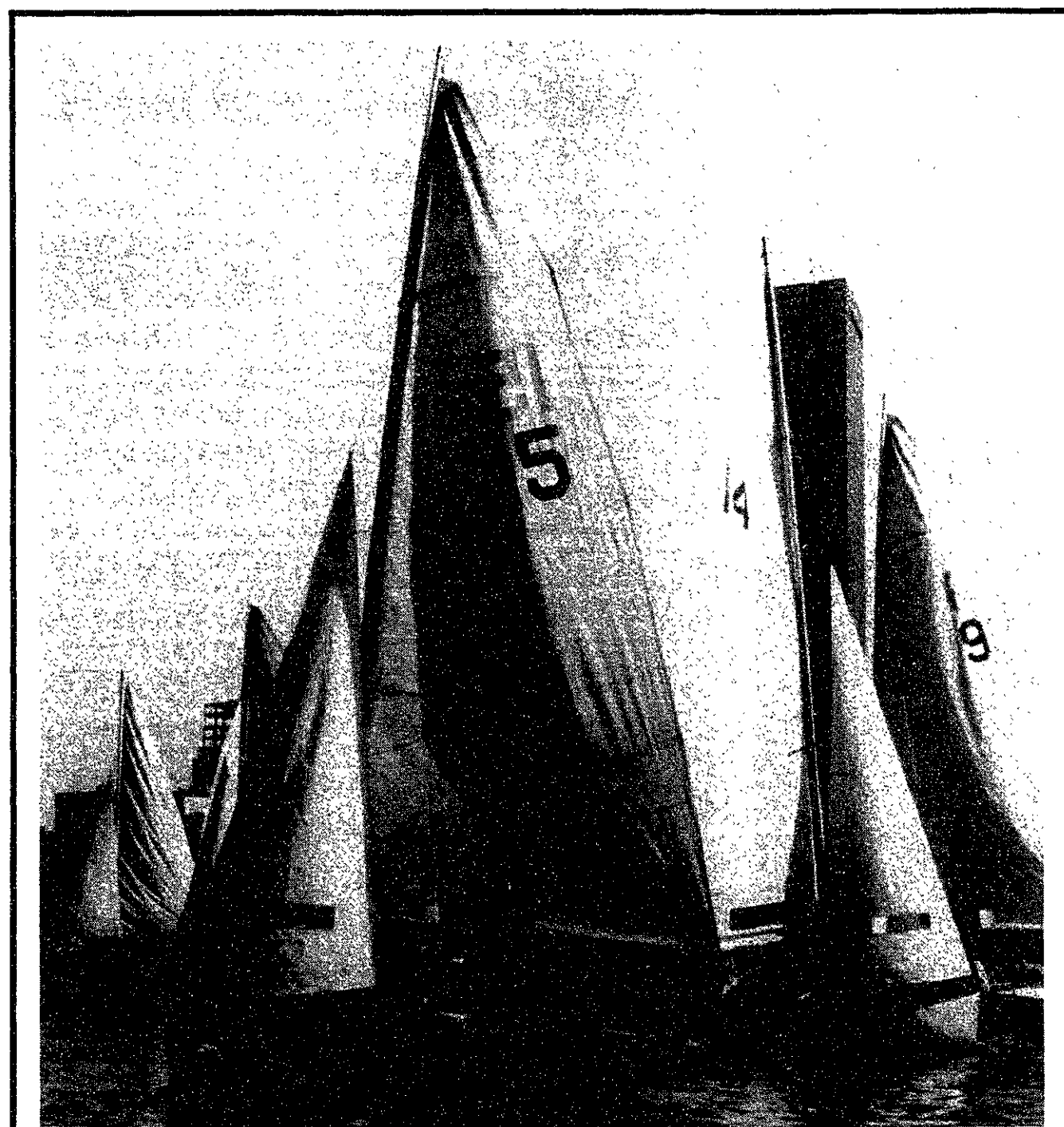




Eric Rueckwald '93 and Pam Street '93 (boat #15) catch a quick snooze before Sunday's MIT invitational begins.

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Teenagers attack junior at bus stop

By Andrea Lamberti

A group of eight black teenagers attacked and injured an MIT student in front of the Stratton Student Center on Wednesday afternoon. Brian E. Dunkel '92 said his remarks telling them to pay to ride the Massachusetts Ave. bus incited them to a confrontation.

One of the eight, Carl Foster, faces two charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, Campus Police Chief Anne P. Glavin said. The two weapons were his foot and a plastic wiffle ball bat, which he used to strike Dunkel on the head, witnesses said.

Dunkel sustained two hairline fractures in his jaw, a third in his left shoulder, and a chipped tooth.

The Campus Police believe the group was on campus in connection with the Third Annual Black College Fair, held in the Johnson Athletic Center Wednesday morning. The executive director of the Black Achievers Organization, the fair's sponsor, was unavailable to comment yesterday.

Over 1300 high school students attended the fair, but no records were kept and people did not register at the door, said Judy Jackson Pitts, assistant dean for student affairs.

The college fair was otherwise uneventful, Glavin said. "I have no reason to believe that this was racially motivated. . . . There were no racial comments or overtones."



Brian E. Dunkel '92

Struggle at MBTA bus doors developed into blows

The teenagers were attempting to enter the No. 1 Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority bus at the bus stop near Bexley Hall as Dunkel was leaving the bus, at approximately 1:30 pm. Dunkel was carrying a large box and blocking their entry at the rear doors.

Dunkel pushed his way off the bus and through the group of youths, and "told them to go to the front of the bus and pay to get on," he said.

Lisa Heller-Schoenberg G, who was standing behind Dunkel on the bus, said Dunkel "started saying things like 'Get off the bus. Go pay your 50 cents.'

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MIT searches for new deans

By Chris Schechter

The leadership transition in the administration, marked by the arrival of President Charles M. Vest and Provost Mark S. Wrighton, will be quietly accompanied by the arrival of several new deans.

In April, the dean of the School of Engineering, Gerald L. Wilson PhD '72, announced his resignation effective Sept. 1 of this year. He has agreed to hold the position at MIT until January 1991, though.

And Ann F. Friedlaender PhD '69, former dean of the School of Humanities and Social Science, announced in February that she was relinquishing that position to continue teaching economics at the Institute. The former associate dean of the school, Professor of History Philip S. Khoury, took over as acting dean of the school July 1.

Arthur C. Smith was appointed acting dean for student affairs

when Shirley M. McBay left the ODSA June 30 to embark on a two-year paid leave of absence from MIT. Smith was appointed to act as dean for one year, but said he would stay on until

the search for a new dean was complete.

McBay is now president of the Quality Education for Minorities Network, an organization whose

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Tech file photo
Gerald L. Wilson '61, outgoing dean of engineering



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Ann F. Friedlaender PhD '69, former dean of humanities and social science

ASA approves poster policy; boards added

By Brian Rosenberg

The Association of Student Activities approved a new poster policy at its meeting Tuesday. The policy restricts poster to official bulletin boards, but does not provide any means of enforcement.

Efforts to revise the poster policy began last spring after the Undergraduate Association elections. Postering before the elections was intense, and Physical Plant complained about the posters, saying that clearing them was taking too much time and that the tape damaged walls. Physical Plant estimated the costs of wall repairs and repainting to be \$30,000 a year.

about his topic . . . was really first-rate," said Andrews.

Despite the low turnout, the series has been a success with the undergraduates who do attend the lectures, according to Bapna. "Undergraduates that I've spoken to that have gone to it have loved it," he said.

Several factors have contributed to the lower-than-hoped-for attendance, Bapna said. The poster policy enacted this fall has limited the amount of publicity that can be generated, he felt. The series also competes with the numerous other campus activities.

"One can't expect on a weekly basis for any series to be too much of a draw just from the fact that the number of events at

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A Postering Policy Client Group was set up to study communication between activities and students.

The group found that poster was essential to good communication, according to Stephen D. Immerman, director of special services in the office of the senior vice president. "[The PPCG] found poster to be very elegant — it is passive, inexpensive, and people can select posters to look at themselves," he said.

The PPCG drafted the original policy, which was then modified during the course of several ASA meetings. The present policy is very similar to the original. It retains the wording on poster placement, but omits the warnings, fines, and other sanctions recommended by the older draft.

The policy states: "No posters, flyers, or other announcements shall be placed on any wall, door, window, pillar, floor, chalk board, ceiling, outside building space, or other space at MIT other than a designated bulletin board or official announcement space."

"Bulletin boards will be completely cleared twice weekly by Physical Plant: once on Thursday night and once on Monday morning."

"No group or individual shall poster over another poster which advertises an event or activity yet to happen. Posters may be placed on top of other posters no longer active."

"No group or individual shall (Please turn to page 9)

Context, UA offer "MIT, in Reality" lecture series

By Jeremy Hylton

In the absence of formal Context subjects, the "MIT, in Reality" lecture series stands as the most visible arm of the Context experiment. The lectures, held every Tuesday at 4 pm in 6-120, draw a wide range of members of the MIT community, but not as many undergraduates as had been hoped, according to Peggy Andrews of the office of the dean for undergraduate education.

The series hopes to expose students to research being done at MIT and social issues related to it.

The idea for the series was developed during last spring's Undergraduate Association election. "Something a candidate for [UA president] said struck a

chord in my head, and I thought it would be interesting to do a joint lecture series," explained Andrews.

Co-sponsored by the Context Support Office and the UA, work on the series began in early summer. Andrews and UA President Manish Bapna '91 developed a list of topics for the series. They worked with the related departments to arrange for the actual lectures.

"The idea was to expose undergraduates to work that is being done at MIT, but at the same time to some of the social, environmental, political issues connected with that," she said.

A "mild disappointment"

Andrews sees the low under-

graduate attendance as a "mild disappointment." Faculty and graduate students comprise the majority of the audience.

More undergraduates attended Tuesday's lecture entitled "Eating, Weight Gain and Mood" by Professor Judith Wurtman of the Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences than other lectures. Andrews believed that the topic was of particular interest to undergraduates and that the announcement of the lecture in Introduction to Psychology (9.00) lectures boosted attendance.

Sloan School Dean Lester C. Thrown's lecture on economics and technology, however, was not well attended. "The room, surprisingly enough, was not packed, but what he had to say

Teens attack MIT student

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What do you guys think you're doing?"

Dunkel did not deny making comments of this sort.

At first Dunkel tried to walk away from the scene, witnesses said. But after one youth followed him and asked, "What are you trying to be — a hero?" Dunkel engaged in a dialogue with the group, according to Heller-Schoenberg.

One person then struck Dunkel "upside the head" a few times, Dunkel said. Then another person attacked him from behind, and struck forcefully at the back of his head, according to a witness who wished to remain anonymous.

Once he was on the ground, the teenagers continued to assault Dunkel, and Foster "whaled" him on the head several times with the wiffle ball bat, the anonymous witness said.

The group then ran into the bus, which was still sitting at the station, but then reemerged moments before the Campus Police arrived at the scene. The group then fled to the alley between Buildings 33 and 9, and the police headed them off near Building 12.

The CPs apprehended all eight, but witnesses could only positively identify Foster.

A vicious and unusual attack

The anonymous witness described the events as "kind of

unusual and kind of vicious."

He said none of the bystanders attempted to stop the incident from proceeding any further. "It happened pretty quick," he said. "Who was going to offer help while this guy was getting physically beaten?"

Dunkel said he was not as upset about the incident as people might think. "Of course I'm glad I'm alive, and [that] none of them had anything worse than a wiffle bat."

If he had not spoken to the youths while he was getting off the bus, there might not have been a violent confrontation, Dunkel felt. "If I had just [moved through the group] I probably would have been fine."

Institute searches for new deans

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purpose is to implement recommendations from a 30-month QEM Project study which examined the educational problems of five underrepresented minority groups.

No deadline pressures

The provost has not set a specific timetable to fill these positions. Wrighton said he has given high priority to filling certain positions, such as dean of engineering, but stressed there will be no time pressures. "We need to devote plenty of time to the search process," he said. "We do not want to move hastily on such important matters."

The appointment process for each position begins with the formation of a search committee

which will ultimately submit a number of candidates to the president and the provost. The provost has the final say in the matter.

Wrighton hoped to collect student input in the selection of the new deans. With that goal in mind, he contacted the Undergraduate Association and the Graduate Student Council, saying that "all interaction between students and the administration is welcome."

The provost will be considering candidates from MIT as well as from other universities. He said he is determined to select deans who "will provide the best set of circumstances for studying and research."

"I am primarily looking for people who could work well in a team and share the same visions

as I have for the Institute," Wrighton added.



Tech file photo
Shirley M. McBay, former dean of student affairs

Context, UA offer "MIT, in Reality"

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MIT is so numerous that the actual pool of students that can come to the event is so limited," Bapna said.

Andrews also questioned how much the topics appeal to undergraduates, though the UA did conduct a straw poll to help determine topics of interest. In addition to Thuro and Wurtman, lecturers include Institute Professor of Economics Robert M. Solow and August F. Witt, professor of materials science and engineering.

"Maybe the key to the future is to relate lectures to things that strike the student personally," explained Andrews. Birth control and contraception, global warming, and animal rights are being considered as topics for next semester's series.

Students will also play a greater role in selecting topics for the series. "We'd like to incorporate that into a much more solid and concrete process for next year, with possibilities including sending out a survey to all the

students," Bapna said.

When preparation for the series began, Andrews worked with department heads to recommend lecturers of interest to students.

The lectures are publicized in related classes in advance of the lecture. Bapna said he would like to see entire classes attend the lectures in the future.

Future of Context seen in lectures, seminars

The Context experiment offered formal classes last year, but Andrews felt the future of Context rests in programs like the MIT, in Reality lecture series. The series will continue next year, and Context is hoping to offer additional lecture-style activities during Independent Activities Period. Living group seminars and an undergraduate colloquium are also under consideration for the future.

A year ago the Context Review Group concluded that lectures and seminars, rather than formal subjects, would hold broader ap-

peal. The Context subjects had trouble attracting students because they did not satisfy degree requirements and many students were already overloaded, Andrews said.

Though the Context experiment has turned away from offering formal subjects, Andrews believed Context would continue to influence the curriculum. "It's certainly here to stay because the faculty believe students need to be exposed to it," she said.



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World

American forces in Gulf may increase

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said there will be no pause in the deployment of troops to the Persian Gulf. In broadcast interviews yesterday, Cheney said the United States is not ready to stop adding troops. The buildup now totals 220,000, and Pentagon sources said the deployment will reach the planned level of 240,000 in the next three weeks.

But Cheney said the White House never put an upper limit on the number of soldiers. He would not give specifics on how many more might be added, but said "it's conceivable" that as many as 100,000 more troops might be ordered to the Gulf.

IRA uses family as "human bombs"

The Irish Republican Army claimed responsibility for taking three families hostage and forcing a member of each to drive a bomb-carrying vehicle to an IRA target. It said the drivers were collaborators because they had done construction work for security forces. Peter Brooke, Britain's secretary for Northern Ireland, said, "It is hard to imagine anything more evil" than the IRA action. Investigators in Ireland have been questioning eight men in relation to the event.

Nation

Continental jet lands safely after losing a wheel

A Continental Airlines plane headed for Boston made a safe emergency landing in Florida yesterday. A spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration said flight 358 was leaving Florida's Gulf coast en route to Newark and Boston. Officials spotted a wheel missing as they took off from Fort Myers and were forced to make a quick landing in Orlando. Airport spokeswoman Linda Desrosiers said emergency crews were called in but not needed. She said the 85 people aboard were not injured.

Charges against men holding hands dropped

Two men charged with disorderly conduct in Cincinnati for holding hands in a parked car are off the hook. A judge dismissed the charge. One of the men said he was consoling the other over the death of a relative. The arresting officer testified that one of the men had his hand in the other's lap. The officer said it would have been just as offensive if a man and woman had been holding hands that way.

CIA director speaks on Iraq

Central Intelligence Agency Director William Webster said Iraqi President Saddam Hussein must be put "back in his box" if the Middle East is ever to be made secure again. Webster said the administration believes the way to guarantee Mideast security is to eliminate Hussein's weapons of mass destruction or to maintain a regional force to oppose him.

The intelligence chief also said analysts have heard reports of dissent inside Iraq, though they have not determined how significant they are. Webster did not go into detail.

He also said sanctions imposed by the United Nations are starting to have an effect on Iraq. Webster said Hussein's government has been forced to revamp its economic program in order to feed its people and meet the needs of the military.

Israel challenged on refusal of UN investigation

United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar plans to meet with Israel's ambassador to confirm that Israel will not allow a UN team to visit. The team is to investigate the police killing of 19 Palestinians in a confrontation between Jews and Arabs on Jerusalem's Temple Mount. Israel believes the probe would be one-sided, and a spokesman for Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said that Israel will ignore a Security Council vote that rebuked Israel for rejecting an earlier vote which set up the investigation.

Economic jitters persist

The National Association of Realtors says sales of existing homes dropped eight percent last month to their lowest level in nearly three years. The Association blames the slide on a lack of consumer confidence. NAR President Norman Flynn said consumer doubt about the economy had been heightened by uncertainty over the federal budget legislation and the Persian Gulf crisis.

The Commerce Department said yesterday its employment cost index — considered to be one of the best gauges of inflationary wage pressure — is up sharply. For the 12 months ending in September, wages, salaries, and other employee benefits rose 5.2 percent. The government blames much of the increase on rising health insurance costs.

Budget negotiations continue (again)

Senate Republican leader Robert Dole (KS) said budget bargainers still have about two dozen important issues to resolve. Senate Finance Committee chairman Lloyd Bentsen (D-TX) agreed there is a lot of work left to do. But negotiators have agreed on the key elements of the proposal to raise taxes on the rich and limit spending.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said President George Bush supports the budget plan as it is taking shape. However, Dole said Bush has not signed off on anything yet, and House Republican whip Newt Gingrich (GA) will not say whether he supports the proposal. The House and Senate are scheduled to vote tomorrow. The deadline for adoption of the budget is midnight Saturday.

Local

Weld discusses economy, attacks Silber

Republican gubernatorial candidate William Weld mixed plans for improving the state's economy with attacks on Democratic nominee John Silber in a speech yesterday. Weld spoke to a group of John Hancock employees at a forum in which Silber had been the guest two weeks before. Weld defended his decision to resign from the Justice Department in 1988 when ethical questions arose over the conduct of then Attorney General Edwin Meese. He again questioned Silber's commitment to government ethics. Silber called Weld a "back stabbing SOB" for his actions in the Meese incident.

Weld also offered a 10-point program to improve the state's economy, including tax credits for new businesses and cuts in state spending. Those cuts could include changing the way the state pays for social service programs.

Weather

On the fence . . .

Mild weather, persistent so far this fall, will come to an abrupt end with a much colder and stormier weather pattern for the end of the week. A strong low developing over the Southeast will track northeast on Friday. Cold advection behind the system and the relatively warm ocean waters favor its rapid deepening.

Most moisture, however, will stay offshore, creating only a 30 percent to 50 percent chance of precipitation on Friday. Northeasterly gales coupled with unseasonably cold temperatures will make for a raw Friday and a chilly Saturday. Winds will gradually subside and temperatures moderate late in the weekend.

Friday: Cloudy, windy, and raw. Strong northeast winds, gusting to 25-35 mph (40-56 kph). Occasional rain near the coast. Highs in the low to mid 40s (4-7°C).

Friday night: Continued cloudiness. Windy and cold. Lows in mid 30s (0-2°C). Chance of offshore precipitation brushing coastal areas.

Saturday: Clearing in the morning with a partly cloudy afternoon. Highs in the mid to upper 40s (7-9°C). Fresh north to northwest winds gradually subsiding throughout the day.

Saturday night: Generally clear and cold. Lows in the mid to upper 30s (1-4°C).

Sunday: Fair with increasing cloudiness. Temperatures in the low 50s (10-12°C).

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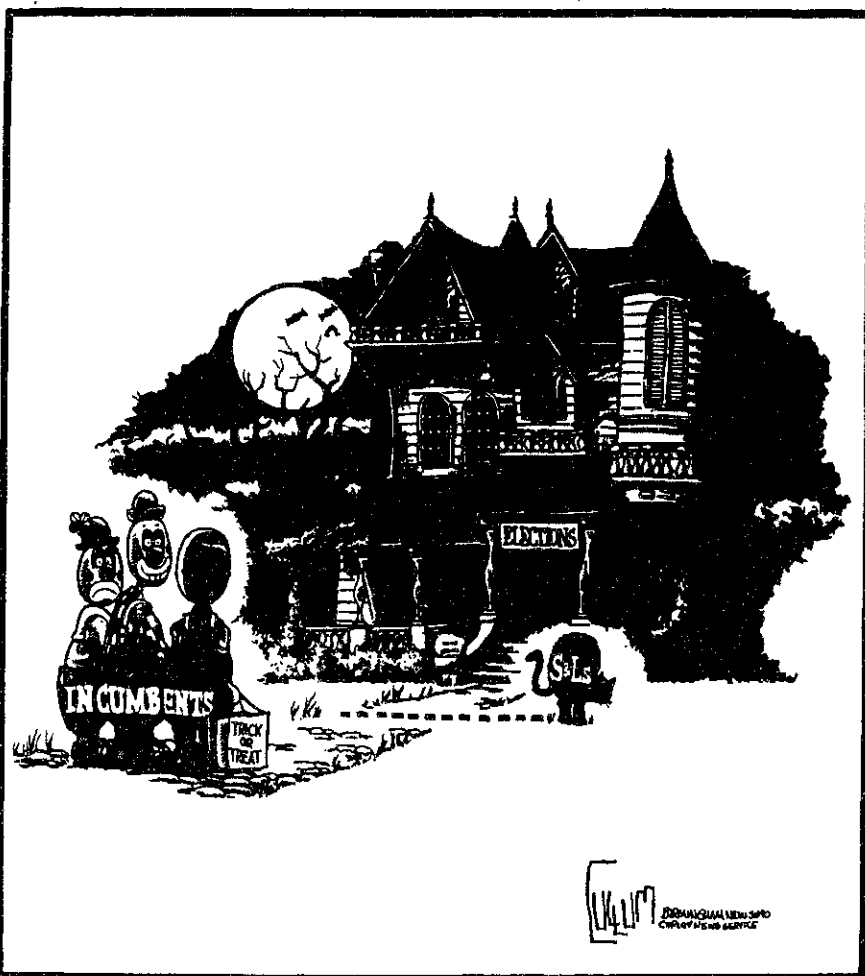
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Is tenure a divine right?

Column by Bill Jackson

Dean Redtape banged the gavel, and the sound echoed through the paneled room. "Let this hearing come to order, please," he bellowed. "We are here to discuss the possibility of granting tenure."

The crowd which had gathered for this meeting murmured quietly as Dean Redtape continued. "Is the subject of the hearing present?"

God stood up from his seat at the table. "I am, Dean Redtape."

"Very well," the dean continued, "the committee will now hear the tenure case of God under Section A, Part 1.4, Paragraph 10, Line 6 of *Rules and Regulations of the Faculty and Monotheistic Deities*."

God sat back down and took a deep breath. The tenure selection process had been getting noticeably tighter and tighter for a long time. God knew that He was going to have to fight long and hard to convince this committee to grant Him tenure.

"Well, Mr. . . ." the dean looked down at his folder, "God. Would you like to open with a statement?"

"I would, Dean Redtape."

"Keep it brief."

God stood up again and looked down at his note cards. Then he remembered that he was all-knowing and put them away. "I am here in the hopes that the committee will see fit to grant me tenure on the faculty of MIT. I think that the number of students who follow my, um, 'lectures' every week is sufficient to show that I am deserving of a permanent space on the faculty. I would like to point out some of the positive aspects of my interactions with students, faculty, and . . ."

"Thank you, that's quite enough," interjected Dean Redtape. "I think we're all reasonably familiar here with your record. You're a . . ." he looked down at his folder again, "you're a major deity, right?"

"Yes," God answered. "In fact, in many traditions I'm the only deity."

"Fine, fine," the dean muttered, "That will be duly recorded by the committee. Now, would you please outline some of your research?"

"Well, I've been intimately involved with eons of research on the human race."

The dean peered forward, interested for the first time. "Really? What sorts of research?"

"Well, under many beliefs I am creator of the first human beings, and I have been involved in many behavioral experiments since — including failures at Sodom and Gomorrah, and a rousing success named Job."

Dean Babble perked up for the first time. "Now those were experiments!"

"I hope that the committee concentrates on more than that, though," God said.

"Like what?" asked Dean Babble.

"I am a loving God, worshiped and believed in by millions. My followers are found all over the earth. I am caring, and I do not discriminate

against the sick, the oppressed, or the weak. I hope that the committee understands this."

"Yes, yes. How many students are in your classes, God?" inquired Dean Redtape.

"Hundreds come each week, some more often, some less often."

Dean McYawn looked up for the first time, interested. "Is your class a required course for freshmen?"

"No," replied God. "It is simply faith in a greater power."

Dean McYawn, thinking the greater power God was referring to the Committee on Discipline, accepted it and went back to sleep.

"Do you mean to tell this committee that hundreds of students are in your classes, and you don't register them through the Registrar's Office?" Dean Babble asked.

"I don't ask my followers for registration, or forms. I ask them to love their neighbors, and . . ."

Dean Redtape once again cut God off. "That's fine, fine. Can you tell us what you've published, God?"

"Published?" God looked at the dean, confused.

"Yes, yes, you know, published. We need to know what papers you have published, to know what good you are to MIT."

"But, I am good for MIT. I provide faith and comfort to many students."

Dean McYawn woke back up. "Just tell us what you've published!"

"Well," God said, "many volumes of my word have been written by many wonderful people."

"Grad students?" asked Dean Babble.

"Believers," God corrected, "people who accepted my word on faith and wrote it down."

"Sounds like Grad students to me . . ." mumbled Dean Babble.

"I have it here that the first publication of your word was by one Gutenberg in the 15th century," said Dean Redtape.

"Yes," responded God. "That was the first use of movable type."

"However, that was quite some time ago."

"Many copies of my word were hand-printed before that," said God.

"That's hardly the way of a scholarly journal," interjected Dean McYawn.

"Yes, can you tell us what you've published lately?" asked Dean Babble.

God paused. "There have been many re-interpretations of the original text. In addition, some religions have added new volumes."

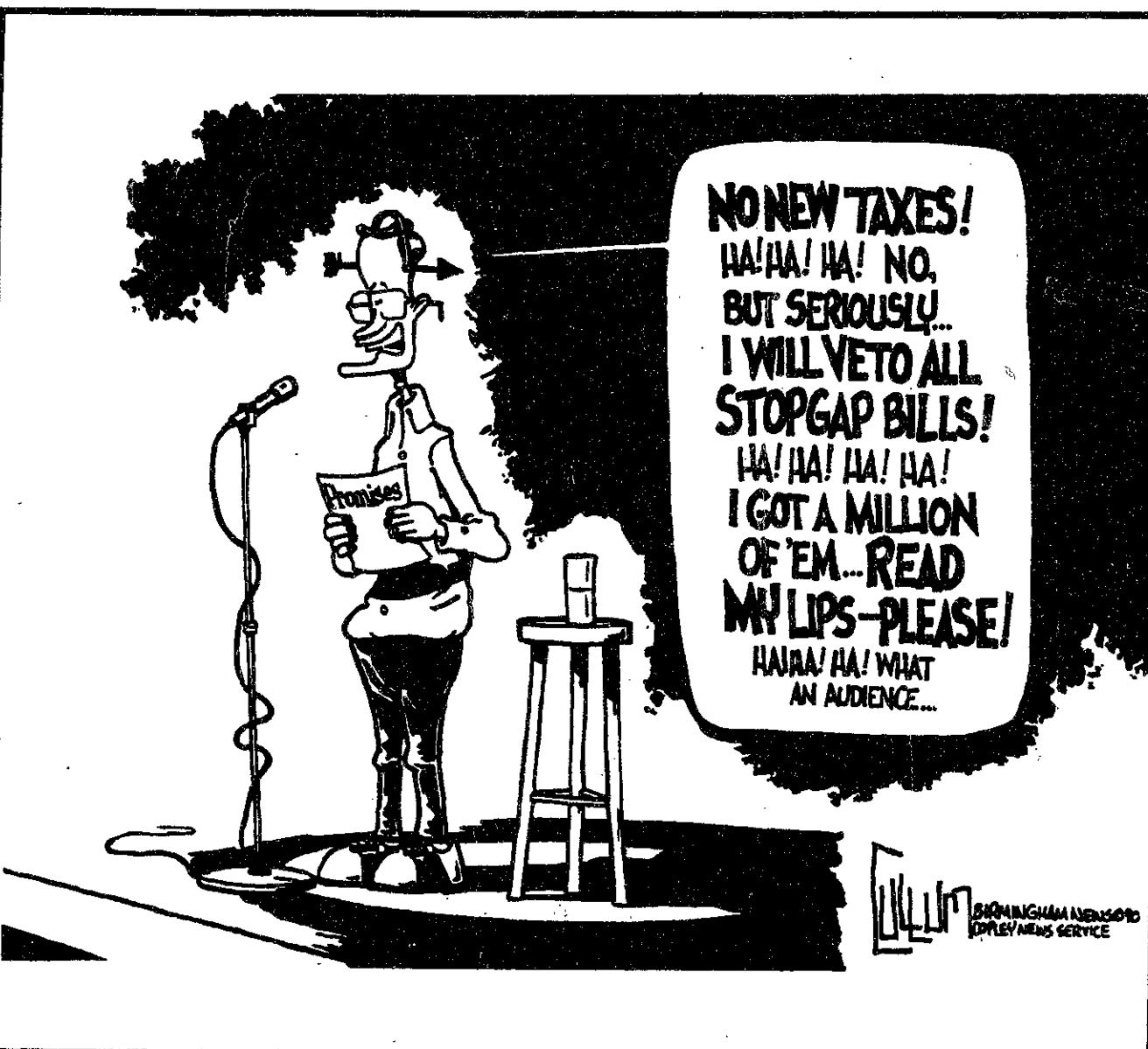
"I'm sorry," said Dean Redtape, "but that just seems like more papers on the same work. I think the committee is ready to make a decision. God, would you step outside?"

"But I'm omnipresent."

"Hey," Dean Redtape retorted sharply, "You may be God, but I'm the Dean here."

So God left, and the committee voted 2-0 to deny God tenure. Dean McYawn, who was asleep, was counted as an abstention. Which just goes to show you, even lecturing Gods can't get tenure around here if they devote too much of their time to teaching others and not enough to hard-nosed research.

Associate Opinion Editor Bill Jackson '93 isn't going to go outside during lightning storms for a while.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MIT poised to lead the nation in the battle to change ROTC

The resolution on the Reserve Officers' Training Corps passed by the MIT faculty on Oct. 17 represents a notable advance in the nationwide campus effort to end formalized discrimination against lesbians, bisexuals, and gay men in the US armed forces ["Faculty approve timetable for ROTC," Oct. 19].

The MIT initiative is significant for several reasons:

- It sets a five-year deadline by which there must be substantive progress toward eliminating the military's ban on sexual nonconformists if ROTC is to remain available to students entering MIT in the fall of 1998.

- It commits MIT to undertake a major coalition-building and lobbying effort to change Department of Defense policy on sexual orientation, and it calls on other schools to join MIT in opposing the military's exclusion of sexual minorities.

- It reflects a remarkable consensus and singleness of purpose among students, faculty and administrators at MIT.

Last spring, a petition requesting MIT to sever its ties with ROTC by 1994, if the discriminatory policy did not change, garnered about 2500 signatures from all members of the MIT community.

In an undergraduate student referendum, a majority of those who voted and who expressed an opinion favored suspending MIT's participation in ROTC within four years, if the policy on sexual orientation were still in effect.

On April 10, the provost of MIT, John M. Deutch '61, a DOD insider for many years, wrote a letter to Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney, in which he criticized DOD policy on sexual orientation and deplored efforts to recoup scholarship funds from ROTC cadets disenrolled for being gay.

A resolution asserting the principle that either ROTC or its ban on sexual minorities would have to go passed the MIT faculty with administration support by a nearly unanimous voice vote on May 16.

The new faculty resolution has the unanimous support of the MIT Faculty Policy Committee and of the president's standing Committee on ROTC, which represents all sectors of the Institute.

It has received strong endorsements from the Undergraduate

Association, from the president and provost of MIT, and from the Chairman of the MIT Corporation. Finally, the faculty approved the resolution with no dissenting votes: It fell short by only two abstentions of total unanimity.

- The resolution provides other schools with a blueprint for responsible action on the issue of sexual exclusion in ROTC.

If MIT, much of whose operating budget comes from the DOD and whose students currently receive between \$3 million to \$4 million annually in ROTC scholarship support, can unite behind such a measure, surely any college or university in the country can do the same.

The MIT resolution outlines a plan of action that is at once principled and practical, that commits MIT right now to work for change but does not tie MIT's hands in the future. It is therefore the sort of plan that university trustees can pledge themselves to implement now without ruling out flexible response to as-yet-unanticipated developments in the future.

It should, and I believe it will, be widely imitated by other colleges and universities in the months ahead.

The military continues to pursue its discriminatory policy ruthlessly and vindictively. In 1984 the Navy, seeking to recoup \$25,000 from a midshipman who had been forced by systematic harassment to drop out of NROTC at the University of Pennsylvania, placed a lien on the home of his parents, who discovered in this manner that their son was gay.

And only recently, a 19 year-old Marine Corps servicewoman, suspected of being a lesbian, targeted by a military investigation, and threatened with all sorts of punishments if she did not reveal the names of her friends, unable to face her parents and unwilling to betray her comrades, took her own life with a service-issue firearm.

How long must we wait before colleges and universities will take steps to protect students, their parents, and the quality of campus life from such institutionalized harassment? The time to act is now.

David M. Halperin
Faculty Advisor
Defeat Discrimination
at MIT

Timothy M. Townsend '90 portrays the controversy over discrimination in the Department of Defense and the Reserve Officers' Training Corps as a misdirected "attack on ROTC and its student members" waged by the faculty and other members of the MIT community ["Elimination of ROTC will not change policy," Oct. 23]. Townsend states that severing ties with ROTC "will only hurt those students who want to attend MIT and participate in ROTC."

I hope that Townsend's perception of this issue is not shared by all members of the ROTC program at MIT. Despite my disdain for DOD policy, I believe that ROTC is a worth-while program that benefits MIT in several ways. I also believe that the faculty's goal in supporting the Committee on ROTC's resolution was to affect change at the national level, not to attack ROTC or its students.

Townsend is correct on one point: MIT's cutting ties with the ROTC program will do nothing to change the DOD policy. This

is why the bulk of the resolution described other measures which should be taken by MIT at the national level to affect change. Only if these efforts prove fruitless, said the resolution, does the faculty expect MIT to eliminate ROTC.

So why should MIT end ROTC if it cannot change the policy? ROTC is a discriminatory organization which — for reasons even many in the military find silly and without justification — prohibits gay people from becoming commissioned officers and receiving scholarship money. This prohibition runs directly counter to MIT's policy of non-discrimination.

Tim Townsend is a member of Air Force ROTC at MIT and is, presumably, straight. Because I am a gay man, I cannot participate in ROTC. Nor can I receive the over \$15,000 per year in scholarships for which Townsend is eligible.

I ask him and all straight people at MIT to consider what it would be like to be officially barred from a recognized MIT program because of something

which no individual can control, namely one's own sexual orientation.

Last week, I happened to pass a group of ROTC cadets running along Memorial Drive as part of their training. Imagine what it felt like to see that group of people, a few of whom were friends of mine, and know that I am not allowed to join them because I call myself "gay."

I am just as healthy as they, just as strong, just as smart. I love America just as much as they do. Yet, I cannot participate in this MIT program with them. In fact, according to military law, they are not allowed to associate with me or even be seen with me!

The discriminatory policy of the DOD and ROTC is deeply offensive to every gay man, lesbian, and bisexual on this campus. I am willing to temporarily live with ROTC's presence at MIT if MIT can bring about change in a reasonable amount of time. If we fail to do this, however, ROTC must go.

Joe Melvin '92
Committee on ROTC



Students must have more control over committee representatives

This summer, the president's office, then headed by Chairman of the Corporation Paul E. Gray '54, asked the Graduate Student Council and the Undergraduate Association to submit names of students for placement on the new Committee on Demonstrations.

The committee would be composed of four administrators, four faculty members, two graduate students and two undergraduate students. As usual, the president's office expected the GSC and the UA to each submit a list of five or six names. Those people would then be interviewed, and two students from each list would be chosen to represent their respective student bodies.

However, this time the GSC and the UA did not do what was expected of them. They each submitted a list of only two names, and they each submitted a list of changes that they would like to

see in the construction of Institute committees:

- The graduate student members on the committees should be chosen by the GSC alone, and the undergraduate students should be chosen by the UA alone.

If it is true that the Institute wishes to see the student population represented fairly, then it must allow the GSC and UA to select their own representatives. Students can do a better job of deciding who should represent themselves than the administration.

The president's office argues that it would like to make sure that the selected students will get along well in the committee. However, the student bodies feel that providing fair representation is more important than creating a committee that is designed to "get along."

The president's office also wants to make sure that both sexes and all the races at MIT are well represented. This is simply paternalism.

- The GSC and the UA should have the right to replace any of their members on any of the committees if they find that those members are not fully performing their duties as committee members.

The GSC and the UA like their student representatives to keep in touch with their governing bodies while sitting on committees. This way, the GSC and the UA Council can survey student opinion and relay it to their representatives, and the representatives can, in turn, tell the councils what is going on in the committees. If students do not stay in contact with their governing bodies, those bodies must have the right to replace them.

- If there is a disagreement within a committee on its findings, then dissenting members should be allowed to write dissenting opinions that will be appended to the final report.

One glaring reason to ask for this is the report of the IAP Policy Committee. The report was written by the head of the committee with little or no input from several of the members.

Despite this, the report still stands as the culmination of the committee's study. If, however, the excluded students had been allowed to write dissenting opinions for final report, all views would have been represented.

Former President Gray's response to this third demand was that the committee reports should be written under consensus, and that the official report itself should include any dissenting views.

However, if the chair of a com-

mittee decides that one particular dissenting view is not worth representing in the report, then as it now stands, that report can be written without it.

If members were allowed to write dissents that would inevitably weaken the report of a committee, then it would be in the committee's interest to come to a better consensus and to include all of the viewpoints in the first place.

Right now, not one of these demands has been accepted in general, although the president's office has accepted the four names that were given to it for the Committee on Demonstrations.

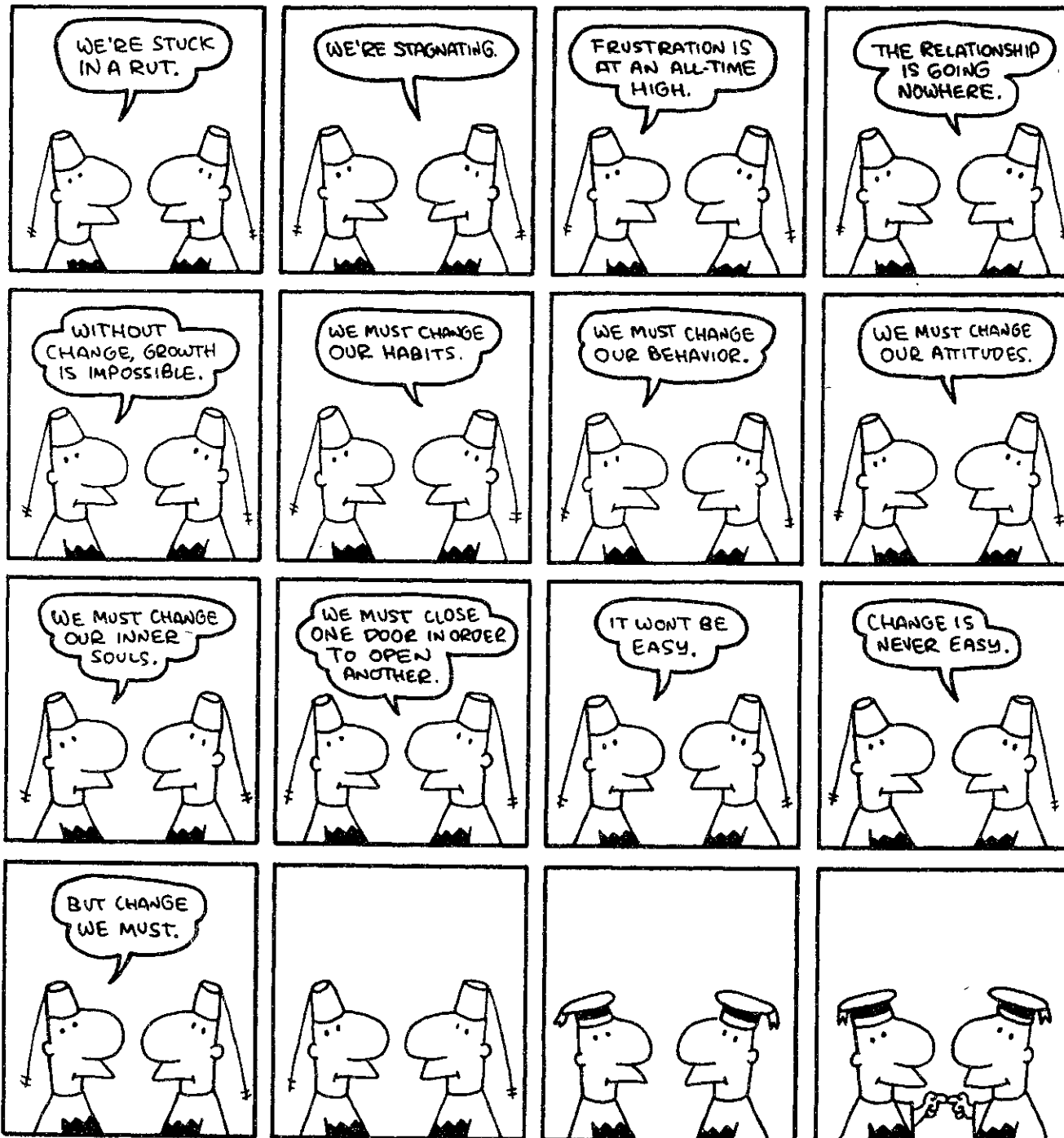
Not one of these demands is unreasonable. The only hardship the student groups ask MIT to bear is that it be prepared to use staples on its reports long enough to include the occasional dissent.

David W. Hogg '92
GSC/UA Governance Committee

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tech reviewer misunderstood poetry

I suppose everyone is entitled to his or her own opinion, no matter how wrong it may be, but I'm not so sure that this means that any dilettante should shout his profound ignorance as the voice of MIT in *The Tech*.

Last Thursday, MIT was highly privileged to host a truly great and much distinguished poet, Sharon Olds, for a reading. The next day, Nicholas L. Kelman '94 disgraced MIT with his obtuse review of her reading ["Sharon Olds at Media Lab — love her or hate her," Oct 19].

Engineers and scientists have been long stereotyped as lacking understanding in the arts and humanities. Kelman's review only fosters this stereotype, and does another great disservice to MIT by making it less likely that a poet of Olds' caliber will ever read at MIT again. After all, why should a distinguished poet read where quality poetry is apparently not appreciated?

Kelman's taste is clearly bad, but he seems not even to have been paying much attention to the reading. He says her poems dealt "almost entirely with bad sexual experience," while, in reality, she read several joyous poems, several pained poems, and the rest dealt simultaneously with both the joy and pain of life.

Kelman's assertion that Olds "obviously feels that to be open and in love is in some way weak" could only be obvious to someone who was not listening and who has no clue. It seems almost as if Kelman was too busy count-

ing how many times the word "penis" was said, to pay attention to anything else.

Kelman is also on crumbling philosophical ground. He writes such inanities as, "Life is tough, but you're always better off than someone else, and it's a shame that poets like Olds do not seem to realize this." Does Kelman expect anyone to believe that only the most suffering person in the world should write about pain?

Olds writes about the entire spectrum of emotions. Yes, she writes about pain, but she also writes about happiness. These are the two poles about which human life revolves, and any writer who ignores either one of them is ignoring half of what makes us human. And, yes, "love really does exist," but apparently

Kelman has never experienced it, or he would know that there is no love without pain.

Contrary to Kelman's assertions, there is nothing suicidal in Olds' poetry. It is life affirming, acknowledging all the feelings that are necessary for life, both love and hate, pleasure and pain.

In addition to Kelman's shortcomings as a critical analyst of art, it seems he can't even get simple facts straight. Olds read nothing from *Satan Says* as Kelman states in his review. Five minutes with a copy of the book could have made his article more accurate, but Kelman has proven himself not just a lazy listener, but a lazy reporter as well.

Douglas Alan '88
Systems Programmer
MIT Media Lab

Jackson's pathetic drivel fails to inform or amuse

In five years of reading *The Tech*, I have never come across such unregenerate drivel as what flows from the pen of columnist Bill Jackson '93. At least last year one could excuse his gaffes such as his follow-up ["GAMIT confuses academic debate with hostility," March 16] to senior Gregory S. Richardson's letter ["GAMIT should accept the views of anti-homosexuals," March 6] on the basis that he was an ignorant freshman.

But this year, his sophomoric

attempts at humor are such an abject disgrace that even *Jim's Journal* (that pathetic excuse for a comic strip) is hilarious by contrast. I shudder to think of what this cretin might come up with in the next couple of years. Juvenile inanity? Senile platitudes? The mind reels. Please, someone spray a can of Raid on him and flush the carcass down the toilet. Spare me from the agony of having to read his columns.

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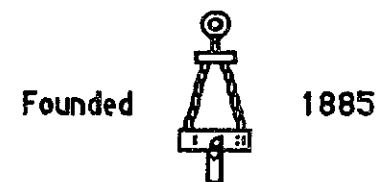
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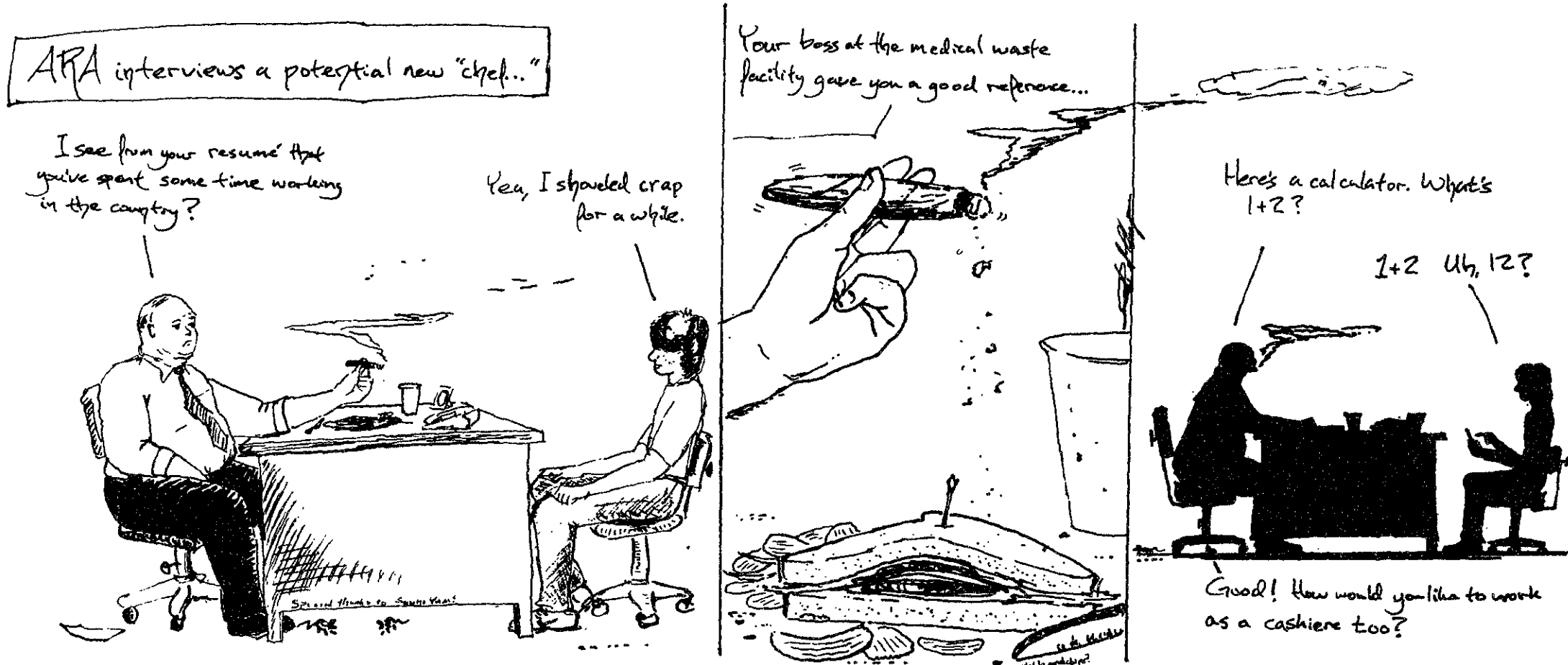


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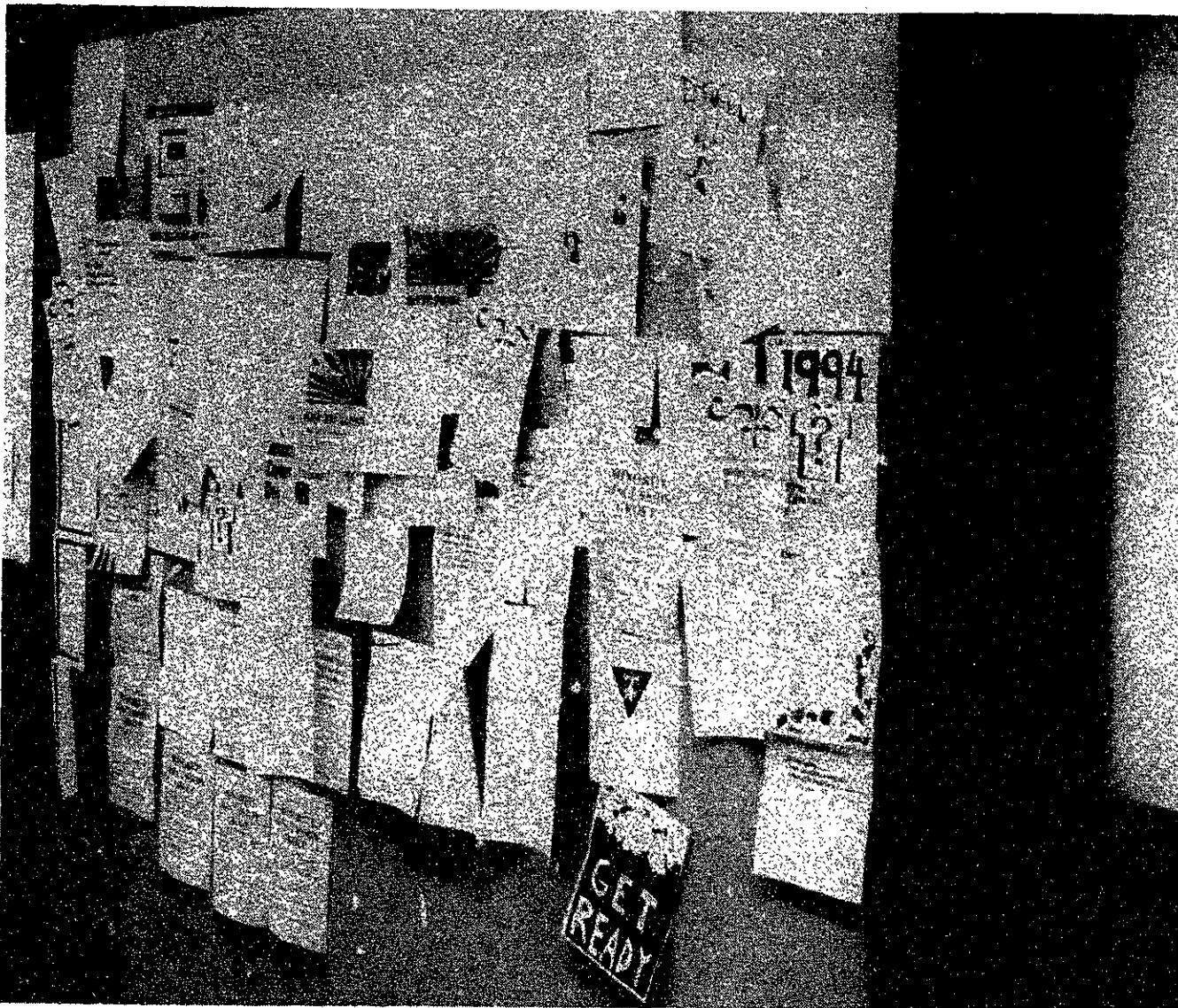
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New poster policy takes effect



Larger bulletin boards like this one are being placed in the Infinite Corridor to accommodate the new postering policy.

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remove any poster other than their own while the poster is still active."

New bulletin boards accompany policy

Along with the new policy, a proposal for \$25,000 worth of bulletin boards was approved by William R. Dickson '56, Immerman said. Dickson, who has authorization over postering, approved the postering policy last

spring.

"Physical Plant and the PPCG came up with about 1000 square feet of bulletin board space along the Infinite Corridor between Buildings 66 and 7," Immerman said.

John Meneghini, a Physical Plant interior designer, said about 80 percent of the boards are up. "They started going up in early September, and they'll be done by the end of next week at the latest," he added.

Between four and six existing

bulletin boards in the Infinite Corridor are being replaced in an attempt to standardize the look of the walls. "The new boards look better than the old ones," Meneghini said. "They are a neutral tan. They look so much better than the old ones that we decided to take them down," he added.

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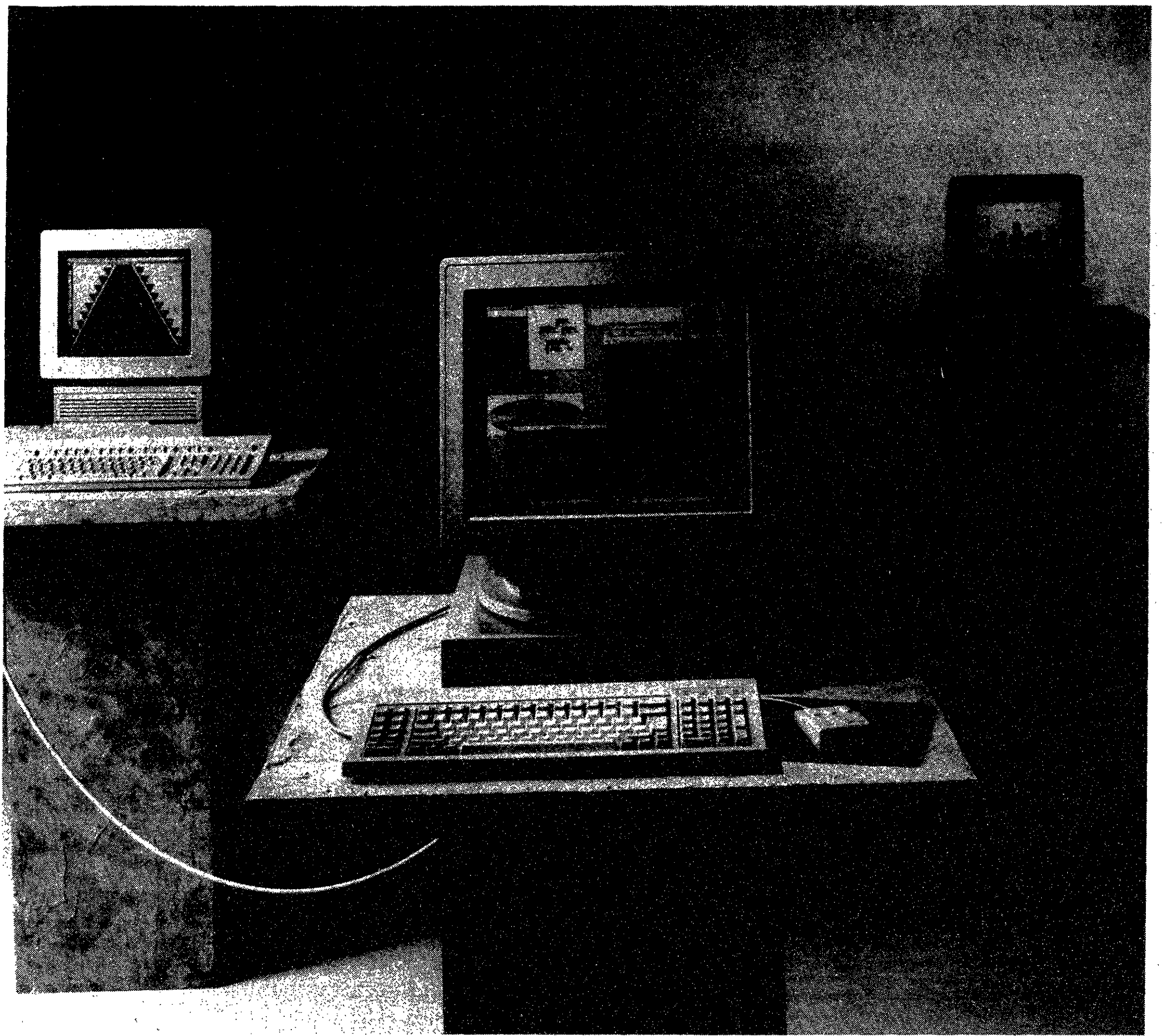
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Goalie Gunnlauss on saves polo



The Boston College goalkeeper faced an onslaught of shots from water polo captain Will Schnorr '91 during Wednesday evening's match at Alumni Pool. Schnorr scored six goals in the Engineers' 17-16 victory over the Eagles in the Beanpot Tournament semi-final match.

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over the defense with only 35 seconds remaining. With the score 17-16 in favor of MIT, BC called timeout.

During the timeout, MIT head coach John Benedick instructed his team to hold the ball until time ran out. Instead, a shot was attempted and blocked by BC goalie Stephen Dore. Seconds later, at the other end of the pool, Gunnlauss on robbed a wide open

BC player of the tying goal with 11 seconds left. Isy Goldwasser '92 pounced on a loose ball with three seconds remaining to preserve to victory.

After the game, Benedick praised his team's effort as "the best we've ever played. I saw smart play, something I haven't seen a lot this season."

Boston College coach Jerry Moss watched his team fall to 7-12 on the season. He described

the play of his Eagles as "sloppy, with capital letters." Ross stated that his attempt to use a "two-platoon" approach, in which he substituted six players at a time, was countered effectively by MIT.

(Editor's note: MIT took on Harvard University last night at Harvard in the Beanpot finals. Results were unavailable as the Tech went to press.)

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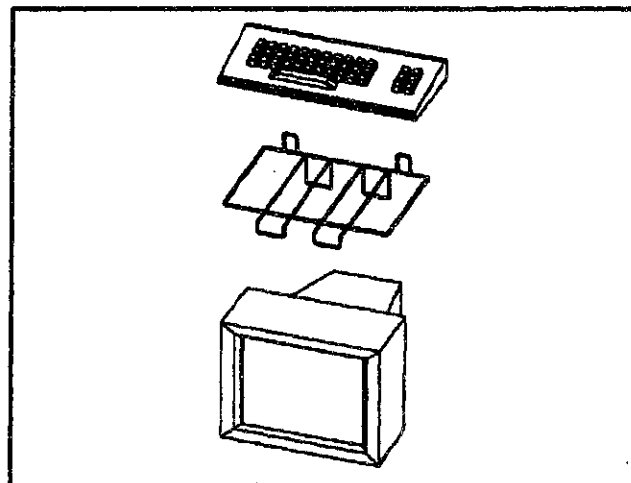
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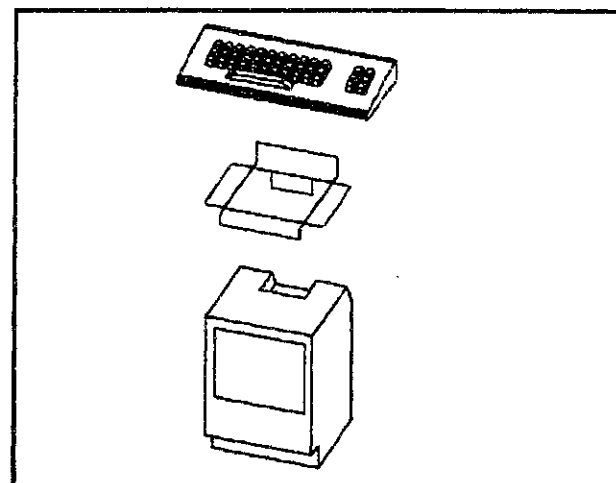
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LA Lakers to dominate once again

The Los Angeles Lakers were the best in professional basketball throughout the 1980s, and were believed to be the greatest team in history. Now they find themselves in a new decade and a new era. The last two years they failed to win the championship. Kareem is gone, Pat Riley retired, and even defensive superstar Michael Cooper has left.

The style of basketball that Los Angeles helped to establish in the last decade required healthy and athletic players to fuel its quick attack. These are the '90s and age has become a factor. Are the Lakers now too old to run up and down the floor as fast as they did before?

In the championship series two years ago, the Lakers lost to Detroit not because of Detroit's running game or its strong defense but primarily because of key injuries to Magic Johnson and Byron Scott. Without their two starting guards, the Lakers were crippled.

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It is important to understand that the National Basketball Association as a whole has adopted the Lakers' style of play. Every team is looking to employ a running game and a strong defense. There is an overall trend to become faster and stronger mainly due to the outstanding success that the Lakers had with the fast break.

Now that the league has better athletes, utilizing a running game has become more of a challenge. This has not and will not change the Laker philosophy. During the off-season, they signed Sam Perkins as a free agent.

Perkins, who is six feet, 10 inches tall, is ideal for the Laker system. He is a solid rebounder and shooter and, most importantly, he is quick. He will most likely be coming in off the bench to give either James Worthy or A. C. Green a rest. His defensive skills should make it difficult for other teams to establish an inside game against the Lakers.

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In addition to Perkins, the Lakers acquired Terry Teagle, who is 6'-9" and has an excellent shooting range. He should back-up Green or Scott at guard.

Magic is healthy and is determined to regain the title. Scott, who had been hampered by hamstring problems, is in good shape. His incredible outside shooting is crucial to the Laker attack. The starting line up with Magic, Scott, Worthy, Thompson and Green remains the same as last year's but the bench is more talented with Perkins, Teagle and Campbell.

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The Lakers will make it to the Western Conference finals this year. Their dominance in the West is still unchallenged. Barring any catastrophic injuries to Magic, Scott or Worthy, they should win the Western Division title. The only difference from last year is that they will have a stronger defense and a quicker team. No matter whom they play in the finals — Detroit or Chicago — they should win it all and regain their authority.

Water polo tops BC in 17-16 thriller

Schnorr's 6 goals lead Engineers

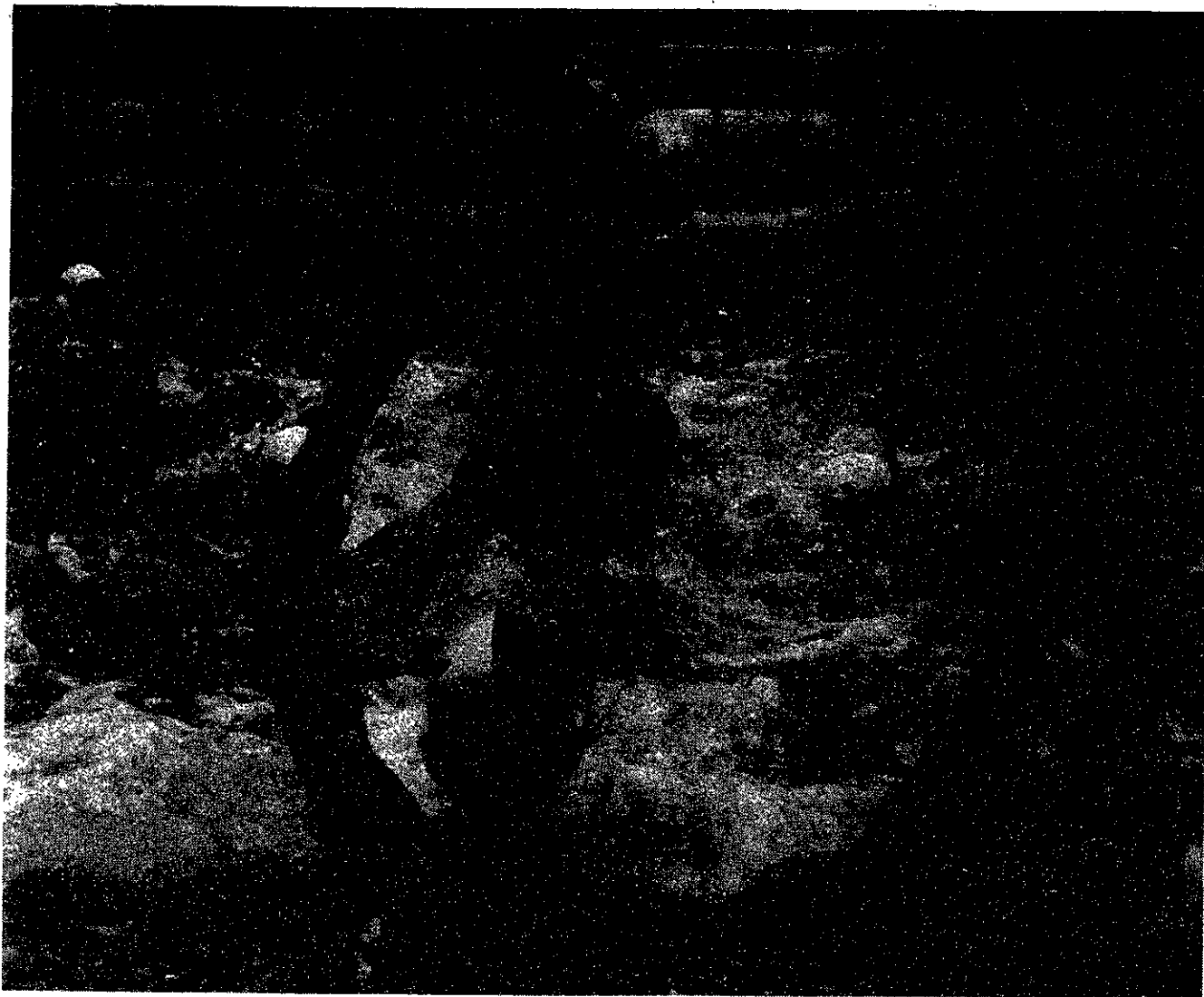
By Jordan J. Ditchek

The water polo team overcame a late surge by visiting Boston College, to come away with a 17-16 victory Wednesday night in the semi-final match of the water polo Beanpot Tournament. MIT improved its record to 4-10 with the exciting, one-point win at the Alumni Pool.

The Engineers scored their first goal after only 19 seconds of play, using three quick passes to beat an aggressive defensive attack by BC. Three minutes later MIT increased the lead to 4-1 when Lon Van Geloven '91 converted a steal by Geoffrey Deane '92 into a quick goal. It appeared that the Eagles, who had trouble mounting an offensive attack early on, were in for a long night.

MIT maintained the three-goal lead through the end of the first period, but watched it disappear before halftime. In its best offensive effort of the game, BC scored six goals in a span of five minutes during the second period. The Eagles used long passes from the goalie to the wings in a run-and-gun (actually swim-and-gun) style attack to tie the game at 7-7, with 4:25 remaining in the half.

Strong play from co-captain Will Schnorr '91 countered the BC scoring run. Schnorr scored



Matthew S. Warren/The Tech
Jim Lee '93 launches a shot at the Boston College goalkeeper during Wednesday evening's water polo match at Alumni Pool. MIT defeated the Eagles, 17-16.

three of his team-leading six goals in the quarter, preventing the Eagles from ever capturing the lead. After two periods, the home team led 11-9.

The third quarter featured outstanding play by MIT goalie, Chad Gunnlaussan '93. Gunnlaussan broke up BC passes and made several great saves on shots

fired at him from the hole. Freshman Gregory Shank scored his third goal after faking a pass with 24 seconds left in the period to give MIT a 15-12 lead. The Engineers had several hurried scoring opportunities in the last 15 seconds but again failed to extend their lead to four points.

The last period began with

MIT attempting to stall as BC applied heavy defensive pressure. The teams traded goals on almost identical plays involving quick passes from the holmen to wings cutting towards the goal. Bob Iacobucci scored three times for BC, the third one an arcing shot

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Colby-Sawyer ties up women's soccer

By Jennifer M. Moore

The women's soccer team ended its regular season with a wet and scoreless game against Colby-Sawyer College Tuesday at Steinbrenner Stadium. Colby controlled the ball most of the first half, but MIT made a good defensive effort. With Alyssa Parker '91 out for the season with leg injuries, Kristen Berry '94 and Beth Nickerson '91 filled the defensive gap adequately.

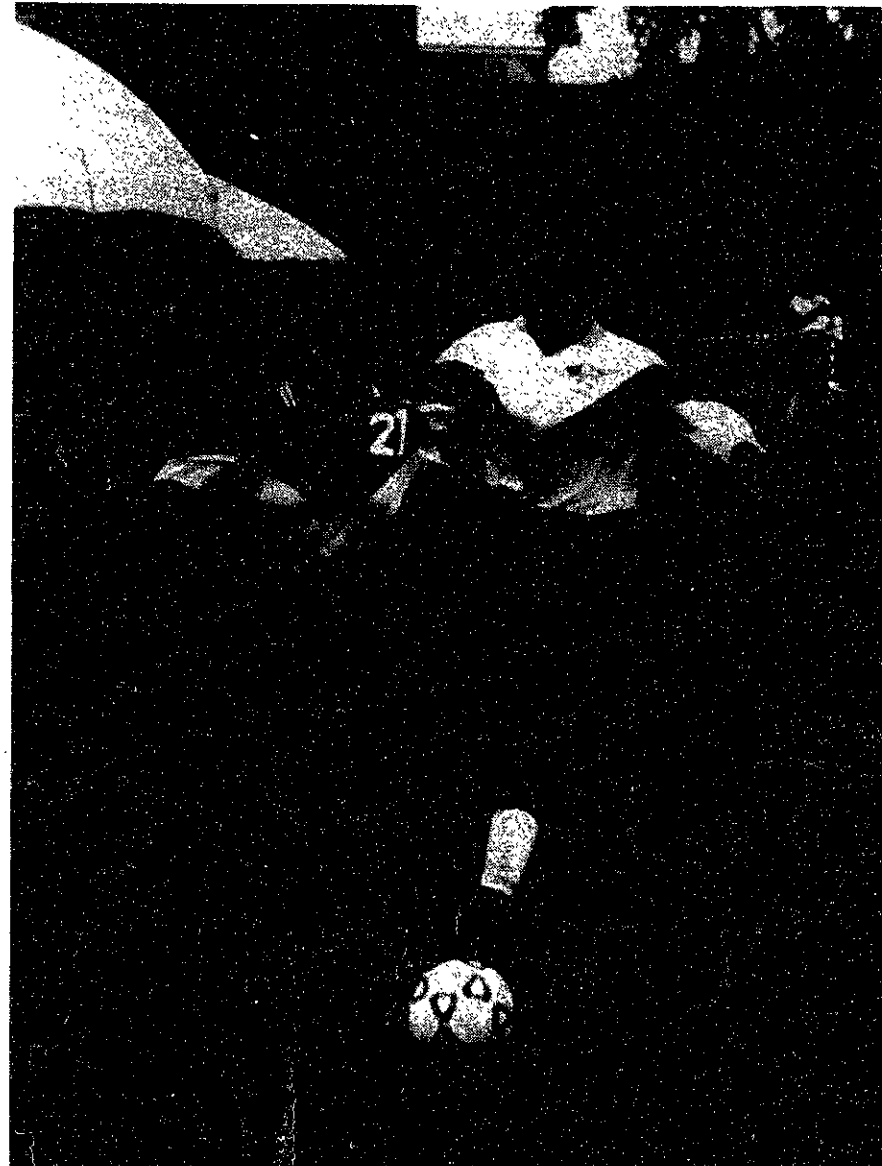
With seven minutes remaining in the first half, MIT came close to scoring, but most of the action came in the second half. With 36:00 left in the game, Colby broke away with the ball at mid-field, but the kick went over the goal. Colby also missed scoring opportunities with 34:00, 13:30, and 10:30 left. And at 12:30, Curry again broke away with the ball, but again missed the shot on goal.

The Engineers showed more offense in the second half. They broke away with 31:30 left in the game, but were stopped before they could center the ball. With 4:20 left, an MIT shot on goal went wide to the right by inches. And at the 2:00 mark, with MIT rushing the goal, the Curry goalie fell, but a fullback protected the goal effectively.

With seconds left, Curry missed two free kick scoring opportunities, sending the game into overtime, where both teams again failed to score.

The Engineers took on Wellesley College yesterday in the first round of the New England Women's Eight Conference championships.

(Editor's note: A full report on the NEW8 tournament results will appear in next Tuesday's Tech.)



Lawrence S. Schwartz/The Tech
Sameera Iyengar '93 fights for the ball during Tuesday's 0-0 overtime tie with Colby-Sawyer College.



Lawrence S. Schwartz/The Tech
Rebecca Niles '92 pursues a Colby-Sawyer College player during Tuesday's game at Steinbrenner Stadium. The Engineers battled to a 0-0 overtime tie in their last regular-season game. MIT met Wellesley College last evening in the opening round of the New England Women's Eight Conference championships.

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