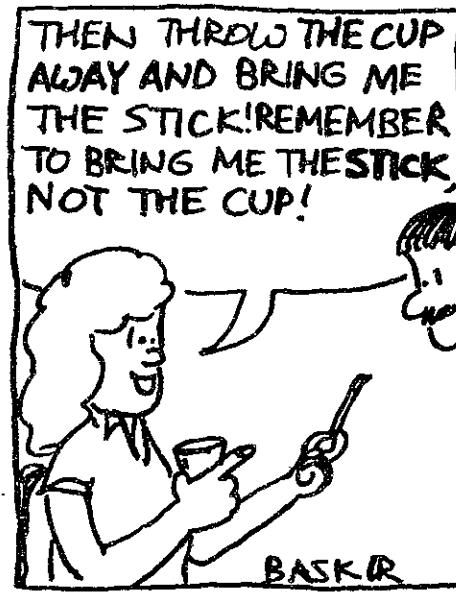
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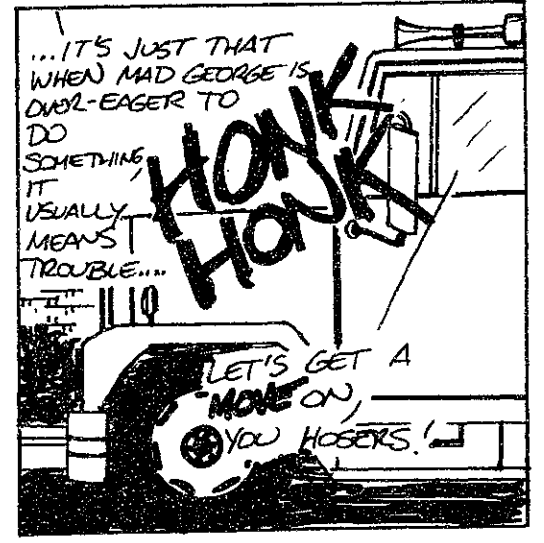
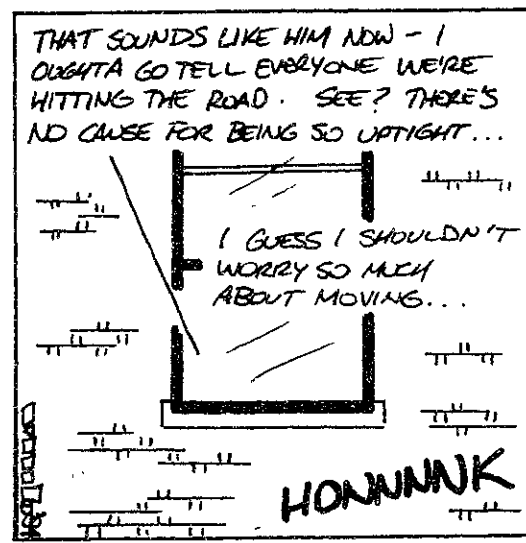
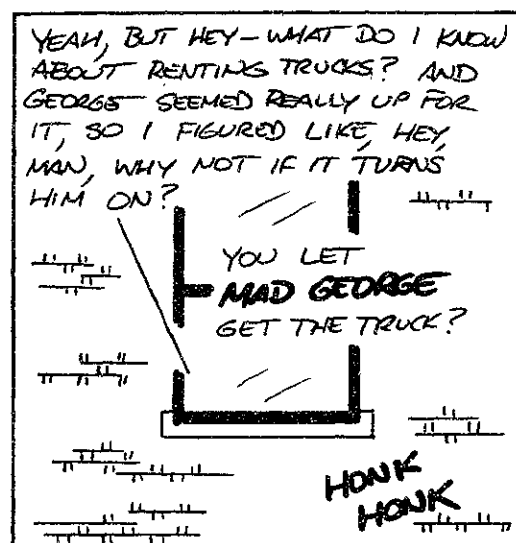
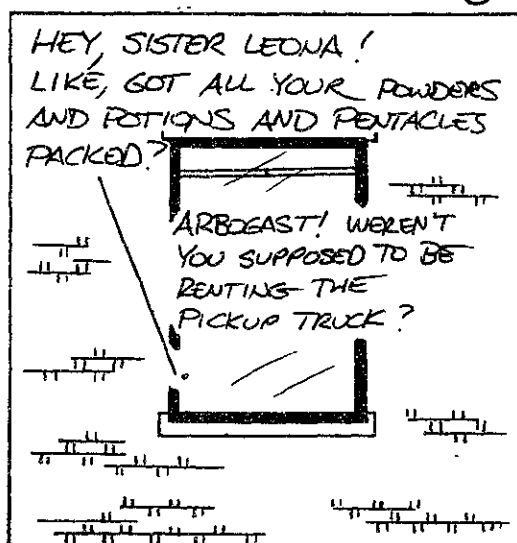
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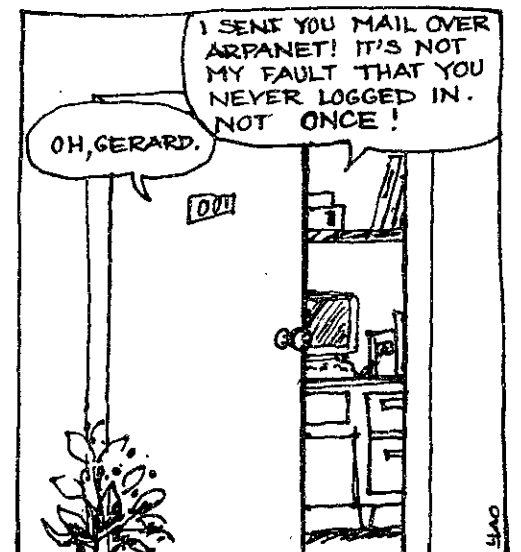
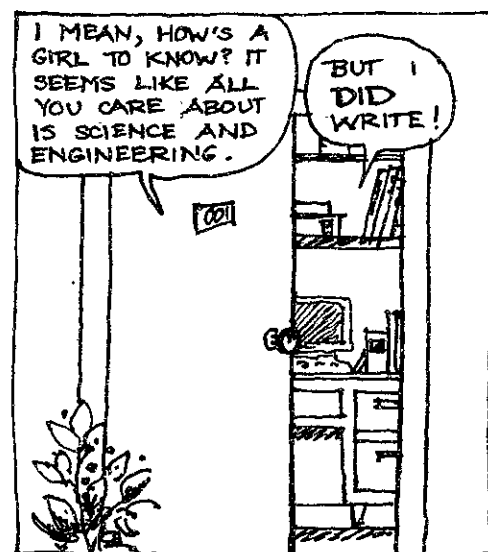
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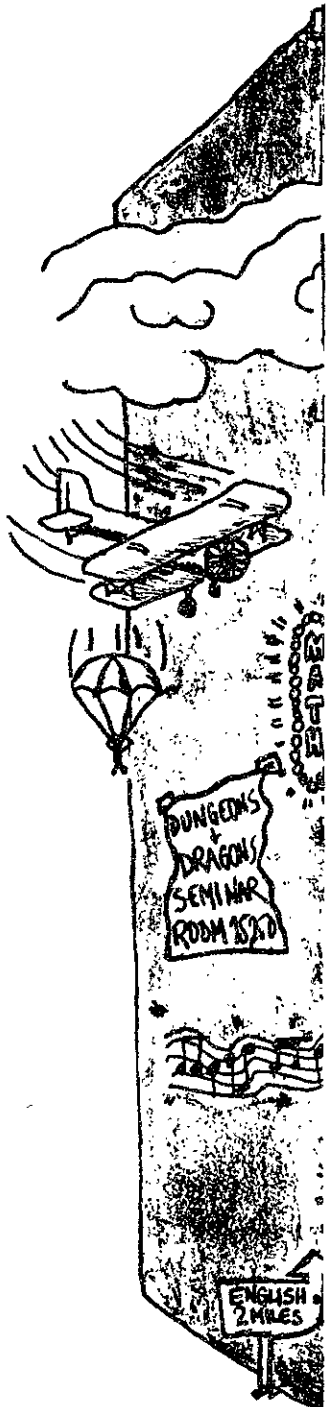
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The Big U, by Neal Stephenson, Vintage Books, \$4.50.

Casimir Radon is a physics major who has just transferred to American Megaver- sity — the Big U for short. The Big U is housed in a giant building, three blocks square, called the Plexus. Rising from the perimeter of the base are eight 25-story towers shaped like Swiss crosses, housing the university's 40,000 students.

Casimir Radon has a problem. He is trying to place out of introductory subjects the omnipotent school computer has assigned him. Just as the professor is about to sign the necessary waiver, a piano

THE BIG U

explodes through the ceiling sending the professor into a coma and preventing Radon from taking the more advanced classes.

This is the first in a series of increasingly weirder incidents that plague the Big U. There are the mutant German Shepherd-size rats in the sewers, the cult that worships a neon sign and keeps LSD-crazed sex slaves, the Crotobaltislaonian terrorists, and other assorted nuts.

The decline and fall of the Big U is chronicled through the eyes of newly-minted physics Ph.D. Bud Redfield. Through the first half of the book, Redfield is a virtually an omniscient narrator, and it is jarring when he occasionally inserts himself into the action.

Redfield is one of Stephenson's best

characters. *The Big U* is a rare example of a novel where the narrator or principal character is black, but his race is not the overriding concern of the book. Too often there are books where a black is a doctor, or a black is a sports hero, or a black is a politician. It is a pleasure when tokenism is avoided and the race of a character is only incidental to his actions.

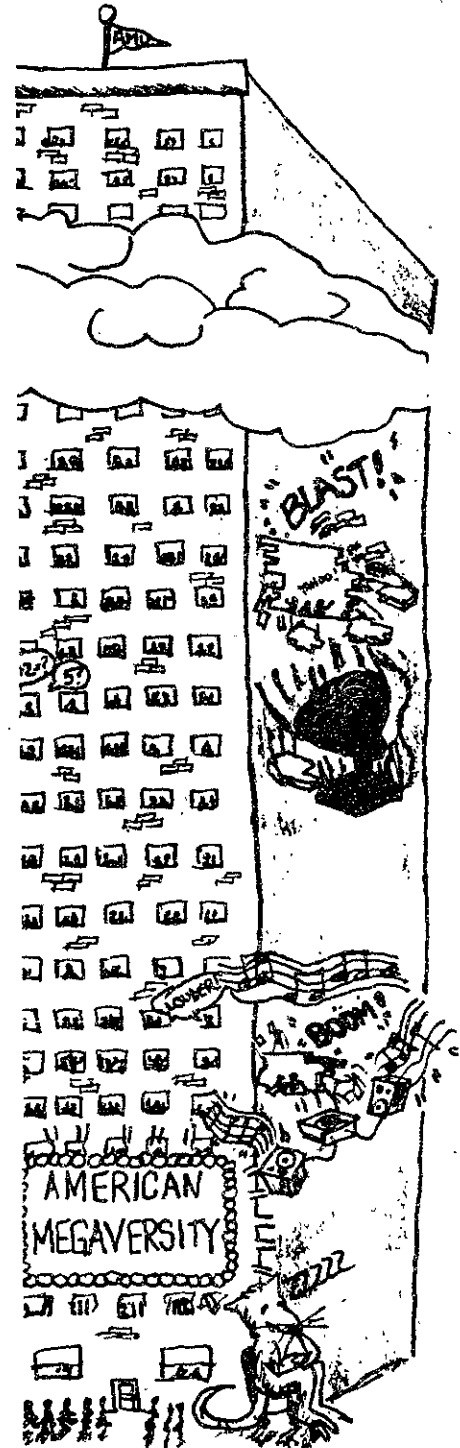
The Big U fails in most other areas, however: Stephenson has written a confused novel. He seems unable to decide whether he is writing a satire or a burlesque. The book weaves unsteadily from social commentary on the deleterious effects of a rising technocracy, to a whimsical send-up of academia, to mere LSD-crazed ravings. The Big U has a believable setting, but the events take it to the realm of the ridiculous.

Stephenson goes to great lengths to give his characters clever names. There is the aforementioned physics student Radon, a dope fiend named Dex Fresser (from the German *fressen*, to eat like an animal), Big U President S. S. Krupp, and Dean Fork-split of Dining Sevice, among others.

Stephenson needs a good editor. He frequently makes the mistake of telling rather than showing the reader. Heavy-handed similes abound: "He delivered the last sentence like the punchline to a *Reader's Digest* true anecdote," or "I thought of [the Plexus] as an immense vending machine, cautiously crafted so that any denomination too ancient or foreign or irregular would rattle about randomly for a while, find its way into the stairway system, and inevitably be deposited in the reject tray on the barren back side."

The Big U is a frustrating book when one considers what it could have been. As students at an institute of technology well know, high-tech academia is a rich mine for the satirist's pick. Stephenson's pick, while not dull, is certainly not sharp.

Robert E. Matchman



On the Town

Friday, September 21

LSC will be showing *The Empire Strikes Back* tonight in Kresge at 7 and 10 pm and in 26-100 at 8 and 11 pm. Four shows, all with Luke and Leia and Han and Chewie and the whole gang. What more needs to be said?

If a battle among the stars of outer space isn't your style, then try *A Star Is Born* (1956 version). LSC is offering this classic as an alternative/additional form of entertainment tonight. It will be shown in 10-250 at 7:30 pm.

Start the weekend out right. SCC's *Friday Afternoon Club* will take place on the Student Center steps this afternoon from 3 to 5 pm. The band *Girls' Night Out*, will be performing and free munchies will be served.

The *Nameless Coffeehouse* starts a new season in a grand way. Come to the coffeehouse tonight from 7:30 pm to 10 pm for refreshments and folk music. Both are always free. The coffeehouse is located in the First Parish Church in Harvard Square, 3 Church Street. 864-1630

Saturday, September 22

Tonight's SCC Midnight Movie is *High Plains Drifter*. This weird Clint Eastwood movie will be shown in Lobdell at 11pm. Paint the town red with Clint.

LSC will show *The Empire Strikes Back* once more at 2 pm in 26-100 today. There's never too much of a good thing. See this movie again (and again, and again...).

Liquid Sky, a freaked-out exploration of punk culture, narcotics, and outer space which is on its way to cult status, is LSC's feature tonight. It will be shown at 7 and 10 pm in 26-100.

The *Nameless Coffeehouse's* opening activities continue. Tonight, musician Bob Holmes is featured. For more information see Friday's listing.

Sunday, September 23

The Temperamental Ensemble in Allston, including actor Tom Stafanick '79, director of the MIT Shakespeare Ensemble, opens a new play by Bruce Dale called *Up on the Roof*, a revisionist view of the Boston Massacre. The Ensemble will perform the play as a staged reading. The show is at 8 pm at St. Luke and St. Margaret's Church at 40 Brighton Ave. in Allston. Admission \$2.

Who done it?! Tonight's LSC flick is the Agatha Christie thriller, *Murder on the Orient Express*. Sit back and enjoy the ride at 6:30 and 9:30pm in 26-100.

Thursday, September 27

Today's MIT Noon Hour Chapel Series features the works of Carissimi, Scarlatti, Handel, and Rossini performed on the harpsichord and cello. Take a relaxing lunch break.

Ongoing

Yearbooks are more than just mugshots: *Exposed Paper: Recent Work by Technique Photographers* at the Wiesner Student Art Gallery (second floor of the Student Center. Held over from the summer; open 24 hours a day.

If you enjoy art, you won't want to miss the last days of Boston University's *Program in Artisanry*. Through September 22 you can see J. Fred Woell's social commentary through jewellery, on display at the George Sherman Union, 775 Commonwealth Ave. More information about the program and Woell's work is available. 353-2022

This is the last week to see the *Ring the Banjar!* exhibit at the Compton Gallery (Building 10). This highly acclaimed display of banjos through American history closes September 29th. Stop by and take a look.

Tickets

Many theater groups in the Boston area offer special discount ticket prices to students. As we become aware of this information we will pass it on to the MIT Community.

The *American Repertory Theater* (ART) offers a Student Pass program. A "limited number" of student passes are available for \$25 and entitle the owner to the 5 plays of the ART season (Nov. 23 through June 2). ART is located at the Loeb Drama Center, 64 Brattle St. in Cambridge. The company has played to sold-out houses for the last two seasons, so early action is suggested. For more information call their box office at 547-8300.

The *Huntington Theatre Company* also offers a \$25 student pass which entitles the owner to attend all 5 plays the Theater will produce this season. Additionally, the Huntington student pass bearers receive discounts at the Theater's concession stand, and enable students to select the "best seats available" for each production up to two weeks before the first performance. The Huntington Theatre Company is located at the Boston University Theater, 264 Huntington Ave. Passes are available at the MIT Technology Community Association (TCA). For more information, call the Theater's box office at 266-3913.

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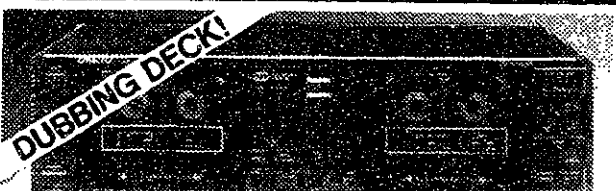
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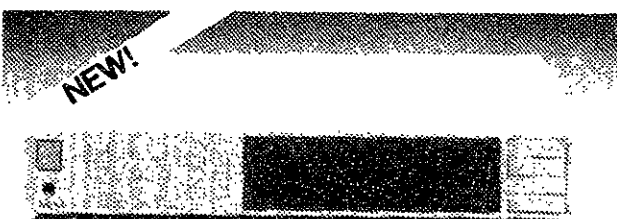
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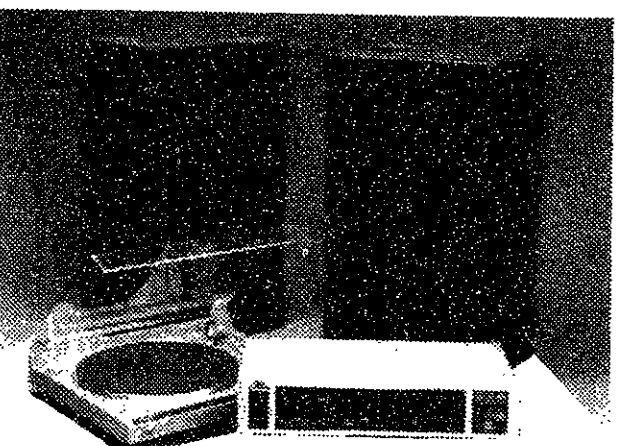
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GSC discusses grad housing

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mine housing space for graduate students. Vawter suggested that the GSC Housing and Community Affairs committee look into systems employed by other universities.

The Institute housing system has space for under 30 percent of the graduates, so many of the students are forced to find off-campus housing, Vawter said. She added that this has caused some tension between Cambridge

residents and MIT.

The GSC also raised the issue of the recent National Science Foundation bills to allocate educational funding. The bills will come before the next session of Congress.

The bills would affect the NSF grants and loans which many MIT students receive.

Bernie Palowitch G is forming a group to study the bill's effect on MIT students and to formulate possible GSC responses.

Solano wins party nomination

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Solano wins uncontested

Unopposed candidate Joseph H. Solano '85 won his bid for the Republican nomination for state representative from the 8th Suffolk District in Beacon Hill and Back Bay.

"It was only a primary and no one was running against me, so

there wasn't much anticipation or suspense in it," Solano said. "I was just looking to see how many Republicans would turn out to vote because my name was on the ballot."

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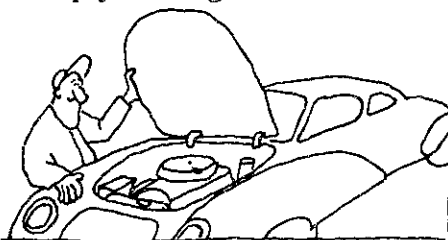
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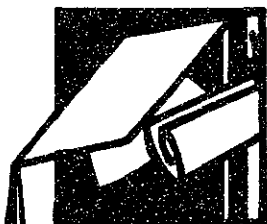
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Low to retire in June

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do," Low said. "One major issue that I have been trying to encourage is diversity in the intellectual life of undergraduate students, in particular, with respect to the under-usage of the resources that do exist here in the social sciences, arts, and the humanities. "I hope the next provost will have the same interest," Low added.

Low does not know who his replacement will be, he said. "My successor is not my responsibility," he said. "It is President Gray's." Gray was out of town and unavailable for comment.

Low plans to resume a full-time teaching and research load

next year, he said. This term is the first since he became provost in which Low has done any teaching.

"I'm on a very light teaching load this term and have done a little research — about two hours a week, just enough time to get back to where you were when you started two hours ago," he said.

Low's interest is in particle physics, particularly nuclear and electromagnetic forces. He graduated from Harvard College in 1942 and from Columbia University in 1949, with a PhD in physics. He joined the MIT faculty in 1957 as professor of physics, after a year as a visiting professor from the University of Illinois.

Thursday, Oct. 4

A seminar on **Multichannel MDS: Wireless Cable?**, with speakers Howard Klotz, Contemporary Communications, and Peter Lemieux, Information Architects, will be held in the Bush Room, 10-105, MIT. For further information, call 253-3144.

A career workshop on "Translating a Liberal Arts Degree Into a Job", sponsored by the Jewish Vocational Service, will be held from 7:30-9:30 pm at Gosman Jewish Community Campus, 333 Nahanton Street, Newton Centre, MA. Fee is \$15. To pre-register, please contact Meryl Glatt 723-2846 or Emily Kirshen 965-7940.

Tuesday, Oct. 9

Beth Israel Hospital's Mind-Body Group Program can teach you to manage your stress by using the relaxation response, awareness training, and exercise. New groups begin. For more information, call 735-3154.

Wednesday, Oct. 10

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The **MIT Dance Company School of Boston** presents its ninth year of dance education, offering two fifteen week sessions from September to May. MIT continues its extensive Children's Program for ages 3 to 14, as well as teen and adult classes in modern and jazz. Classes run Monday through Saturday with levels ranging from novice to professional. Aerobics is also offered in the evenings. The School is located at 551 Tremont Street in the Boston Center for the Arts. For more information, please call 482-0351.

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Listings

Student activities, administrative offices, academic departments, and other groups — both on and off the MIT campus — can list meetings, activities, and other announcements in *The Tech's* "Notes" section. Send items of interest (typed and double spaced) via Institute mail to "News Notes, *The Tech*, room W20-483," or via US mail to "News Notes, *The Tech*, PO Box 29, MIT Branch, Cambridge, MA 02139." Notes run on a space-available basis only; priority is given to official Institute announcements and MIT student activities. *The Tech* reserves the right to edit all listings, and makes no endorsement of groups or activities listed.

Saturday, Sept. 22

"**Sexual Harassment: What Women Need to Know**", a workshop dealing with myths and stereotypes of sexual harassment in the workplace, will be held at the Cambridge YWCA, 7 Temple St., from 10 am to 2 pm. Cost:

\$15. For more information, call 491-6050.

Are you from the Indian Subcontinent? Would you like to meet new and old students from Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka? If so, you are cordially invited to a get-together and dinner at 5:30 pm in the West Lounge, Student Center, MIT. This event is hosted by the Bhagat Singh Cultural Club. For further information please call 494-1794.

Monday, Sept. 24

"**The 3 E's: Eating, Emotions and Exercise**", a lecture on how emotional conflicts with food disrupt physical and emotional well being, will be held at the Cambridge YWCA, 7 Temple St., at 7 pm. \$4/members, \$5/others. For more information, call 491-6050.

Tuesday, Sept. 25

Learn about **Premenstrual Syndrome (PMS)**: what it is; what you can do about it; non-medical

intervention techniques; and resources in the area. A PMS workshop will be held at the Cambridge YWCA, 7 Temple St., from 10 am to 2 pm. \$10/members, \$13/others. For more information, call 491-6050.

Wednesday, Sept. 26

Cambridge Forum: "Can we end hunger in Africa?" featuring Djibril Diallo of the U.N. Development Program; Jay Levy, the F.A.O.; and Laurence Simon, Oxfam America. The Forum will be held at 8 pm at 3 Church Street, Harvard Square. Free.

Monday, Oct. 1

Beth Israel Hospital's Back Pain School teaches back pain sufferers how to manage their pain. Participants learn simple techniques that soothe discomfort. New sessions begin. For more information, call 735-3940.

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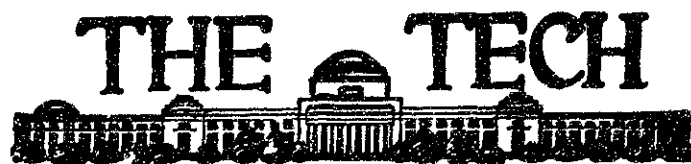
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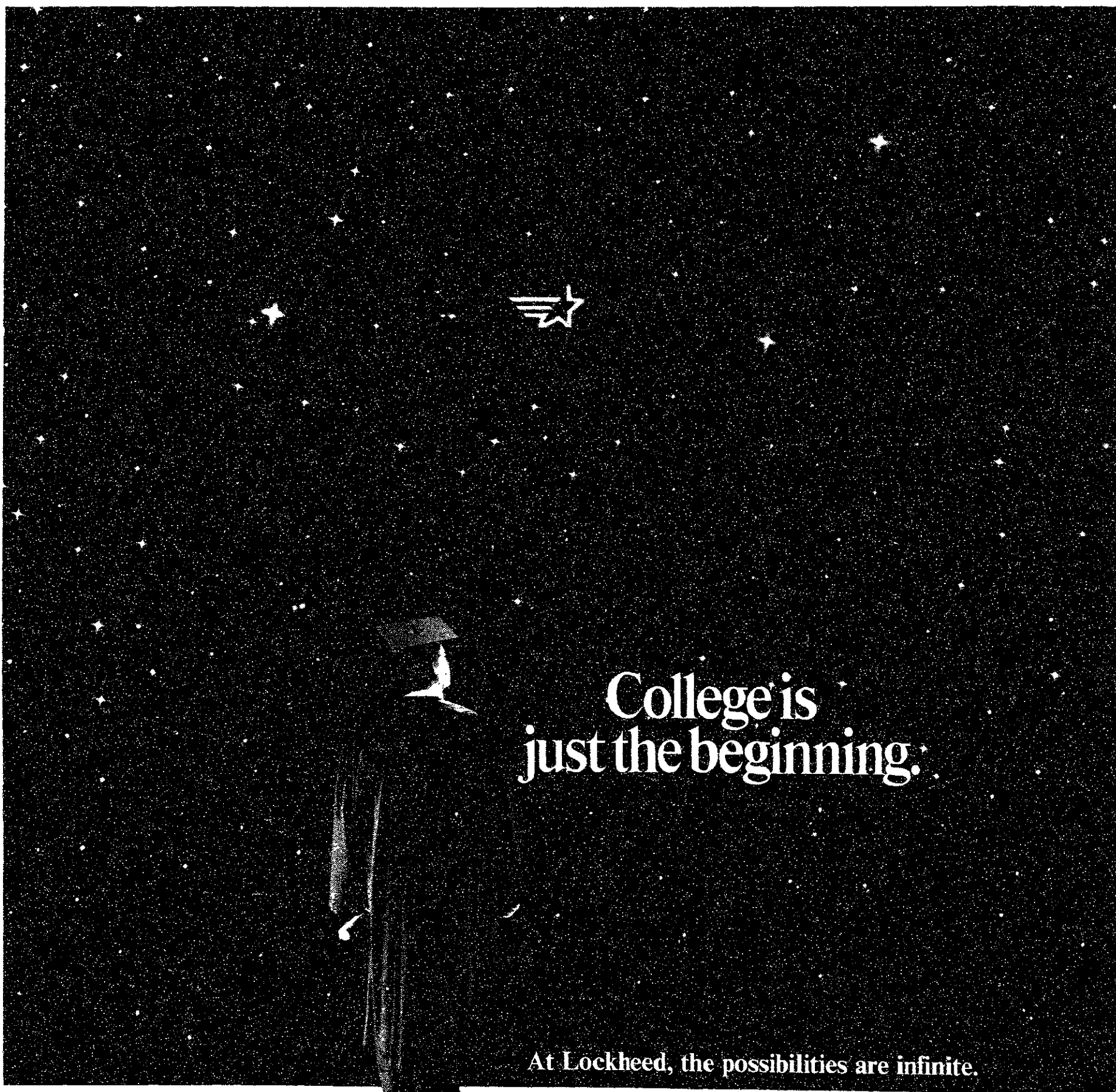
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Tuesday, Oct. 16

A career workshop on **"What Am I Worth? Negotiating Your Salary"**, sponsored by the Jewish Vocational Service, will be held from 7:30-9:30 pm at Gosman Jewish Community Campus, 333 Nahanton Street, Newton Centre, MA. Fee is \$15. To pre-register, please contact Meryl Glatt 723-2846 or Emily Kirshen 965-7940.

Monday, Oct. 22

Beth Israel Hospital is offering a new therapy group for women who have been sexually assaulted. The session will begin at 6 pm and will meet weekly. For more information call 735-4738.

Tuesday, Oct. 23

A panel on **"Careers in T.V. and Radio Broadcasting"**, sponsored by the Jewish Vocational Service, will be held from 7:30-9:30 pm at Gosman Jewish Community Campus, 333 Nahanton Street, Newton Centre, MA. Admission is \$5. For more information, please contact Gail Liebhaber at 965-7940.

Sunday, Oct. 28

WBZ's 3rd Annual Halloween Lite Monster Dash road race will start at 12 noon at Jimbo's Fish Shanty. All proceeds will benefit Children's Hospital. Also, immediately following the race, there will be a "Dash Bash" celebration party for the runners. For more information, please contact Donna Howard at 926-8523.

Tuesday, Oct. 30

A career workshop on **"Interviewing: For Information Only"**, sponsored by the Jewish Vocational Service, will be held from 7:30-9:30 pm at Gosman Jewish Community Campus, 333 Nahanton Street, Newton Centre, MA. Fee is \$15. To pre-register, please contact Meryl Glatt 723-2846 or Emily Kirshen 965-7940.

Ongoing

Students and faculty are cordially invited to flex their vocabularies at the Boston Scrabble Club — any Monday evening in the Teachers' Lounge of the Jackson-Mann Community School, Union Square, Allston. The club features "social Scrabble" for nervous newcomers, as well as officially-rated competitive play for the real addict. Club hours are 6:30 to 9:30 pm. For more information, contact P.G. Kaufmann at 784-5325.

The following exhibits are being held at the MIT Museum: **A Bunch of Electricals: An MIT Electrical Engineering Retrospective**, a celebration of the centenary of the Electrical Engineering Dept. Included are the Bush Differential Analyzer and the Edison Dynamo given to the Institute by Thomas A. Edison in 1887. **Math in 3D: Geometric Sculptures by Morton C. Bradley, Jr.**, sixteen sculptures based on mathematical formulae. Form and color relation give these works a unique visual appeal. **Images of Change**, fifty color photographs by Clinton Andrews. A subjective view of the

issues and technologies bringing changing to northern areas of Pakistan and India. 265 Massachusetts Ave. Monday-Friday 9 am to 5 pm. Free.

The following exhibit is being held at the Margaret H. Compton Gallery from April 12 to September 29. **Ring the Banjar! The Banjo in America from Folklore to Factory** will exhibit more than 50 of the most beautiful and historically important American Instruments, dating from the mid-18th century to about 1940. Building 10, 1st floor. Monday through Friday 9 am to 5 pm. Free.

The following exhibits are ongoing at the Hart Nautical Galleries: **MIT Sea Grant**, a review of MIT Ocean research; **Ship Models**, a historical view of the design and construction of ships; and **The Engineering Wizard of Bristol: Nathanael G. Herreshoff**, plans, half-models, equipment, and photographs documenting the renowned yacht designer's application of engineering skills to ship design. Building 5, 1st floor. Monday through Friday 9 am to 5 pm. Free.

Announcements

Dr. Gray will hold open hours Tuesday, September 25, from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. Any member of the MIT community may schedule a fifteen-minute appointment on a first-come, first-served basis by calling x3-4665 or stopping by the reception area in Room 3-208.

The Huguenot Society of America provides a \$1000 scholarship annually to one student at MIT, who is nominated by the Institute, and who presents to the Society a verifiable line of descent from a Huguenot family. This scholarship is presently open, and application forms are available in the Student Financial Aid Office.

The Jeffrey M. Frank Scholarship for Spring 1985 is currently available through the Combined Jewish Philanthropies. Preference will be given to Jewish students

from the greater Boston area. Please contact Lucy Van der Wiel or Lisa Oteri in the Student Financial Aid Office for further information.

All members of the MIT community are eligible to apply for funds from the Grants Program of the Council for the Arts at MIT for arts-related projects or activities. The Council supports applications in all artistic disciplines and welcomes projects which allow students to experiment with and learn about the arts. Grants awards range from a few hundred dollars to \$10,000. Deadline is Friday, September 25. For application forms and further information, contact Alison Shafer, Room 20D-220, x3-4003.

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Volleyball team romps over Salem St. in season opener

By Paul Paternoster

It was back to business for the women's volleyball team Wednesday night, as it defeated visiting Salem State in three consecutive games 15-6, 15-7, and 15-4.

Solid defense, adequate passing and some occasional displays of hard hitting combined to give the Engineers the victory.

The win came as no surprise. Salem State was expected to be one of the easiest teams on the schedule.

The Engineers, however, did not use their new quick-set offense to its full potential. The team had been practicing the faster game plan, designed by MIT head coach Karyn Altman '78.

"We didn't expect the fast offense to work great," Altman said, noting that she looks for defense in the early part of the season. The setting and hitting, she added, come with time.

MIT put together a fast middle

attack. Such an attack is designed to "force the other team's middle defender to block the middle" and remain in one place, Altman explained.

Keeping that middle defender stationary gave MIT's outside hitters, Janette Kauth '85 and Anella Munro '85, a chance to display their offensive abilities. The pair awed the crowd on many occasions with monstrous smashes.

Munro sat out most of the third game with a lower back problem.

Two other bright spots were Rachel Chin '87 and Jenny Smith '86. Chin's sparkling defense saved the team many a point, while Smith filled the role of setter.

Altman was satisfied with her team's defensive effort, but felt that after the first of the three games, the team did not reach its full potential. Despite this minor flaw the Engineers remained cool

on the floor, winning with an easy-going style.

Even a delay in play, after a controversy with the referee, did not affect the players' composure. The problem occurred when Salem State served out of rotation twice.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association's rules state that any points gained on an illegal rotation are null and void. After a lengthy discussion, the officials deducted two points from Salem State's score.

The Engineers will be in action again Wednesday, when they visit the Eagles of Boston College. Next weekend, the team will participate in the Salem State Tournament, before moving on to the Juniata (Pa.) Tournament the following Friday and Saturday.

The squad will return home Thursday, Oct. 11, when it will host Wellesley College at 7 pm in the duPont gymnasium.



Tech photo by Shari Jackson

Following a season opener win, the MIT football team tackles Providence College Saturday at 1:30 pm.

Column/Martin Dickau

It's not Nebraska, but...

The weather will not provide a convenient excuse this time. The extended forecast calls for 80-degree temperatures and plenty of sunshine Saturday.

What better conditions could there be for watching the MIT football team — *your* football team — go for its second win of the season, when it hosts the Providence College Friars in Steinbrenner Stadium at 1:30 pm?

Yes, MIT does have a football team. No, it's not quite up to playing Nebraska, but it's more than up to thrashing the lowly Friars! And isn't the point of going to a football game to see your team win? Of course it is.

Believe it or not, our football team *does* win — 19-6 over Stonehill last week, or didn't you read that story? In addition to compiling a winning record last year, coach Dwight Smith's squad defeated national champion, Bentley College — not bad, huh?

"National champion of *what*?" I hear you cry. MIT, together with eight other schools, belongs to the New England Collegiate Football Conference, one of several bodies of club football teams.

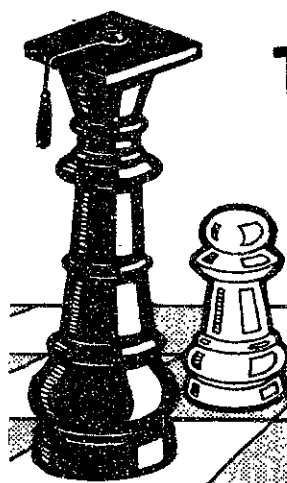
Ah, but it's only *club* football, you say. Isn't that like going for an AIDS test and finding out you only have herpes? I'm glad to say (and I'm sure the football team would agree with me) that it's not.

The major difference between club and NCAA Division III football is that graduate students are allowed to play on the club teams. Small schools such as MIT would not have enough players without the graduates.

Of course, there is one other difference between club and Divi-

sion III football: People go to watch their Division III teams play. Club football has a long tradition of poor spectator turnout.

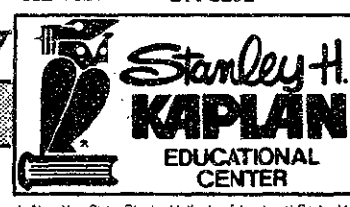
Since when has MIT been a traditional school, though? So come on out, enjoy the weather, and watch the football game. You never know, some Harvard fraternity might have planted a balloon in the middle of the field.



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