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Students criticize HASS distribution plan

Many oppose reduced number of offerings

By Katie Schwarz

Several dozen students, who all described themselves as strongly interested in the humanities, voiced doubts and fears about the proposed new humanities distribution requirement at an open forum Friday afternoon.

About 100 students and 20 to 30 faculty attended the forum, which was hastily arranged last week by Dean for Undergraduate Education Margaret L. MacVicar '65 in response to a student petition asking the faculty to delay decision on the proposal. Over a thousand students had signed the petition.

The proposal would require all undergraduates to take distribution subjects in three of five categories: Cultures and Societies; Historical Studies; Literary and Textual Studies; Mind, Thought and Value; and the Arts. About ten distribution subjects would be offered per category each term. The faculty is scheduled to vote on the proposal at its regular meeting tomorrow.

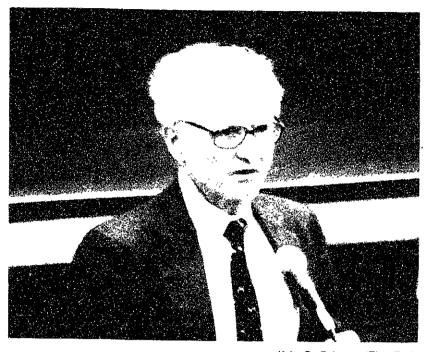
Virtually all the students who spoke felt the proposed requirement would alienate students from the humanities by restricting their freedom to choose subjects they were interested in. Many thought that

the new distribution subjects would be large, impersonal, survey courses that would breed only resentment and apathy.

Choices vs. core

Much of the criticism focused on the limited number of distribution subjects mandated by the proposal. This year's list of 156 HUM-D's has already been cut to 108 next year, and the proposed system would allow only 50.

Given so few to choose from,



Kyle G. Peltonen/The Tech Dean of Engineering Jack Kerrebrock addresses a crowded forum on the HASS proposal in room 54-100 Friday. The proposal will be considered at Wednesday's faculty meeting in room 10-250 at 3:15pm.

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Students doubt plan will improve situation

By Katie Schwarz

The Committee on the Undergraduate Program held an unprecedented open meeting yesterday to hear students' concerns about the proposed humanities distribution requirement.

Many of the approximately 30 students who attended did not think the new proposal would be any less susceptible to abuse than the current system. They felt it might not achieve its goal of assuring breadth in students' education, and suggested modi-

Members of the CUP and other administrators present indicated they still endorsed the proposal. despite a surge of student criticism in the past week and a half. CUP Chairman Margaret L. MacVicar '65 said she had not yet decided whether to ask that tomorrow's faculty vote be postponed to allow more discussion.

S. Jay Keyser, associate provost for educational programs and policy, believed the proposal was necessary because given freedom of choice, students often take a "quite restricted" program.

But "it's awfully hard to get breadth from categories," said Joseph Romm G, a former student re-

from what it is now, said Andrew Borthwick-Leslie '87. A frequent criticism of the HUM-D system has been that the proliferation of distribution fields makes it possible to satisfy the requirement with three fairly similar courses.

CUP member Pauline Maier emphasized that it will be easier to maintain high academic standards in 50 distribution subjects than in today's 150. (Please turn to page 2)

History Pauline Maier. Maier chaired the committee which recommended a four-subject distribution requirement in four areas last year.

There are "strong voices" calling for a return to a mandatory humanities core as in the 1950s, Maier said. "Fifty is still a very generous number of alternatives," she added.

Other students attacked the (Please turn to page 2)

Psychology revised program

presentative on the Committee on

Educational Policy (the CUP's

precursor). Romm felt it would

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categories would not ensure

breadth because they were too

vague and overlapped. "After a

couple years the system will de-

cay" and not be very different

program.

By Darrel Tarasewicz

A new interdisciplinary program in psychology has been created to fill the void created when Course IX was reorganized as the department of brain and cognitive sciences, according to Dr. Jeremy Wolfe, assistant professor of psychology and chair of the steering committee for the program. The department had been

photographer whose story was told in the Academy-award win-

ning movie "The Killing Fields,"

discussed the problem of ongoing

genocide last Friday night at Bos-

Pran, now a reporter and pho-

tographer for The New York

Times and a United Nations ap-

pointed goodwill ambassador,

spoke of himself as "not a hero,

not a politician, but a survivor of

the Cambodian holocaust, an

peaceful people" dragged into the

war by the actions of the Soviet-

based North Vietnamese, the

United States, and the People's

Republic of China-supported

Under the Khmer Rouge, Cam-

bodia suffered many losses: the

loss of people, social structure,

and the guiding principle in the

Buddhist tenet that one should

not kill, Pran said. He described

how the Khmer Rouge used star-

vation as a distraction: if one is

starving, one does not think

about anything else but finding

Pran explained that the Khmer

Rouge killed children so they

would not grow up "and . . . ask

Pran said Cambodians were "a

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Khmer Rouge.

food to eat.

The purpose of the program will be two-pronged - to aid in undergraduate teaching and bring together faculty with interests in psychology.

The program will change the way the humanties concentration in psychology is administered. Currently, to fulfill this requirement, a student can only choose from Course IX classes. With the new program, the student will be

run by different departments, Wolfe said.

"Even though the name change [of Course IX] reflected the type of work most people were doing here, we felt it was a priority to maintain a formal presence of the more traditional type of psychology here," Wolfe explained.

Wolfe mentioned that there are currently many psychology-(Please turn to page 9)

formerly known as the department of psychology. able to include classes that are "Killing Fields" victim speaks on genocide where are my parents?' and Dith Pran, the Cambodian

Lisette W. Lambreats/The Tech Heather Beck '87 takes centerstage during the Next Act's production of "Sweet Charity" last Friday at Next House.

Experts discuss gains, dangers of genetics

Feature

By Paula Maute

Three experts in biotechnology addressed the issue of whether genetically engineered organisms benefit or harm society at a Technology and Culture seminar last Monday at MIT.

Dr. David Glass, director of Patents and Regulatory Affairs at the Cambridge-based Biotechnica International, presented a list of current and potential applications of genetic engineering, which included the possibility of developing a vaccine against Acquired Immune Defficiency Syndrome.

Speaking to an audience of about 50, Glass acknowledged the risks involved in releasing genetically engineered organisms into the environment, but argued

that there are sound ways to control and monitor their effects.

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than ever to encounter a class

that excited them, Katherine Wil-

liams '90 said. Joseph Vanderway

'89 claimed his MIT schedule left

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bution and concentration, even

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classes.

David Pimentel, professor of insect ecology at Cornell University, agreed that genetic engineering holds much promise, but he cautioned that rigorous research must be completed in laboratories and greenhouses before testing organisms in the environment. The delicate balance of the earth's ecosystem could easily be upset by introducing genetically engineered organisms, Pimentel warned.

Professor Sheldon Krimsky, of the department of urban and environmental policy at Tufts University, asserted that code enforcement agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency are not sufficiently staffed to assess the risks of, approve of,

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'who killed my parents?' "

The movie "The Killing Fields" showed "only ten percent of the horror, ten percent of real life," Pran said. It did not show the skeletons of babies, nor how those babies died. It also did not demonstrate the severity of star-

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Record review of "Strong Persuader" by the Robert Cray Band. Page 11.

Weiner to head CIS

By Akbar Merchant

Professor of Political Science Myron Weiner will be the new director of the MIT Center for International Studies, according to the MIT News Office. He will replace Eugene B. Skolnikoff '49, director since 1972, who plans to return to full-time teaching, research and writing in the Department of Political Science.

Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences Ann F. Friedlaender PhD '64 announced Weiner's appointment, effective July 1.

Weiner was head of the Department of Political Science from 1974 to 1977. He is best known for his research on politics in India. He has also served as a consultant to a number of organizations including the National Security Council, the State Department, the Agency for International Development, and the World Bank,

Weiner received his bachelor's degree at the City College of New York in 1951. He received an MA and a PhD from Princeton University in 1953 and 1955, respectively.

The CIS was established in 1951 and supports research on the effects of science and technology on international affairs. Current topics of study include arms control, energy policy, migration and development, Japanese and Chinese science and technology, and international politics and conflict.

HASS-D forum draws critics

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proposal's stated goal of increasing "common experiences" in the humanities by reducing the number of options. A common experience produced by coercion "is usually really negative," one said. Beth Leibowitz '89 was concerned that a set of common, highly enrolled courses would take faculty away from more advanced electives.

Several students said the proposed requirement would undermine the Admissions Office's claims that opportunities for humanistic study are plentiful at MIT, and would discourage the applicants with broad interests that MIT most wants.

Faculty defend proposal

The proposal's backers stressed that they wanted to create an atmosphere in which all students valued the humanities, arts and social sciences. "We do not expect to see a diminution of the HASS offerings," said Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences Ann F. Friedlaender PhD '64.

The proposal would not really reduce choice because all 50 of the new HASS-D's would be offered every term, Friedlaender said, whereas some of the current 156 HUM-D's are offered only in alternate years and may be cancelled even when they are offered.

The new HASS-D's will be "innovative subjects, not simply basic surveys" which will be "keyed to the range of students' interests and preparations," Maier said.

A stronger distribution requirement is necessary because students don't take a broad enough selection of courses, Maier said, citing a study of the subjects taken by the Class of 1985.

Jonathan H. Gruber '87, the student representative on CUP, was the only student to take a clear stand in favor of the proposal. "I don't necessarily think that more choices means a better education," he said. "The system's gone out of control."

The more structured HASS-D requirement is "easier for faculty and students together to understand and take seriously," said Jack L. Kerrebrock, associate dean of engineering and chairman of the Commission on Engineering Undergraduate Education

"Let us take responsibility for our education"

Students felt the proposal did not give them enough credit for ability to choose courses that make good educational sense. "I don't know why it's assumed that I don't want to know about humanities," one student said.

"We are thinking individuals. We can think what we want from an education," commented Bill Wedemeyer '87.

"You can trust the students to rise to their level of competence," said Andrew Borthwick-Leslie '87. A distribution requirement of only three subjects is insufficient to achieve real breadth anyway, he added.

"Education should be a personalized thing," Regina Valluzzi '88 said. "Let us take responsibility for our education."

"Confusion and doubt"

The proposal has "many features which are unclear and worrisome to me. I want to be very sure the whole problem is carefully explored," said Anthony P. French, professor of physics. French was active in education reforms in the 1960s, which shaped the current science core.

Some students objected to the proposal's vagueness. It does not specify any way of making sure the subjects would be demanding said Non Simons 200

ing, said Ken Simons '90.

"You want the faculty to sign a

blank check," charged Seth Gordon '90, referring to the vagueness of the five categories.

"There is no way of avoiding the blank check," answered Richard L. Cartwright, head of the Department of Linguistics and Philosophy and chair of the committee which wrote the proposal now before the faculty.

Matt Wiener '87 was concerned that the proposal would shortchange foreign languages and literatures. It has not yet been decided whether level-IV language subjects would get HASS-D credit under the new system, Friedlaender said.

Steve Penn G and Scott Saleska '86 believed the proposed requirement was being forced on the humanities department by the engineering faculty.

"The proposal came out of a very long deliberative process," Kerrebrock responded. "I don't think it's fair to characterize it as a result of pressure on humanities by engineering."

"I am filled with confusion and doubt by this whole process," said another student. "Students have brought up a number of very important practical points that I don't think have been answered."

CUP meeting opened for students' comments

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Nevertheless, students feared that the new HASS-D subjects would evolve toward specialization and lower standards, as the HUM-D subjects have. "I see no mechanism that's going to ensure that this new system is going to work," said Jonathan Katz '90, chairman of the Student Committee on Educational Policy.

"If you have the thing administered by saints, it would work fine," said Theodore Tso '90.

There is "nothing to maintain that courses don't slip away from their original goals," added Rich Lemoine '88.

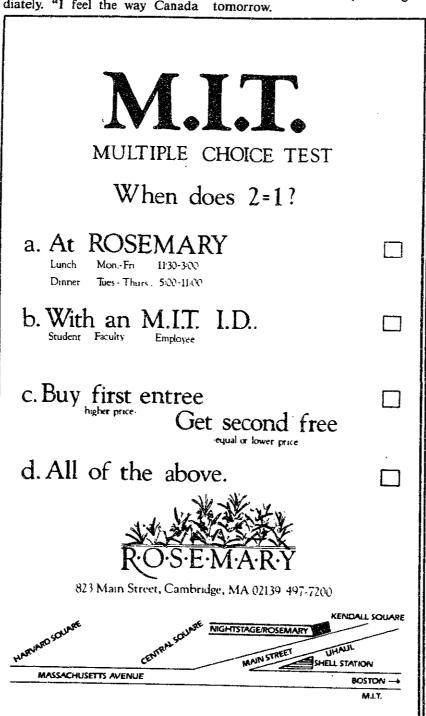
Jonathan H. Gruber '87, student representative on CUP, discounted doubts about the proposal's feasibility. "You have to leave some faith in the process," he said. "There will never be any reform unless you trust the faculty."

Keyser believed action on education reform was needed immediately. "I feel the way Canada must feel when we say we've got to study acid rain some more," he said.

But the faculty must listen to the one to two thousand students who have signed a petition asking the faculty not to vote on the proposal yet, said Undergraduate Association President Manuel Rodriguez '89. Friday's open forum was the first time so many students have spoken out on education reform, he pointed out.

Tso cautioned that approving the proposal tomorrow would be "hitting the ground and running the wrong way."

The humanities distribution proposal is the first potential change in the MIT curriculum to come out of the two-year-old educational reform movement. The CUP will introduce the second change — a minor in the humanities, arts and social sciences for students in science and engineering — at the faculty meeting



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World

Shultz-Moscow meeting goes into overtime

A top White House official says we'll probably know whether there'll be a superpower summit, following Secretary of State George Shultz's visit to Moscow. Shultz spent more than seven hours yesterday in meetings with his Soviet counterpart, Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, as well as a Passover meal with leading Soviet Jews. Shultz, according to an American official, raised the issue of KGB spying at the Moscow Embassy. The Soviet News Agency TASS says the spy issue is being used by American hard-liners to scuttle the arms control progress.

Tension mounts on West Bank

Israeli soldiers stormed a university campus in the occupied West Bank to disperse hundreds of rock-throwing demonstrators. An army spokesman says a Palestinian youth was shot to death. The violent clash comes two days after a firebomb attack that killed a pregnant Jewish woman. The slaying provoked renewed army crackdowns in the West Bank.

Tutu calls for release of detainees

Black Archbishop Desmond Tutu is defying a decree by South African police — and calling on other South Africans to do it, too. The Nobel Peace Prize winner — who is the highest-ranking Anglican clergyman in South Africa — says that authorities should either release people detained without charge, or should charge them. Under the new police rules, just talking about releasing the detainees is outlawed. But at a church service yesterday, Tutu asked some 700 people if they would join him in his stand — and he was answered with a roar of "Yes!"

Pope ends Chile visit

Pope John Paul is back in Vatican City after a twoweek trip to South America. He has condemned the violence he saw between police and leftist demonstrators in Chile. The Pope added that he was also impressed by the dignity of the Chilean people who attended his outdoor mass in the face of the violence.

Sports

Mickey Mantle hospitalized

Former New York Yankees' star Mickey Mantle is listed in fair condition after being hospitalized in Irving, Texas, Sunday night, suffering chest pains. The 55-year-old Mantle first got sick while signing autographs yesterday afternoon in Schenectady, New York. He began to suffer the chest pains while on a flight home to Dallas. According to a hospital spokeswoman at Irvine Community Hospital, Mantle did not suffer a heart attack. He released a brief statement through hospital officials and said, "I am tired, but I am feeling fine."

Mize wins Masters

Augusta, Georgia-born golfer Larry Mize chipped a shot 30 yards from the second extra playoff hole at the Augusta National Golf Club to beat Greg Norman of Australia for the 51st Masters title on Saturday. The 28-year-old Mize won his first major championship with that magnificent birdie on the 11th hole after he, Norman, and Spain's Seve Ballesteros finished tied at the high score of three-under-par 285. The victory was worth \$ 162,000, putting Mize over \$ 1 million in career winnings. (The New York Times)

Clemens signs two -year contract

Since yesterday's Red Sox game in Fenway Park was rained out, the 1986 American League Champions took the chance to hold a news conference, where they announced the signing of Roger Clemens to a two-year contract. It's believed that last year's MVP and Cy Young Award winner received a deal worth \$ 2 million. Clemens sat out most of spring training in a contract dispute.

UNLV linebacker killed

University of Nevada-Las Vegas linebacker Andre Dwayne Horn was shot to death Sunday night in Fresno, California. Police say evidence at the scene indicates Horn's death was a "drug-related homicide."

Nation

Hart announces candidacy

Denouncing right-wing ideology and narrow special interests, former Colorado senator Gary Hart announced his candidacy for the 1988 Democratic presidential nomination yesterday. Speaking in Denver, Hart said, "I am running because I love my country." He charged that right-wing ideology has skewed the nation's priorities, saying that America in recent years has let personal greed replace a sense of social justice and the national good.

Texaco files for bankruptcy

Texaco filed for bankruptcy protection Sunday to avoid paying Pennzoil the \$ 11 billion a court says it owes. But on the New York Stock Exchange today it was Pennzoil that suffered the most. Texaco closed down 3½ points. Pennzoil closed down 15½ points.

Whitehead to visit "Baby M"

Lawyers for Mary Beth Whitehead say she'll resume visiting "Baby M" this week at a secret time and place. The New Jersey Supreme Court ruled Friday that Whitehead, the baby's surrogate mother, should be allowed visitation rights pending her appeal of the custody decision. A lower court awarded custody to the biological father, William Stern.

"Hill Street Blues" turns in badge

"Hill Street Blues" has answered its last roll call. NBC's critically acclaimed police drama has been canceled, and will air its last original episode May 12. The cancellation of "Hill Street" had been expected, and was announced by the show's production company. The show has won 26 Emmy Awards in its seven seasons on the air, second only to "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" with 29.

Condoms available to homosexual inmates

The New York Health Commissioner says homosexual inmates in city jails will be able to obtain condoms on request. It's part of a pilot program to prevent the spread of AIDS. The program will also include prison guard and inmate education about the deadly disease. Sexual activity is prohibited in the prison system, but Health Commissioner Stephen Joseph said it would be naive to think it doesn't go on.

AMA president calls for morality to combat AIDS

A new morality is what's needed to fight AIDS according to the president of the American Medical Association. Doctor John Coury has told a news conference in Detroit people having multiple sexual partners and going to houses of prostitution are "playing Russian roulette." Coury says the stakes are high because the consequence of AIDS is "100 percent death."

Polygraph tests recommended for embassy quards

A Navy study is recommending that random lie detector tests be given to Marine guards stationed at US embassies. Sources say the report, ordered in the wake of the sex-for-secrets scandal at the Moscow Embassy, also finds that American intelligence agencies must improve cooperation to detect security threats at American diplomatic posts.

Tariffs against Japan to take effect

There seems no way to avoid it. Starting Friday certain Japanese electronics products are going to cost a lot more. The Reagan administration says there's no chance that penalty tariffs scheduled to take effect Friday will be postponed. A hearing was held in Washington today to determine which items will be subject to the sanctions.

Hinkley requests Easter pass

John Hinckley, Jr., was in court yesterday, pressing his bid for an unescorted family Easter visit. But strange new details came out about Hinckley's correspondence. The judge was told that Hinckley recently wrote a sympathetic letter to Florida murderer Theodore Bundy. Hinckley also received a letter from Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, who tried to assassinate President Ford in 1975.

Local

State officials favor 55 mph

Leave the 55 mile-per-hour speed limit alone. That's what state officials told a joint legislative committee on public safety yesterday. State Police Commissioner William McCabe says speeding has always been a serious contributing factor in accidents. He told the committee that police often tolerate a little speeding.

Reagan criticizes Dukakis for Seabrook delay

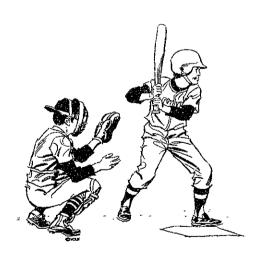
Massachusetts Congressman Edward Markey criticized President Reagan yesterday for saying that Governor Michael Dukakis shouldn't have veto power over the Seabrook, New Hampshire, nuclear power plant. The President discussed the issue in an interview with the Manchester Union Leader. Dukakis has delayed Seabrook operations by declining to file an emergency evacuation plan for Massachusetts communities within 10 miles of the facility. Markey said Reagan three years ago supported the rights of state and local governments in handling evacuation plans without federal interference.

Amy Carter testifies on behalf of demonstrators

Former president Jimmy Carter's daughter Amy testified yesterday in the trial of 15 demonstrators during an anti-CIA protest. The 19-year-old Brown University sophomore told the Northhampton District that the sight of riot police wearing helmets and holding back dogs drove her to block buses carrying anti-CIA protesters to jail. Outside the courtroom in Northhampton, she said whatever happened, the trial was a victory because people were learning things about Nicaragua they never heard before. She also told reporters that her father is proud of her.

Boston Five merges with Neworld Bank

Officials of two Boston thrift institutions announced a merger that they say would create the third largest bank in New England. Officers of the Boston Five Cents Savings Bank and Neworld Bank for Savings said they signed a merger agreement yesterday. They said it is subject to approval of share holders and regulators. The new institution would be under a holding company known as the Boston Five Bancorp. The Boston Five has reported assets of \$ 1.9 billion while Neworld lists assets of \$ 1.2 billion.



Weather

A brief respite

After the somewhat unexpected winter weather of yesterday, today's abundant sunshine should be quite welcome. It should be enjoyed today, however, because by tomorrow, another storm will be approaching us from the Ohio Valley. The day itself should be basically dry, but look for rain to move in tomorrow night and Thursday.

Today: Sunny and breezy, highs in the low 50's near

the shore, 60° inland.

Tonight: Clear and cool, lows near 40°.

Tomorrow: Some sun early, then increasing clouds, highs near 65° inland, but mid-50's near the shore.

Thursday: Rain (not snow), highs 50-55°.

Forecast by Chris Davis

Compiled by Jai Young Kim

opinion

Editorial

HASS proposal puts unnecessary cap on HUM-D's

Faculty members will convene in 10-250 tomorrow afternoon to consider a proposal to change the undergraduate Humanities, Arts, and Social Science distribution requirement.

The proposal would reduce the number of distribution categories from 22 to five — and would gradually shrink the pool of HUM-D courses from 108 in the Fall of 1987 to 50 within a few years.

The plan recognizes and remedies some flaws in the current HUM-D system. For example, the consolidation of the 22 categories into five broad categories ensures greater breadth in a student's selection of HUM-D courses. The plan would encourage students to take a varied set of distribution subjects and not three courses confined to a narrow area within Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences. Students and faculty may haggle over the exact classifications, but, in principle, this aspect of the plan will bring about a positive change in the requirement.

The proposal also tries to restore the distinction between distribution and elective courses. Distribution courses should be aimed at providing students with broad exposure to an academic discipline. In the mid-to-late 1970s, the number of HUM-D's proliferated as professors realized they could increase enrollment by obtaining HUM-D status for their courses.

"The more subjects you succeeded in designating as HUM-D, the greater your likely share of the 1600-plus students mandatorily enrolled in HUM-D's for any given semester," reported the Committee on the History of HASS in May 1985. As a result, some courses that have a specialized intellectual focus continue to hold HUM-D status. Some HUM-D courses should and will be re-categorized as electives this fall.

The proposal's solution to this problem is to arbitrarily reduce the number of distribution courses to 50 courses within a few years. The reduction to 50 HUM-D courses represents an artificial and unnecessary cap on the number of HUM-D's offered.

Each course should be judged for its own scope and content, and should not be subject to an overall limit on HUM-D courses. MIT should offer as many HUM-D courses as there are courses that meet the definition of a distribution course. Offering only 10 distribution courses per category excessively restricts students' choice of courses.

One possible reason for reducing the number of HUM-D's is to provide a common humanities experience for undergraduates. The August 1986 Report of the Committee on the HASS Requirements noted, "Since there are so many HUM-D subjects to choose from, the likelihood that a substantial number of students from any living group will be enrolled in the same subject is small... As a result, conversations outside class rarely focus on HASS subject matter."

The HASS proposal cannot provide such a common experience because students will still be dispersed among a wide range of courses each semester. Without a true core curriculum, which would further restrict student choice, it is impossible to ensure such a common humanities experience.

The proposal is not satisfactory in its current form. We urge the faculty to amend the proposal by removing the clause that stipulates a reduction to 50 distribution subjects.

Student reaction to the proposal has been strong. Faculty who worked for a long time on the proposal may feel frustrated by the number of students opposed to the proposal.

What the faculty must remember is that students tend to avoid discussing reforms until a concrete proposal is "on the table." Many ideas for changing the curriculum, such as the Marx Committee proposal to create a New Liberal Arts College, and the Committee on HASS's original proposal were never formally proposed as changes to the curriculum and were largely ignored by the student body.

The HASS proposal is one vote from reality — and has not been ignored.

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Behold, the witching hour

In order to survive at MIT, students must "master the hidden curriculum," says Ben Snyder, a professor of psychiatry who works for the provost.

You can see in his watery eyes that he's been here a long time. He's the guy who studied a group of MIT students in the 1950s and traced their careers into the 1980s.

He implies that the successful student instinctively learns to juggle his or her commitments, figuring out when to skip class, when to punt a problem set, when to pull an all-nighter, when to doze off. The student learns to prioritize these commitments and takes off from there.

From past experience, Snyder warns us that any educational reform that ignores this hidden curriculum has a life expectancy of two to three years.

It's been two years since Provost John M. Deutch '61 announced the new educational initiative. Perhaps the witching hour has arrived. You can hear the wolves howling. Everyone's trying to huff and puff each other's ideological houses down.

Professor Leo Marx's proposal to create a College of the New Liberal Arts has long since fallen by the wayside. The Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences proposal is on the verge of getting bogged down. This is due to a last-minute surprise petition masterminded by a group of humanities majors who contend that the HUM-D changes, in forcing breadth upon the student, would sacrifice individual choice and exploration.

Meanwhile, a lot of students and faculty on this campus still don't understand what the hell's going on. You can count me in on this party.

But Snyder's words have me thinking.

Indeed, the reformers expound the benefits of fewer HUM-D's, and core classes that provide for a common experience, but these changes don't address the traditional survival instincts of MIT students, instincts that may be misguided, that are nevertheless prevalent.

The very success of this educational reform hinges on getting MIT students to involve themselves in their humanities with the same intensity as their technical classes. The very goal of this educational reform is to get science and engineering students asking value questions, thinking in humanistic, as well as technical, terms.

Yet, a good number of MIT students selectively neglect their humanities and social sciences because they perceive that their careers won't depend on these classes. They've got to spend more time on their technical classes. Call it careerism. Call it survival. Call it a wise allocation of time. Call it what you will.

Simply put, science and engineering graduate schools and companies just don't seem to give a damn about a student's performance in the humanities.

And why should they? This high-tech society we live in is hungry for guys and gals endowed with technical prowess, guys and gals who will program and design and build first and ask questions later.

Much later.

President Paul E. Gray '54 has been fighting this sentiment. Last December, in The Chronicle of Higher Education, he wrote: "The growing impact of science and technology on public affairs and human well-being will require that the people who shape or influence those fields appreciate the diversity and complexity of societies and human values and have the ability to understand and respect the economic, political, social, and environmental issues, associated with technical developments and applications of science,"

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"educational partnership among the technological, artistic, social, and humanistic disciplines."

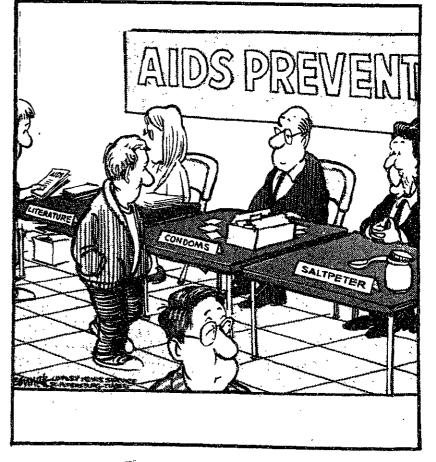
But eloquence isn't enough. President Gray and Provost Deutch, as the ones with any political clout, you've got to take the lead in this educational reform. I haven't seen either of you take a stand for or against any of these educational proposals.

You've got to convince students that humanities are important and worth their precious time. You've got to convince the science and engineering faculty to encourage students who seek a balanced education.

Most importantly, as the educational leaders of a highly-esteemed technical institute, you've got to speak out, turn this society of atom bombs and space defenses on its head and preach the importance of humanities and social sciences in a technical education.

Otherwise, the wise Ben Snyder, with his disheveled silvery hair and confused smile, will be forced to play the part of a beleaguered college professor who's going down the tubes with American education like a sea captain who's going down with his beloved ship.

Thomas T. Huang G, a student in the department of electrical engineering and computer science, is a former editor in chief of The Tech.



Upon reviewing the name recognition of candidates, Earl Weavle of Toluska, Nebraska, has decided with the urging of his friends, to run for president.

HASS-D proposal raises questions

Tomorrow, the faculty will decide whether to accept a proposal to change the humanities requirement — to reduce the current number of humanities distribution courses by one-third from 153 subjects in 23 fields to 50 subjects in five fields.

The proposal grows out of a sense that the current distribution system is "broken." But, will the proposal now under consideration by the faculty "fix it?" Here are a few questions that faculty and students might consider when discussing the merits of the proposal.

• Will the proposal affect MIT's ability to matriculate its most desired high school applicant - those students who love and excel in humanities and social sciences, as well as science and engineering?

We simply don't know: to my knowledge, no studies have been done to try to answer this question. However, our past experience with such applicants may be telling.

In recent years, these applicants comprised the majority of students who were accepted to MIT and declined to come. Typically, these students accept offers from top notch universities which boast broad offerings and student interest in the liberal arts. In 1984, such schools captured 49 percent of those applicants who received an offer from MIT but went elsewhere.

The three top alternative schools - Harvard, Stanford, and Princeton - matriculated fully one third of our accepted applicants who turned us down in 1984. Today, these three schools still rank as the top competitors for MIT's applicants.

What are some of the reasons that some students accepted to MIT reject our offer? A study of 1984 applicants conducted by the Admissions Office provides some clues. Not surprisingly, academic quality was the most important factor for our applicants in selecting a college. In their comments on "academics," those students that rejected MIT's offer repeatedly described their view of MIT's educational atmosphere, and humanities offerings, in particular, as narrow, restrictive, and lacking in diversity.

In contrast, those who accepted MIT's offer did not comment on the humanities at all (except for one person who regarded our program very highly), suggesting that that the humanities, arts, and social science offerings did

cision to come to MIT.

This suggestion is confirmed by an MIT Student Pugwash survey of the same incoming freshman class; although 82 percent of the respondents said they were moderately to very familiar with the breadth of HASS course offerings, 57 percent said these offerings did not influence their decision to come to MIT.

How will our most desired applicant view the proposed changes to the distribution system? Again, we don't know, but we can surmise. The Report of the Committee on the HASS Requirement itself addresses this is-

In commenting on the wide choice of HUM-D subjects available now, the report states, "This advantage [of wide choice] is important . . . because choice is understood to be a desirable attribute of any college curriculum by contemporary student of high ability. Students expect a similar richness of choice, and can easily find it at other top-ranked institutions. To restrict severly the number of HASS distribution subjects would reduce MIT's attractiveness to those secondary school students able in both science and humanistic studies that the Institue most wants to re-

How does the new proposed requirement, compare with those of our strongest competitors? Choice as well as breadth, is preserved in Stanford's distribution requirement. Students must take one course or course sequence in each of five HASS-like fields. Together, these fields offer 292 subjects/sequences; the number of offerings within each field ranges from eight year-long sequences in the Western Culture field to 114 subjects in Literature and Arts.

• Will the reduction in the number of HUM-D courses by two thirds affect class size? It depends. This reduction means that, on average, each new HUM-D will have three times as many students as the old ones. To handle such large enrollments, new HUM-D's could be taught in large lectures accompanied by smaller recitation sections — an option that does not now seem to be favored - or they could be taught in multiple sections to keep the class size down to the legal limit of 25 students per HUM-D class.

The enrollment cap exists in part to make sure that class discussion is possible. If a HUM-D is taught in multiple sections by different faculty members, it is possible that students will not voluntarily enroll in the sections in equal numbers, since some faculty are more popular than others.

How will MIT handle possible enrollment imbalances between sections of the same course? Will it allow student interests to prevail, resulting in some very and illegally - large (and very small) sections? Or will it enforce the cap by distributing students evenly among sections using a lottery or some other means? Or will MIT raise the cap to reflect new enrollment patterns, should they emerge?

In any case, the School of Humanities and Social Sciences may find it difficulty to enforce the cap if current trends continue: nearly one third of the HUM-D's taught at MIT last fall and almost one-quarter of those taught last spring exceeded the enrollment cap of 25. In some fields, overenrollment was particularly notable; half or more of the

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HASS reform tries to do too much

To the Editor:

I read the reports about undergraduate efforts to table the matter of changing the HASS requirement with great interest. Since I first became aware of the scope of the proposed changes in the humanities distribution requirement, I have been puzzled by the lack of student reaction.

Indeed, one of the few public expressions of either approval or disapproval of the reforms on the part of students was a letter signed by former Undergraduate Association President Bryan R. Moser '87 urging us to support the wide-sweeping changes in the humanities curriculum.

I was pleased to note that Moser has recently become more acquainted with the scope of the reforms and is now among those who have lent support to the relatively mild proposal of requesting the faculty to table the reforms.

Although restructuring of the HASS requirement and curriculum will primarily affect future MIT students, many undergraduates have suddenly realized that the elimination of courses or the loss of humanities distribution designation will be fairly immediate.

As a graduate student, there is not much that I can do to actively oppose these reforms, but I urge all undergraduates to acquaint themselves with this issue and to make their views knkown to their professors.

The major problem with the proposed humanities reforms is that they attempt to address too many different issues. The curriculum review committee has determined not only that the present HUM-D categories fail to fulfill the original intent of the distribution requirement, but also

that the courses grouped under these categories are somehow too broad in their contents and in their approaches to the concept of what a HUM-D is supposed to

Presumably, cutting the number of subjects that fulfill the distribution requirement to fifty will allow the administration to exercise more control over content and the amount of student discussion and writing involved. I fail to understand, however, how simultaneously reducing the number of course offerings and the number of categories will encourage students to develop a personal world view, an appreciation for humanistic disciplines, and a sense of the beautiful complexity of a world not broken down into "humanities" and "science."

The present system, while flawed, encourages diversity and permits students to plan coursework that is interesting to them for the sake of their personthe proposed categories bore me. I can envision only some sort of general survey courses falling under the headings of "Mind, Thought, and Value" or "Cultures and Societies," and we have all had experiences with courses that cover too much material in too little depth.

Furthermore, distribution courses require a certain amount of writing and class discussion. This concept, while noble in itself, becomes laughable for both the student participant and the overworked professor when class enrollment climbs over thirty.

A philosophy HUM-D that I took as a newly arrived freshman was so overcrowded that class participation was nearly impossible and papers came back with only the most cursory of comments. I came away from this course not with new ideas but rather with a sense of discouragement.

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not play a major role in their deal development. Even the titles of Consider alternatives to HASS-D proposal

To the Editor:

The proposal to change the Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Distribution requirement would create more problems than it would solve. The current HUM-D system needs revision and some of the ideas of the HASS-D proposal are worthy of consideration; however, we have some different ideas on how the requirement could be structured.

Diversity of viewpoints is the strength of the humanities. We believe that this variety must be maintained, and that a failure to

teach differing opinions would cause the humanities at MIT to

Students encourage faculty to attend HASS-D meeting

(Editor's note: The Tech received a copy of this letter addressed to the faculty.)

We write you regarding the forthcoming faculty meeting on April 15. This letter concerns the proposed revision of the Humanities Distribution requirement. scheduled to be voted on at that. meeting.

There have been a number of concerns expressed among the MIT student body about this proposal - both about its merits, and the process by which it is being implemented. Enclosed you will find a petition which has been circulating among the student body which gives voice to some of the initial concerns. To date, it has been signed by over 1000 students; the final results will be reported at the faculty

meeting, along with some of the further concerns which have been raised by students.

We believe these concerns should be taken seriously. We therefore urge you to attend Wednesday's faculty meeting, hear what the student representatives have to say, and take these views into account when you cast your vote.

Manuel Rodriguez '89 President Undergraduate Association Jonathan Katz '90 Chair, UA Student Committee on Educational Policy Andrew Borthwick-Leslie '87 Ad hoc Course XXI Student Committee Scott Saleska '86 MIT Student Pugwash

wither. By strictly limiting the number of HASS-D subjects, the HASS-D proposal would inevitably limit the range of viewpoints available in distribution subjects.

We accept the idea that diversity or breadth in the humanities, arts and social sciences is worthwhile, in the same way that competence in math and physics is seen as beneficial for advanced study in science and engineering. We have a couple of ideas on how to encourage this breadth. In both cases we recommend eliminating the HUM-D classification on individual courses but still requiring students to distribute a certain number of subjects or units over distinct areas of study.

• One idea is to keep the five fields outlined in the HASS-D proposal (Cultures and Societies; Historical Studies; Literary and Textual Studies; Mind, Thought, and Value; and The Arts) while removing the concept of a HUM-D or HASS-D course. Students would take a minimum of one course in each of three of the five fields offered. Advanced subjects could have prerequisites of broader or perhaps interdisciplinary subjects.

For example, a course titled Writing Sonnets might reasonably require a previous course in reading or writing poetry. All prerequisites should carry a method of advanced standing so that students do not have to repeat material the, already know. It would be expected that prerequisites would not be used to create a de facto list of HUM-D's.

 A second idea is for each student to work out a distribution individually, as they do for the Concentration Requirement. A distribution advisor would approve a student's selection of a set of courses that would constitute a three-subject distribution. This method has the advantage of completely avoiding arbitrary distinctions and categorizations of courses, and would ensure that the content of the courses chosen be truly different from one another.

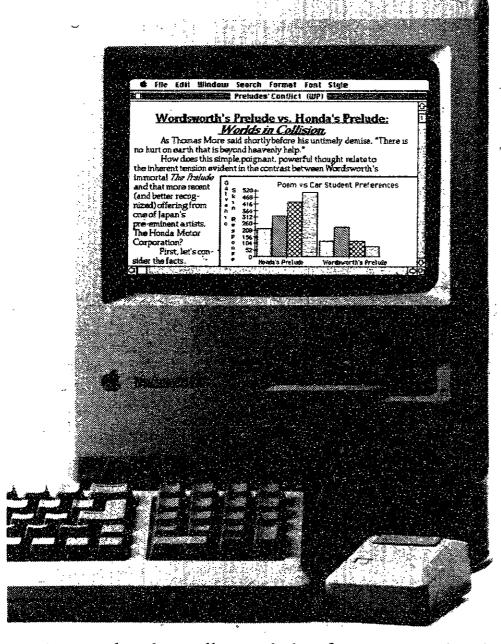
HUM-D status has become vague and increasingly meaningless. The act of dividing courses into distribution and elective subjects has proven unwieldy and difficult to enforce. Reducing the number of distribution subjects to a favored number would create a great deal of political infighting within departments. We believe that the outcome of those battles would not necessarily be in the best interests of the stu-

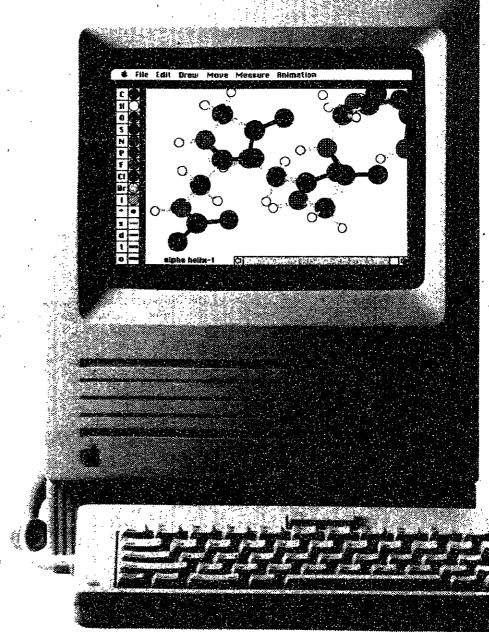
When there were 150 distribution subjects, Women's Studies had a hard time being accepted as a valid source of "broad, introductory subjects". What would happen to any other new field in a similar position if the number of HASS-D's were limited? The HASS-D proposal would provide a one time re-evaluation of distribution subjects, but after the dust had settled, what would stop those courses from backsliding? "

There are also several philosophical concerns without which we believe any proposal would be meaningless. We firmly believe that curriculum reform must con-

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Change in requirement will eliminate courses

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What will be the solution to overcrowding in the fifity HASS courses? Will there be a lottery reminiscent of past attempts to limit enrollment in 6.001 or will more humanities courses simply be taught in the lecture and recitation style of physics and math classes?

Reducing the number of distribution classes to fifty will lead to even more uniformity and boring predictability that already plagues some HUM-D subjects. Some professors are so conscious of the HUM-D status of their subjects that they feel obliged to simplify the most difficult concepts to trivialities in order to make them "digestible" for the general MIT student. This situation will only worsen if the number of HASS classes is reduced and control of curriculum is tightened from above to ensure that a subject properly fulfills its function within a category.

A particularly upsetting point of the proposed HASS reform is its effect on the foreign languages. As an undergraduate, seven of my eight required humanities courses were in the Foreign Language section.

The structure of the humanities requirement at MIT permitted me to concentrate in French literature and learn German from scratch. My understanding of cultures, literature, history, and the structure of languages and how we learn them was enhanced by these courses.

The idea that a new HASS literature course, for example, could somehow serve as an umbrella for sections in French, German, Spanish, and Russian is hard to believe. The professors would probably be expected to teach students some common curriculum about the Romantic or Existentialst movements and would be obliged to ignore more specific discussions that place the style and content of the literature in cultural and historical context.

The restructuring of the HASS requirement will most likely remove the present HUM-D status from all third and fourth level language subjects, making it even more difficult for students to learn a new language and acquire the fluency necessary for study abroad.

A student who wants to take level one through level four of a language by the beginning of a junior-year abroad would receive no HUM-D credit for his efforts despite having learned about a different culture, discussed history and social issues in a foreign language, and written many short papers on literary works.

Clearly we as Americans are already too self-centered and too uninterested in learning about other cultures. I fail to see why MIT, an internationally-known university whose graduates must interact professionally with foreign scientists and businessmen, should encourage the closed-minded view of "Let them learn English if they want to speak to me."

Although I assume those who drafted the HASS proposals did not intend to send this message, the reforms offer only subtle forms of discouragement to students interested in foreign languages and cultures.

I urge all undergraduates to consdider how different their experiences with the humanities and social sciences would have been if their choice of distribution subjects had been limited to one of the five categories outlined inthe new HASS proposals.

If you have learned a foreign language during your years at MIT, consider especially how much more difficult fulfilling your distribution requirement would have been without HUM-D status for upper level courses. The time to make your voice heard is now, not next fall when the course you planned to take has lost its HUM-D status.

Carolyn Ruppel G

Faculty should consider alternatives to HASS-D plan

(Continued from page 5) centrate some of its efforts on reevaluating the curricula of the individual HASS courses. The total number of humanities courses and faculty should not be reduced. There should be a structure for doing independent work under a faculty member.

Course descriptions should accurately reflect the content of the course in enough detail that other institutions receiving a student's transcript would be able to find out what the student learned, from whom, in what format, and with what time commitment. Blanket language courses with

sections in French, German, Spanish, and Russian, as have been suggested by some faculty members, render humanities course titles on transcripts and elsewhere nearly useless.

The ideas outlined here are not yet in the form of a concrete proposal. They reflect a direction that we would like to see the HASS requirement take. We urge the Committee on the Undergraduate Program and the faculty to consider the alternatives we have suggested.

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Proposal raises broad questions

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HUM-D's offered last fall or spring in Linguistics, Philosophy, Traditions and Texts, History, Visual Arts, and the History of Art and Architecture had more than 25 students in them.

In implementating the proposed HUM-D changes, then, how will MIT fulfill the dual goals of fostering class participatin and discussion by limiting class size of sections, while at the same time satisfying student preferences for particularly outstanding section leaders?

will the proposed HUM-D system guarantee breadth in a student's educational program? Maybe or maybe not. Because each student will be required to take one course each in three out of five distribution fields, this means that on average — if students randomly distribute themselves among the five fields — that 60 percent of the student body will have taken a course from each distribution field.

That means that 40 percent of the students do not distribute themselves randomly (as in the current situation) and they take subjects in fields they find most interesting, it is possible that more than 40 percent of the student body will neglect a particular distribution field.

For example, the Committee on the HASS Requirement — the progenitors of the proposed change to the HUM-D system — lamented the fact that 62 percent of the Class of 1985 never took a History subject. This same skewed distribution could emerge under the current HASS proposal. If this is a concern, how will the current proposal solve it?

How will the proposal affect those subjects that lose their current HUM-D status? Those subjects' enrollments might drop if current trends are predictive.

Presently, subjects within a single HASS field that have HUM-D status have, on average, much greater enrollments than subjects in the same field without HUM-D designation. (This is true in HASS fields which are not popular HASS concentrations). For example, last semester's average class size in Political Science HUM-D's vs. other subjects in Political Science was 34 versus 11 students, respectively.

The reason for this enrollment disparity within fields with few HASS concentrators is that the majority of MIT students take only eight HASS subjects, and only one to two of these eight subjects (depending on the student's program) are HASS electives — that is, neither HUM-D's nor concentration subjects. Thus, unless students can be encouraged to take more HASS electives, subjects that lose their HUM-D designation will likely lose some students, too.

Of course, smaller class size would be a good thing if it promotes more and better class discussions. On the other hand, it could be a bad thing if professors who teach these classes decide or are forced to eliminate them because of low enrollments.

• Will the new HASS-D course offerings of any one field be sufficiently varied in levels of advancement to accommodate the different backgrounds and abili-

ties of MIT students?

Yes, this is one intention of the proposal. And how will this be accomplished, given the limit of 10 courses per field?

• What do students think about the current and proposed distribution requirement?

We have little data on this, since no large scale survey has been done on this matter. We do know, however, that some students have been unsatisfied with the structure of the overall HASS requirement. The MIT Student Pugwash 1984 survey of undergraduates found that although the majority of students were happy with the number of required HASS subjects (e.g. eight), two thirds said they would take a different combination of subjects if it were not for the structure of the requirement. The survey, however, did not ask students to specify what they would like to take instead.

Many of these questions can not be answered definitively by tomorrow, if ever. But it is important that all members of the MIT community — students, faculty and staff — keep these and other pertinent questions in mind when deciding on a proposal as important as this one. The future health of the Institute depends on the acitve and thoughtful engagement of all members of the MIT community.

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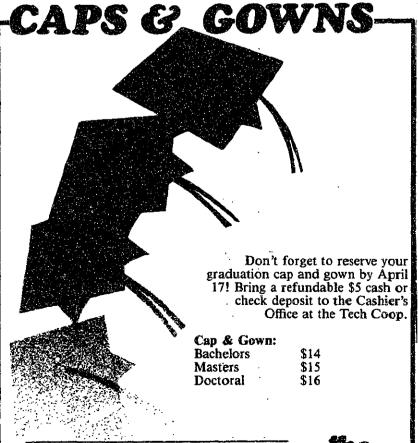
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go to one source."

"The classes in Course IX that were allowed to fulfill the requirement were always distinct

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from the more scientifically ori-

The first changes of the new program will be felt in the fall. "Even with 9.00 (Introduction to Psychology) I'm going to start including topics that will encompass the interests of this program and that haven't been covered in the past," Wolfe said.

Pran delivers account of Cambodian genocide still going on all around the

Pran said.

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A Buddhist, Pran said that his belief in his own destiny and in building good will carried him through his ordeal. "This is true in all religions."

Recently, Pran, together with Elie Wiesel and an Iranian delegation, held a press conference addressing the problems of ongoing holocausts. They have sent a petition to 70 countries, asking them to sponsor the action of bringing the Khmer Rouge leadership before the World Court.

"We must," Pran said, "try to stop genocide . . . speak up . . . [and have] the world to recognize that holocausts are still a prob-

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ented classes in the department," said Dean of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Ann F. Friedlaender PhD '64. Through the program, more socially-oriented psychology courses will be merged together.

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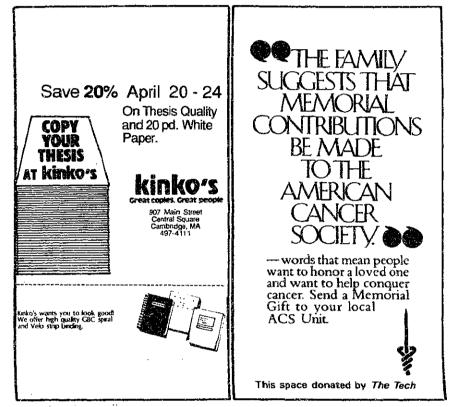
dents. An example that Wolfe pointed out was that many psychology oriented classes in Course XV are currently graduate courses. He foresees that if enrollment suddenly goes up, these classes may be changed to undergraduate courses or adjusted in some other way. The second purpose to the pro-

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gram, as Wolfe explained, will be to bring together faculty that have interests in psychology but that are scattered over a wide range of departments.

"We knew that these people existed, but we (Course IX faculty) didn't know how or where to find them," Wolfe said. Currently 24 faculty members have expressed interest in the program. Seminars and colloquia will be held to increase communication between members, Wolfe said.



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By JONATHAN RICHMOND

O THOSE IN SEARCH of a definition of the Devil, Puccini has the answer: he is Scarpia, the nastiest character in all of opera, the very evocation of pure evil. Scarpia has no problems with torturing and killing to get his way. Tosca resists his lust and gives him the embrace of death, but his malevolent power lives on as Tosca's lover Cavaradossi dies before a firing squad and Tosca plunges to her death.

English National Opera's Malcolm Rivers sang Scarpia and made attendance at the Boston Concert Opera production of "Tosca" worthwhile. Rivers commanded the platform, a presence of undying arrogance. His voice was iron-firm and crystalclear. Its natural, apparently effortless flow gave a venomous tip to its cool white heat. What could be more wicked than Rivers' rendition of Ha più forte sapore, the aria where Scarpia contemplates the joys of bending Tosca to his will?

While Rivers' Scarpia has Cavaradossi tortured in an adjoining room, he whips Tosca into submission with his tongue, his unmoving brutality intensifying and reflecting her hysteria back at her.

There were also strong points to Ruth Falcon's performance of Tosca. Her Vissi d'arte was sung with an innocent reflectiveness diammetrically opposed to Scarpia's sadistic self-assurance. She was powerful, also, in some of her exchanges with Scarpia, an electricity developing between them suggesting a tighter bond than between Tosca and Cavaradossi.

Colenton Freeman's Cavaradossi was weak. His singing was bland and uncommitted. Furthermore, the quality of Fal-(Please turn to page 14)

Demanding "Midsummer Night's Dream" is skillfully performed

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Opera by Benjamin Britten. Libretto adapted from Shakespeare. Presented by the Opera Theater of the Boston and New England Conservatories. John Moriarty, Director and Conductor. At the Boston Conservatory Theater, April 9-12.

By JULIAN WEST

UT A DEMANDING OPERA with a score of principal singing roles in the hands of students, and what do you get? Surprise! A memorable performance of "A Midsummer Night's

I cannot think of another opera with as many major roles. The Boston and New cast of strong singers not once, but twice,

each cast singing two performances; we saw the Friday night cast. The chorus of Faeries was provided by the Treble Chorus of New England, a children's chorus.

I stand by my claim that all sang well, but perhaps the most notable voice belonged to Oberon (Mark Lee). His voice was very strong on the high end, and rose to otherworldly heights in some of his arias ("I know a bank. . .").

Don J. Bravo was an entertaining Bottom who managed musical excess without letting things get out of hand. His falsetto ("The raging rocks...") was particularly well controlled.

Lysander (Stephen Gould) and Hermia (Lesley Wright) likewise had some lovely duets together, beginning with "How now my love. . ." in which they made the most of their exchange of vows ("I swear"). Not England Conservatories found an entire at all outclassed were Rebecca O'Brien as (Please turn to page 15)



Ruth Falcon, soprano, performs the title role in Puccini's "Tosca."

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BY THE LIGHT OF THE MOON Los Lobos

On Slash Records.

By MICHAEL J. GARRISON

LIKED THE SONGS I HEARD off the earlier album by Los Lobos, especially the title track, "How Will The Wolf Survive." (Los Lobos means The Wolves, by the way.) But I never bought the album, and now I regret it. These five guys from East LA are really good, especially David Hidalgo, the lead singer who co-writes many of the songs with Louie Pérez.

"By The Light Of The Moon" doesn't have a single bad song on it. As far as I can tell, if handled properly it could be the next "Sports" or "Thriller" five-plus hit album. Then again, some of my previous predictions have not fared so well.

"Shakin' Shakin' Shakes" has to be one of the best party singles of this or any year. This is garage music at its best: arresting vocals, intriguing lyrics, and fantastic, harmonic, shaking music. Just three, simple stanzas with no chorus, each one describing something that shakes. By comparing trees in the wind, a fault "as long as it is mean," and a woman "as sweet as she is rough," the song somehow manages to tell the listener which shakes the most — and it's not the trees or the ground.

"One Time, One Night" opens the album with "a wise man telling stories" in a quiet, haunting song:

"A lady dressed in white with the man she loved Standing along the side of their pickup truck A shot rang out in the night Just when everything seemed right Another headline written down in America . . . One time, one night in America

In the same light, "Is This All There Is?" explores "tired souls with empty hands" who are "all searching for the promised land." Like most of the other tracks on the album, as I took notes I wrote, "Also a cool song."



If all songs in Spanish sound as good as "Prenda del Alma," a pretty love song sung in Spanish, I would not mind never understanding the words (or even knowing where one word ends and the next begins). The English translation almost spoils it—actually he still loves her but they are destined to be apart.

I could go on about all the songs, especially "Set Me Free (Rosa Lee)" and "River Of Fools," which most readers will have heard, and "All I Wanted To Do Was Dance" which may be more obscure but is certainly just as good a catchy number.

Let's face it: I think you should all go out and buy this album. Los Lobos is a winner. Me, I'm still looking around for the first one.

Bluesman Robert Cray and his band are strongly persuasive

STRONG PERSUADER

The Robert Cray Band. On Polygram Records.

By MICHAEL J. GARRISON

HE BLUES ARE NOT AT THE HEIGHT of popularity right now, but that does not mean that innovative blues music is not available. In fact, I unconditionally recommend the latest release from The Robert Cray Band,

"Strong Persuader."

Cray hails from Tacoma, Washington, a most untraditional hometown for the newest rising star in the blues world. His music is likewise untraditional, featuring a more jazzed up rhythm than is normal for blues. But his songs do not lose any of the emotional and sexual charge characteristic of good blues. They are all about sex — or at least women — and most of them are about relationships on the rocks.

Besides the current hit single, "Smoking Gun," there are at least three or four potential hits on the album, and a bunch more which won't be hits simply because they are not as palatable to the pop audience.

Cray has a great voice, and an even better sense of how much pain to mix within his music without turning off the listener. His hot guitar work brings a welcome infusion of the strengths available to other musical genres.

My two favorites from the album are "Right Next Door" and "Foul Play." In the first, Cray reveals himself to be the "Strong Persuader" of the title. He has persuaded the woman next door to have an affair with him, "another notch on my guitar." But her man finds out, and Cray sadly sings that he can hear their hearts breaking right through the thin walls. "She's lost the man who really loves her. I should go to her but what would I say?"

"Foul Play" is the other side of the fence. In it Cray's wife has started staying late at the office, and he suspects she's up to "Foul Play" with her new, young boss. The contrasts between the two songs show graphically how fragile happiness can be no matter who you are.

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Guitar-based pop-rock from the Chameleons UK

STRANGE TIME

By The Chameleons UK. On Geffen Records.

By DONALD YEE

TRANGE TIMES," THE THIRD album and the second American release by The Chameleons UK, is finally out on Geffen Records. It comes two years after their first domestic release, "Script of the Bridge." Judging by the quality of the music on the disc, it was well worth the wait. However, it is a shame that the American audience missed out on "What Does Anything Mean? Basically," the Chameleons' second album, which was released only in Britain.

Specially marked packages contain a six song bonus album in addition to the eleven song main album, for a total of over an hour's worth of music. Such a treat is certainly welcome, especially when some of the "fluffier" material on this album is better than much of the material that now manages to get radio airplay.

The Chameleons (the UK is added to distinguish from a US band by the same name) hail from Middleton, a town near Manchester. Their music is guitar-based pop-rock — reminding one of U2 — yet fresh, unique, and not imitative as their name might suggest. The strength of their songs lies mainly in the instrumental arrangements, since much of the vocals are buried in the mix.

Over a steady rock beat and solid bass line, the Chameleons layer a mix of guitar and brooding keyboards. The guitar ranges from fuzzy power chords to distorted whines to folksy acoustic picking, yet it all works and maintains the Chameleons' signature sound. The synthesized keyboards never take the lead, but they serve to fill out the sound, lending an airy, almost "spacey" atmosphere to many of the songs.

Although the entire album is filled with attractive material, two songs stand out as being exceptionally well-executed and catchy. "Swamp Thing," which opens the second side of the album, starts with a lilt-



ing guitar hook, to which a synthesizer drone, then bass and drum lines are added. It is also one of the few songs where the vocals are audible. Rather than dealing with some horror flick monsters, lead singer Birdy sings of ignoring the real monsters of daily existence.

"In the side streets something's moving/ Look around, look around/All around you walls are tumbling down/Stop staring at the ground," he admonishes the listener.

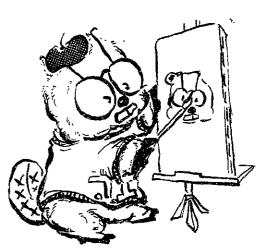
The other outstanding piece, "Tears", is available in two versions, one on the album and the other on the accompanying bonus album. On the main album is the "original" version, a much sparer arrangement with acoustic guitar. The bonus album contains the "full arrangement" with a fuller, more layered sound. Both songs

are very different from one another, and although the full arrangement is probably destined for more airplay, the original version is slightly more appropriate for this moody song.

Given the quality of their tunes, it is surprising that The Chameleons do not have a larger following in the US, especially with the popularity of bands like U2. Although they are receiving some airplay on "new music" and college stations, I have not heard them on mainstream radio yet.

A double album for the price of one is certainly a bargain, so get it while you can; it might be a while before we hear from The Chameleons again. Then again, if enough people buy it, I might be proven





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Ave., Cambridge. Telephone: 491-7800.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

The Boston University Opera Institute

presents the Boston premiere of Jules Massenet's "Cinderella," employing the

English translation from Massenet's "Cendrillo," at 8 pm at the Boston University Theatre, 264 Huntington Avenue,

Boston. Tickets: \$6 and \$8 general, \$4 seniors/students. Telephone: 266-2549.

The Boston University Percussion En-

semble performs at 8 pm at the BU Con-

cert Hall, 855 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston. No admission charge. Tele-

The New England Conservatory presents Andrés Díaz, cello in an Artist Diploma

Recital, performing works by Bach, Debussy, Schuller, and Shostakovich, at 8 pm in Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough

Street. Boston. No admission charge.

FILM & VIDEO

The MIT-Japan Science and Technology

Program, the Japan Society of Boston, and the MIT-Wellesley Exchange present "Tora-san" ("Go-Between," Yoji Yamada) at 7:30 pm in MIT Room 10-250 as part of the continuing Japanese film series. Admission: \$2. Tel: 253-3142.

* * CRITIC'S CHOICE * * *

The Harvard Film Archive continues

its Tuesday series French Films with

Alain Resnais's classic of French New

Wave, "Hiroshima, mon amour" (1959) at 5:30 and 8:00. At the Car-

penter Center for the Visual Arts. 24

Quincy Street, Harvard Square. Ad-

The Brattle Theatre begins a four-day Robert Bresson film festival with "Pick-pocket" (1958, Bresson) at 5:15 & 8:15

and "Pickup on South Street" (1953, Sam Fuller) at 3:45, 6:45, & 9:45. At 40

Brattle St. in Harvard Square. Tickets: \$4.75 for the double feature. Telephone:

The Somerville Theatre presents two big

hits from the summer of '86, "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" at 5:45 & 9:30 and

'Crocodile Dundee" at 7:45. At 55 Davis

Square just by the Davis Square T-stop

CLASSICAL MUSIC

The Boston University Chamber Players present the Muir String Quartet in concert at 8 pm in the BU Concert Hall, 855 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston. No ad-

mission charge. Telephone: 353-3345.

The Boston Conservatory Symphony

Orchestra performs works by winners of

the Student Concerto Competition, by

Schubert, and by Brahms, at 8 pm in the Boston Conservatory Theater, 31 He-

menway Street, Boston. No admission charge. Telephone: 536-6340.

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Wed., April 15

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Ongoing

THEATER

* * CRITIC'S CHOICE * * "The Gondoliers," by Gilbert and Sullivan, is performed by the Harvard Gilbert and Sullivan Players at 8 pm at the Agassiz Theatre, Radcliffe Yard, Cambridge. Presented April 16 18 at 8 pm. Tel: 495-8676.

"Sweet Charity" is presented April 16-18 House, Cambridge. Tel.: 495-2297.

Federico Garcia Lorca's epic tragedy, "Blood Wedding," where the force of blood is stronger than the will of men, continues at 8 pm at the Loeb Drama Center, Harvard University, 64 Brattle Street, Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 pm until April 18. Tickets: \$5 general. \$4 seniors/students. Tel: 547-8300

TheaterWorks presents Peter Handke's Kaspar" at 8 pm at Performance Place, 277 Broadway, Somerville. Continues Thursday through Sunday nights at 8 pm until April 19. Tickets: \$8-\$10. Telephone: 623-5510.

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"Mrs. Sorken Presents . . ("Ubn Lear" and Other Peerless Classics)," three outrageous new parodies poking at Shake-speare, Tennessee Williams, and Sam Shepard and presented in one fast and furious evening, continue at the American Repertory Theatre, 64 Brattle Street, Cambridge, Wednesdays through Sundays until May 1. Tickets: \$12 and \$16. Telephone: 547-8300.

William Wise's intriguing murder mystery, "A Man With a Raincoat" continues at Salem State College, Callan Studio Theatre, 352 Lafayette Street, Salem, April 23, 24, 25, 30 and May 1, 2. Tickets: \$5 general, \$3 seniors/children. Tel:

Michael Bennett's production of "Dreamgirls," the dazzling and innova-tive Broadway musical that won six 1982 Tony Awards, continues at the Shubert Theatre, 265 Tremont Street, Boston, fo a four-week engagament ending May 2. Telephone: 426-4520.

The world premieres of Ronald Ribman's 'The Cannibal Masque" and "A Serpent's Egg," two one-act plays that are simple jewels of drama and suggestive parables completing the trilogy with "Sweet Table at the Richelieu," continue at the American Repertory Theatre, 64 Brattle Street, Cambridge through May 3. Tickets: \$12 and \$16. Tel: 547-

* * CRITIC'S CHOICE * * * Alan Ayckbourn's "The Norman Conquests," a hilarious glimpse into the eccentricities of the British, continues at the Lyric Stage, 54 Charles Street, Boston, through June 14; Wednesdays through Fridays at 8:00, Saturdays at 8:30, and Sundays at 3:00. Telephone: 742-8703.

"Forbidden Broadway 1987," the newest updated version of Gerard Allesandrini's hit musical comedy revue, continues indefinitely at the Terrace Room of the Park Plaza Hotel. Tickets: \$15-\$21.50.

Depart May 1-May 31. June-October departures for as little as \$50 additional each way. Restrictions apply.

"Nunsense," a musical comedy by Dan Goggin recounting the trials of the Little Sisters of Hoboken, who stage a talent show in order to raise money to bury four of their number who died of botulism and who are currently on ice in the convent freezer, continues indefinitely at the Boston Shakespeare Theatre, 52 St. Botolph Street, Boston, Tickets: \$17.50-\$25.50. Telephone: 267-5600.

"Little Shop of Horrors," the deliberately seedy musical by Howard Ashman and Alan Menken, based on Roser Corroan's 1960 B-grade horror film, tells the tale of a blood devouring vegetable and the nerd who nurtures it. Continues indefinitely at the Charles Playhouse, 74 Warrenton Street, Boston. Tickets: \$17.50-\$25.50. Telephone: 426-6912.

EXHIBITS

"On a Grand Scale: Watercolors by Ray Kass," continues through April 16 at the Boston Coilege Gallery, 885 Centre Street, Newton. Telephone: 552-4295.

An exhibit of Japanese Calligraphy and Brush Painting by artists of the Kaji Aso Studio continues at 40 St. Stephen Street, Boston, through April 23. Per-Sons may also participate in a Japanese Tea Ceremony each Sunday from 4 pm to 6 pm. No admission charge except for Tea Ceremony, \$10. Tel: 247-1719.

An exhibit of works by Barbara Blackburn and Bonnie Porter continues through April 25 at The Basement, Boston Food Co-op, 449 Cambridge Street,

"Ben Thompson & Associates Inc.: 26th Anniversary Exhibit," models, photos, and plans chronicling the history of this exciting architecture firm, continues at the MIT Museum through April 25. No admission charge. Telephone: 253-4444.

The Museum of the National Center of Afro-American Artists presents an exhibit by Robert H. Graham entitled "South Africa and Other Anguish." at 300 Walnut Avenue, Boston, through

* * * CRITIC'S CHOICE * * * The latest work by Richard Avedon, photographs entitled "In the Ameri West," continues at the Institute for Contemporary Art, 955 Boylston Street, Boston, through April 26 Open Wed through Sun - 11 am to 5 pm, Thur and Fri - 11 am to pm. Admission: \$3.50 adults, \$2 students, \$1 seniors and children. Telephone: 266-5151 or 266-5152.

"The Art That Is Life: the Arts and Crafts Movement in America" continues at the Museum of Fine Arts through

The exhibition of important drawings from the late fifteenth to early twentieth century, entitled "Selected Drawings from the Collection," continues at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, 2 Palace Road, Boston, until June 1. The exhibit includes Michelangelo's late "Pictà" and Raphael's "Papal Procession." Admission: \$3 suggested donation. Tele-

the Land, the People: Russian Painting 1850-1910" continues through June 14 at the Fogg Art Museum, 31 Quincy Street, Cambridge, Telephone:

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Tuesday, April 21, the next segment of "On The Town" will be on Friday, April 24 Insomnia, Slim Chance & The Rhumba Ranch Hands, and Miles Dethmuffan

"The Portrait," an exhibition exploring the idea of the portrait from the ancient Egyptians to the 1980s, continues through April 26 at the Sackler Museum, Harvard University, 485 Broadway, Cam bridge. Telephone: 495-2397.

"New Works: Passages," by Prilla Brackett, continues through May 1 at the Newton Free Library, 414 Centre Street, Newton. Telephone: 552-7145.

"Last of the Mandarius: Chinese Calligraphy and Painting from the F.Y. Chang Collection," continues through June 21 at the Sackler Museum, Harvard University, 485 Broadway, Cambridge. Telesity, 485 2397. phone: 495-2397.

"Telegenic Charismas," portraiture by Jeremy Gardiner combining the accuracy and immediacy of the photograph with the subjective interpretation of the paint-er and sculptor, continues at the MIT Museum Compton Gallery through June 27. No admission charge. Telephone: 253-4444.

Fine press printers and binders, illustrators, calligraphers, and decorated paper makers contribute to "80 Years Later the anniversary exhibit of the Guild Bookworkers continues at the MIT Museum through June 27. Tel: 253-4444.

. . . . "Black on Black." an environmental light installation by Beth Galston exploring relationships between architecture and nature, continues at the MIT Museum through June 27. No admission charge. Telephone: 253-4444.

"Artists in the Computer Age," an eclecselection of works showing the versatility and new possibilities of expression opened by the use of the computer, con-tinues at the MIT Museum through July 31. No admission charge. Telephone: 253-4444.

The Museum of Comparative Zoology presents the "Songs of the Spring Warb-lers" exhibition at 26 Oxford Street, Cambridge, continuing through the summer. Admission: \$2 general, \$1.50 students and seniors, 50¢ children. Tele-

Tuesday, April 14

JAZZ MUSIC

* * CRITIC'S CHOICE * * * The Max Roach Quartet with Max Roach (drums), Cecil Bridgewater (trumpet), Odean Pope (tenor sax), and Tyrone Brown (electric bass) performs at 7:30 and 10:00 at Nightstage, 823 Main Street, Cambridge, Tickets: \$12. Telephone: Also being presented April 15.

POPULAR MUSIC reggae extravaganza with Big Youth d Riddim Trees is presented at 8 pm at

the Channel, 25 Necco Street, Boston. Tickets: \$12. Telephone: 451-1905.

The Mentors and Bomb perform at T.T. the Bear's, 10 Brookline Street, Cambridge. Telephone: 492-0082.

Composers in Red Sneakers present Con-cert 24, featuring "Mime Dances" for chamber orchestra, "Boston Common Brass" for eight trumpets, and "The IRSuite" for clarinets and rhythm section, at 8 pm in Sanders Theater, Harvard Square Cambridge. Admission: \$5 (anyone wearing red sneakers admitted free). Telephone: 782-7760 or 864-4911.

POPULAR MUSIC

Billy Idol, with special guest The Cult, performs at 7:30 pm at the Worcester Centrum. Tickets: \$14.50 and \$16.50. Telephone: 492-1900 or 720-3434.

The Stranglers with guests The Vigil perform at Metro, 15 Lansdowne just across from the entrance to the bleachers at Fenway Park. Tickets: \$9.50 advance/\$10.50 day of show. Telephone:

Present Tense, Heretix, After the Fact, One Nation, and 4-4 perform at 8 pm at the Channel, 25 Necco Street, Boston. Tickets: \$2. Telephone: 451-1905.

Bird Songs of the Mesozoic with guests

Willie Loco Alexander and The Persis-tence of Memory Orchestra perform at lack's 952 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge. Telephone: 491-7800.

Cut The Rug, Broken English, She Cried, and Cool Moon perform at the Rat, 528 Commonwealth Avenue in Kenmore Square. Telephone: 536-9438.

No Mind Faculty, Grey March, and Scram perform at T.T. the Bear's, 10 e Street, Cambridge. Telephone:

FILM & VIDEO

The Brattle Theatre continues its Robert Bresson film festival with "L'Argent" (1983) at 3:45 & 8:00 and "La Religieu-" (1965, Jacques Rivette) at 5:30 & 9:45. At 40 Brattle Street in Harvard Square. Admission: \$4.75 for the double bill. Telephone: 876-6837.

The Somerville Theatre presents "Rep-7:45. Also being presented April 16. At 55 Davis Square just by the Davis Squar T-stop on the red line. Tel.: 625-1081.

The Harvard Film Archive continues its Wednesday series Classics of the Silent Cinema with "Storm over Asia (The Heir to Ghenghis Khan)" (1928, V. I. Pudovkin) at 5:30 and "Arsenal (The January 1918 Uprising in Kiev)" (1928, Alexander Dovzhenko) at 8:00. At the Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts, 24 Quincy Street in Harvard Square. Admission: \$3 single film, \$5 for the double feature. Telephone: 495-4700.

LECTURES

Renowned translator and critic of modern German poetry, Michael Hamburger will give a reading at 5:30 pm at the Bos-ton University College of Liberal Arts, Room 202, 725 Commonwealth Avenue Boston. No admission charge. Tele-phone: 353-2510.

The Museum of Fine Arts presents a lecture by Luise Vosgerchian, Walter W. Naumberg Professor of Music at Har-vard University, entitled "Musical Notation: A Challenge to the Imagination" at 7:30 pm in Remis Auditorium. Tickets: \$6.50 general, \$5.50 MFA members, seniors, & students. Telephone: 267-9300

THEATER

* * * CRITIC'S CHOICE * * *
In Harold Pinter's "Old Times," the fragmented memories of a shattered relationship resurface as a married couple are reunited with an old friend. Opens today at 8 pm at the New Ehrlich Theater, 539 Tremon St., Boston, Continues Wednesdays through Saturdays until May 9. Tickets: \$10-\$15. Telephone: 482-6316.

Thursday, April 16

POPULAR MUSIC

SCC Strat's Rat presents "Strat Cave" with DJ Kevin Jones from the "Ba Cave" at 9 pm in or Wellesley ID. at 9 pm in Lobdell. Free with MIT

* * * CRITIC'S CHOICE * * * Bim Skala Bim, Plate O' Shrimp, Shy Five, The Happy Campers and guests from The Bosstones, Mission Impos ible, Oddly Enough, and Classaction perform at 8 pm at the Channel, 25 Necco Street, Boston. Tickets: \$3. Telephone: 451-1905.

Konk performs in an 18+ ages show at Spit, 13 Lansdowne Street, just across from the entrance to the bleachers at Fenway Park, Telephone: 262-2437.

Garr Lange & The Big Rig, Treat Her Right, and Listener perform at Jack's, 952 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge. Telephone: 491-7800.

Classic Ruins, Willie Alexander, The Bags, and The Brood perform in an 18+ ages show at the Rat, 528 Common-wealth Avenue in Kenmore Square. Telephone: 536-9438.

Things That Aren't Food, Friction, and The Boyr perform at T.T. the Bear's, 10 Brookline Street, Cambridge. Telephone:

John Hartford, with special guest Ramblin' Jack Elliot, performs at 7:30 and 10:30 at Nightstage, 823 Main Street, Cambridge. Tickets: \$10. Telephone:

FILM & VIDEO

The Brattle Theater continues its Robert Bresson film festival with "Mouchette" (1966) at 5:05 & 8:10 and "Yoyage to Italy" (Roberto Rosselini) at 3:40, 6:35, & 9:45. At 40 Brattle Street in Harvard Square. Admission: \$4.75 for the double bill. Telephone: 876-6837.

LECTURES

The Museum of Fine Arts begins its Thursday evening lecture series entitled "Perspectives on Paintings" wherein the curators of the Department of Paintings provide insight into issues they consider building and caring for the MFA's collections. The lecture series begins today with "The Impossible Dream; The Cura-tor's Search for Paintings." The series continues April 23 with "A Major Acquisition: The Triumph of the Eucharist by Peter Paul Rubens", April 30 with "Exreter Paul Rubens", April 30 with "Exhibiting Early Italian Paintings: Challenges and Problems," May 7 with "So Much Sargent, So Little Eakins," and May 14 with "French Paintings and Boston." Television Section 55. ton Taste." Tickets for the series: \$65 general, \$50 MFA members, seniors, & students. Telephone: 267-9300 ext. 306.

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Committee on the Undergraduate Program: (You must have attended MIT as an undergraduate): one opening

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ART

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

T. Wiswanathan, South Indian ethnomusicologist, presents a program of South Indian music for flute and drums at 12:05 pm at the MIT chapel. No admission charge. Tel: 253-2906 or 253-ARTS.

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"Improvised Structures," a half-concert of improvised structures drawn from classical, jazz, ethnic, and avant-garde styles and forms, and "Passing Disturbances," a live performance with audiotape by sound artist Rick Wolff, are presented at 8 pm at the Cambridge Multicultural Arts Center. Also being presented April 17. Tickets: \$5. Telephone: 731-2040.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

The Boston University Chorus performs Mendelssohn's "Elijah" at 8 pm in the BU Concert Hall, 855 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston. Also presented April 17. No admission charge. Telephone: 353-3345.

The New England Conservatory Wind Ensemble performs music of Otterloo, Beethoven, Schwantner, Bennett, and Badings at 8 pm at Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough Street, Boston. No admission charge. Telephone: 262-1120 ext. 257.

The Boston Museum Trio with special guest Sanford Sylvan, baritone, will present selected works of J.S. Bach, Buxtehude, and Purcell at 8 pm at the Museum of Fine Arts. Tickets: \$10 general, \$8 MFA members, seniors, & students. Telephone: 267-9300 ext. 306.

Pianist John MacDonald performs works by Liszt, Berg, Yim, and McDonald at 8 pm at the Longy School of Music, Edward Pickman Concert Hall, Follen and Garden Street, Cambridge. No admission charge. Telephone: 876-0956.

Violinist Nurit Bar-Josef performs at 12:15 pm at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, 280 The Fenway, Boston. Admission: \$2 suggested contribution. Telephone: 734-1359.

THEATER

* * * CRITIC'S CHOICE * * *
"The Seventh Bell(e) Part II," a
sound/action piece designed and directed by Mario-Erik Paoli, opens today at Mobius, 354 Congress Street,
Boston. Continues through April 19.
Tickets: \$6. Telephone: 542-7416.

"Macondo," a multimedia production inspired by Gabriel Garcia-Marquez's "One Hundred Years of Solitude" and performed by the Facets Performance Ensemble of Chicago, is presented at 7 pm at UMass/Boston, Wheatley Auditorium, Harbor Campus, Boston. Tickets: \$3.

Friday, April 17

POPULAR MUSIC

* * * CRITIC'S CHOICE * * * *
Big Audio Dynamite with special
guests Vernon Reed perform at 8 pm
at the Channel, 25 Necco Street, Boston. Also presented April 18 at 8 pm
and April 19 at 6 pm. Tickets: \$6.04.
Telephone: 451-1905.

* * CRITIC'S CHOICE * * *
The Smithereens and The Bristols perform at the Paradise, 967 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston. Telephone: 254-2065.

NRBQ perform at 9:00 and 11:30 at Jack's, 952 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge. Telephone: 491-7800.

The Lyres, The Jayhawks, and The Boogeymen perform at the Rat, 528 Commonawealth Avenue in Kenmore Square. Telephone: 536-9438.

The Neighborhoods, The Cave Dogs, and Buzz & The Gang perform at T.T. the Bear's, 10 Brookline Street, Cambridge. Telephone: 492-0082.

Blue hit maker/guitarist/singer Albert King and soutful young bluesman Joe Louis Walker perform at 8 pm and 11 pm at Nightstage, 823 Main Street, Cambridge. Also presented April 18. Tickets: \$11. Telephone: 497-8200.

FILM & VIDEO

Bill Forsyth's "Local Hero" is presented at 7 pm and 9 pm at the Cambridge Center for Adult Education, Blacksmith House, 56 Brattle Street, Cambridge. Admission: \$3. Telephone: 547-6789.

The Brattle Theater concludes its Robert Bresson film festival with "A Man Escaped" (1956) at 4:00 & 8:00 and "Thomas the Imposter" (1965, Georges Franju) at 6:05 & 10:00. At 40 Brattle Street in Harvard Square. Admission: \$4.75 for the double bill. Telephone: 876-6837.

The French Library continues its series The Third World on Film with "La bataille d'Alger" (1966, Real Gillo Pontecorvo) at 8 pm at 53 Mariborough Street, Boston. Also being presented April 18 and 19. Admission: 53.50 general, \$2.50 members. Tel.: 266-4351.

The Somerville Theatre presents Bill Forsyth's "Local Hero" at 6:00 & 10:00 and Barry Levinson's "Diaer" at 8:00. At 55 Davis Square just by the Davis Square T-stop on the red line. Tel.: 625-1081.

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The Harvard Film Archive presents Yugoslav Cinema with "The Master and the
Margarita" (1972, Aleksandar Petrovic)
at 7 pm and 9 pm. Also being presented
April 18. At the Carpenter Center for
the Visual Arts, 24 Quincy Street in Harvard Square. Admission: \$3. Telephone:

The Museum of Fine Arts continues its Italian Comedy film series with "Amici miei" ("My Friends," 1975, Mario Monicelli) at 5:30 and "Lo scopone scientifico" (1972, Luigi Comencini) at 8:00. Tickets: \$3.50 general, \$3 MFA members, seniors, & students. Telephone: 267-9300 ext. 305.

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CLASSICAL MUSIC

The Boston Symphony Orchestra with Seiji Ozawa performs Berg's "Wozzeck" at 2 pm at Symphony Hall. Also being presented April 18 and 21 at 8 pm. Tickets: \$14.50-\$38. Telephone: 266-1492.

JAZZ MUSIC

The Jazz Reusion, a major concert celebrating the 15th Anniversary of Jazz at Harvard and Radcliffe, is presented at 8 pm at Sanders Theatre, Harvard University, Cambridge, Tickets: 56 general, 54 seniors/students. Tel.: 495-8676.

THEATER

* * CRITIC'S CHOICE * * * *
Rodgers and Hammerstein's "The
King and I" opens today at 7:30 pm
at the Wheelock Family Theatre, 200
The Riverway, Boston. Continues Fridays at 7:30 and Saturdays & Sundays
at 3:00 through May 10. Tickets: \$6.
Telephone: 734-5203.

DANCE

"Emotion in Motion," an evening of original choreography by Sandy Oasin, Bill McLaughlin, and Stephanie Rey Parker, is presented at 8 pm at the Boston Conservatory Assembly Hall, 8 The Fenway, Boston. No admission charge. Telephone: 536-6340.

"Old and New Dreams," an evening of dance, music paintings, and words by Jerylann Owens, Brian Alexander, and Joan Green, is presented at 8 pm at the Mass. College of Art, Longwood Theater, 364 Brookline Avenue, Boston. Also being presented April 18. Tickets: 57 general, \$5 seniors/students. Telephone: 731-2040.

Saturday, April 18

POPULAR MUSIC

The Great Divide with guests October and Runaway Dan perform at Jack's, 952 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge. Telephone: 491-7800.

The Swingin' Erudites, Pajama Slave Dancers, and Boogaloo Swamis perform at the Rat, 528 Commonwealth Ave. in Kennore Square. Telephone: 536-9438.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Fuyrouz performs in concert at 8 pm at the Wang Center. Tickets: \$20-\$150. Telephone: 472-4962 or 523-6633.

Penny Marcus, clarinet, performs in an Artist's Diploma Recital at the Longy School of Music, Edward Pickman Hall, Follen and Garden Streets, Cambridge. No admission charge. Tel.: 876-0956.

FILM & VIDEO

* * * CRITIC'S CHOICE * * * *
The Brattle Theatre presents a Judy
Garland double feature with "A Star
Is Born" (1954, George Cukor) at
2:45 & 8:00 and "Easter Parade"
(1948, Vincent Mincili) at 12:45 &
6:00. Also being presented April 19.
At 40 Brattle Street in Harvard
Square. Admission: \$4.75 for the
double bill, Telephone: 876-6837.

The Somerville Theatre presents two hits from the 1986 film season with "Peggy Sue Got Married" at 4:15 & 8:00 and "Stand By Me" at 6:15 & 10:00. At 55 Davis Square just by the Davis Square T-stop on the red line. Tel.: 625-1081.

Sunday, April 19

POPULAR MUSIC

* * * CRITIC'S CHOICE * * *
Grammy Award winner, blues guitarist/singer Luther "Guitar Junior"
Johnson and his 5-piece band perform
at 8 pm and 11 pm at Nightstage, 823
Main Street, Cambridge. Tickets: \$8.
Telephone: 497-8200.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Planist Makiko Takeda performs works by Mozart, Akio Yashiro, and Chopin at 7:30 pm at Kresge Auditorium. No admission charge. Telephone: 253-2906.

"Bits & Pieces," a chamber revue of words and music featuring music of Gershwin, Ravel, Hindemith, and Bottesini, is presented at 8 pm at the Longy School of Music, Edward Pickman Concert Hall, Follen and Garden Street, Cambridge. No admission charge. Telephone: 876-0956.

Boston Symphony Principal, Ralph Gomberg, oboe, performs at 3 pm at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, 280 The Fenway, Boston. Admission: \$2 suggested contribution. Tel.: 734-1359.

FILM & VIDEO

The Somerville Theatre presents "Paris Blues" at 5:40 & 10:00 and one of The Tech's picks as the year's best for 1986, "Round Midnight" starring Dexter Gordon, at 7:30. Also being presented April 20. At 55 Davis Square just by the Davis Square T-stop on the red line. Telephone: 625-1081.

The Harvard Film Archive continues its Sunday series Film Realities this week focusing on Yugoslavia with short documentaries by Vlatko Gilic, Ante Babaja, and Kreso Golik, at 5:30 and "I Even Met Happy Gypsies" (1967, Aleksandar Petrovic) at 8:00. The HFA also continues its Japanese Film series with "Moddy Waters" (1953, Tadashi Imai) at 5:30 and "Downtown" (1955, Yasuki Chiba) at 8:00. At the Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts, 24 Quincy Street in Harvard Square. Admission: \$3 single film, \$5 for the double feature. Telephone: 495-4700.

Monday, April 20

FILM & VIDEO

The Harvard Film Archive cotinues its Monday film series American Classics with "Outrage" (1950, Ida Lupino) at 5:30 and Robert Altman's "M*A*S*H" (1970) at 8:00. At the Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts, 24 Quincy Street in Harvard Square. Admission: \$3 single film, \$5 for the double feature. Telephone: 495-4700.

On The Town



The Alvin Ailey Dance Theater at the Wang Center for Performing Arts, April 21-26.

* * * CRITIC'S CHOICE. * * *
The Brattle Theatre continues its
Monday Film Noir series with Fritz
Lang's "The Big Heat" (1953) with
Glenn Ford, a pouty Gloria Graharne,
a very nasty Lee Marvin, and the infamous coffee pot, at 5:00 & 8:10 and
"The Big Corabe" (1955, Joseph H.
Lewis) at 3:30, 6:40, & 9:55. At 40
Brattle Street in Harvard Square. Admission: \$4.75 for the double bill.
Telephone: 876-6837.

POPULAR MUSIC

Deep Purple with special guest Joan Jett performs at 7:30 pm at the Worcester Centrum. Also being presented April 21. Tickets: \$14.50 and \$16.50. Telephone: 492-1900 or 720-3434.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Nancy Cirillo on violin, Nona Gainsforth on horn, and Jean Alderman on piano perform music of Mozart, Brahms, and Ravel at 8 pm at Wellesley College, Jewett Auditorium. No admission charge. Telephone: 235-0320 ext. 2028.

The New England Conservatory presents a faculty recital with music of C.P.E. Bach-Cassado, Brahms, and Schuman at 8 pm at Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough Street, Boston. No admission charge. Telephone: 262-1120 ext. 257.

A Concert of Improvised Music is presented at 8 pm at the Longy School of Music, Edward Pickman Concert Hall, Follen and Garden Street, Cambridge. No admission charge. Tel.: 876-0956.

THEATER

The American Repertory Theatre presents its second annual New American Play Reading Series, sit-down readings each Monday featuring four plays curtently being developed by the ART's Literary Department, beginning today at 8 pm at 12 Holyoke Street, Cambridge, with "Poor Folk's Pleasure" by Len Jenkin. The series continues April 27 with "Martin Night" by Joshua Goldstein and May 4 with "Moon City" by Paul Selig and "Bill" by Glenn Blumstein. No admission charge but there is a suggested donation of \$2. Telephone: 547-8300 or 495-2668.

Tuesday, April 21

JAZZ MUSIC

Top rated percussionist Nana Vasconcelos and The Bush Dancers with special guest Mino perform at 7:30 and 10:30 at Nightstage, 823 Main Street, Cambridge, Tickets: \$12. Telephone: 497-8200.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

A Young Composers' Evening is presented at 8 pm in the Boston University Concert Hall, 855 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston. No admission charge. Telephone: 353-3345.

The New England Conservatory presents Tuesday Night New Music, a concert of world premieres featuring works by NEC composition students, at 8 pm at Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough Street, Boston. No admission charge. Telephone: 262-1120 ext. 257.

Naumburg International Competition Winner Lyanen Yakes, soprano, performs at 6 pm at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, 280 The Fenway, Boston. Admission: \$2 suggested contribution. Telephone: 734-1359.

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The Boston Conservatory presents a Faculty Composers Concert featuring premieres of new works by faculty composers at 8 pm in Assembly Hall, 8 The Fenway, Boston. No admission charge. Telephone: 536-6340.

FILM & VIDEO

* * CRITIC'S CHOICE * * *
The Harvard Film Archive continues
its Tuesday series French Films with
François Truffaut's lyrical "Jules and
Jim" (1961) at 5:30 and 8:00. At the
Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts,
24 Quincy Street in Harvard Square.
Admission: \$3. Telephone: 495-4700.

The Brattle Theatre presents "Home of the Brave" at 6:15 & 9:45 and "X — The Unbeard Music" at at 8:00. Continues through April 23. At 55 Davis Square just by the Davis Square T-stop on the red line. Telephone: 625-1081.

DANCE

* * * CRITIC'S CHOICE * * *
The Alvin Ailey American Dance
Theater, one of America's foremost
contemporary dance companies, arrives in Boston for a week-long engangement at the Wang Center for the
Performing Arts until April 26. Tickets: \$15.50-\$28.50 [see also reducedprice tickets offered through The Tech
Performing Arts Series]. Telephone:
482-2595.

THEATER

"The House of Bernarda Alba" by Frederico Garcia Lorca opens today at 8 pm at Studio 210, Boston University Theatre, 264 Huntington Avenue, Boston. Continues through April 25 at 8 pm and April 26 at 2 pm. Tickets: \$5 general, \$4 BU faculty/staff/alurni, \$3 seniors/students. Telephone: 266-3913.

EXHIBITS

"Mojotech" by artist and sculptor Betye Saar opens today at the MIT Bakalar Sculpture Gallery, List Visual Arts Center, 20 Ames Street. Continues through June 28. No admission charge. Telephone: 253-4400.

LECTURES

Professor Seymour Simches of Tufts University will read and discuss (in French) the first and last acts of "Le Tueur s'engage" by Eugene Ionesco at 5:45 pm at the French Library in Boston, 53 Marlborough Street, Boston. Telephone: 266-4351.

The Museum of Fine Arts begins its Tuesday morning lecture series entitle "Face to Face: Looking at Portraits," exploring a variety of themes, comparing artists as diverse as van Eyck and Titian, Velasquez and van Gogh, at 10:30 am at the MFA Remis Auditorium. The lecture series continues May 5 with "In the Grand Manner: Monarchs and Others," May 12 with "Families and Friends: The Group Portrait," and May 19 with "Self-Portraits: The Face in the Mirror." Tickets to individual lectures: \$8 general, \$7 MFA members, seniors, & students. Tickets for lecture serie: \$30 general, \$25 MFA members, seniors, & students. Tickets for lecture serie: \$30 general, \$25 MFA members, seniors, & students. Telephone: 267-9300 ext. 306.

Wed., April 22

"The Event," a night filled with music, dance performance, and a host of other activities, is a free evening of entertainment at the Museum of Fine Arts for students from a variety of Boston universities, including MIT. To be held from 7:00 to 9:30, free upon presentation of a valid student ID. Telephone: 267-9300

POPULAR MUSIC

The Mission UK and Balaam the Angel perform at the Paradise, 967 Comm. Ave., Boston. Telephone: 254-2052.

Junkyard Band performs at Spit, 13 Lansdowne Street, just across from the entrance to the bleachers at Fenway Park. Telephone: 262-2437.

Klymaxx with special guests Ball & Pivot perform at 8 pm at the Channel, 25 Necco Street, Boston. Tickets: \$9.50 and \$10.50. Telephone: 451-1905.

CLASSICAL MUSIC The New England Conservatory Recital

Chorus performs music of Praetorius, Handel, Brahms, Bruckner, Hindemith, Pinkham, and others at 8 pm at Jordan Hail, 30 Gainsborough Street, Boston. No admission charge. Telephone: 262-1120 eat. 257.

The Boston Conservatory Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band perform works by Sousa, Wagner, Meacham, and Pryor at 8 pm in the Boston Conservatory Theater, 31 Hemenway Street, Boston. No admission charge. Telephone: 536-6340.

The Longy Artists Easemble performs works by Brahms, Giuliani, and Carter at 8 pm at the Longy School of Music, Edward Pickman Concert Hall, Follen and Garden Street, Cambridge. No admission charge. Telephone: 876-0956.

DANCE

The New England Conservatory presents Collegium Terpsichore, music and dance from the London of George I, at 8 pm at Brown Hall, 30 Gainsborough Street, Boston. No admission charge. Telephone: 262-1120 ext. 257.

FILM & VIDEO

The Harvard Film Archive continues its Wednesday series Classics of the Silent Cinema with "Fragment of an Empire" (1929, Friedrich Ermler) at 5:30 and "Bed and Sofa" (1927, Abram Room) at 8:00. At the Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts, 24 Quincy Street in Harvard Square. Admission: \$3 single film, \$5 for the double feature. Telephone: 495-4700.

EXMIBITS

"Martin Sugar: Recent Works," oil paintings and pencil drawings examining the relationship of indoor and outdoor spaces, opens today at the MIT Museum, 265 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge. Continues through August 29. No admission charge. Telephone: 253-4444.

"A Wider Perspective," an exhibit of David Hockney's photo-collages, opens today at the Clarence Kennedy Gallery, 770 Main Street, Cambridge. Continues through May 30. No admission charge. Telephone: 577-5177.

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Thursday, April 23

POPULAR MUSIC

* * CRITIC'S CHOICE * * *
SCC Strat's Rat presents the Screaming Coyotes, a legendary Boston blues
band, at 9 pm in Lobdell. Free with
MIT or Wellesley ID.

The Circle Jerks perform at 7 pm at the Brandeis University Levin Ballroom, Waltham. Tickets: \$7. Tel.: 736-4753.

Farrenheit and Little America perform at the Paradise, 967 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston. Telephone: 254-2052.

The Neats perform in an 18+ ages show at Spit, 13 Lansdowne Street, just across from the entrance to the bleachers at Fenway Park. Telephone: 262-2437.

"Know Nonsense Music," new music using new and used technologies, and "Ritchiekild My Toads," a theatrical/musical/performance event, are presented at 8 pm at the Palace Road Theater, Mass. College of Art, Huntington Campus. Tickets: \$4. Telephone: 731-2040.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

The Boston Symphony Orchestra with Seiji Ozawa performs works by Liszt and Bruckner at 8 pm at Symphony Hall. Also being presented April 24 at 2 pm and April 25 at 8 pm. Tickets: \$14.50-\$38. Telephone: 266-1492.

Carol Shansky, flute, and Felice Pomeranz, harp, perform works by Ravel, C.P.E. Bach, Persichetti, Faure, J.S. Bach, Bozza, and Donizetti at 12:05 pm at the MIT Chapel. No admission charge. Tel.: 253-2906 or 253-ARTS.

The Boston University Wind Ensemble performs at 8 pm in the BU Concert Hall, 855 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston. No admission charge. Telephone: 353-3345.

The New England Conservatory presents a chamber music concert in its Keller Chamber Series at 8 pm in the Keller Room, New England Conservatory, 290 Huntington Avenue, Boston. No admission charge. Telephone: 262-1120 ext. 257.

Pianist Leslie Amper performs works by J.S. Bach, Schumann, Imbrie, Scriabin, and Schubert at 8 pm at the Longy School of Music, Edward Pickman Concert Hall, Follen and Garden Street, Cambridge. No admission charge. Telephone: 876-0956.

JAZZ MUSIC

The New England Conservatory Jazz Repertory Orchestra performs at 8 pm at Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough Street, Boston. No admission charge. Telephone: 262-1120 ext. 257.

THEATER

* * * CRITIC'S CHOICE * * *
The MIT Shakespeare Ensemble presents Shakespeare's classic comédie noire, "Measure for Measure," beginning today at 8 pm in the Sala de Puerto Rico. Coatinues April 24-28 at 8 pm, 7:30 pm on April 27. Tickets: 56 general, \$4 semiors/students. Telephone: 253-2903.

The Boston University Stage Troupe presents Christopher Durang's comedy, "A History of the American Film," beginning today at 8 pm in Hayden Hall, 685 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston. Continue April 24 and 26 at 8 pm and April 25 at 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$4 general, \$3 with a BU ID. Telephone: 424-8951.

DANCE

* * * CRITIC'S CHOICE * * *
Dance Umbrella and NuArts present
Japan's largest and foremost Butoh
group, DAI RAKUDA KAN, at 8 pm
in the Northeastern University Alumni
Auditorium, 360 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Also being presented
April 24 and 25. Tickets: \$14.50/
\$12.00 (\$2 discount to Dance Unbrella members, seniors, & students).
Telephone: 437-2247.

FILM & VIDEO

The French Library in Boston will screen an episode of the French TV program "Apostrophes," "Claude Levi-Strauss" (in French) on wide-screen TV at 5:45 pm at 53 Marlborough Street, Boston. Admission: \$5 general, \$3 members, seniors, & students (reservations are required). Telephone: 266-4351.

The Museum of Fine Arts continues its film series Life's Work: Individuality and the Machine Age with "Blue Collar" (1978, Paul Schrader) at 5:30 and Francis Ford Coppola's "The Conversation" (1974) at 8:00.

LECTURES

Renowned landscape architect, Sir Peter Shepheard, will speak on his recent garden designs at 6 pm at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, 280 The Fenway, Boston. Admission: \$7.50. Telephone: 566-5643. Nicholas Christopher, author of "On Tour With Rita" and "A Short History of the Island of Butterflies," will read from his work at 8 pm at the Cronkhite Graduate Center, 6 Ash Street, Cambridge, Admission: \$2.50. Telephone:

EXHIBITS

"Microscapes: The Hidden Art of High Technology," 50 dramatic photographs focusing on the seldom-seen world of advanced developments in microelectronics software and lightwave communications, opens today at the MIT Museum, 265 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge. Continues through June 27. No admission charge. Telephone: 253-4444.

Friday, April 24

POPULAR MUSIC

Rick Berlin — The Movie and The Great Divide perform at the Paradise, 967 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston. Telephone: 254-2052.

* * * CRITIC'S CHOICE * * *
Blues Jam '87 with John Lee Hooker
is presented at 9 pm at the Channel,
25 Necco Street, Boston. Tickets:
\$10.50 advance/\$12.50 day of show.
Telephone: 451-1905.

Folk-pop singer Judy Collins performs at 8:30 pm at Symphony Hall. Tickets: \$14, \$18, and \$20. Telephone: 524-7272.

The Somerville Theatre presents Party Larkin & Friends in concert at 8 pm, at 55 Davis Square just by the Davis Square T-stop on the red line. Telephone: 625-

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

Contemporary composer and innovative performer, Steve Reich and his ensemble of musicians perform at 8 pm at the Berklee Performance Center as part of the Wang Celebrity Series. Tickets: \$16.50, \$17.50, and \$19.50 [see also reduced-price tickets offered through The Tech Performing Arts Series]. Telephone: 266.7485.

The Seventh Annual Intercollegiate Songfest begins today 5 pm-10 pm at Fanuel Hall Marketplace and continues April 25, 10 am-10 pm and April 26, noon-5 pm. Over 50 of the Northeast's most talented college vocal groups are featured including MIT's own Logarythms (performing Saturday, April 25). Telephone: 536-3003.

Experimental guitarist Eugene Chadbourne and The Bob Jones Experience perform at 8 pm at the Palace Road Theater, Mass. College of Art, Huntington Avenue Campus. Tickets: \$5. Telephone: 731-2040.

-2040. CLASSICAL MUSIC

The MIT Choral Society performs Stravinsky "Symphony of the Psalms" and H.W. Henze "Muses of Sicily" at 8 pm in Kresge Auditorium. Telephone: 253-2906 or 253-ARTS.

The Guarneri String Quartet performs works by Mozart, Janacek, and Debussy at 8 pm in Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough Street, Boston, as part of the Wang Celebrity Series. Tickets: \$16.50 and \$17.50 [see also reduced-price tickets of fered through The Tech Performing Arts Series]. Telephone: 497-1118.

The Atlanta Symphous performs in an all-Russian concert with works by Glinka, Mussorgsky, and Tchaikovsky, at 8 pm at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium in downtown Lowell. Tickets: \$15.50-\$23.50 (students with valid ID may purchase up to two rush tickets at \$5 apiece beginning one hour before the concert starts). Telephone: 454-2299 or 459-0350.

The Chamber Orchestra performs at 8 pm at Wellesley College Jewett Auditorium. No admission charge. Telephone:

235-0320 ext. 2028.

The Boston Conservatory presents Student Choreographies, new works created and performed by students of the Dance Division, at 8 pm in the Boston Conservatory Theater, 31 Hemenway Street, Boston. Also presented April 25. No admission charge. Telephone: 536-6340.

FILM & VIDEO

The Harvard Film Archive presents the cult classic, "King of Hearts" (1966, Philippe de Broca) with Alan Bates and Genevieve Bujold at 7 pm and 9 pm. Also being presented April 25. At the Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts, 24 Quincy Street in Harvard Square. Admission: \$3. Telephone: 495-4700.

The French Library continues its series The Third World on Film with "Weed Kuani" ("God's Gift," 1982, Gaston Kabore) at 8 pm at 53 Marlborough Street, Boston. Also presented April 25 and 26. Admission: \$3.50 general, \$2.50 members. Telephone: 266-4351.

The Museum of Fine Arts presents at 7 pm its "Museum School Film Annual," juried selection of the best film animation, experimentation, and documentation by students and faculty at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts. Free tickets available at MFA Remis Auditorium the box office one hour before the program. Telephone: 267-9300 ext. 306.

LECTURES

Jamaica Kincaid, author of "At the Bostom of the River" and "Annie John," will give a reading from her work at 5:30 pm at the Boston University School of Nursing, Curtis Auditorium, 635 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston. No admission charge. Telephone: 353-2510.

Upcoming events

"Porgy sad Bess" at the Wang Center April 30 through May 3. Oingo Boingo at the Metro on April 30. Squeeze play MIT Spring Weekend on May 1. U2 at the Worcester Centrum on May 2, 3, 4. The Tubes at the Channel on May 21.

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A mediocre report card for "Athalia" and Hogwood



Janice Felty, mezzo-soprano, performs the title role in "Athalia."

(Continued from page 10) con's performance was not consistent: she was far from her best when matched with Freeman — the two supposed lovers sang with all the ardor of wooden puppets. There is little positive to say about the oth-

Boston Concert Opera gives concert performances, as its name suggests, and the soloists appeared in evening dress, positioned in front of the orchestra. It is difficult to convincingly develop relationships between tuxedo-clad protagonists in such a well-known and dramatic work as "Tosca," and questionable, therefore, whether it was an appropriate choice for the efforts of this company.

There was an attempt at acting, however, under Stage Director Thaddeus Motyka. Malcolm Rivers succeeded in adding depth through this attempted theater: his icy pacing sent shivers down the spine. But the other soloists' dramatic attempts mostly came across as eccentric and awkward. If anything, they detracted tension from the production.

The Chorus was in good form and the orchestra played well at times, developing. a rich and intoxicating sensuality. David Stockton did not, however, succeed in maintaining tension, and the music drifted without interest for too many measures...

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Hogwood's "Athalia," performed at

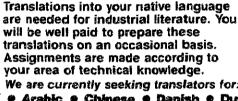
Symphony Hall last weekend, was limp. The orchestra played well, even insightfully at times, but with elegance rather than brilliance. There were several instances of delightful solo work — a recorder solo performed by Christopher Krueger and Stephen Hammer was one of them - and there was strength to the chorus. But solo singing was mostly of a low caliber and devoid of characterization or emotion.

Towards the end Judith Nelson blew some life into the part of Josabeth but her singing, though often pretty, was mostly insubstantial. Janice Felty had her moments in the role of Athalia: the aria "To darkness eternal" was strongly projected, but it was too late by this point to establish the character's powerful central role.

Derek Lee Ragin, singing Joad, also briefly shone, but generally failed to inspire. His "Let harmony breathe soft around," was done with care and contemplation, helped along by the sublime theorbo accompaniment of Paul O'Dette. This apart, though, his presence tended to fade into the background. Baritone Gregory Reinhart, singing Abner, did better: he was the only soloist to consistently inject life into his work, but his voice was not always as clear and crisp as might have been desired.

Not only was this cast of singers unable to project drama, they were unable to fill Symphony Hall, an unfortunate choice of venue for voices which might sometimes be capable of delicate ornamentation but which were lacking in vim. Hogwood should seriously consider using a more intimate sending for his chamber-scaled performances of baroque oratorio.

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On the symmetry of Nazi fascism and British imperialism

DOUBLE CROSS

Written by Thomas Kilroy. Starring Jonathan Epstein, Richard McElvain & Carol Moss. Directed by Derek Campbell. At the Boston Shakespeare Co. Northern Irish Theatre Festival. Through April 26.

By JULIAN WEST

HE SECOND WORLD WAR BOTH crushed the German Reich and crippled the British Empire. Was there, in fact, much difference between the two imperial powers? Does it matter that instead of a German world, "the future belongs to Englishness?" This question is posed by an Irishman, Thomas Kilroy, in the first play of the Boston Shakespeare Company's festival of theater from Northern Ireland.

Derek Campbell, who directed the play while on loan from the MIT Shakespeare Ensemble, calls it "an almost exhilarating and daring conclusion to draw. German fascism and British imperialism actually owe their roots and origins to the same impulses." The German attempt to create a genetically superior master race was akin to the British perpetuation of the class system.

Kilroy examines this symmetry through the device of two historical characters: Brendan Bracken, the Minister of Information in the British war government, and William Joyce, the notorious Nazi propagandist known as "Lord Haw Haw." Both men fled from Ireland at the formation of the Irish Republic, and concealed their Irish roots to gain advancement on the mainland.

"Double Cross" would have us believe that the parallel runs deeper. The play, structurally a pair of one-person plays in which the same actor portrays first Bracken then Joyce, presents each of the characters as obsessed with the other. Bracken sees Joyce as the arch-traitor who (Please turn to page 17)



Richard McElvain as "Lord Haw Haw" in "Double Cross."

Boston and New England Conservatories stage Shakesperean opera

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Helena, and William Mouat as a very dashing Demetrius. All four came together in Act III for a splendid quartet ("Like a jewel. . .") which brings out the poetry in Shakespeare's words. In a dramatic production such lines must be too quickly passed over.

Britten's music is not the sort of thing one slips into the CD player after dinner. It is airy nothing if taken out of context, but in context is a compelling interpretation of the action on the stage.

The orchestra, which sounded a lot bigger than 20 strings and 10 winds, has to play striking, imaginative music which reflects both the action and the mood on stage. On top of this, some incidental music, and many sound effects (of such things

as hunting horns and chinks in walls), are written into the score. As conjured up by these young musicians under John Moriarty's yoke, it was a delight to hear.

It was imperative, therefore, that the staging complement the music, but just as important that it not draw our attention away from it.

Actually, there was no worry there. Though they clearly made some effort to build the canonical "Dream" set, more thought should have gone into the design. Standard fairyland undergrowth predominated, looking as realistic as a Star Trek set. To this was occasionally added distracting lighting or a silvery backdrop which annoyingly reflected the lights above the stage. Two modular units cluttered the stage; it was too great an effort to move

them for too little effect.

As for costuming, the Athenian garments were good, if on the traditional side. Oberon's costume, and particularly his makeup, were spot on, but Tytania's would have looked better on Cyndi Lauper. An effort to dress up Moth, Peaseblossom, etc. as their namesakes was lame. They looked like costumed adventurers who got lost at a Hallowe'en party.

Fortunately, the necessary spectacle of the opera was not lost. In this case it was present in the acting, which was of a uniformly high standard. The lovers were natural, and the mechanicals hilarious, particularly in the final scene, for which they found a few new twists. One should imagine "Pyramus and Thisbe" not merely being acted horribly, but sung badly as well.

The score becomes delightfully silly at this point.

Puck (Matthew Mutrie), who oddly enough does not sing, executed some good gymnastics, and nearly injured himself leaping off stage, but was a bit of a hyperkinetic monkey on occasion. The faeries had some nice business when given specific tasks, particularly Moth (Evelina Quilichini) who stood ineffective guard over Tytania, and later developed an affection for Bottom. But the general faerie flitting about was unmotivated.

It is often tricky to pull off a work sung in English because once the audience understands the lines it begins to pay close attention to their interpretation. Given the quality of the acting, this was a positive boon to the ensemble.

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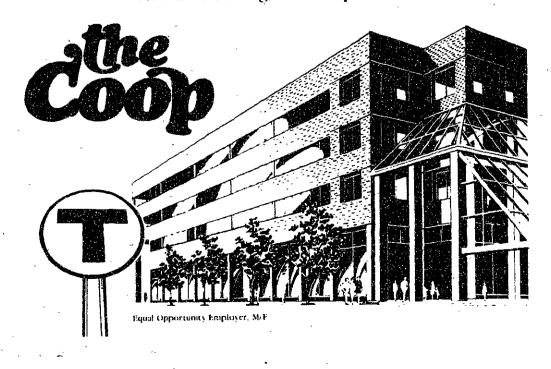
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Besides these, I also enjoyed "I Wonder," a song about the problems faced by "Young Bob," and "Nothin' But A Woman," which qualifies for my favorite line of the year:

You can give me an hour,

Alone in a bank;
Pay all my tickets,
Wipe the slate blank.
You can buy me a car,
Fill up the tank;
Tell me a boat full of lawyers just sank

But it ain't nothin' but a woman Can get me through the night.

They're all great songs and I wish I could also recommend his earlier work, but I admit I only own one of his four earlier albums, and I bought it after this one. It, too, is a good record and plays a little more like straight, old-fashioned blues.

But if you want good blues, or even just good music, you need look no further than the current album from the man who was voted the W. C. Handy Award for Best Male Blues Artist in 1984, 1985, and



"Double Cross:" the Empire betrayed from both sides of the fence

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went over to the Nazis. Joyce believes
Bracken would deny Britain its rightful
place beside Germany at the center of the
world Reich.

Although the two acts are essentially one-person plays — character studies — two other actors do play supporting roles. Richard McElvain, playing the dual role, makes the most of the virtuoso part. As Bracken, he is a lugubrious Tory MP, an early telephone bureaucrat with his finger in plenty of pies. He has a sort of Leslie Titmuss artificial accent which allows him to pass for upper class, but betrays his Irish roots. His mannerisms are as properly affected as the accent. If he fails at all in this role, it is in overdoing the character, as Bracken was probably not so bad as the play makes him out to be.

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The Joyce character is both more historically accurate and more easy to accept. A drinker with personal and marital problems, and evidently a confirmed fascist, he presents an equal challenge, which McElvain meets squarely.

In the supporting roles, Jonathan Epstein was very good with the male parts. Particularly good were his Lord Beaverbrook, the publisher; and Erich, a German admirer of all things English, including Joyce's wife. He even manages a decent Churchill impersonation at one point. Carol Moss was less strong in the female roles, though she had her moments as Joyce's wife in the second act.

All distinguished sufficiently between their characters to allow us to accept them in multiple roles. On the other hand, the

play relies on the obvious artificiality lent to the characters by multiple casting: we see the actors as actors. This reflects the duplicitous natures of the characters themselves. Joyce "was American, but also Irish. He wanted to be English, but had to settle for German." As Campbell puts it, the doubling up presents "an opportune way of exploring levels and complex images."

Campbell's staging furthered the unreality of the play. At the end of the first act, for instance, McElvain shifts character on stage, and the other characters change his makeup in front of us, presenting a preview of the Lord Haw Haw of Act II.

Another interesting device was a "viewscreen" which enabled each of the main characters to speak, via film, in each other's plays. The script calls for a large videoscreen, but the constraints of the small studio space forced a smaller screen, which doubles as a mirror in a clever visual pun. One character is the other reflected in a twisted mirror; the traitor becomes the trickster.

So too, Campbell observes, is British imperialism simply German fascism seen "through a slightly distorted mirror." The image of the mirror as an Orwellian view-screen fit right in with the totalitatian image of the wartime societies.

It is all, therefore, a double cross. Each person accuses the other of betraying England; one of working for the Hun, the other of destroying the Empire. Yet each is equally culpable of having betrayed Ireland in the first place, to prefer advancement in the Imperial powers.

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Genetic engineering requires caution



David Pimentel of Cornell, Sheldon Krimsky of Tufts, and David Glass of Biotechnica Inter-

national, answer questions about releasing genetically engineered organisms into the environment. rounding vegetation as well, Pi-(Continued from page 1) mentel said.

and monitor genetically engineered organisms. They cannot deal with the rapidly growing biotechnology industry. Since 1975, 500 new biotechnology firms have emerged in the United States and Canada, Krimsky said.

Potential uses

Present biotechnological applications include the production of human growth hormones to treat pituitary dwarfism, insulin for diabetes patients, and diagnostic tests for cancer, Glass said.

Medical uses that are "in the pipeline," according to Glass, include blood clot-dissolving activators for heart attack victims, blood clotting agents to treat hemophiliacs, and vaccine production for both animals and humans.

Although agricultural applications of genetically engineered organisms may develop slower than medical uses, they are no less exciting, Glass said. Possible agricultural uses include developing crop plants with enhanced nutritional value and others with increased resistance to pests, diseases, and herbicides, according to Glass.

Another potential agricultural application is developing plants with improved nitrogen-fixing abilities, Glass said. This would reduce reliance on chemical nitrogen fertilizers, which are the main cause of ground water pollution, he explained.

The recently developed iceminus bacterium, proposed for use in agriculture in California, can increase the frost tolerance of certain crop plants by five degrees, Pimentel noted. Although this bacterium offers obvious benefits to the agricultural industry, it is also a pathogen to about 16 plants. Research indicates that it also affects some insects, he added.

Insects are often considered pests but the majority are, in fact, beneficial, Pimentel said. We could not have agriculture or a quality environment without

most insects, he asserted. Pimentel questioned the ability of biotechnologists to thoroughly research an organism's effect on the environment before releasing it outdoors. The fact that there has been no observable change in the past does not guarantee that effects will not be observed in the

food chain after several years. Researchers who claim that "there's very small chance for problems," should beware, Pimentel said. Rare events do happen. "I'm not proposing that we have 100 percent accuracy before we release organisms into the environment. . . . I'm just trying to [illustrate] that rare events do add up when you're making numerous introductions," Pimentel said.

The overuse of pesticides is another potential environmental hazard that may result from new biotechnologies, Pimentel said. If plants are developed that are resistant to herbicides, farmers will "spray the hell out of the plant," and kill all the weeds and sur-

Research questions

Glass, whose firm performs genetic engineering on crop plants, listed a number of questions a reseacher should ask to ensure accurate risk assessment:

- Does the organism linger in the environment and does it multiply out of control?
- Can the organism spread from the test site on its own or through other vehicles such as wind or ground water?

• What happens to the genetic material inserted into the organ-

• What is the effect of this organism on the target and nontarget populations?

"There is simply no way to predict with 100 percent certainty what's going to happen in the environment until you actually go into the environment," Glass said. To facilitate this process, Glass argued for clear, consistent guidelines defining the necessary tests and procedures required in order to market the product.

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Gilbert Sosa, Minority Services Coordinator for AIDS Action Committee

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4:00pm, Rm. 4-163

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Mark D. Virtue/The Tech Barry J. Culpepper G leaps for the ball during Sunday's game vs Wesleyan. MIT won the match, 10-6, to advance to the final round of the weekend tournament. See photo essay, page 20.

Softball wins two over Regis

By Marcia Smith

The women's softball team swept a double-header Saturday against Regis College to raise its record to 2-2. MIT topped Regis 9-4 in the first game and 11-5 in the second.

Tri-Captain Karen Krans '88 allowed Regis only six hits during the first game, contributing to their loss. "[The umpire] had a consistent strike zone, so I was able to get the first strike, then play with the corners to get the batter swinging," she explained.

Without many hits, Regis could not bring the runners around and left a total of ten Regis players stranded on base.

The first runs of the game came in the third inning when Regis had a single, a walk, and then two line drives up the center to bring in three runs.

MIT did not come back until the fourth inning when it racked up eight runs. Regis pitcher Carolyn Duda had control problems, walking six batters. MIT also had three singles off the bats of Paula Fergusen '90, Terry Lowenstein '89, and Tri-Captain Carol Cantwell '88.

MIT scored its ninth run in the next inning when Fergusen led off with a walk, advanced when the catcher missed the ball, and came home on a sacrifice fly by Vivien Ma '88.

Regis tried to come back in the last inning, but only came up with one run. "We concentrated on our defense, and were able to come up with the plays when we

needed them," said MIT Coach Jean Heiney.

In the second game, both teams switched pitchers. Starting off for MIT was Linda D'Angelo '90, who made her starting debut.

Regis was off to a good start when its second batter was walked. The third batter hit to third baseman Kim Germain '90, whothrew to second to get the forced out. The Regis pitcher then took two strikes in a row before smashing a two-run homer over the right field fence. Regis kept their two run lead for three innings.

The fourth inning was once again a lucky one for the MIT players; they took a lead which they never gave up. Once again Regis had pitching problems; six of the ten batters up that inning were walked. The walks along with a sacrifice bunt by Krans and mistakes by the Regis catcher brought in four runs.

In the fifth inning, MIT switched pitchers, going back to Krans. There were two hits by Regis, but the runners were both gunned down by Tri-Captain Julie Brown '88 when they tried to steal second base.

MIT made another run in the bottom of the inning when Krans was walked. Pinch hitter Sheri Cohen '90 then rapped a single out into center field which brought in pinch runner Susanne Willert '90 (in for Krans).

In the sixth inning, Regis came

up with two more runs to cut the lead to only one run. The inning ended when Krans struck out the next batter.

MIT retaliated by getting six more runs, despite the fact that Regis switched back to Duda, its first-game pitcher. Four walks and singles by Brown and Krans contributed to the runs. Also helping out were the passed balls by the Regis catcher, who allowed Brown, Diane DiMassa '88, and Germain to go home.

Regis tried to come back in the last inning, but could only get one run.

"Once again we were able to keep our defense strong," Heiney said. "We knew where the play was going before we got the ball, then executed the play perfectly."

(Editor's Note: Marcia Smith '89 is a member of the MIT women's softball team.)

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Heavyweight crew

By Anh Thu Vo

The men's varsity heavyweight crew outraced the Coast Guard Academy on Sunday on the Thames River in New London, Connecticut, while the men's junior varsity team lost its race against Coast Guard.

At the start of the varsity race, Coast Guard got a three-seat lead but MIT easily caught up by the 500-meter mark and steadily increased its lead. MIT won by two-and-a-half lengths with open water.

The varsity eight rowed an excellent race, said Coach Bruce Beall. The winning eight were Alec Jessiman '88 (stroke), Richard D. Wesel '88, Geoff Kelsch '87, Bill Malecki '88, Jay Best '89, Bob Smith '87, Chris Neils '89, and William Van Doorne '87 (bow). Elliot Douglas '88 coxed.

The junior varsity heavyweight eight lost by a tenth of a second, according to Beall. MIT had a good start but lost to Coast Guard at the end, despite a surge back after the first 1000 meters.

The men's lightweight varsity team lost in the Biglin Bowl Saturday to Harvard and Dartmouth on the Charles River. MIT finished last, narrowly defeated by Dartmouth, while Harvard led throughout the race.

The men's lightweight varsity and JV teams also lost to Coast Guard on the Thames Sunday by approximately 12 to 15 seconds, according to Beall.

The freshman heavyweight team lost to Coast Guard Sunday, with first and second boats coming in about one length behind Coast Guard.

The men's freshman lightweight first boat won its race against Coast Guard Sunday after losing badly against Harvard and Dartmouth on Satur-

day, according to freshmen lightweight coach Andy Zigler. The first freshmen eight showed extreme resilience in their victory over Coast Guard, Zigler said, rowing "a good and intelligent

Rowing in the winning eight were Michael Dickens '90 (stroke), Francisco Galletti '90, Andrew Nisbet '90, Boyd Bucher '90, Joseph Babiec '90, Tain-Yen Hsia '90, Kedron Wolcott '90, and Jon Oestreich '90 (bow). Burris Jackes '90 coxed.

The second eight came in second on Saturday after Harvard and in front of Dartmouth in their race, losing to Coast Guard on Sunday.

Women novice teams beat Rutgers, Columbia

Both of the women's novice crews won their races over Rutgers and Columbia in Princeton on Saturday while the women's varsity crew team lost both their races to the same teams.

The women's novice teams had two eights entered in the races and won both by clear margins. Women's novice coach Tom Tiffany said the first eight showed a great deal of growth and maturity during the last week. The rowers showed a lot of focus and hopefully will continue to grow into one of the top five or six crews in the Northeast by the Women's Eastern Sprints Regatta in May, Tiffany added.

Rowing in the winning eight were Beth Jones '90 (stroke), Jerelyn Watanabe '90, Allison Hochstein '90, Mary Catherine McCorkindale '90, Beverly Saylor '90, Stephanie Patterson '90, Becky Dumas '90, and Wendy Rowell '90 (bow). Charrissa Lin '90 coxed.

Tiffany commended the second eight in coming from behind to cooly wrestle back the lead and

beats Coast Guard

keep it, despite several challenges from the Rutgers eight.

The winning second boat had Anne T. Law '90 (stroke), Sheila Neville '88, Beth P. Schneider '90, Laura N. Opsasnick '90, Deborah J. Bein '90, Elizabeth Williams '90, and Erika A. Jones '90 (bow) rowing. Paula Han '89 coxed.

Both varsity eights came within two or three seconds from defeating Columbia, who came in second both times. According to women's varsity coach Mayrene Earle, both teams showed remarkable characters by hanging in and not losing contact with their opponents.

The junior varsity eight raced side by side with the other two teams and only lost in the last few hundred meters. Earle commended the team for being able to come back into the race from behind.

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Do you know about this Summer job program designed for freshmen and sophomore undergraduate students interested in research projects in the Laboratory for Computer Science?

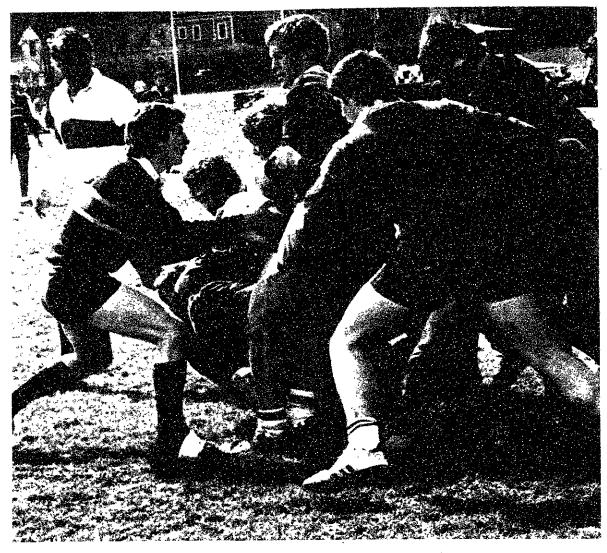
Its goal is to identify creative, undergraduate computer science people and encourage their development. Qualified students, with the help of research supervisors, prepare UROP proposals based on current research projects within the laboratory. The full time Summer involvement should continue as a part time UROP project in the Fall.

To get started, attend an informational meeting on Thursday, April 23 at 5:15 pm in Building NE43, Room 512A, or obtain an information packet after that date from NE43-501. For additional information, please contact Pat Anderegg (ext. 5828).

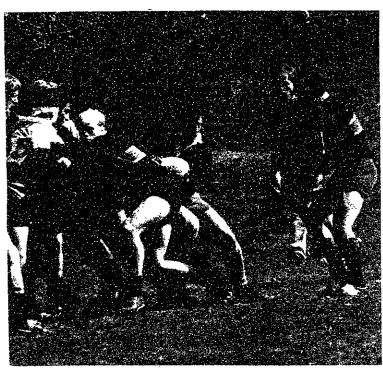


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Rugby 2nd in Tourney

Photos by Mark D. Virtue

The MIT rugby club finished second of twelve in the 3rd Annual Spring College Tournament in Providence, RI, this weekend. The Engineers advanced to the semi-finals Saturday by trouncing Rhode Island College, 38-0, and beating Tufts, 9-6. Sunday, MIT advanced to the final round by coming from behind to beat Wesleyan, 10-6. But MIT proceeded to lose the final match to Northeastern by one try and one penalty, a margin of 9-0. Throughout the tournament, MIT's performance was marked by aggressiveness and good forward play. The club will play Northeastern again on May 9.

