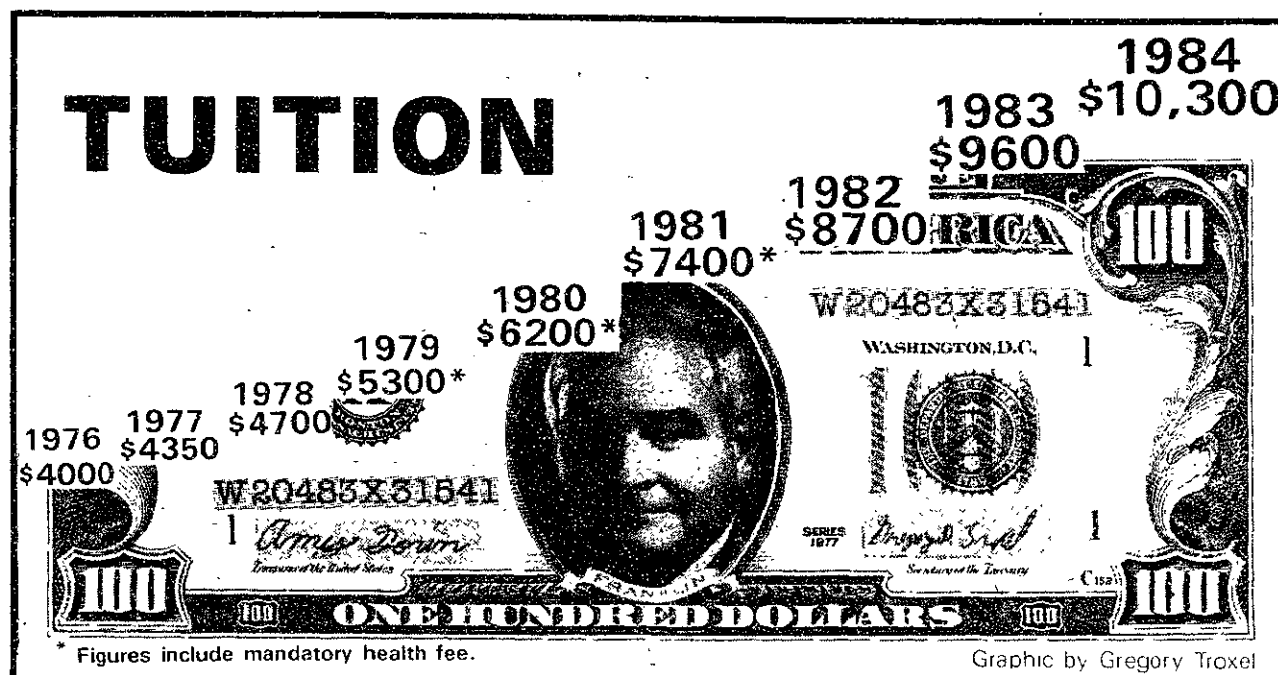


## Corporation set to approve tuition hike



By Ellen L. Spero  
and Burt S. Kaliski

MIT President Paul E. Gray '54 will announce today a 7.3 percent increase in tuition to \$10,300 for academic year 1984-85, with a 7.0 percent rise in the equity level to \$4600.

The combined costs of tuition, room and board will rise 6.8 percent to \$14,400 from \$13,420.

The MIT Corporation Executive Committee agreed to the increases yesterday following a recommendation made Tuesday by the Academic Council. The Corporation itself is expected to approve the increases later today.

The Institute has raised tuition 15 consecutive years. This year is the eighth year the increase has topped the previous year's rate of inflation. The consumer price index rose 4.9 percent last year.

MIT also raised the equity level — the minimum amount of personal funding help required of a student receiving financial aid. Students may meet that requirement through loans and term-time employment.

Vice President Constantine B. Simonides blamed rising overall educational costs for the increases. "It's hard to pin down any one thing," he said.

"The other sources of revenue other than tuition... including interest income from the endowment and gift income... have not kept pace with rising educational costs," Simonides said.

"This ends up putting more of the burden on tuition," which is

the only "discretionary" means of setting revenue, he added.

"MIT's endowment per student is not as big as other schools," he said, "because MIT has grown over the years."

Cutting costs is a way to reduce the amount of tuition necessary, Simonides said. "In a three year period we have taken a 15 percent cut in administrative and support expenses."

"Some of the departments and schools have also taken cuts," he said. "However, some schools — for example, the School of Engineering — have had very small budget increases."

The Student Financial Aid Office will announce later this semester the estimated budget for students receiving financial aid. The figure, which usually rises less than tuition, would increase to about \$15,700 from its present level of \$14,800 if recent trends continue.

"There will be no change in financial aid policy," said Simonides. "MIT will continue its policy of need-blind admissions and need-based financial aid."

This, however, "does not make a statement on long-term financial aid policy," he said. A task force currently studying financial aid policy "has not yet reported."

Need-blind admissions is the evaluation of student applications without considering the need for financial aid. Current financial aid policy is to supply funds to those who demonstrate need, without regard to academic or other considerations.

## Nitrous overdose kills senior

By Ellen L. Spero

An undergraduate student in the Department of Chemical Engineering died of oxygen deprivation after having inhaled nitrous oxide Wednesday afternoon.

Keith T. Ennis '84 was found unconscious with a plastic bag covering his face in a locked room, by two of his fraternity brothers, according to Robert A. Sherwood, associate dean for student affairs.

Ennis, a native of Tappan, N.Y., was a resident of Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity.

Boston Police confiscated a three and one-half foot canister of nitrous oxide from Ennis's room, Sherwood said.

"There was an attempt by a student to revive him with mouth-to-mouth resuscitation," Sherwood said. He was taken to Massachusetts General Hospital, where he was pronounced dead after one-half hour.

"There is virtually no question that [his death] was caused by the nitrous or that it was accidental," he said. "The medical examiners have discontinued the investigation." There was no autopsy.

Students do not realize, he said, "that you can easily kill yourself with nitrous... I suspect that Keith didn't feel he was endangering himself."

## Nitze lectures about Soviets, arms control

By Barry S. Surman

Differences between the American and Soviet ideas of peace are a major obstacle to reaching agreements to prevent war between the two superpowers, US Ambassador Paul Nitze said Monday night.

## Hart at Kresge

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Gary Hart of Colorado will speak at Kresge Auditorium at 12:30 p.m. today. Hart upset former Vice President Walter Mondale to win Tuesday's New Hampshire primary [Page 3]. The speech is sponsored by Americans with Hart.

A former MIT student and employee was found dead last year in Boston after inhaling nitrous oxide, Sherwood added.

Chief of Campus Police James Olivieri said, "Last year we transported two students to Mount Auburn Hospital because of their experimentation with nitrous. They both became violently ill. Luckily, both recovered."

"It is an on-going problem," Olivieri said. "Despite all of the dangers involved, students continue to experiment with it to get a high."

When nitrous oxide is inhaled, the oxygen in the lungs is replaced with the gas. This leads to oxygen deprivation, which is a lack of oxygen flow to the brain and other organs. Side effects of the drug include nausea, vomiting, disorientation, and possible death.

Ennis was "doing well academically. He had already been offered a couple of jobs," Sherwood said. "He was not someone who uses drugs other than this, apparently."

Charles M. Oppenheimer '84, chancellor of Tau Epsilon Phi, said, "It's very quiet here. Everyone is very subdued and sad... We all miss him and are still in shock that he died."

Ennis was a member of the MIT Wu-Tang Chinese Martial Arts Club and the MIT White

Water Club, according to Oppenheimer. He was also chancellor of his fraternity during spring term last year.

He enjoyed listening to music and playing the piano, Oppenheimer continued.

Sherwood said, "If any student organizations or living groups would like to contribute money towards the burial costs, it would be appreciated if they send the money care of me. I will forward it to the family."

A memorial service for Ennis will be scheduled in the MIT chapel, but plans have not yet been made.

## Group rallies against tuition

By Burt S. Kaliski

A group of about 50 students protesting an increase in MIT tuition marched Wednesday to the Big Sail and then to the office of President Paul E. Gray '54.

Two bands of protesters, one from the west side of campus and the other from the east, converged on the Alexander Calder stabile in McDermott Court at noon and marched around the sculpture, chanting, "Two, four, six, eight, can't afford to graduate."

The group walked to Gray's office at 12:30 p.m. and surrounded the entrance. Protesters demanded that Provost Francis E. Low and Vice President Constantine B. Simonides, both at Gray's office, explain the reasons for the tuition increases.

The protest was otherwise quiet, except for noise made by students hitting metal against the Big Sail. A Campus Police officer in McDermott Court asked, "What are they going to do, make a lot of noise?"

Two Campus Police officers patrolled the court as the demonstration started, but that number grew to six within a half hour. One officer monitored the students outside Gray's office, with five more waiting near the balcony above Lobby 10.

Low told the students the reasons tuition increases faster than inflation include a decrease in support for research, an MIT budget deficit, and a need to increase salaries for junior faculty members.

He agreed with students that MIT's financial aid policies are "not fair," but said, "MIT has to keep going" despite the costs.

Arnold Contreras '84 questioned MIT's support of the Solomon Amendment which ties draft registration status to federal financial aid. The amendment discriminates against the poor, he said.

"It is the law," Simonides said. "We go by the law."

Contreras also compared the Institute's financial aid policy to Reaganomics and claimed that a growing endowment does little to help the students on financial aid.

Simonides agreed the Institute's endowment is increasing, but Low immediately corrected him, saying the growth is only a

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Student demonstrators march on to the Big Sail during Wednesday's tuition riot.

Tech photo by Sidhu Banerjee

After World War II, he said, the United States worked "to

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## Students hold march against Corporation's tuition increase

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reversal of decreases in previous years.

"You guys better get your stories straight," Contreras replied.

The protest was organized by a group calling itself Halt Increased Tuition. Richard A. Cowan, Class of 1984 president

## Nitze talks on arms, Soviets

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help extend the concept of a just and reasonable order" with programs to aid other countries' development, treaties pledging mutual defense, and institutions to stabilize the world economy.

Efforts to include the Soviet Union "met with consistent Soviet opposition," Nitze said.

The Soviets have since imposed "structured violence" in the countries they dominate, Nitze said in a question-and-answer session following his talk.

If the Soviet Union were to achieve its idea of *mir*, he said, it would be possible for it to impose such internal violence more broadly.

Nitze, answering a question from the audience, defended the US deployment of Pershing 2 and cruise missiles in Western Europe. The West "is more secure than it would have been" had the superpowers reached no agreement and the United States did not deploy the weapons.

Failure to deploy "would have increased the risk of war, not lessened it," he said.

The ambassador blamed the Soviets for the breakdown of the Geneva arms talks in November. "I failed to accomplish what I tried to accomplish," he said. "We came close to setting an agreement."

The Soviets "have got to make the next move, really," Nitze said. The ambassador cited "an enormous array of opportunities we offered to the Soviets," including President Ronald W. Reagan's "zero option" plan, which Nitze described as the best proposal for European disarmament.

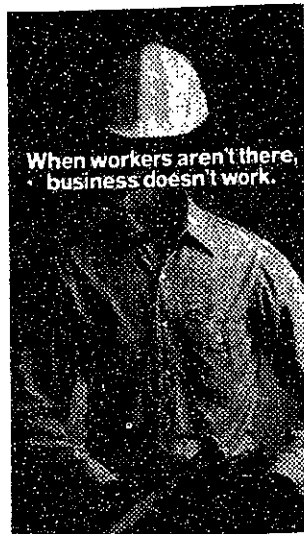
and chairman of the group, presented the group's resolutions on Institute policies to Low and Simonides.

Cowan asked them to give members of the MIT Corporation Executive Committee copies of the resolutions, and said he wanted the executive committee to reply to the suggestions.

The protest at the Big Sail attracted media attention, including a WBZ-TV (Channel 4) cameraman and about five photographers.

Deborah L. Rennie '85, co-chairman of the Black Students' Union, Shiva Ayyadurai '85, and Contreras spoke in McDermott Court. They also used the gathering to protest again the removal of former Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Mary O. Hope.

"Does rich mean intelligence? No!" Rennie said. "We're still fighting for Dean Hope to get her back here. We won't stop for tuition, we won't stop for Dean Hope, we won't stop for a lot of other issues."



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## World

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**Iran-Iraq war spreads to Gulf** — High-placed American officials said they believe Iraqi fighter planes attempted Wednesday to sink an Iranian tanker in the vicinity of Iran's major oil port on Kharg Island. While Iran has denied the attack took place, American AWACS planes spotted "a handful" of aircraft flying from Iraq to positions near Kharg, according to the officials.

## Nation

**And then there were five** — Colorado Sen. Gary W. Hart defeated heavily favored Walter F. Mondale in New Hampshire's Democratic primary Tuesday. Hart received 40 percent of the vote to former Vice President Mondale's 29 percent and Ohio Sen. John H. Glenn's 12 percent. The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, former South Dakota Sen. George S. McGovern, South Carolina Sen. Ernest F. Hollings, California Sen. Alan M. Cranston, and former Florida Gov. Reubin O. Askew followed in the balloting. The poor showings by Hollings, Cranston and Askew prompted them to withdraw from the race for their party's presidential nomination.

**O'Neill to retire after next term** — Speaker of the US House of Representatives Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill Jr., D-Mass., said Wednesday he will not run for office again after this fall's election. O'Neill, 71, who represents the congressional district that includes Cambridge and Boston's Back Bay, has been House speaker for the past seven years. He was first elected to Congress in 1952 when late President John F. Kennedy moved to the Senate from the House.

**Plane slides into water** — A Scandinavian Airlines DC-10 with 177 people aboard skidded off a rain-slicked runway Tuesday at Kennedy International Airport in New York City. The front end of the plane wound up partially submerged in Jamaica Bay. At least 10 people were injured in the accident. Airline officials said the craft hydroplaned upon landing after a flight from Stockholm, Sweden. The accident was similar to one two years ago at Logan Airport, when a World Airways DC-10 skidded off a runway into Boston Harbor.

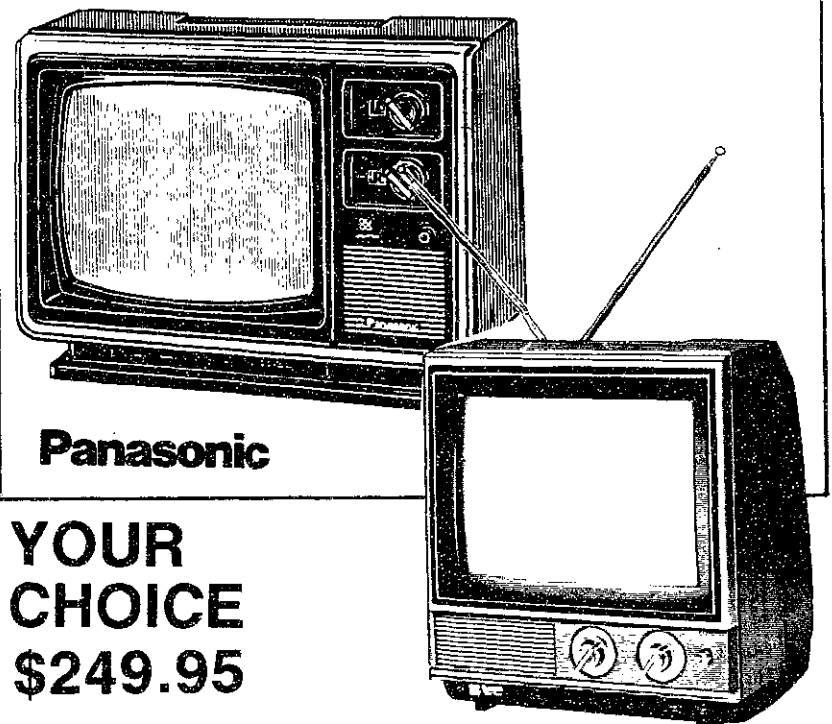
**Michael Jackson dominates Grammys** — Singer Michael Jackson won a record eight Grammy Awards Tuesday, including best album for *Thriller*, which recently replaced *Saturday Night Fever* as the top selling album of all time. He also won the best record award for "Beat It," and best male vocalist in the pop, rock, and rhythm and blues categories. The Police, who denied Jackson a complete awards sweep, won four times, including best group in both pop and rock categories, and best song for "Every Breath You Take."

## Weather

**In like a lion** — Cold and mostly sunny today with brisk winds; high temperatures of 30 to 35. Frigid tonight with lows of 18 to 23, with a wind chill factor of minus 20. This weekend should be mostly sunny, cold and windy; highs both days of 35 to 40, with nightly lows near 20.

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# opinion

## Editorials

### Lack of candidates is unfortunate

Elections for next year's Undergraduate Association offices fall on March 14. The spring ballot, however, offers the MIT student body but one choice for president and vice president of the Undergraduate Association.

David M. Libby '85, former floor leader of the UA General Assembly, and Stephanie L. Scheidler '85, an Association of Student Activities representative to the UA Finance Board, are the sole team of students seeking the top two offices.

This situation is unfortunate, to say the least. Absent any announced write-in candidates, students will have the "choice" of only one team which represents a solitary set of ideas. Libby and Scheidler will be elected to office without a true mandate from the student body. They will head a new General Assembly without knowing how much support they have.

Ideally the spring election process should provide a forum for meaningful debate among candidates and other students, which in turn would draw more of the student body into political involvement. They should be a breeding ground for new ideas.

This year's situation, however, provides no incentive for such discourse. The UA presidential forum on March 8 should not be a Thursday night get-together, though. Members of the community should attend and present their views on student government.

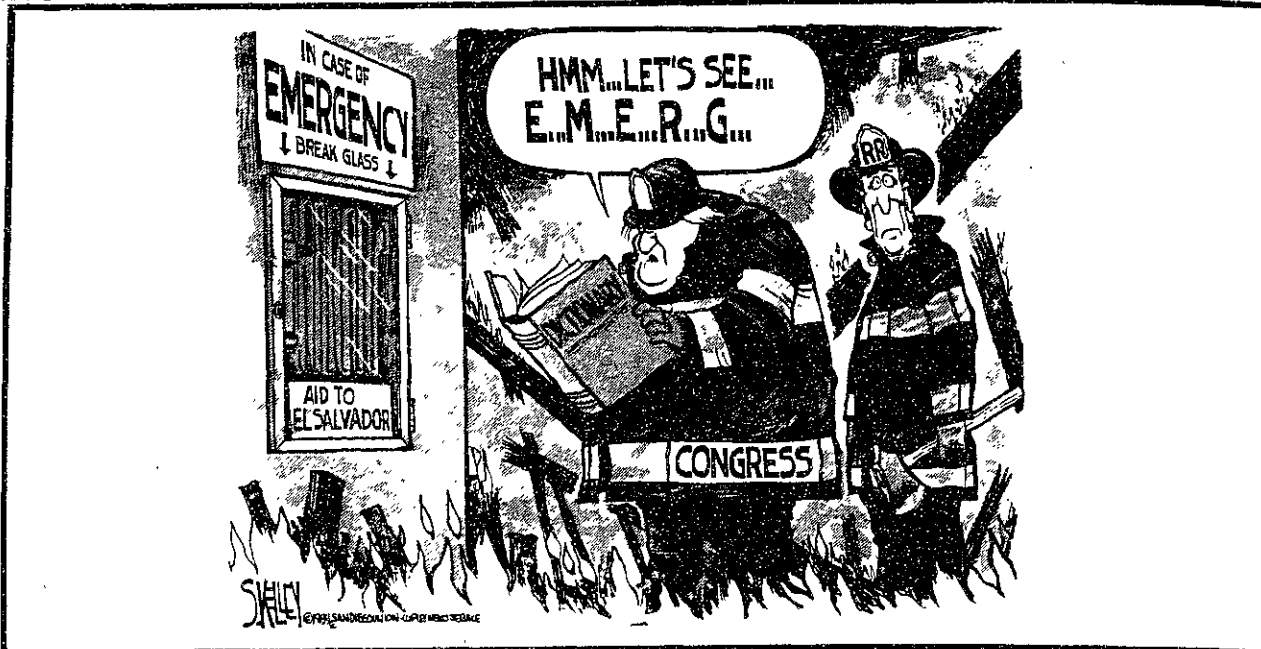
There are real choices that students must face, regardless of the number of candidates for office. Students should think about what form they want their government to take. A presidential term born from student apathy would surely be a sickly child doomed from birth.

### Ethnic slurs show lack of judgment

Recent remarks by the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson and MIT Professor of Literature Louis Kampf show a serious lack of judgment on the parts of both individuals. Jackson has admitted to calling Jews "Hymies," and Kampf confirmed referring to blacks as "shvartzes."

Jackson's comments, made in private conversation, were especially inappropriate in light of his position as a public figure. The same is true of Kampf's "jokes" to the president of the MIT Zionist Alliance. People in public positions must show sensitivity to all others. Kampf, as a professor, and Jackson, as a national political figure, are both leaders, respected by a large number of people. As leaders, they have a responsibility to set examples for their followers. People will not learn to live together in harmony and mutual respect if their leaders demonstrate callousness.

Jackson apologized to members of the Jewish community for his statements, and he said that blacks and Jews should work together. Kampf claims he believes "in the possibility of all people living together in peace." He should now demonstrate that belief by apologizing to the MIT community for his irresponsible comments.



Robert E. Malchman

### Letter from the editor

The Tech received the following letter.

To the Editor:

Your headline "Early morning stroll a real drag" [news roundup, Feb. 28], is revolting.

The article shows you knew the facts. A man was struck by a car, killed, dragged for seven miles, and mutilated beyond recognition. He died in a hideous manner and you make a joke of it. It is also inappropriate to call the entanglement of the corpse in the suspension of the car a "ride." How many people on the Tech staff saw this and passed it?

I hope that none of the victim's friends or relatives work at MIT and see your item.

Lisa Nanney '84

The news roundup item was a compendium of errors, all of which are my fault, both directly and organizationally. I wrote the section at the last moment to fill the space allotted to news roundup. News Editor Janice M. Eisen, who wrote the other sections and whose name ran under news roundup, was in no way responsible for the item.

As editor in chief, I have final say over the printed content of The Tech, so there was no one to overrule my decision. It is also my fault that Eisen was erroneously identified with the item. She believes the item was in poor taste, and I apologize to her for associating her with it.

News roundup has been a place where The Tech occasional-

ly runs headlines which are puns on the news items which follow. I happen to have a morbid sense of humor. I believe the only way to deal with horror is to laugh at it, because it could happen to me or to someone I care about. Black humor is an acknowledgement that life is often a series of grim jokes.

Not everyone shares this view — as the above letter and the many phone calls The Tech has received indicate. The headline I wrote was not intended to offend, and I am sorry if offense was taken.

The Tech's editorial board, in its capacity as advisor to the editor in chief, urged me to apolo-

gize for The Tech as an organization. Although the board agrees with Nanney and others that the headline was in poor taste, it also believes that just as all members of the organization share pride and praise when The Tech does a good job, they likewise bear responsibility when The Tech does a poor job or offends its readers.

I disagree. The editor in chief bears personal responsibility when something inaccurate or offensive appears in the newspaper. In this case especially, I refuse to involve the other members of this organization in what was exclusively my responsibility. Again, no offense was intended, and I am sorry if any was taken.

Column/Erik A. Devereux

### Gray shows hypocrisy

MIT President Paul E. Gray '54 opened the February faculty meeting with an unannounced item on the agenda: a statement of MIT's current policy on draft registration. Gray announced to the faculty that the US Supreme Court has agreed to listen to arguments concerning the constitutionality of the Solomon Amendment. The amendment mandates that all college students who wish to receive federal financial aid — loans or Pell grants — must first either register for the draft, or else give reasons why they are not required to do so.

Although he is against the

Solomon Amendment for turning colleges into enforcement agencies for the government, Gray said, after "careful consideration" and consultation with lawyers, he has decided MIT will not file a friend-of-the-court brief urging the law be overturned. The reason, Gray said, was that the University of Minnesota was filing a large, comprehensive brief on the issue and that MIT could not add anything substantive to the argument.

Gray declined an opportunity to add his signature to the Minnesota brief with the presidents of other universities, he said. He again said he felt MIT could not add any weight to the argument against the Solomon Amendment, all the while stressing his avowed objection to it.

The contradiction between Gray's words and actions indicate a deep hypocrisy. Several additional factors emphasize this.

When the issue of placing the nuclear-free Cambridge referendum on the ballot came before the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, Gray, acting for MIT, did not hesitate to file a brief with that court urging it not be allowed. I cannot believe that other interested parties, Draper Laboratory for instance, did not do the same. I also cannot believe that MIT found some new argument that Draper and others did not. Clearly, the issue is not in the nature of the argument.

MIT's name and prestige can add considerable weight to any argument, no matter how repetitive its substance. Gray simply chooses where he thinks it is politically wise to exercise his influence — and implicitly, the influence of the entire faculty and student body.

Gray is operating in a politically complex world, one where he must plot a course of least controversy. Consider the opening description of Lincoln Laborato-

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V. Michael Bove

### Truth is now revealed

A long-time acquaintance and sometime friend from Harvard, Standish L. Plebney IV spotted me the other afternoon as I was taking a shortcut through the Yahd. (Standish L. Plebney isn't quite his real name, but he writes columns for a rival newspaper, and doesn't want to be made a fool of in print unless it's his own.)

"Hey, Mike — I've been meaning to congratulate you. I've been reading exchange issues of The Tech over in our office. I assume that stunt was your idea. . ."

"What stunt? Full-page typesetting?"

"No, you turkey. I'm talking about those Simon N. Garfunkel columns. What a way to make sure everyone reads the opinion pages! I realized it was all a put-on after we had that scandal over the editor of the International Review turning out not to be a student. . ."

"That's Garfunkel. Simson L. Garfunkel. He really exists, Plebney. You want to meet him?"

"Oh, I don't doubt that there's some real hoser running around MIT telling people he's this Garfunkel guy. You folks would lose

too much credibility after gang-writing those columns at Father's or wherever, if you couldn't produce a suitably obnoxious supposed author. How much do you have to pay the guy?"

"Pay him?"

"C'mon, I know how you spend money down at The Tech. I'm sure you could produce a few thousand a year for someone to take all the taunts and barbs, particularly if you're increasing readership. What was it? Your comic strip was getting taken for granted and Malchman was running out of vitriol, so you figured you had to come up with a new draw?"

"Okay, Plebney, I'll be straight with you since it's going to come out sooner or later anyway. It wasn't my idea, it was Malchman's. He met an unemployed actor named Murray something-or-other in a sleazy Times Square bar last summer, and had an inspiration — various members of the editorial board could take turns coming up with really bizarre stuff, and we'd pay this guy to hang around MIT and claim to be the writer. Murray decided he

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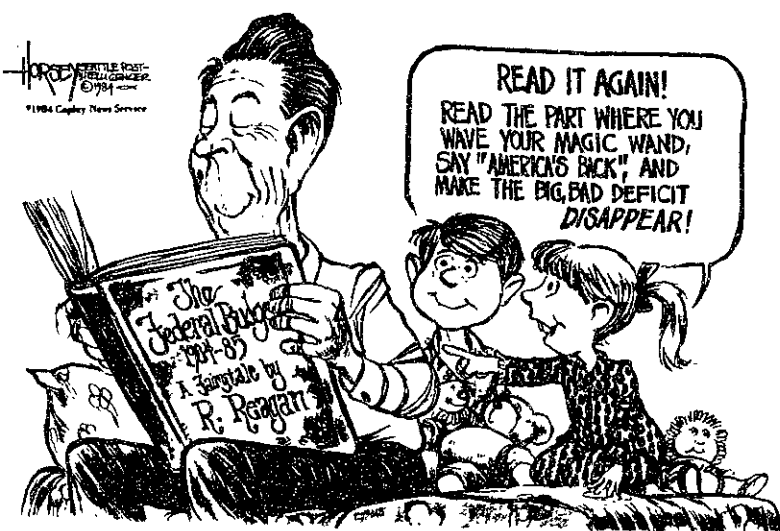
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# opinion



## feedback

### Clarifies story on meeting protest

To the Editor:

We would appreciate the opportunity to correct some gratuitous misinformation published in your February 8 edition. The MIT Committee on the Middle East sponsored the "closed" two day conference entitled "The United States and the Middle East: A Working Conference on Preventing World War III." Somehow your reporter, Ellen Spero, neglected to mention that on any given week MIT hosts conferences and other educational events which are not open to the public. The plenary speakers included both a Palestinian, Munir Fasheh, and an Israeli, Ur Shlonsky. Neither of them represented "official" views. We did not issue invitations to spokespersons of any state or other official party to the regions conflicts. Individual from both Zionist and non-Zionist Jewish organizations participated as workshop leaders. The "protest" consisted of 3 (not 15) students who set up a literature table on Sunday morning. We announced to the participants of the Sunday session that they might wish to avail themselves of this literature, but made clear that the Zionist Alliance had not been officially invited.

Groups like the MIT Zionist Alliance have for too long tried to discredit events like this weekend's conference by recourse to charges of one-sidedness, bias, etcetera. If leveled at organizers of non-Mideast events, this pressure would be considered absurd and calmly rejected. Does the MIT Zionist Alliance pretend to respect this specious principle of "balance" in their own work? They have never sponsored an event which has included official representatives of the Palestinian people or other Arab states.

Finally, since *The Tech* did not bother to explain the purpose behind the conference, we would like to briefly do so now. Approximately 86 peace, disarmament and other activist groups from around New England met to begin building a broadly based movement to speak out against US military intervention in the Middle East and to prevent the

possibility of a nuclear war resulting from American actions in the region. This unprecedented gathering, the first event in the Campaign for Peace With Justice in the Middle East, represents a new stage in the work of the

peace movement. Those interested in the Campaign should contact the MIT Committee on the Middle East for more information.

Robert Vitalis  
Maggie Browning  
Wayne O'Neill

Column/Joseph J. Romm

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Today we have a painful single bypass operation — I am skipping Course VI and saving it for last. Speaking of something medical, what a dazzlingly obvious lead-in to my discussion of Courses VII and XX, Biology and Nutrition and Food Science, respectively.

As Robert Louis Stevenson said, "Man is a creature who lives not upon bread alone, but principally by catchwords." This is especially true of modern biology, the world of such catchy words as "oncogene," "endodeoxyribonucleases" and "sex."

"N" was a classic Course VII major — a pre-med. Unfortunately he wanted to be a doctor for an unusual reason; he wanted to help sick people. This totally destroyed his chances for doing

well in medical school interviews. Now he drives a taxi.

"O" was a biology major from southern Florida who was so mellow he was not even a pre-med. Mr. O wanted nothing more out of life than to use genetic engineering to destroy the world. He was hoping to create a biologically weak monster-microbe in a government-sponsored lab, secretly strengthen it, and then let it loose. Now he is a graduate student at Harvard University.

Mr. O is the source of this article's Least Insignificant Bit of Education (LIBEL). Here is the LIBEL of Mr. O in Biology: Returning from class one day, he said that the professor was asked "Is it possible to get VD from a toilet seat?" and the professor replied "Only if you make love to the toilet."

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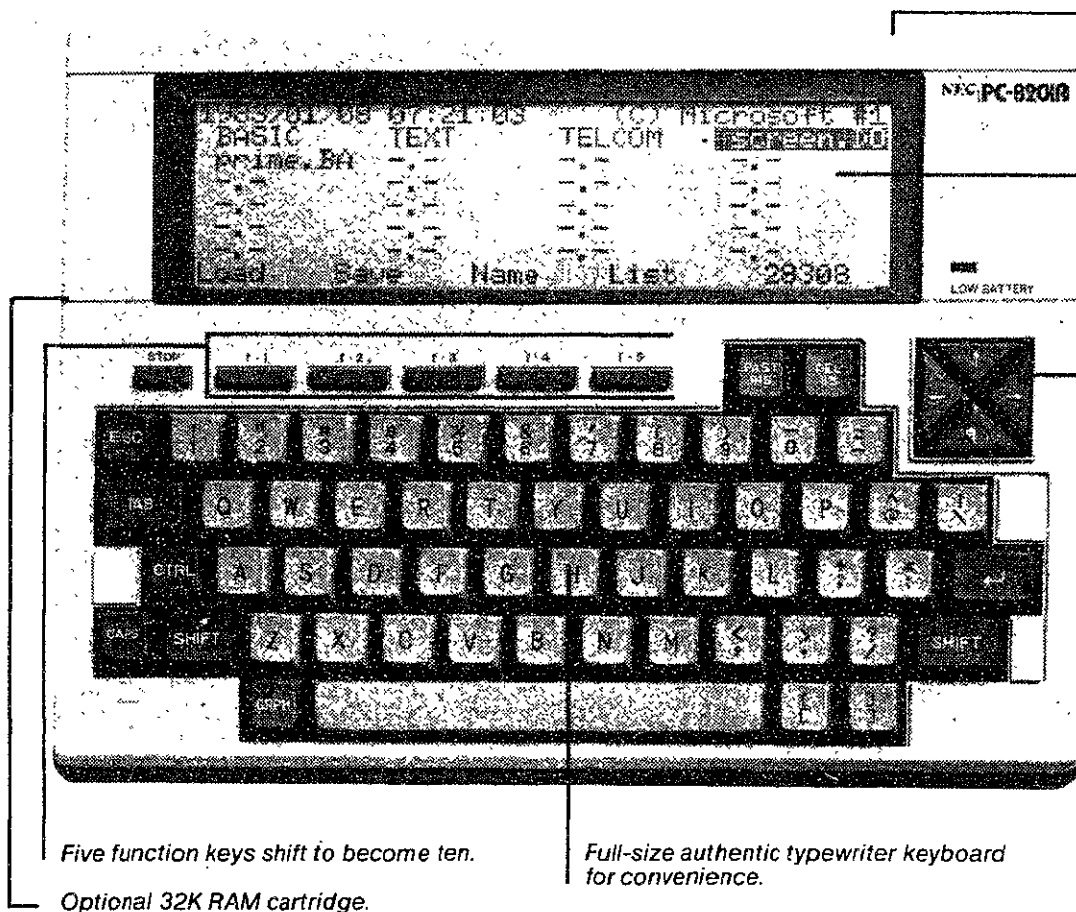
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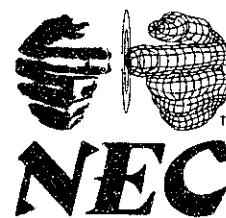
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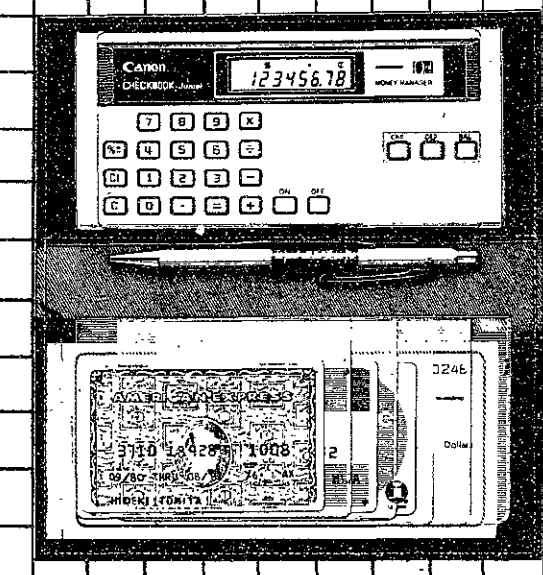
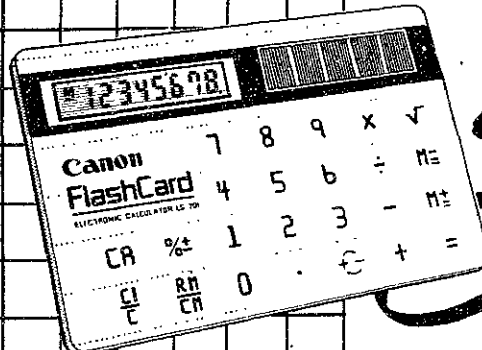
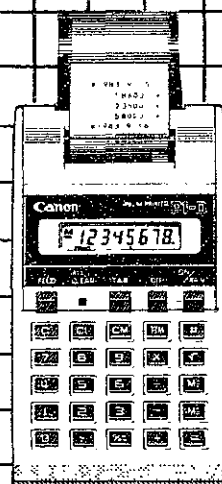
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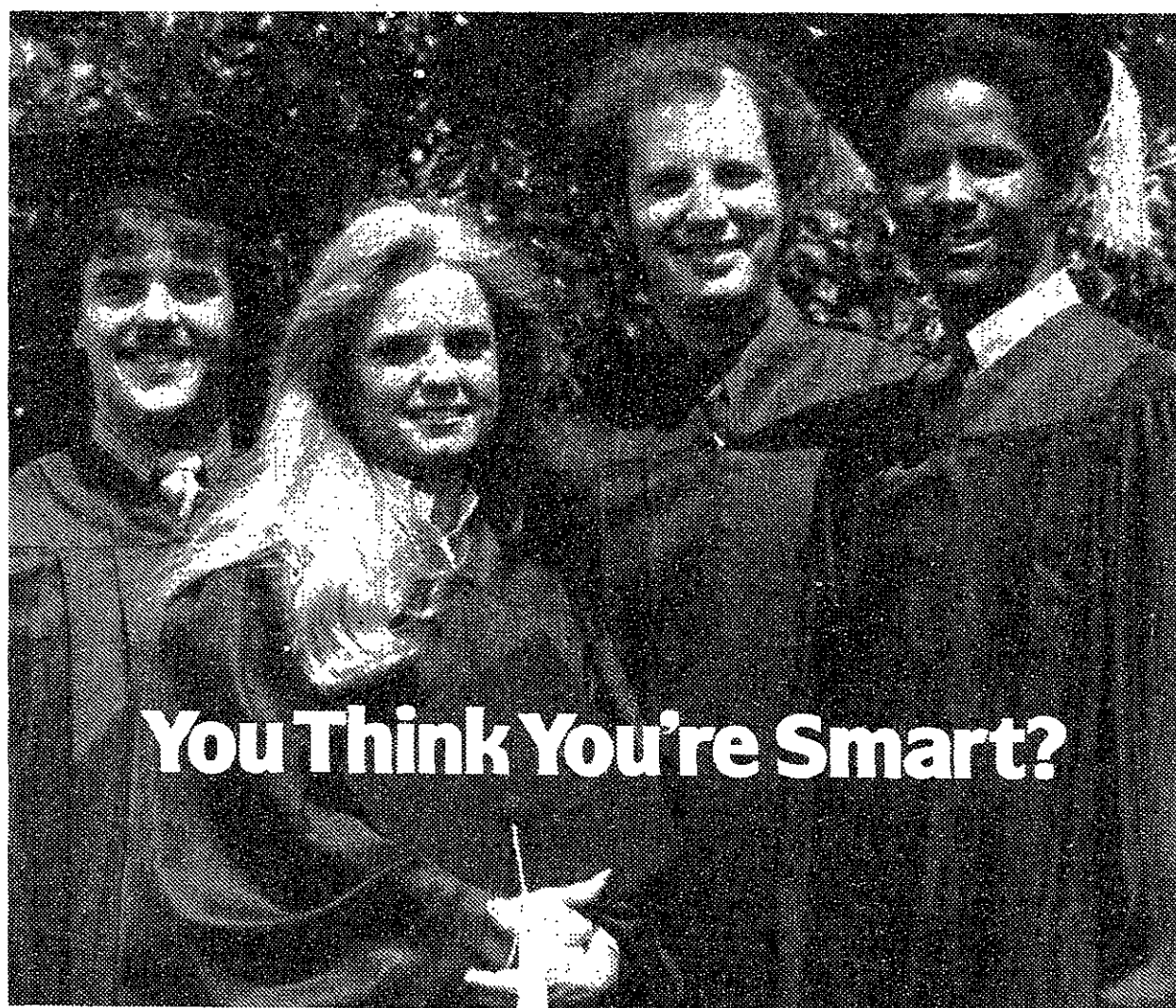
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## Sex and the single biology major

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"P," yet another Course VII major, believes that all people who are not ever seen together in the same room at the same time are actually the same person. She particularly believes this is true about all beautiful models, actresses, and *Playboy* bunnies. Not surprisingly, Ms. P is interested in recombinant DNA and cloning. Ms. P has a well-documented theory that all annoying people are actually clones of real people. Clones are the kind of people who sit behind you at Lecture Series Committee movies and put their feet on your chair or throw paper airplanes into your corneas, according to Ms. P. Clones invariably, although not exclusively, smoke in public and vote Republican.

Ms. P likes to insult clones with such classic lines as "If you cloned yourself 100 times, your collective IQ would be lower than it is now," and "When they finished making you, they threw away the mold — and the petri dish it came in."

"Q" is interested in bioelectronics, particularly, bionics, and he is now in the hot-shot Harvard-MIT Health Sciences and Technology combined MD and PhD program. He has an ingenious plan for an amazingly inexpensive anti-ballistic missile system that he hopes to sell to the Department of Defense. Instead of building 100 B-1 bombers for \$30 billion, he suggests building 1398 six million dollar men (he has already taken into account inflation and cost overruns). Each of these 1398 bionic men would be sent over to the Soviet Union on a secret mission to destroy one of the 1398 Soviet intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) silos, leaving the Soviets virtually defenseless. He figures that it is at least as good an idea as Dense Pack was.

My discussion of Course XX will be brief for a variety of reasons. First, the undergraduate major in Nutrition and Food Science is actually in Applied Biology, Course VII-B. Second, the number of VII-B undergrads can be counted on the fingers of both hands with the help of three other people. Third, I do not really know what one does in Course XX — perhaps, work for Purina making Purina Tarantula Chow?

You see, the only Nutrition and Food Scientist I know is "R" who happens to be a toxicologist. I can tell you about toxicologists. Under no circumstance whatsoever eat dinner with them. You will either lose several years off your life or you will lose your dinner. That is not to say they eat well. *Au contraire*, Ms. R is renowned throughout East Campus for the wall painting she did of Garfield peering at a fish and saying "Deep fry that sucker!"

You should major in VII, VII-A, or VII-B if you are interested in learning medicine, microbiology, genetic engineering, whether they really do mitosis and meiosis at the microreproduction lab, or why artificial insemination is procreation without representation.

Stay tuned for Course VIII, and the columnist offends his own department, but in a friendly sort of way because he does have to graduate sooner or later so that he can make money because his brother needs an operation.

## Define MIT's mission

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ry, as published in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science's internship handbook: "Lincoln Laboratory was established by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1951 to conduct research and development in advanced electronic systems for the Department of Defense."

The organizational chart of MIT, as drawn by the Office of the Vice President, reveals that Lincoln Laboratory is under the direct and sole control of the Office of the President. In other words, Gray is responsible for maintaining a defense-oriented laboratory that has an extremely large operating budget coming directly from the United States government. It is no wonder that he prefers not to come out openly against the Solomon Amendment.

I do not want to consider the morality of an educational institution having such close ties with the Department of Defense. In-

stead, I want to call on President Gray to stop being hypocritical in two respects.

First, he should either take action to involve MIT in the fight against the Solomon Amendment, as per his stated feelings on the issue, or else admit to the MIT community that he is placing political objectives above student prerogatives.

Second, if he admits he is acting on political objectives that are not oriented around students, he should admit that the primary purpose of MIT is not undergraduate education. Were undergraduate education the primary mission of the Institute, he would be doing his best to protect the quality of that education from being interfered with by bad, unconstitutional laws.

As it stands, we have an unusual situation at MIT. If you ask President Gray how to spell undergraduate education, his answer is effectively, "research." That, I think, does not surprise the students.

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## The truth can now come out

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really wanted to be a student, so instead of paying him, we took care of his tuition and board. We picked the name Simson L. Garfinkel from the list of those freshmen who mysteriously don't show up in September, and substituted Murray for the real Simson."

"Wow! That must be costing a bundle."

"It was, unfortunately, only the beginning. We sat around and tried to figure out what sort of a person Garfinkel should be, and Dickau decided he ought to be a pilot. So we had to get Murray/Simson flying lessons pronto, and he trashed the undercarriage of a Cessna while landing in a trailer park. The lawsuits from that could take years to untangle. We had a couple of the best drama coaches we could find come in here and work with him to get him into the right mind-set. We got him a fright wig. About half a dozen of us spent a 15-hour marathon session getting his laugh right — Kaliski kept saying it didn't have the proper balance of whine and menace in it. After all that, he threatened to run for editor unless we bought him a whole lot of expensive camera equipment."

"So you ended up paying him off?"

"Here's where the story gets really strange. In December, he had a nasty fall on some ice, and ever since then he's believed he really is Simson Garfinkel. He's doing all his own writing now, and doesn't know we're paying for him to go to school here. And we really can't desert the guy after causing everything to happen to him."

"So what're you going to do?"

"We tried to get him financial aid, or loans, or something, but the real Simson L. Garfinkel is apparently too well-off financial-

ly. The best we could manage was to sleaze through a whole lot of fake transfer credits. You may have noticed he's now an '85 instead of an '87. Now we have just a year-and-a-half to go."

"You're going to let him write for *The Tech* another three semesters?"

"Well, actually, our readership is showing signs of becoming bored with his stuff. He can tell, too, and has said that he might pursue some outside interests rather than spending so much time around *The Tech*."

By this time we had wandered all the way over to the offices of Plebney's newspaper, where we were met by a rather excited-looking editor.

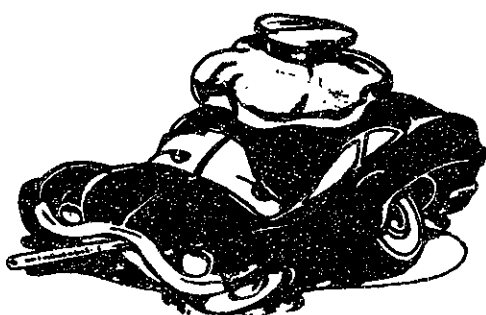
"You just missed this guy with frizzy hair, glasses, and, like, three cameras — apparently he's

a freshman, but I don't recall if he told me where he's living — he had this outrageous column about how Reagan had secretly ordered all the Ivy League schools to put saltpeter in all the Cokes sold on campus so that everyone would have a reduced sex drive and devote more energy to their studies allowing the United States once and for all to out-brain the Russians.

"I was going to send him over to the *Lampoon*, but then I had a brilliant idea: Why don't we make him a regular columnist? It's been a long time since we really had people write lots of letters to the paper, and this would be a sure-fire way to get people interested in our op-ed pages.

Plebney grimaced.  
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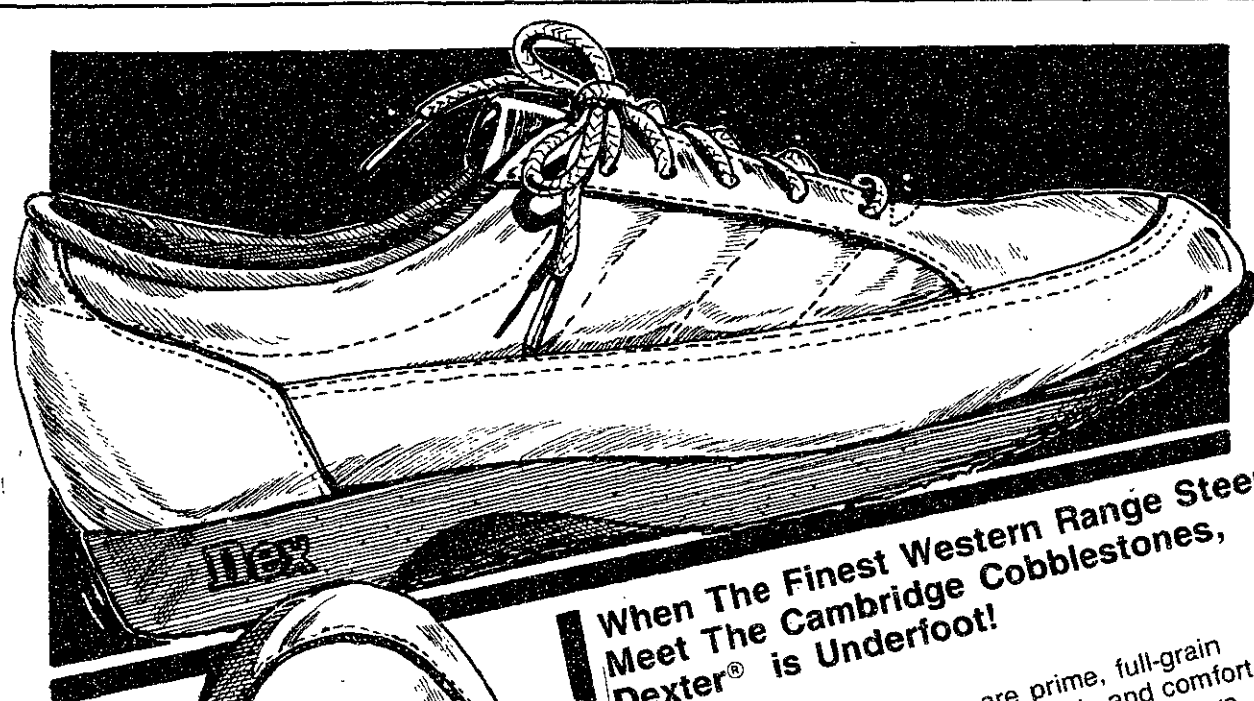


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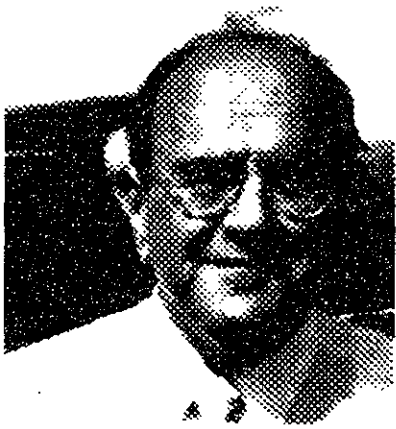
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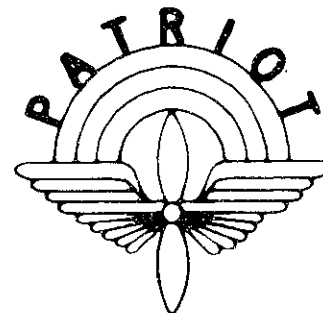
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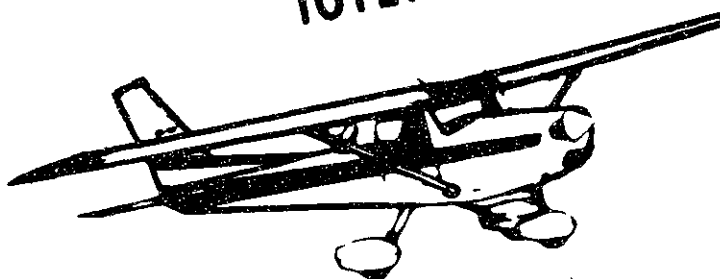
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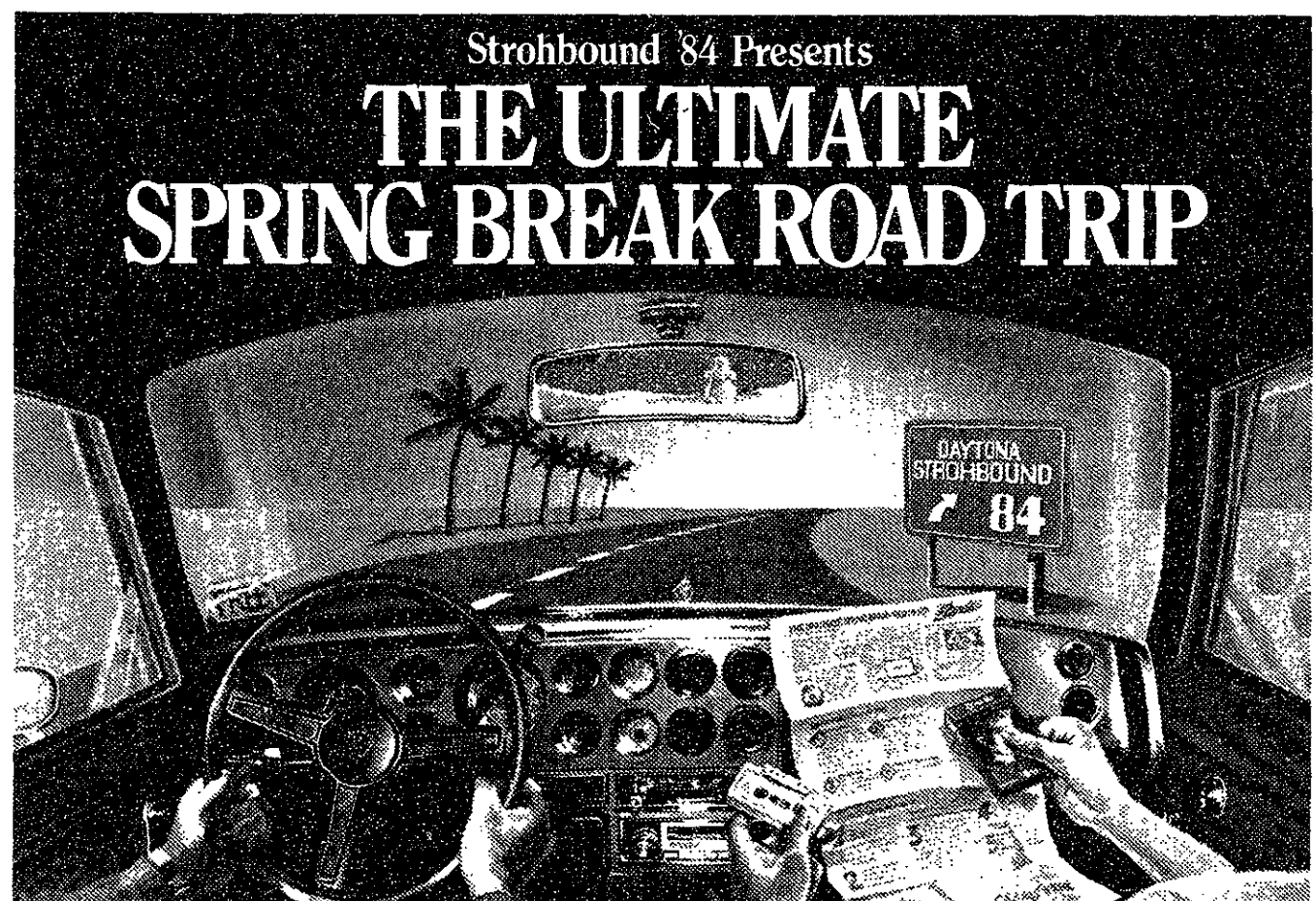
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# sports

## Track barely falls to Brandeis men

By Christopher Y. Kim  
LEWISTON, Maine — The men's track team set a school record in a 3200-meter relay Saturday, but did not have enough speed to catch the Brandeis Judges at the New England Division III Championships held at Bates College.

MIT and Brandeis coaches had both previously predicted the championship would come down to the final event, but had hoped the meet would not be that close.

The Engineers and the Judges led the pack with 76 points each after 16 events going into the relay on the indoor track. Both teams had almost twice the point total of third-place Bates, and dominated the other 15 teams.

MIT fared poorly in the six field events, garnering only 15 points and sixth place overall, trailing Brandeis by 11 points. A first-place finish in a championship event earns 10 points, and the next five places garner eight, six, four, two, and one.

The team earned most of its points in the 35-pound weight throw, a traditional strength. Patricia Parris '85 set a meet record with a toss of 59'1 1/4" — more than seven feet longer than the second-place throw.

Teammate Greg Procopio '85 scored a sixth-place finish with a throw of 49'8 1/2". Jacob Kim '87 took sixth in the triple jump with 43'4 1/2", and Ross Dreyer '86 tied for fourth in the pole vault, clearing 13'.

The running events, the Engineers' strength this season, helped them catch meet leader Brandeis. Co-captain Joe Presing '84 captured first place in the 55-meter hurdles, finishing in 7.73 seconds. John DeRubeis '83 and co-captain John Taylor '84 were third and fourth in the 400-meter dash at 50.81 and 51.11 seconds.

Dave Richards '86 took a controversial second place in the 500-meter dash, despite an apparent photo-finish for first, with a time of 1:06.25. In the 55-meter dash, Ed Arenberg '85, who barely qualified for the final heat, finished fifth in 6.74 seconds.

The Engineers advanced in the 800-meter run when Ron Smith '84 won in 1:55.50, and John Hradnansky '85 placed sixth in 1:57.61. Freshman Gordon Holterman ran strongly but faltered in the 1000-meter run to finish fourth. His time of 2:29.39, however, sliced a second off the previous record set at Bates.

MIT trailed Brandeis 66-60 as the final relays began. Strong

runs by Brian Callaghan '87, Arenberg and Mike Lyons '85 gave the Engineers the lead after the 800, 400, and 1200-meter legs of the medley relay. Even a personal best by Bill Mallet '86 in the final, 1600-meter leg was not enough, however, as the Judges and two other teams passed him.

MIT finished fourth with a time of 10:28.33. Brandeis' victory appeared to cast doubt on the Engineers' chances, but the disqualification of second-place Colby College gave MIT third place and two more points.

The Engineers found themselves trailing by 10 points going into the 1600-meter relay, and their only hope of catching the Judges rested on a first-place finish in this relay, since Brandeis was not competing.

The Engineers' team of Dan Lin '86, DeRubeis, Taylor and Richards was the favorite. Richards, although sore from a spike wound he received in the 500-meter dash, was able to fend off the anchor leg of the Wesleyan University team from the inside lane, giving MIT a first place finish time of 3:26.46.

MIT's Andrew Peddie '86, Hradnansky, Holterman and Smith needed an exceptional 3200-meter race to knock off Brandeis' favored relay squad. No leader emerged in the first two legs, as four teams including MIT and Brandeis jockeyed for the lead. Holterman, running the third leg, had an incredible 800 meters and gave MIT a five-meter lead for anchor Ron Smith.

Smith's blazing first 400 meters extended the Engineers' lead over the Judges to 20 meters with just two laps to go. Brandeis anchor Kevin Curtin, who had won the 1000-meter run in record time less than an hour before, surged to catch up, and with less than 175 yards left overtook the tiring Smith and held on to win by four seconds.

MIT head coach Gordon Kelly said he thought his team could have tied for first had it not been for what he called questionable officiating.



Tech photo by Steven H. Wheatman  
Brian Callaghan '87 hands the baton to teammate David Schultz '87 in a 3200 meter relay race earlier this semester.

## weekend preview

### Women gymnasts in championships

The Engineers will host the New England Division III Championships for women's gymnastics Saturday at 2 p.m. in duPont Gymnasium.

Eight teams will compete in the meet including defending champion Rhode Island College, Bridgewater State College, US Coast Guard Academy, Connecticut College, the University of Maine at Farmington, Salem State College, Smith College and MIT.

## Pistol team ends 83-84 season 7-1

By Len Rafuse

The pistol team finished a 7-1 regular season this weekend, easily defeating the New Jersey Institute of Technology by a score of 3173 to 2782.

Captain Dave Martin '84 led the team in the free pistol stage with 266 out of 300 possible points — his personal high in the event. Will Johnson '85, Larry Deschaine '84 and Len Rafuse

Missy Maxfield '85 is expected to do well for the Engineers in the balance beam competition.

The individual events of balance beam, floor exercises, uneven parallel bars, vaulting and all-around will be held in addition to the team competition.

### Squash men head for nationals

The men's squash team left yesterday for today and tomorrow's National Collegiate Championships at Princeton University in New Jersey.

The team's top seven players of Dave Pope '84, Larry Hsu '84, Iain Hueton '84, Ross Bogert '83, Dave Douglas '85, Albert Pleus '84 and Greg Dunn '83 will be competing against players from throughout the nation.

The tournament is divided into three separate levels of individual and one overall team competition.

### Track to run at Princeton

The men's track team will compete in the IC4A Championships at Princeton tomorrow. The Engineers will be entering the competition with an 8-0 record on the season.

### Rifle shoots for sectionals

The rifle team travels to the US Military Academy at West Point this weekend to compete in the Mid-Atlantic Conference Championships.

### Women fencers hit regionals

The women's fencing team heads for the Northeast Regionals at New York University this weekend.

### Engineers host swimming meet

The home sports schedule resumes Monday afternoon when the men's swimming team hosts the MIT Invitational in the Alumni Pool. The meet is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m.

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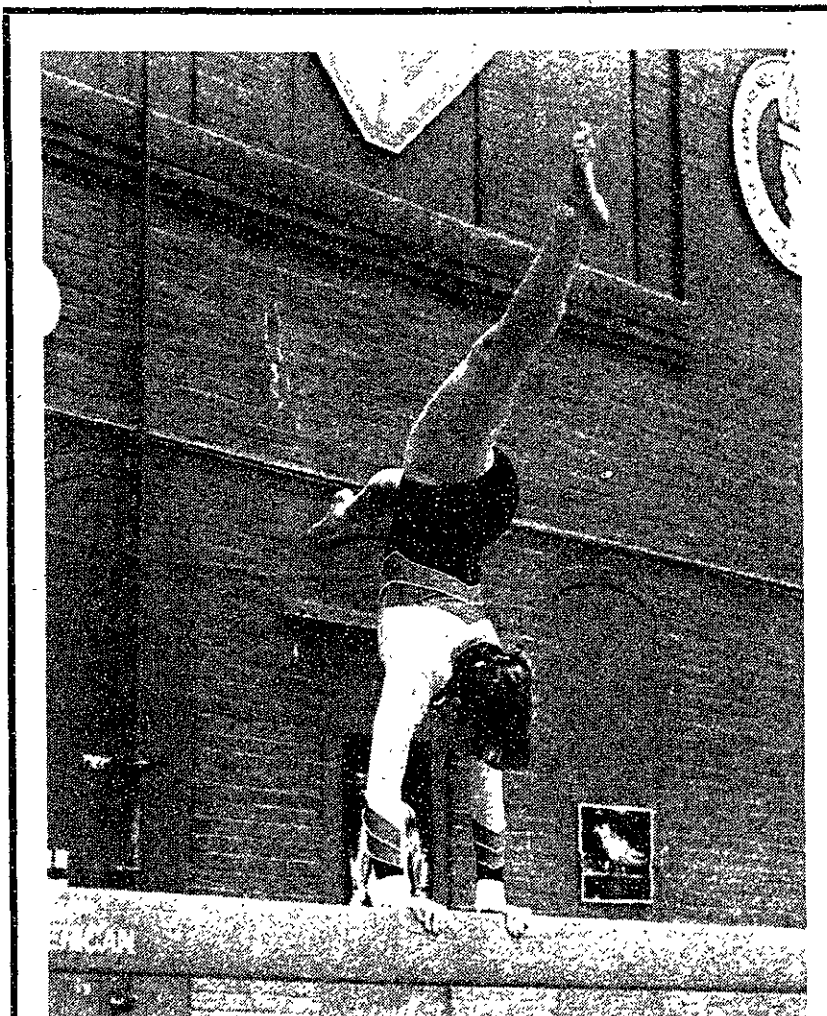
## IM notices

The next **Intramural Council meeting** will be March 7 at 7:30 p.m. in room 4-370. All group athletic chairmen must attend.

There will be a **volleyball referee clinic** March 3 at 5 p.m. in Rockwell Cage.

The **intramural volleyball season** will start March 4. Schedules are available at the Intramural Office (W32-121).

**Table tennis** entries are due at the Intramural Office before 5 p.m. March 9. **Softball** and **Frisbee** entries are due by 5 p.m. March 14. **Water polo** entries are due before 5 p.m. March 15.



Tech photo by Willie Tsang  
Evie Vance '86 does a handstand on the balance beam during MIT's victory over Bridgewater State College on Saturday.

## update

### Men's volleyball rebounds at WPI

The men's volleyball club defeated Worcester Polytechnic Institute 3-0 at Worcester on Monday. MIT fell behind early in the first game, but overcame a 14-4 deficit to win, 16-14. MIT then easily took the next two games, 15-1 and 15-5. The victory improved the club's league record to 3-2. MIT plays WPI again on Sunday in Dupont Gymnasium at 1 p.m.

### Cagewomen: first winning season

The women's basketball team posted its first winning season in

10 years of competition, finishing with a record of 11-9.

Julie Koster '85 led the team in scoring, rebounding and field-goal percentage, earning the MVP honor. Koster was also the first MIT player to be named to a weekly Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference All-Star basketball team.

Louise Jandura '84 finished second in team scoring, with 10.3 points per game, and Martha Beverage '85 led the Engineers with 79 assists.

"We had good depth and our seniors provided plenty of experience and leadership," said Coach Jean Heiney.

Jim Butler and Ronald W. Norman