

Fewer frosh pledge ILGs; dorms cited as problem

By Brian Rosenberg

Fraternities and independent living groups cited lack of access to freshmen, active rushing by dormitories and possible changes in Institute orientation procedures as reasons for the below-average rush many experienced. Several houses called rush a success, however, and a few garnered larger classes than they had expected.

As of last night, fraternities and ILGs were reporting 314 pledges, not including Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji), for which statistics were not available.

Although Advisor to Fraternities and Independent Living Groups Neal H. Dorow refused to comment on this year's rush, he told *The Tech* last year that between 360 and 370 freshmen pledge in an average year.

Late last night, 11 houses — again, not including Fiji — had bids still outstanding.

InterFraternity Conference President Holly L. Simpson '92, felt that "rush went pretty well." She added, "People are concerned that a few houses didn't get as many pledges as they wanted, but that happens every year."

Overall, things were fine."

IFC Rush Chairman Kenneth A. Chestnut '92 was unavailable for comment.

Many individual fraternity rush chairs felt differently, however. "Freshmen seemed more interested in staying in dorms than they have been," said Phi Kappa Sigma Rush Chair Robert M. Polansky '92. He added that PKS had been looking for eight freshmen, but wound up with only five pledges. Polansky cited numerous other problems, including trouble with Clearinghouse and apathy at dormitory desks about signing freshmen in and out.

Many houses felt restrictions on the release of freshmen's phone numbers hurt their rush efforts significantly. After much effort, Nu Delta found only seven of the nine freshmen they were looking for, and attributed much of their difficulty to the lack of phone numbers.

Beta Theta Pi, which got 5 more freshmen than the 12 they expected, also reported that freshmen disappeared for long periods of time. "It was very hard to get in touch with people we were interested in," said

Frank J. Leibly III '93, BTP rush chair.

But several houses said rush went as smoothly as, or even better than, most years. Delta Tau Delta gained 12 new members, exactly the number they were looking for. Scott T. Rickard Jr. '92, the fraternity's rush chair, attributed his house's success to help from alumni and "intense rushing by our brothers."

Zeta Psi's rush was also right on target at 19 freshmen. One member called it "a good year for meeting guys."

Andrew T. Liu '92, rush chair for Phi Sigma Kappa, said things went "exceptionally well." PSK got 19 pledges, though they had been looking for only 13. Liu attributed his house's success to the motivation of its seniors. "Seniors are the most experienced rushers, and if they are motivated, you can have a really good rush," he said.

Fenway House enjoyed unusual success this year, with nearly twice as many people coming through the house as they expect-

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Vest welcomes grad students

By Lakshman Rao

More than 1000 new graduate students participated in the orientation activities organized by the Graduate Student Council this week.

In his welcome address to the new graduate students, President Charles M. Vest urged them to "actively participate in the pursuits of the Institute to find solutions to the problems of energy, environment and global communication that are facing the world today."

Vest spoke at the orientation picnic for all new graduate students held at the Johnson Athletic Center yesterday. The picnic was shifted from its planned site in Killian Court due to inclement weather.

"Graduate education provides a unique opportunity to pursue intense solitary scholarship of the

type that one may never be engaged in the rest of [one's] life," he added.

Speaking at the picnic, Dean of the Graduate School Frank E. Perkins '55 said that "graduate students, with a strength of about 5000, comprise a special group of people in the Institute, outnumbering the undergraduate population by several hundreds."

"Graduate students represent a diversity of background and a wide variety of undergraduate experiences. One-third of the graduate students are international students," he added.

Perkins told the picnicers that "graduate education at MIT operates in a completely decentralized fashion, with the individual departments and the faculty monitoring the progress of individual students. The graduate school merely provides the guide-

lines of academic policy and financial support for students."

Furio Ciacchi G, president of the GSC, who also spoke at the picnic, noted that "there is a historical trend towards broader and greater [graduate] student involvement in Institute activities."

"Even greater numbers of graduate students demand that their opinion be considered in setting educational policies. Our goal at the GSC is to maintain

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Explicit safe sex video will be shown at Bexley

By Deborah A. Levinson

A controversial safe sex video produced at MIT will be shown to residents of Bexley Hall this fall. *Truth or Consequence: Safer Sex at MIT* explicitly depicts the proper use of condoms, dental dams, contraceptives and other safe sex devices, and uses models from within the MIT community.

The video, which runs about 18 minutes, is divided into three parts. One deals with latex protective devices, such as condoms, dental dams, rubber gloves and finger cots. Another deals with contraceptive devices, such as diaphragms, spermicidal jellies, and foams, and a third addresses talking with one's partner about safe sex practices.

Truth or Consequence is controversial because of its nudity and graphic scenes of simulated

sex acts. One scene shows a condom being unrolled onto an erect penis. Another demonstrates the correct use of dental dams while performing oral sex on a woman.

Jill B. Soley '92 and Aaron T. Curtis PhD '91 produced, directed, and narrated the video.

"I would like as many people as possible [to see the video], in particular, freshmen," Soley said. "People very often don't know stuff they need to know. It's pretty scary. AIDS and chlamydia are common among college students, and I don't want to see people getting diseases because they're not informed."

Curtis is now employed at Boeing near Seattle, WA, and was unavailable for comment.

Two students who participated

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Books reasonably priced at Coop

By Karen Kaplan

A comparison of textbook prices for popular fall-term courses shows that books are slightly more expensive at the Harvard Cooperative Society in Kendall Square than at other nearby bookstores and book exchanges, but that the Coop has the best selection.

This fall, the required textbooks for Introduction to Computers and Engineering Problem Solving (1.00) are *The C Programming Language*, second edition by Kernighan, and *A Book on C: Programming in C-ANSI C*, second edition, by Kelley. The Kernighan text sells for \$33.00 at both the Coop and at Quantum Books in Kendall Square. The Kelley book costs \$35.25 at the Coop and \$32.95 at Quantum Books. Neither is for sale at the MIT Press Bookstore, also in Kendall Square.

As usual, *Structure and Interpretation of Computer Programs* by Abelson will be used for 6.001, which has the same title as the book. The Coop and the MIT Press Bookstore are each offering the textbook for \$50.75. It is not carried by Quantum Books.

The Coop is the only bookstore selling Gleitman's *Psychology*, third edition, which will once

again be used for 9.00 (Introduction to Psychology) this fall. The cost for the newly-revised text is \$48.00.

Textbooks for standard freshman classes, Physics I (8.01), Calculus I (18.01), and Principles of Chemical Science (5.11), are only for sale at the Coop. Ohanian's *Physics, Volume 1*, second edition, is selling for \$37.50 new and for \$28.25 used. *Calculus With Analytic Geometry* by Simmons is on sale for \$62.25, and *General Chemistry* by McQuarrie costs \$58.75. The Coop's selection of used books is small.

Coop defends pricing policy

Textbook prices are largely determined by publishing companies, said Martha Sanders, a book buyer for the Coop. She also said that books bought in large quantities are more expensive because when more books are bought, "the publisher expects returns, and returns are expensive to process. Some of the price of a textbook is the publisher's attempt to recover their costs of handling a book multiple times."

Sanders also compared cooperative societies, like the Coop, with bookstores at state-run institutions, which she said have dif-

ferent operating procedures. "A cooperative runs for the benefit of the members, so we try to make a profit which is shared by all the members," she said. The Coop's prices are in line with textbook prices at Yale, Dartmouth and Brown, she said, but at a state school, "they might lower their prices, or very rarely increase their prices," she said.

Over the past year, book prices have increased by an average of eight percent. "That's high, compared to other products, like stationary items," Sanders said. She said the average price of a textbook for all the textbooks sold at the Coop last term was \$36.00.

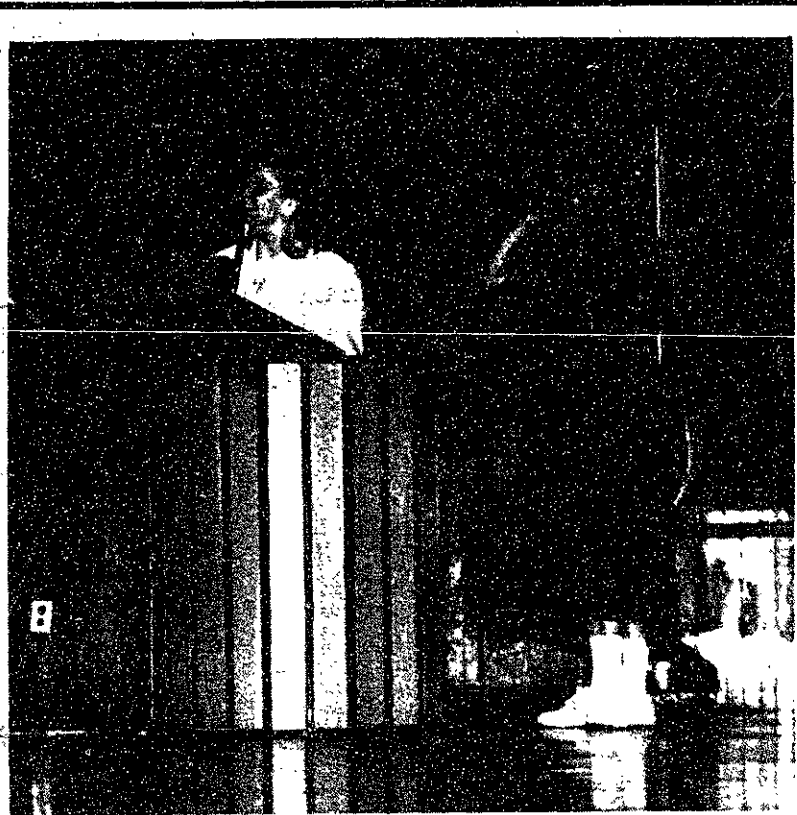
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Douglas D. Keller/The Tech

As the beginning event for the orientation part of Residence/Orientation Week, Provost Mark S. Wrighton answered the question, "What is a provost?" The event began with Wrighton wandering out of the crowd dressed in a t-shirt, shorts and calf-high tennis socks, explaining his manner of dress as a way to mingle with the freshmen. After donning more "academic" clothing, the provost then set about convincing the assembled freshmen that the third definition of Provost was not as correct as the fourth.

AEPi, DPi, KAT join R/O

ed. Nine freshmen joined Fenway House, well within their goal of seven to ten.

Three groups involved in first R/O week activities

Three independent living groups — Kappa Alpha Theta, Delta Pi, and Alpha Epsilon Pi — participated in their first R/O Week this year.

KAT rush chair Yvonne G. Lin '93 said this rush was very different than the rush the Thetas held last spring. "In the spring, we knew people who were rushing were interested in us, but we couldn't be sure in the fall. It was up to us to show freshman women what Theta had to offer them, to present ourselves as well as possible," she said.

Lin added that she thought the chapter, which was founded in October, did very well during rush. "Of the 25 bids we gave out, 23 or 24 have been accepted, and our pledges seem really psyched," she said.

Delta Pi ran its rush efforts out of their lounge in Room 7-005, said Rush Chair Richard G. Payne '93. DPi obtained use of the room from the Provost's Office and will stay there for two years, according to Payne. "Other fraternities can give house tours and other things to keep freshmen occupied, but in one room you basically sit down and meet all the freshmen," Payne said.

"Also, unlike other fraternities, our freshman class will live in the dorms, so it becomes a question of whether you want to be in a fraternity at all rather than a choice of where to live," Payne said.

Despite the disadvantages posed by their lack of a house, Payne felt DPi had done "fairly well during rush." DPi was looking for 12 pledges and had six late yesterday evening, with four bids still outstanding.

"I'm not horrendously disappointed," Payne said. "We only had one class that had run a rush before, and the others weren't really sure what was going on. Things could have been a lot worse," he added.

AEPi found rush "very difficult"

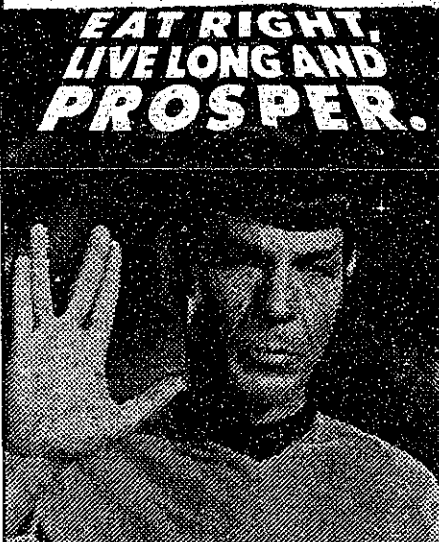
AEPi, though not a member of the IFC, won approval to house freshmen over the summer. AEPi President Jonathan A. Oleinick '94 said this situation created unique problems for them. "Without Clearinghouse and without IFC membership, rush was very difficult," Oleinick said. "None of us have ever rushed before, and we didn't have a 'rush machine' like many other houses. We made many mistakes, but I think we learned a lot and will be much more efficient for next year," he continued.

AEPi was looking for between 10 and 15 freshmen, and actually got 10 pledges. "We just came across as an honest fraternity, which really attracted people,"

Oleinick said. "Our status as a nationally Jewish fraternity also attracted many people," Oleinick said, though he stressed that membership in AEPi is not restricted to Jews.

AEPi cross-rushed significantly only with Pi Lambda Phi, and Oleinick said that "no significant problems" resulted. However, PLP rush chair David J. Harrison '93 said that he plans to discuss the results of the cross-rush with both the IFC and Neal H. Dorow to decide "what action, if any, is appropriate." He would not comment on details of the upcoming discussions, however.

Oleinick said that one of the 12 freshmen to whom AEPi extended a bid had gone to PLP, and another who had also been rushed by PLP had decided to live in a dormitory.



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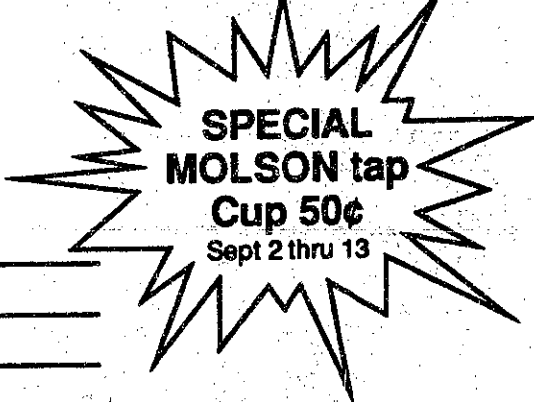
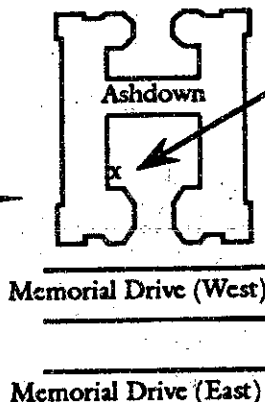
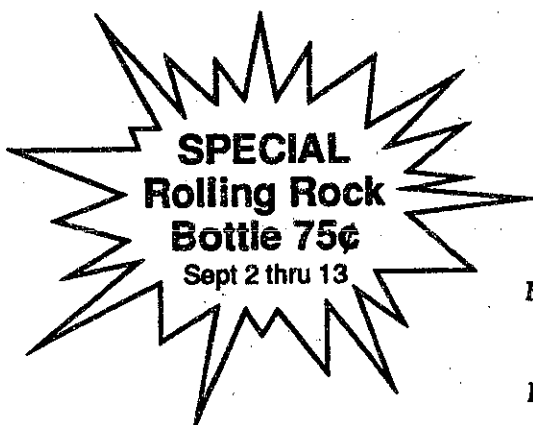
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Nation

US claims gains in drug war

Federal drug policy chief Bob Martinez said yesterday that "victory is within our grasp" in the war over drugs. In remarks prepared for a Washington speech, he pointed to evidence of declining drug use and drug-related crime, but acknowledged that overall, violent crime has not lessened. Martinez criticized Congress for not providing the necessary resources at a time when victory is within easy reach.

Congressional Democrats sharply criticized Martinez's assessment. Senator Joseph Biden (D-DE) said, "on some fronts the drug problem is worse today than ever before." Representative Charles B. Rangel (D-NY) accused the White House of looking to save the middle class from drugs, while ignoring those who really need help. Rangel chairs a special House committee on the drug crisis.

Arnold Trebach, the president of the Drug Policy Foundation, described claims of victory in the war on drugs as "outright lies." He said that while casual use of drugs is down, the problem among hard-core addicts is getting worse.

But there was praise for Martinez's words from the attorney general of Mexico, who said the Bush administration had done a good job of attempting to reduce demand for drugs. He promised full cooperation in efforts to stop drugs from crossing the Mexican-American border.

World

Baltic states await recognition as Soviet congress adjourns

Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania are waiting to hear the Kremlin finally recognize their independence. Officials of the Baltic states said Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev has promised to issue an independence decree, now that the Soviet congress has adjourned.

Gorbachev has gotten what he wanted from the Soviet lawmakers — they approved a plan yesterday that involves a drastic transfer of power from Moscow to the republics that effectively puts the Congress of Peoples' Deputies out of business. The congress "rose to the occasion" at a crucial moment in Soviet history, he added.

Although the United States has refused to provide direct economic aid for the Soviet Union as a whole, a high-ranking US official visiting Latvia hinted that President George Bush may try to provide it for the Baltics. Curtis Kamman, a US deputy assistant secretary of state, said he expects the administration to take the same approach to the Baltics as it has to Eastern Europe.

Meanwhile, statements by Soviet Foreign Minister Boris Pankin implied that the revolution in the Soviet Union could leave Cuba more isolated. Pankin said that the Soviet Union will reconsider its relationship with the island nation, which is one of the few hard-line communist countries left in the world. Before last month's coup attempt, the United States had been urging the Kremlin to stop sending aid to Cuba.

Croatian president claims lands

The president of Croatia, the breakaway Yugoslav republic, vowed to retake all land captured by Serb insurgents yesterday. The pledge came amid reports of Serb guerrilla and Yugoslav federal army attacks on Croatian positions around the town of Vukovar. European Community officials trying to get peace talks started have accused the army of backing the Serbs. An EC source said there is suspicion that Croatia may have provoked the latest fighting.

Israel opposes economic leveraging

Israel does not want the United States to use its economic leverage to coerce Israel to participate in a proposed Middle East peace conference. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir rejected any linkage between the conference and Israel's request for \$10 billion in US loan guarantees to resettle Soviet Jewish immigrants. Secretary of State James A. Baker III asked Congress on Wednesday to postpone action on the guarantees while he tries to put the talks together.

BCCI indictments begin

Federal prosecutors in Florida announced indictments against six former officials of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International and a reputed cocaine kingpin yesterday.

The indictment charged the seven men with conspiracy to use BCCI as a racketeering enterprise to launder \$14 million in drug profits. Five other members of a Colombian drug cartel are also named.

Only one person is in custody in the case, and officials said it may take up to two years to extradite him from France.

Word of the action came hours after a congressional report blasted the government for not acting against BCCI sooner.

US attorney Robert Genzman defended his office, saying the indictment was one step in a legal process that started with the convictions of two BCCI divisions and five officers last year.

NAS recommends nuclear reductions

A study released by the National Academy of Science in Washington, DC, recommends drastic new reductions in US and Soviet nuclear forces in the wake of the changes in the Soviet Union. It suggests weapons could be cut to as little as one-tenth of the current level. Bush administration officials have said it is too early to consider major changes in US defense policy.

Sununu asks that pro-Thomas ad be pulled from the airwaves

White House Chief of Staff John H. Sununu '61 has asked a conservative activist to pull his controversial television commercial, which supports Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas and attacks the ethics of three liberal senators. But L. Brent Bozell of the Conservative Victory Committee said the ad campaign will continue unless "left-wing groups... enter into a political ceasefire" over the Thomas nomination. President George Bush said yesterday he felt the ad did not help Thomas.

Thomas is a black conservative who sits on a federal appeals court. The ad says he faces bitter opposition from liberal Democrats. It also asks whether the liberal Democratic opponents could pass ethical scrutiny.

Parathion producers ban production

The Environmental Protection Agency said yesterday that the producers of the pesticide parathion have agreed to a voluntary ban on most applications of the widely used chemical. Parathion is blamed for the deaths of dozens of farm workers, and the EPA said it will seek a total ban on its use. Under the new agreement, it may still be used on nine crops which are harvested mechanically, rather than by hand.

Plan calls for cleaning up nuclear weapons plants

The Energy Department wants to throw more money behind the clean-up of the nation's nuclear weapons plants. A revised, five-year plan calls for the department to spend as much as \$38 billion from fiscal year 1993 through fiscal 1997. Congressional sources said yesterday that it signals a shift in emphasis from weapons production to solving the problems resulting from four decades of environmental neglect.

Hasid not indicted for homicide

A New York grand jury found no evidence of wrongdoing yesterday in a fatal car accident that led to black-Jewish violence in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn.

Prosecutors said a grand jury decided not to indict the Jewish driver of the car that struck and killed a seven-year-old black boy. The vote followed an appearance before the panel in which the 22-year-old Hasidic man gave his account of what happened.

The grand jury, which had heard testimony for more than a week, was considering charges of criminally negligent homicide.

Seven-year-old Gavin Cato was killed and his cousin Angela was injured in an Aug. 19 accident when a station wagon went out of control and jumped a curb.

The accident set off days of racial violence between black and Jewish residents. Police said that the stabbing death of one Jewish man was retaliation for the incident.

Noriega trial set to begin

A jury is being selected in Miami for the trial of ousted Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega, which is expected to last for months. Noriega is accused of taking millions of dollars in bribes and allowing drugs from Colombia to be shipped through Panama to the United States. Defense lawyers said that seating an impartial panel will be tough, but US District Judge William Hoeweler said he is certain prospective jurors can put aside the flood of publicity on the case.

Art supplies can be dangerous

Even art supplies can be hazardous to your health. The US Public Interest Research Group said just because a product has no warning label, there is no guarantee it is safe. Staff attorney Lucinda Sikes said nearly half of the toxic art supplies her group checked did not carry warning labels, as required by law.

Sikes said products such as rubber cement, turpentine and spray adhesives are supposed to have labels warning that long-term use can cause health problems.

The group wants the Consumer Product Safety Commission to enforce the labeling law. It is also urging parents to make sure children do not use toxic art supplies.

Local

Weld appoints Chelsea receiver

On his first day back at work, Governor William Weld has moved to help the city of Chelsea. He announced legislation to put the city of 25,000 residents under a receiver. The action would last for five years. The receiver would get wide powers, but not the power to raise taxes.

Weld asked the legislature to pass the bill in the next two days. City officials said Chelsea is broke, with a massive debt to deal with. Mayor John Brennan is not seeking re-election this year, and said city workers received paychecks yesterday. But without state action, he said there will not be any more checks coming. Brennan said there is no money for September.

On Wednesday night, a finance control board rejected a short-term budget for Chelsea. That left the city with no authority to spend money or pay bills. Brennan said he voted against the budget because Chelsea will not be helped by stopgap measures.

Weather

Claudette forms in the central Atlantic

Tropical Storm Claudette, the third named storm in the Atlantic hurricane season, developed several hundred kilometers southeast of Bermuda Thursday. Claudette is likely to become a hurricane today. As of 10:30 pm Thursday, the cyclone was located at 26.0°N and 57.3°W, with winds of 65 mph (104 kph), moving to the west at 5 mph (8 kph). The forecast track continues the westward motion.

Closer to home, a pressure trough will cross the region this evening, possibly triggering a brief shower. Following the passage of the trough, high pressure will build slowly into the region, giving us seasonable temperatures and sunny skies. A cyclone to our east today and Saturday will keep coastal sections cooler than inland sections as winds will be onshore.

Friday: Partly cloudy and cool. High near 70°F (21°C).

Friday night: Any showers ending followed by diminishing cloudiness. Low near 60°F (16°C).

Saturday: Mostly sunny. Coolest along the coast. Highs 70-80°F (21-27°C). Low 59-63°F (15-17°C).

Sunday: Mostly sunny and seasonable. High mid-70s (24°C), lows in the mid-50s (13°C) to near 60 (16°C).

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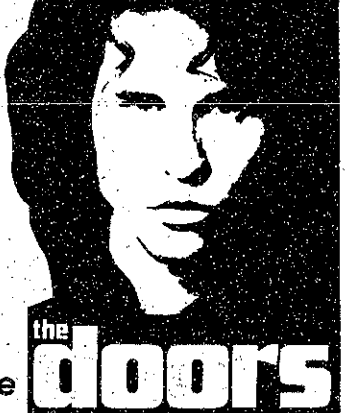
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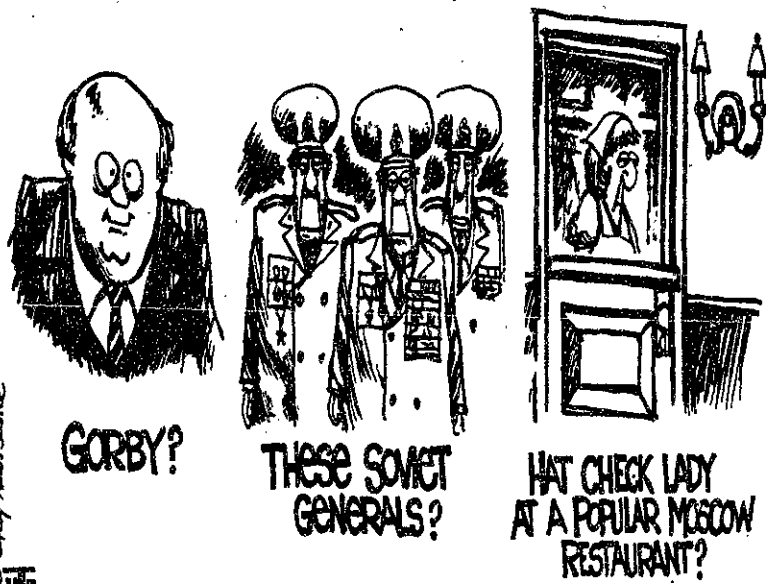
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Happy birthday, Chuck Vest

Column by Bill Jackson

Celebrating his birthday Monday is the esteemed president of our fine Institute. I guess he's as esteemed as any major university president who encourages people to call him "Chuck." I feel like Peppermint Patty talking to Charlie Brown whenever I say "Chuck."

The birthday celebration was last Tuesday. The Tech was invited to send someone along. I agreed after being told there was a free baseball game involved.

I arrived at the Vest residence twenty minutes before the guest of honor, and as I walked through the door I was handed a "Chuck Mask," a photocopy of Vest's face attached to a popsicle stick. I guess this is as good a point as any to state that every word of this column is true. I swear. It's too good to be made up.

I wandered in among the many guests, over a hundred in all. Administrators, faculty members, secretaries, and innocent bystanders like myself wandered around trying our Chuck Masks on each other. Former MIT presidents looked down on us from their oil-painting perches with apparent disgust. (see photo) Something tells me nobody was ever caught on campus holding a Richard Cockburn MacLaurin mask on a popsicle stick.

Vest had been told that he was going to be speaking at a reception of international students. He instead walked through his own doorway to the surreal sight of a hundred people with black-and-white versions of his own face, screaming "surprise" and singing "Happy Birthday" to him.

This was a big birthday for Vest. I don't want to embarrass him by giving away how old he is, but I can tell you that (1) it's what you get when you round 48 off to the nearest tenth and (2) it rhymes with "nifty." When he saw the crowd gathered in his entrance hall, he looked as pleased as a man can look when he's coming to the slow realization that his depressing milestone of a birthday is going to be the focus of a long evening, as well as being featured in almost 30,000 copies of campus publications.

After the initial shock wore off, he was informed

that it was to be "Tech Night at the Sox" in honor of his birthday. He was good-naturedly humorous about it, saying "But Constantine [B. Simonides '57, secretary of the Corporation] just gave me all this work to do." He continued, "For once in my life I'm speechless. Maybe I can have Kathryn [Willmore, speechwriter for whom Dr. Vest is the mouthpiece] write something up for me."

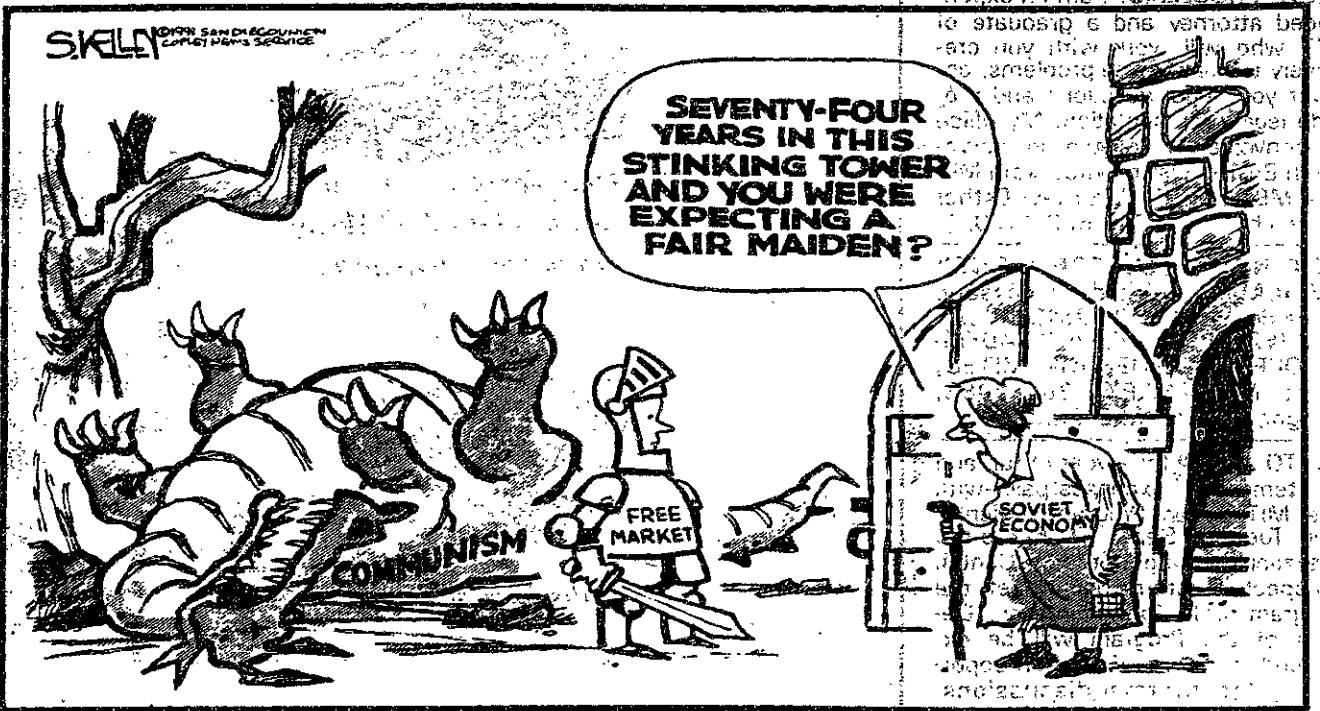
All the biggies were there — Wrighton, Keyser; even Paul and Priscilla Gray arrived (fashionably late, so they were denied their Chuck Masks.) There was champagne, cider, sparkling water, munchies and a tasty cake. It was all provided by a caterer named Page Carter. I wonder if she does dining halls.

I caught up with Vest and told him I was from The Tech, and he responded "Oh, gee, I'd better run away then." After this warm greeting I asked him if he was embarrassed by all the attention, or if he was the sort of person who enjoyed large birthday parties. He looked around and said, "Well, once every fifty years, I guess..."

Eventually we were all piloted toward yellow school buses and shipped over to Fenway. President Vest got to go down and meet one of the ball players. Wade Boggs? Nope. Roger Clemens? Nope. Jeff Reardon? Nope. Try Tony Fossas (3-2, 4.10 ERA,) a Red Sox reliever of not much distinction. This is the president of MIT, for crying out loud. OK, maybe Boggs was busy eating chicken with some woman, and maybe Clemens was out practicing his expletives for his next run-in with an umpire, but couldn't the Sox have spared a hot rookie like Mo Vaughn or a starting infielder like Jody Reed? Oh, well.

Then Associate Provost for the Arts Ellen Harris was slated to sing the national anthem. I managed to slime myself (along with Ace Tech Photo Editor Douglas D. Keller '93) onto the field to photograph the event. We acted like the consummate professionals we are, taking pictures of each other standing in Fenway, so all our friends can see we were on the field. Trust me, all the great sports photographers do this.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Do not fine Bexley residents for exercising free speech rights

MIT bureaucrats are again threatening to fine Bexley Hall for rush violations, including a "ROTC = murder" sign ["Fraternity rush slightly down," Sept. 3] in the dormitory's courtyard. The MIT community should not tolerate such an offensive violation of free speech.

Fortunately, it does not have to: the Massachusetts Civil Rights Act prohibits restrictions on free speech even by private universities. Despite assertions to the contrary, attempts to repress free speech by Anthony J. Moulton '93, the Dormitory Council, DormCon's Judicial Committee and other agents of MIT are illegal.

In *Abramowitz v. Boston University* (1987) the Massachusetts Superior Court ruled that BU unlawfully interfered with students' rights to free speech when it imposed numerous disciplinary ac-

tions upon students who had hung signs bearing "BU Divest" and "End Apartheid" from their dormitory windows. The judge stated that the banners "constitute political speech which is entitled to the fullest possible measure of constitutional protection." The judge also noted that students cannot sign their rights away in rental agreements. The plaintiffs were awarded over \$38,000 in attorney's fees and other costs.

Authoritarians would have us believe that "special rules" apply during rush, but our rights are not suspended during Residence/Orientation Week. On the contrary, it is particularly important during rush that it is impressed upon incoming students that MIT is a place where a wide variety of differing — and even unpopular — views may be freely expressed.

Free speech does not depend upon a committee's whimsical interpretation of some administrator's dreamed-up criteria, such as whether "a reasonable, unbiased person could... say that [it was] intended to turn people away," as Staff Assistant for Residence Programs Elliot S. Levitt '89 tries to suggest.

Any attempt to dilute our rights by arguing that some rights are more equal than others should be resisted. This type of reasoning is unacceptable in a free society, and the MIT community must not remain silent on this issue. We should oppose administrators who try to regulate what we say and how we behave, and we should denounce attempts to punish people for not speaking or acting in the "correct" way in public.

Adam R. Grossman '87

opinion

Singing and surrealism at Chuck's birthday party

(Continued from page 4)

I asked Harris if she was going to try any unusual interpretations of the Star Spangled Banner. She told me she was going "straight ahead — the marine band version." Then the announcement boomed over the intercom that she was going to sing. She strode out to the mike. As the announcement was made to "please rise," she rose her arms and everybody stood up. I wish I had been wearing earplugs, because it would have looked so cool; she lifts her arms and 35,000 silently rise with her.

She sang the anthem (a bang-up job) and walked off, practically pumping her fists, Arsenio-fashion. Then we all returned to our seats.

The people sitting near our MIT group were curious about our Chuck Masks, and we soon explained that he was the MIT president celebrating a birthday. Many people nearby realized he was near a celebrity. One guy even had Vest and Harris sign his Red Sox pennant. (see photos page 10)

The game was typical for the Red Sox, a 2-0 loss on a September evening. The boredom was alleviated by the people I was sitting near. If you truly love baseball, I highly recommend watching a baseball game with a group of people who have no

interest whatsoever in baseball. Lots of fun. The woman next to me thought the scorecard in her program was a crossword puzzle. "At least then I'd have something to do," she said. My biggest moment of embarrassment, however, came when I remembered I hadn't bought Vest a gift.

I was buying a hot dog when I realized that there I was, sitting in Fenway Park, with no present for my own college's president. There was only one way to save face. "Dr. Vest," I yelled.

Vest looked to the sky, as if he was in *Field of Dreams* and was hearing voices at Fenway. What would voices say to him anyway? "If you build a freshman dorm, they will come?"

"No, Dr. Vest, over here!"

He looked over at me.

"You want a hot dog?"

All of the people sitting around me looked over in shock. Vest shook his head.

"Well," I said, "I didn't get you anything, so this is pretty much take it or leave it."

He smiled and laughed. A true gentleman who apparently knows that \$23,000 a year leaves a student with very little hot dog money. Oh well. I guess Vest had a happy birthday. And I'm keeping my Chuck Mask. Maybe it'll confuse the CP's next time I'm caught in the steam tunnels.



Bill Jackson/The Tech
President Charles M. Vest's friends and colleagues sing him "Happy Birthday" while wearing Chuck Masks. Richard Cockburn MacLaurin looks on in apparent disgust.

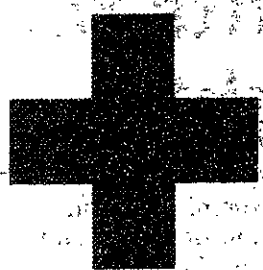
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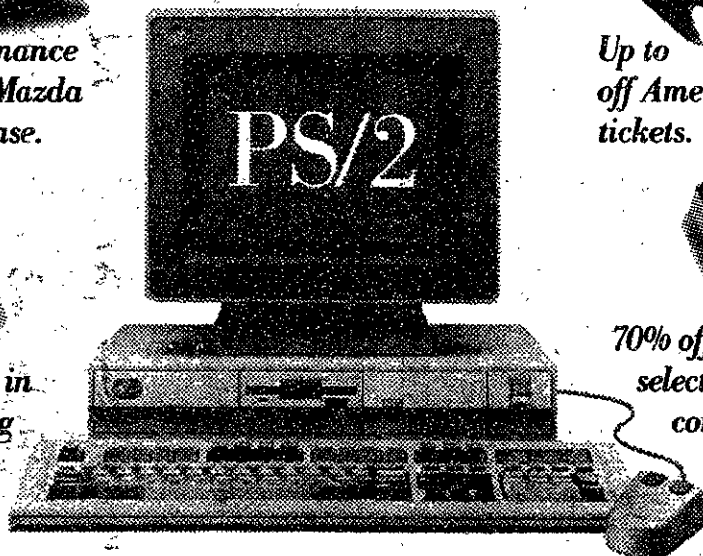
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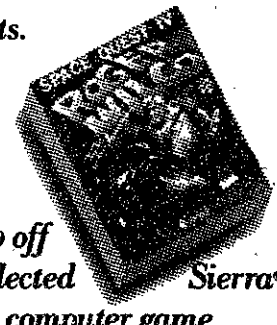
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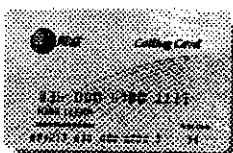
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Furnished Rooms explores the human condition

FURNISHED ROOMS

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Reviewed at rehearsal.

By DEBORAH A. LEVINSON

IT IS GENERALLY UNFAIR TO BASE ONE'S review of a performance on a rehearsal. After having seen Bryan David's *Furnished Rooms*, however, I feel confident that the play can make the leap from 14E-304 to Sanders Theatre.

14E-304 is not the best place to review a play. It is ideal for, say, thesis committee meetings, but it lacks adequate space and lighting to function as a stage. Still, director David and his cast made the best of their situation, using their minimal props to create the aura of a full stage.

David's play operates as a set of seemingly-unrelated scenes that subtly merge together to tell the story of Miss Higgins (Leslie Arnott). Higgins is a spinster who runs a boarding house on Commonwealth Avenue, offering cheap rooms to a variety of people — from a runaway pregnant woman, to a gay couple meeting clandestinely, to a would-be starlet.

tinely, to a would-be starlet.

The first boarder we meet is Barbara Joan "Famous" — a pseudonym she gives to Higgins, trying to pass herself off as an actress using Boston as a springboard to Broadway. Cara Gizzarelli plays Barbara Joan with refreshing exuberance, delivering lines like "Hello, Boston! . . . home of the . . . baked bean!" with glee.

While Barbara Joan moves in, Higgins takes tea — with the ghost of Henry O'Henry (Mark Wagner), a boarder with whom she had fallen in love. The interaction between them is limited, as Higgins communicates by talking to a picture of O'Henry, and O'Henry, dressed in black with a mime's makeup, commiserates behind her. They never see each other, yet it is clear that their relationship is as strong as that between any of the living. Their scenes are tender and charming: both Arnott's and Wagner's faces are so expressive that they hardly need dialogue to convey the emotions they feel.

Other characters appear as *Furnished Rooms* progresses. Steven Teref plays a junkie who accidentally injects strychnine and dies in O'Henry's old room. (Teref also takes a hilarious turn as a hustler taking advantage of Higgins' "no members of

the opposite sex in your room" rule.) Tina Reeves has a short stint as an aging, streetwise hooker who knows the story behind the junkie's death. But the major relationships play out between O'Henry and Higgins and Barbara Joan and Barbara Joan, and the minor characters' scenes are just that: interesting interludes, but not central to the plot.

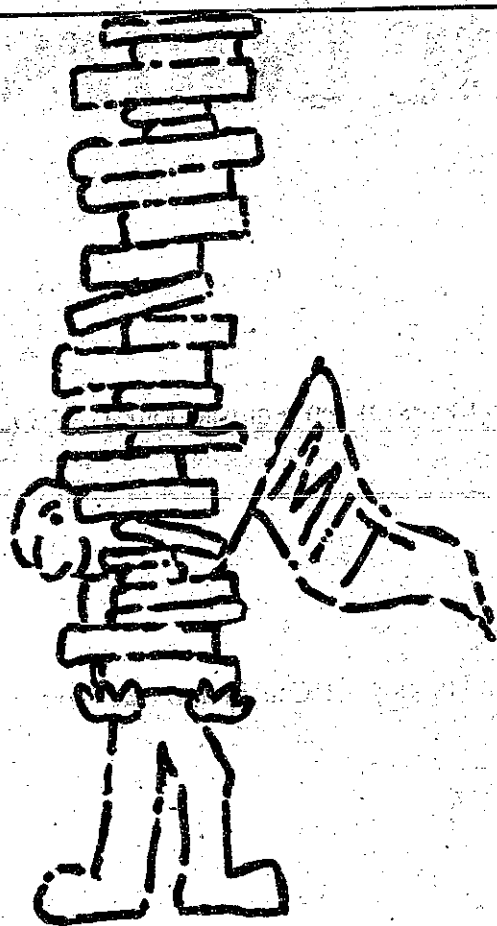
Furnished Rooms clocks in at about 45 minutes, criminally short for a \$15 ticket price. (At least part of the proceeds go to help the Pine Street Inn, a homeless shelter.) The play's length is disappointing, not just because of the price tag, but also because there were some crucial scenes between Higgins and Barbara Joan that were missing. By the middle of the play, Higgins

and Barbara Joan are talking like old friends, but the audience never sees the scenes in between, where they get over their initial hostilities and learn to care about each other. Their friendship, while integral to the resolution of the play, is jarring when presented in this way. Another scene, even one only five minutes long, would have helped a great deal.

Still, one can take comfort in the fact that one's \$15 is not merely the charge for an evening (albeit a short one) of entertainment. It is also a way to contribute to a worthy cause. *Furnished Rooms*, though flawed, shows great promise for Bryan David. Let's just hope he writes a little more next time.

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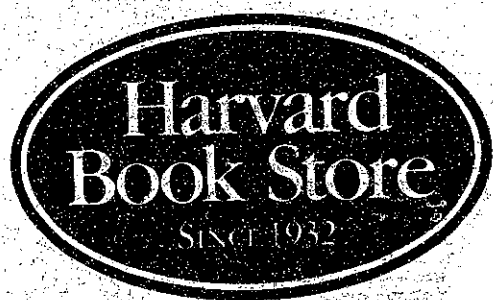
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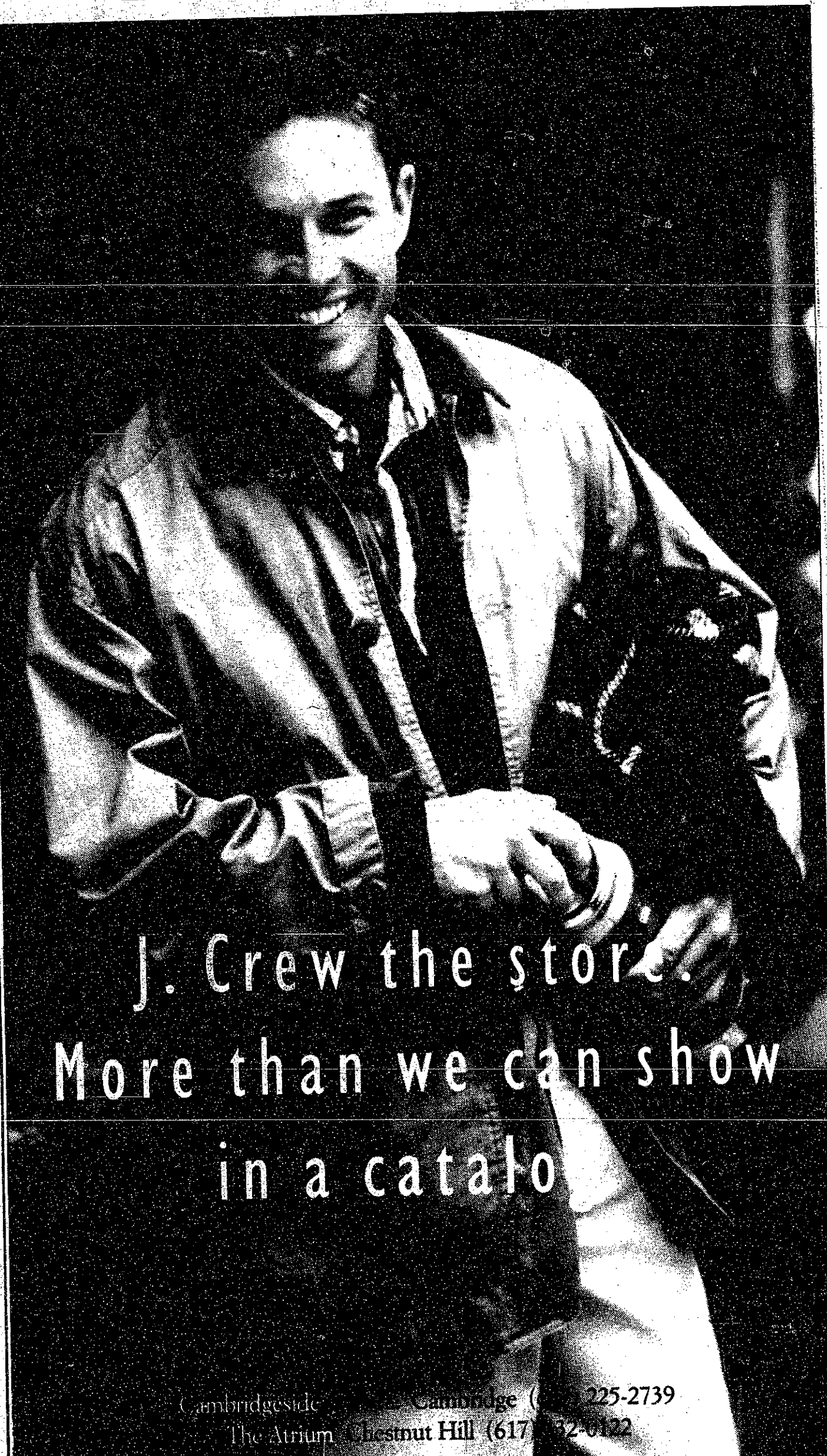
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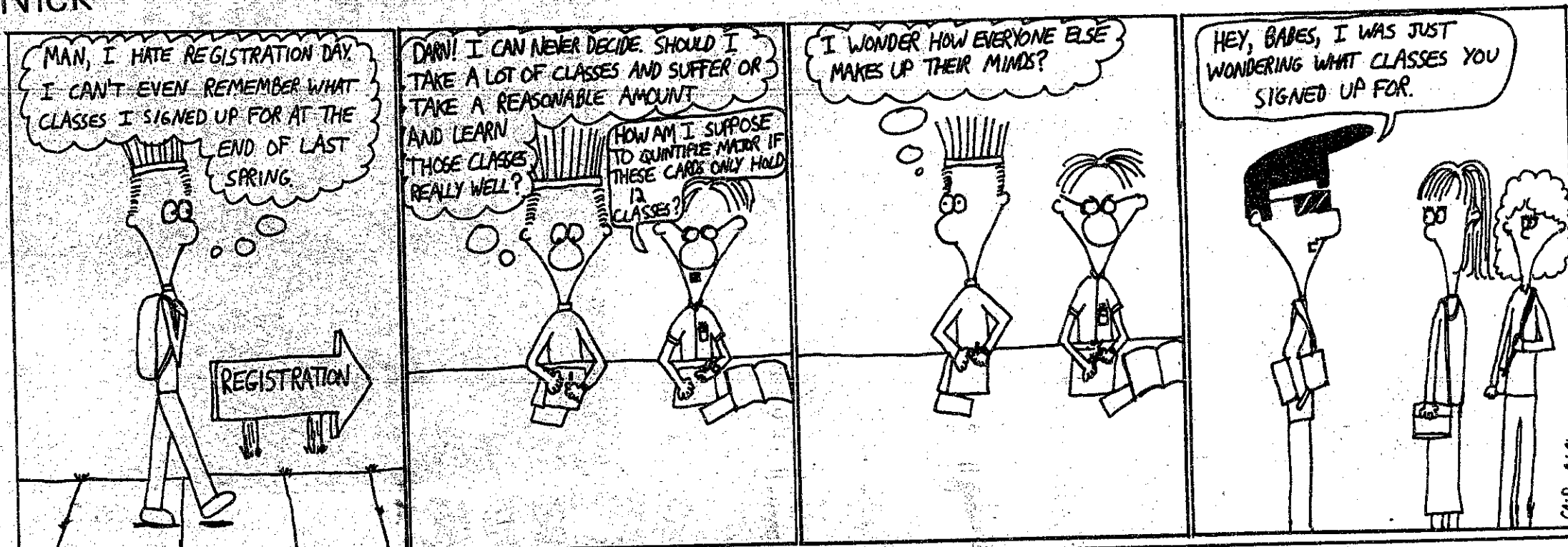
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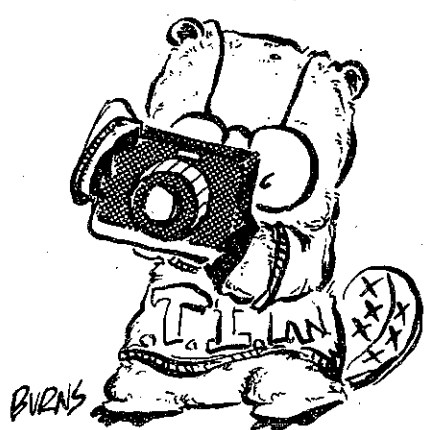
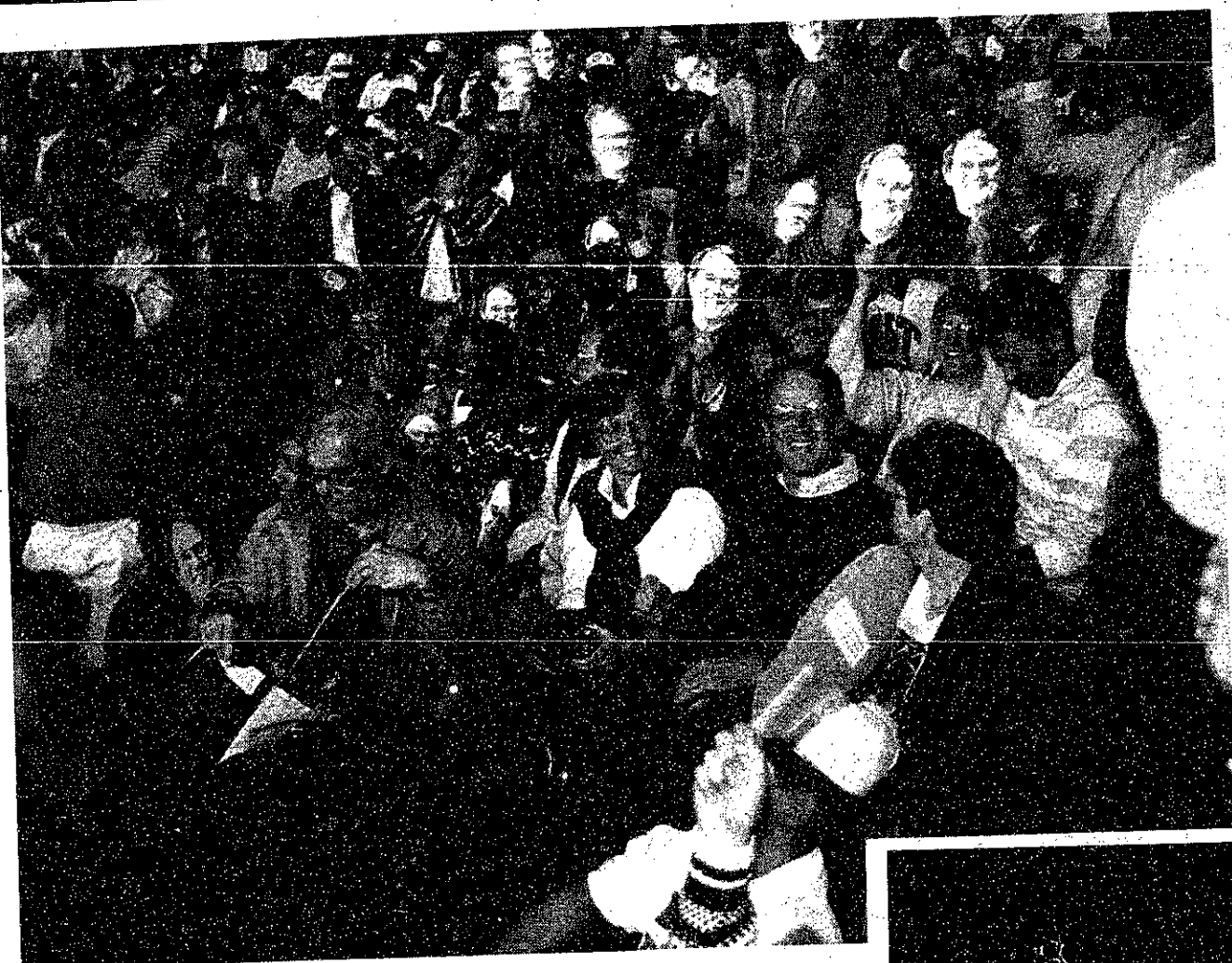
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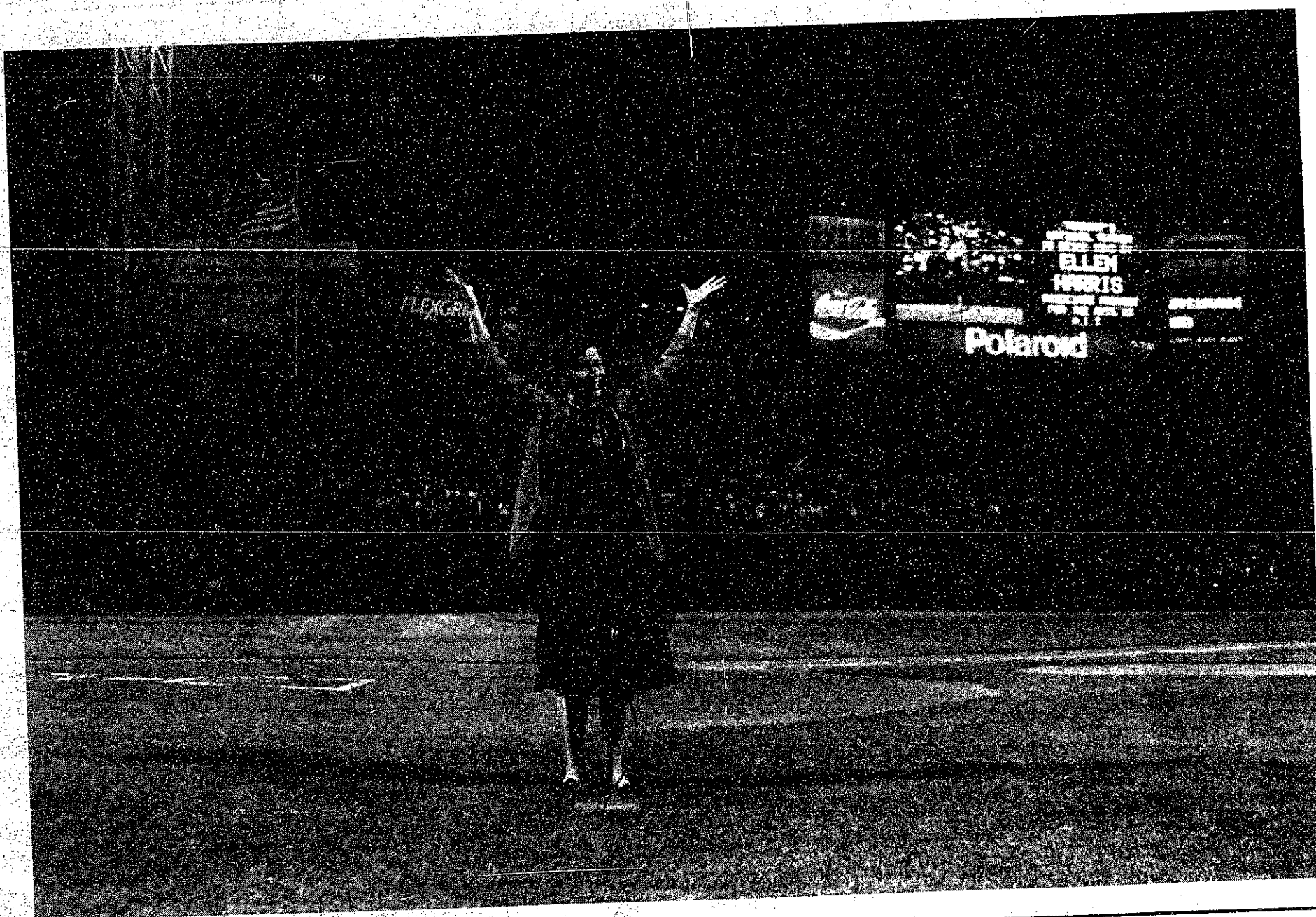
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Meeting Times

The Tech Model Railroad Club meets every Saturday at 6 pm in 20E-214. Visitors are always welcome. For info, call x3-3269.

The MIT Folk Dance Club sponsors two evenings of international dancing at MIT on Sunday nights in the Sala de Puerto Rico and Wednesday nights in Walker Gym, both at 7:30 pm. Beginners are welcome; no partner is needed. Call 253-3655 (FOLK) for more information.

The MIT Outing Club holds office hours every Monday and Thursday from 5:30-6:30 pm in W20-461. Stop by and help plan, lead or participate in trips ranging from one day outings to month long treks. The club is especially active in rock climbing, kayaking, canoeing, backpacking, hiking, and winter mountaineering. Beginners are more than welcome. The club rents a variety of equipment at low rates and has two cabins in NH available for rent. Contact Dave at 492-6983.

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The Cambridge Dispute Settlement Center has announced that it is making its service of mediating disputes available to roommates in the Cambridge area. Those interested in using CDSC's service to resolve a roommate dispute or any other dispute should contact the mediation center at 876-5376.

The Boston University Astronomy Department sponsors **Open Observatory Night** every Wednesday from 8:30-9:30 pm. For more information call 353-2360.

All first-time student loan borrowers (Perkins, Technology, or Stafford Student Loans) are required to attend a loan counseling session. Please contact the Bursar's Office for a schedule of the sessions.

Surplus equipment is available for departments and members of the MIT community in the **Equipment Exchange**, building NW30, every Tuesday and Thursday from 11-3 pm. Thirty days after being advertised in *Tech Talk* the equipment is sold.

The Science and Humanities Libraries (Hayden Building Libraries) are open from noon Sunday to 8 pm Friday — 24 hours a day — and from 8 am to 8 pm on Saturday. From midnight to 8 am access to the libraries is limited to members of the MIT community. Circulation and reference services are not available during restricted hours.

The Off-Campus Housing Service welcomes any member of the community who either has available housing or who is searching for housing to contact our office in Room E32-121, x3-1493.

The "Statement of Registration Status" is still required of all male students who are expected to register for the draft, if they want to receive federal financial aid. Women, underage students and those who have completed the statement in previous years do not have to file statements.

MIT requires male students who have completed the statement by indicating they are "underage" to submit the statement annually until they have registered.

Los Niños, a non-profit community development organization with projects along the Mexico/U.S. border, seeks applicants for its summer internship program. Interns teach summer-school classes in low-income Mexican communities, and take part in educational experiences concerning Mexico and the border region. For more information call 661-6912.

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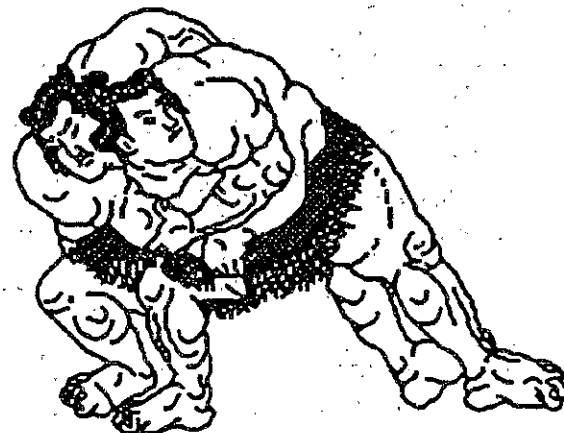
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Campus book exchanges may offer lower prices

Alpha Phi Omega will run a book exchange next week, beginning on Registration Day, in room 400 of the Julius A. Stratton '23 Student Center. Students interested in selling textbooks or other books, are encouraged to drop them off, along with the price for which they are willing to sell the book, explained APO brother Kathleen Mahoney '92.

Prices drop on the last two days of the sale, and those books which are unsold at the end of the week are donated to charity, she said.

Books sold at the APO Book Exchange are typically sold for between 25 percent and 75 percent of the cover price, said Richard A. Hartley '93, another APO brother.

According to APO records, less than half of the books for sale at the book exchange will be textbooks. Of the textbooks mentioned above, only one copy is for sale so far — a Simmons Calculus text for \$35.00.

The Technology Community Association will also sponsor a book exchange next week, but organizers could not be reached for comment.

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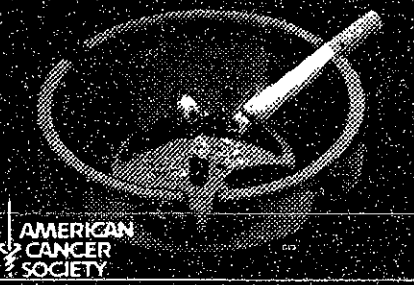
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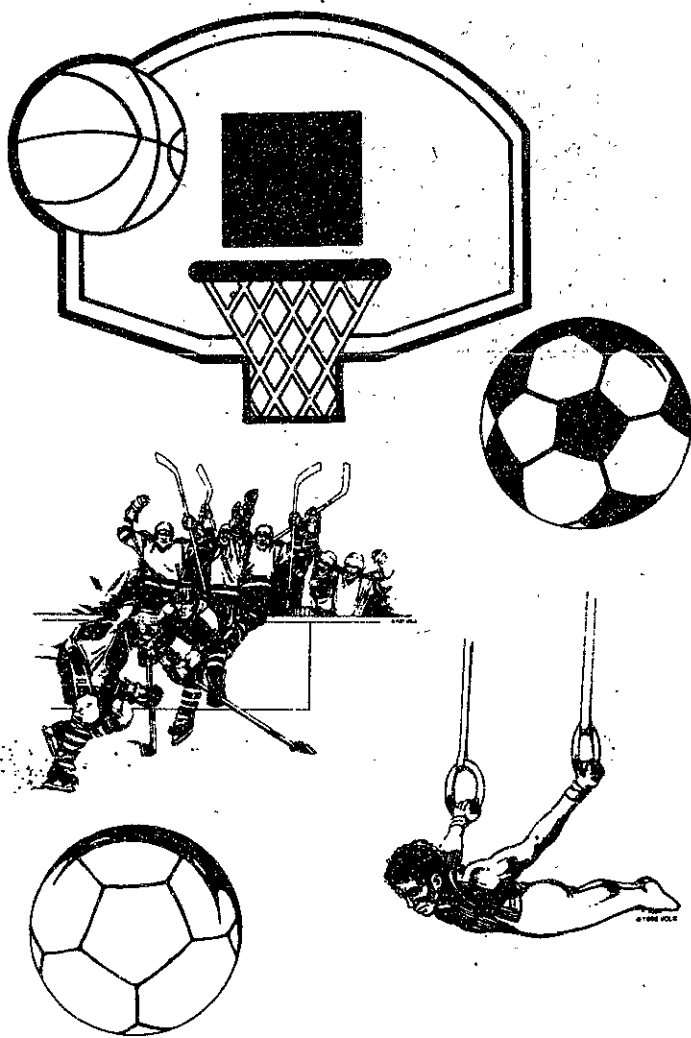
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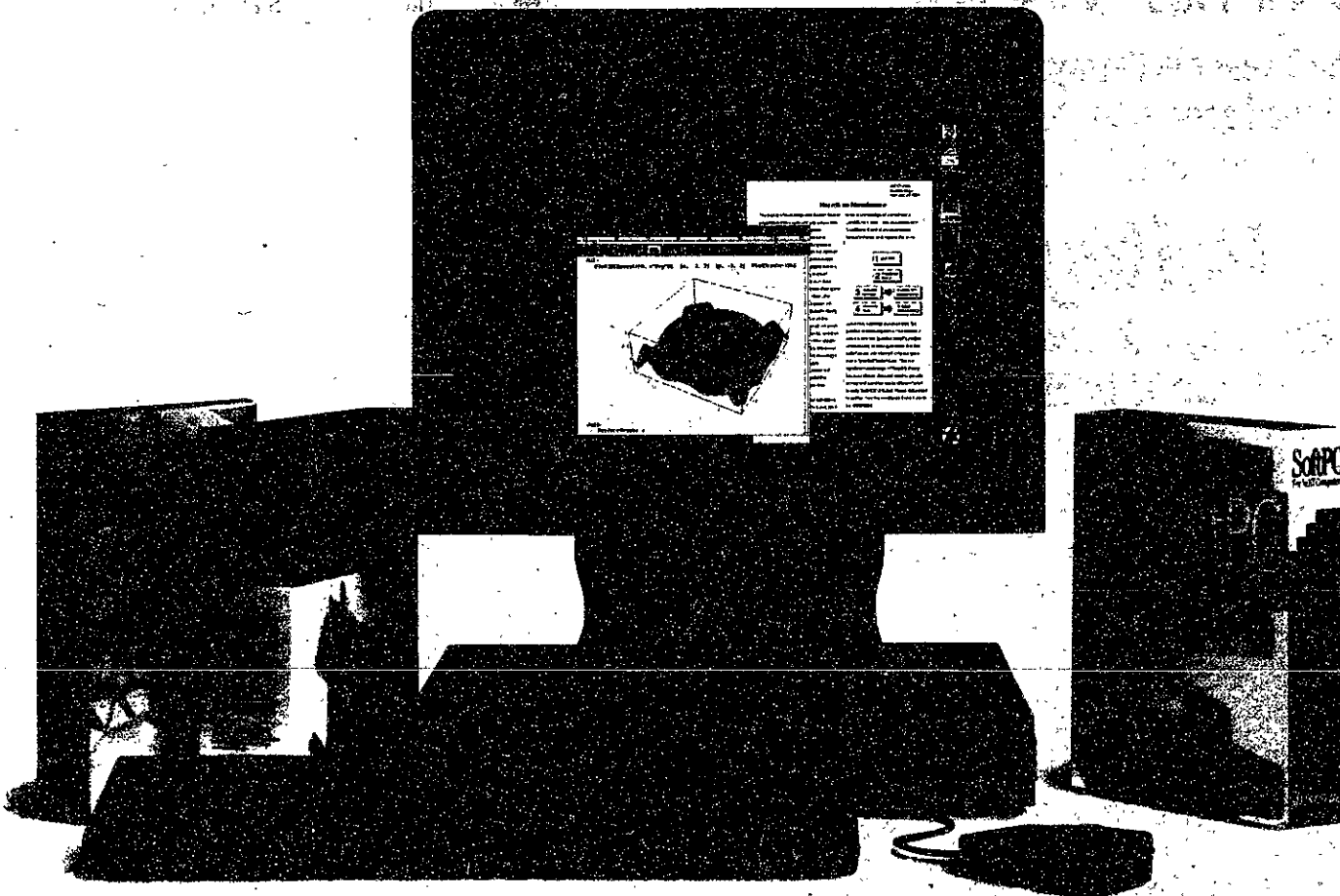
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this trend in the future," he added.

Orientation budget increased

The GSC was allocated a separate line item of \$15,000 in its budget for orientation this year by the dean of the graduate school, according to Ramnath Subramaniam G, chairman of the GSC's orientation committee. In previous years, the GSC had to pay for the graduate student orientation from its total budget of \$45,000.

For the first time, the GSC organized an fair, where it invited different Institute service departments to present information to new students. Among the groups that participated in the fair were the Medical Department, the Campus Police, Project Athena and the Housing Office. "The fair was very effective and provided an excellent opportunity



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Dean of the Graduate School Frank E. Perkins '55

for students to be informed about the services by their representatives," Subramaniam said.

The GSC also organizes an open house for the new students each year, informing them about its activities. Orientation activities will culminate with the traditional harbor cruise tonight.



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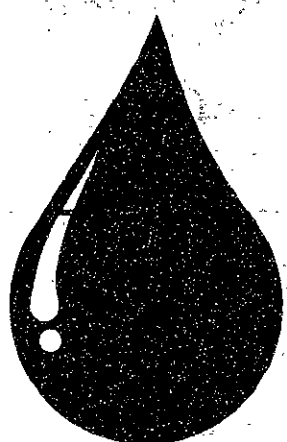
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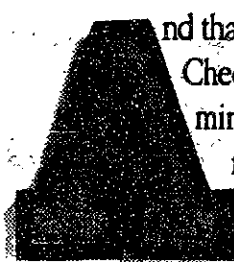
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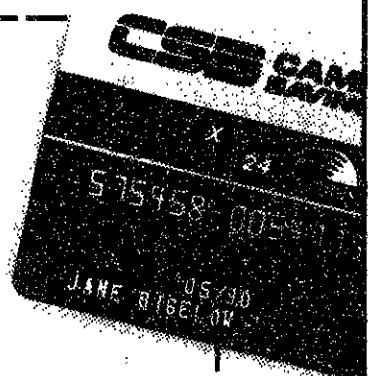
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Explicit safe sex video sparks controversy, airs on CCTV

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in the video anonymously as models had very positive reactions to it. One said that it was "an important thing to do. One of the things that I worked on was the dental dam demonstration — everyone has seen a condom demonstration, but no one has seen how to use a dental dam."

The other student defended the explicit nature of the video. "I thought that there was no unnecessary nudity," she said. "There were no breasts. Every effort was made to present the images in an informative and not a licentious manner."

Both students felt that *Truth or Consequence* would help the MIT community learn about safe sex. "There are good things in it that would be helpful to people. I advise people to watch it in an environment where they will feel comfortable asking questions," one of them said.

The other student added, "AIDS is a serious problem, and anything that might help is worth trying."

Cambridge Community Television (CCTV) aired *Truth or Consequence* on July 15 at 10 pm,

and it was viewed by a small audience. Curtis gave a live introduction to the video and led a call-in discussion afterwards.

CCTV Program Coordinator Nancy Buzby said that her station had no problems with the content of the video. "We don't have the right to censor any kind of content. We play a lot of avant-garde things. It was well-done and tasteful."

Buzby also said that CCTV planned to air the video again after speaking with Soley.

Video may have limited audience

Members of the administration are not as enthusiastic about the video as students.

Director of Health Education Service Janet Van Ness was concerned about the explicitness of the video. "There were a number of instances where the explicitness was actually gratuitous, [but] I don't think that it was wildly gratuitous," she said.

"I've seen videos with a lot of unnecessary nudity. I don't think it approached that."

Van Ness said that *Truth or Consequence* was "an unusual opportunity to help students practice safe sex." She added that she did not think that the video alone was enough to encourage safe sex practices. "There are other issues besides knowing how to use a condom," she said.

Associate Dean for Student Affairs James R. Tewhey said that he has not yet made a decision about showing *Truth or Consequence* in other living groups. He voiced some concern about parents' reactions to the video and the way that material was presented.

"If the issue is to get information out, then you don't want to have the message lost in the controversy," he said. However, he added that MIT did not plan to base its decision to show the video solely on parents' reactions.

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The Family Support Network is also sponsoring a support group for teen parents, every Thursday night from 6 pm to 8 pm at Roxbury Children's Service.

Getting High? or Getting Desperate? If drugs are becoming a problem, call or write: **Narcotics Anonymous**, 264 Meridian St., East Boston 02128, (617) 569-0021. Local meetings held at the MIT Medical Department, E23-364, on Mondays from 1-2 pm.

The Greater Framingham Area Veteran's Outreach Center is holding rap sessions for Vietnam veterans every Wednesday (except the third week of the month, when they will be held Thursday) at 7 pm. There is also a group for the wives of Vietnam veterans. For more information, call 879-9888.

Volunteer Opportunities

The **Buddy Program** of the **AIDS ACTION Committee** is looking for volunteers to provide emotional and practical support to our clients on a one to one basis. Interested persons need to fill out an application and attend our orientation and training. Info: 437-6200 x450.

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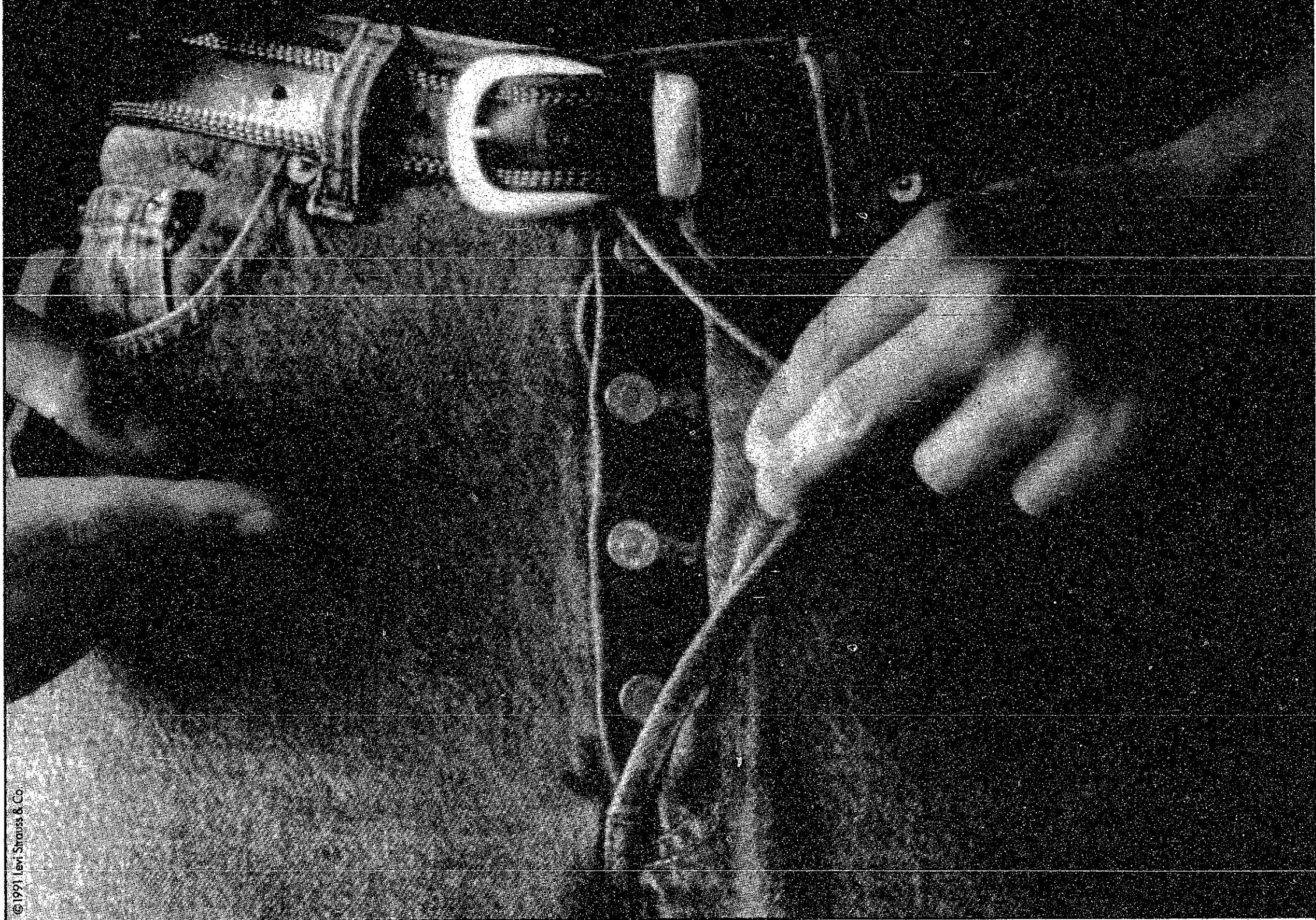


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Detroit	71	63	.530	5	L 2
Boston	69	64	.519	5½	W 2
Milwaukee	65	68	.489	10½	W 2
New York	60	72	.455	15	W 1
Baltimore	54	79	.406	20½	L 1
Cleveland	44	89	.331	30½	L 1

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	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak
Minnesota	80	54	.597	—	L 1
Chicago	73	62	.541	7½	W 2
Oakland	72	63	.533	8½	W 1
Texas	70	62	.530	9	L 1
Kansas City	68	65	.511	11½	L 2
Seattle	68	66	.507	12	L 1
California	65	68	.489	14½	L 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST

	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak
Pittsburgh	80	52	.606	—	W 3
St. Louis	71	62	.534	9½	L 3
Chicago	66	67	.496	14½	L 2
New York	65	68	.489	15½	L 1
Philadelphia	64	69	.481	16½	L 2
Montreal	55	77	.417	25	W 1

WEST

	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak
Los Angeles	74	59	.556	—	W 2
Atlanta	73	60	.549	1	L 1
Cincinnati	66	67	.496	8	W 2
San Diego	67	68	.496	8	W 3
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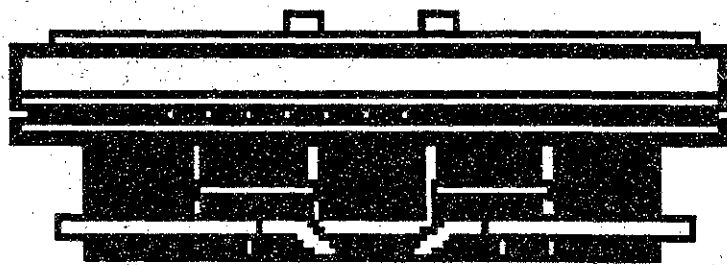
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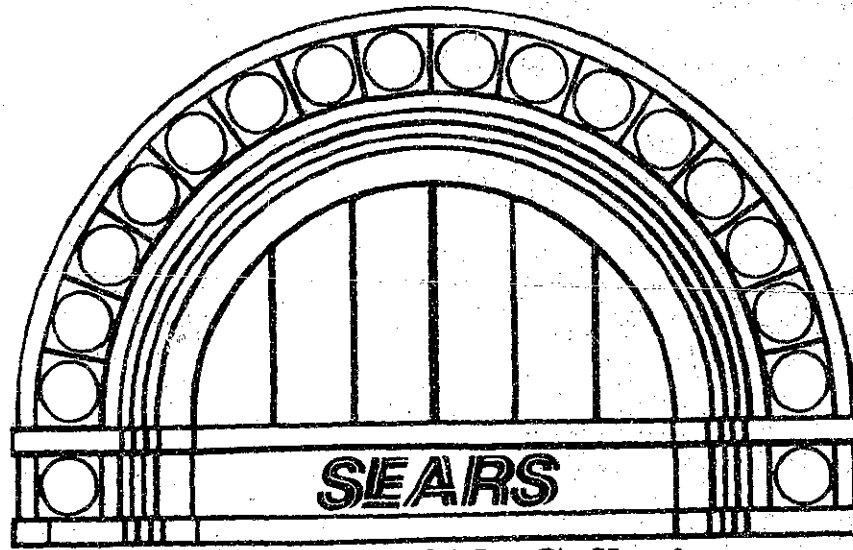
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