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For Freshmen Only

How many times have you been told that "MIT is tough."? Ten? A hundred? Probably more. Everyone who has talked with you about this place since you were accepted has taken the line, "Well, it's a tough school . . . but we all know you'll pull through all right. Good Luck!" And chances are, you agreed with them. You are pretty sure you will pull through all right. A study of the present Senior class when it was in its first year revealed that 96% of the men in the class counted on being in the upper half of the class academically. Needless to say, half of these freshmen were disappointed.

The study to which we refer is the Sussman Report. Dr. Leila Sussman, of Wellesley College, observed and interviewed the Class of 1961 throughout its freshman year; her report was made available last Spring. We recommended at that time that all of you be sent copies of the Report, but nothing was done about it. So we'll take it upon ourselves to pass on to you a few of the facts contained therein that concern you directly.

Lack of school spirit at MIT was a complaint of many of the entering Freshmen. 75% of dormitory residents also felt a lack of house spirit. Apathy was sensed all around, not only toward school and living group, but also toward classmates. One fourth of the freshman class reported at the end of the year that they had only

three or less close friends. Time was scarce; entering freshmen, most of whom had done very well in high school, found themselves with time for nothing but school work. Whereas in the four years of secondary school, twice as much time was spent in recreation and social activities as was spent in studies, at MIT this ratio was reserved.

The subject of the freshmen's complaints was no surprise. Some of the precise statistics were. Our purpose in printing a few of the more disturbing ones is to start you, the Class of 1964, thinking about the problem areas that you will encounter.

Do not feel, however, that you have run into a brick wall. At MIT the problems mentioned above are not considered unsolvable. Much has transpired since the present Senior class arrived; every year sees further development of MIT as a community as well as a technical institute. As MIT evolves from an impersonal diploma factory to a genuine university, with an intellectual and cultural life outside the classroom as well as in, each successive class gains a little more from its four-year experience. A welcome, then, to you, the newest members of the MIT community. Be aware that you are a part of the dynamic entity that is MIT, and do your best to improve both the school and yourselves in the four years that lie ahead.

Smaller But Better

Our readers of past years will note that *The Tech* has undergone some changes over the summer. The tabloid size has been adopted as being more economical. Henceforth the paper will appear on a weekly basis. We feel that these changes will improve *The Tech* and allow it to serve the community better. Our editorial page is, as before, at your disposal; letters to the editor are

welcome and will be printed if it is in any way possible. Last term the number of letters received took a sharp upturn at *The Tech*; we felt that the paper's effectiveness and worth was materially increased by their publication. We look forward again to discussing with you the issues that confront MIT, as we move into the last year of our first century.

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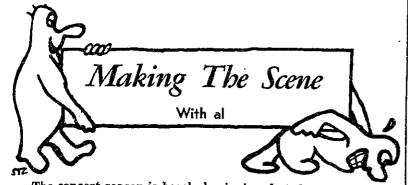
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The concert season is barely beginning, but the entertainment picture for the coming week is still bright. There are a couple of good plays in town and the quality of the films currently available is somewhat higher than usual, for Boston.

The Boards

Starting with the legitimate theater "Raisin in the Sun," Lorraine Hansbury's award-winning drama about a Negro family in Chicago, is at the Wilbur Theatre for another two weeks. This production stars Claudia McNeil and is directed by Lloyd Richards.

Maurice Evans (of all people) is the star of the musical (of all things), "Tenderloin," which hits Boston for its pre-Broadway tryouts on Tuesday. This, the second George Abbott-Jerome Weidman collaboration, (the first was "Fiorello"), is based on Samuel Hopkins Adams' novel about a New York reformer in the 1890's. George Abbott also directs this effort at the Schubert.

Moviegoers have some fine alternatives this week. Bring dictionaries, though, because most of the good ones are foreign. One of the year's best films, "Hiroshima, Mon Amour," is currently at the Fenway. Directed by Alain Resnais of the French "nouvelle vague," this is a great film. I say no more.

The Exeter is featuring a very funny English opus called "School for Scoundrels," which will provide inspiration for even the most weebegone.

'Mistress' Comes to Telepix

Thursday brings a Japanese effort called "The Mistress" to the Telepix. We haven't seen the reviews, but Hideko Takamine is reputed to be one of Japan's finer actresses.

Awright, Youse Guys, Humphrey Bogart is featured at the Brattle in "Maltese Falson," from this Sunday to next Saturday. Right now, John Gay's "Beggar's Opera" is on the screen. People who have seen "Three Penny Opera" will recognize the plot.

The press agent's dream, Frank Sinatra and his "friends", rob all of Las Vegas (that's a switch) in "Ocean's 11" at the RKO-Keith.

B.B., M.M. Arrive

Come on in-the sublimating's fine. Both Brigitte Bardot and substitute for experience and Marilyn Monroe have new pictures in town. BB is to be seen at the Beacon Hill in Come Dance With Me. Let's Make Love, with MM at the Metropolitan.

For those who haven't seen it, This is Cinerama is mildly amusing at the Boston Theatre. The neighborhood houses are overflowing with Psycho and Elmer Gantry. Psycho is a guaranteed hair-raiser. Congratulations if you figure out the ending before the detective gets stabbed so beautifully. Some critics (Henry Hewes of the Saturday Review and I) have said Elmer Gantry is better than Sinclair Lewis' book. Avoid Pay or Die.

On the Beat

Aside from the very good, free Sunday chamber music concerts at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum (near the Boston Museum of Fine Arts), the only music available this week is an Ella Fitzgerald concert at Symphony Hall next Friday night. She's generally pretty exciting. Watch the bulletin board in the Music Library for notices on the sale of tickets for concert and rehearsal

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Scoundrels' Humorous, 'Beggars' Routine Gay Play at Brattle

By Richard Howland, '62

"School for Scoundrels", a farce now playing at the Exeter, satirizes the notion that there is an easy way to go through life. Anyone can succeed by using the proper play at the proper time. And if you want to become somethinganything at all-go to school,

Based on Lifemanship

The movie, based on the "Lifemanship" books by Steven Potter, tells of a man who goes to school to learn how to get along in the world. Picture Palfrey, the hereditary owner of a small investment firm, who bumps into a beautiful girl on a bus and gets a date. He, it would seem, is a winner. But he is other-directed-others being his employees, his landlady, and his best friend, who steals the girl.

Learning Gambits

In despair Palfrey signs up for "The School of Lifemanship", headed by Stephen Potter, who is masterfully played by Alistair Sim. There Palfrey learns Gamesmanship (how to win against better players), Oneupmanship (how to keep the initiative), Lifemanship (the secret of winning), and womanship - how to be one-up on the girl without marrying her.

Lifemanship Triumphant

Palfrey returns, and in quick succession makes his loafing employees cower before him, browbeats his concierge, and brilliantly stilletoes his rival to win the girl. But in what is scheduled to be a seduction scene, he forgets his training and asks the girl to marry him.

Here the movie departs from the spirit of the Potter books. As a satire, it loses its point at the end. Potter, throughout the movie, is railing against the notion that success can be gained merely by using the appropriate gambits and ploys. At the same time, he is drawing a beautiful caricature of the man who thinks that schooling can be a ability.

The conclusion contradicts the trend of the movie. In Potter's books, the fulfillment of his themes hinges upon the exaggeration of his gambits to the point of farce, and upon their overwhelming success. While this movie succeeds admirably in Potter's reductio ad adsurdum down to the final scene-in that scene the punch is lost. Instead of seducing the girl, Palfrey (what a name!) marries her.

Ian Carmichael does an adequate job as Palfrey, and Terry-Thomas the villainous best friend seems more roguish by the minute.

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Farce at Exeter

By Les Lampert, '60

The current film at the Brattle, The Beggar's Opera, is a disappointing version of the 17th century opera written by John Gay and adapted by Christopher Fry. Many of the original songs have been included on the film, with the additional music by author Bliss imposed on the sound track.

Swashbuckler

The work was given the full "Errol Flynn treatment"-but with Sir Laurence Olivier in the leading role. Olivier's songs, sung while galloping at a pace achieved only by Hollywood's horses, seem ridiculous. In fact, most of John Gay's delightful music was ruined by the cinematic necessity of having the performers act while they sing.

This clash between 17th century opera and 20th century cinema was aggravated by the anachronism of Bliss' music, which separated and swamped Gay's songs.

Liked Gay's Songs

Still, Gay's music was there, and it lingered after Bliss and Olivier were forgotten. If you have not heard the music of The Beggar's Opera, you will find the film more entertaining than an evening of television.

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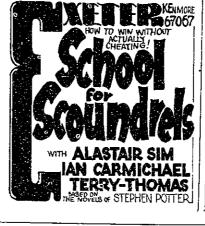
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Crisis at Charles Playhouse

By Allen S. Krieger, '62

The status of Boston's only repertory company is critical. In three years, the Charles Playhouse has gone from a tiny loft theater to a fine off-broadway company which is becoming a new landmark in Boston. However, fiscal disaster has been barely averted several times. This year, the theatre is planning a drive to try to achieve financial independence. We can help — in fact, we can guarantee it ourselves, if we want to.

Serious Drama Presented

In the past the Charles Playhouse has produced quality theatre of the type previously available in Boston only from the college drama groups: such plays as Death of A Salesman, Moon for the Misbegotton, Cat on A Hot Tin Roof, and View from the Bridge. Before the advent of the Charles Playhouse, a student looking for serious drama could spend four years here without seeing half as

This year we shall see Streetcar Named Desire, Eliot's Cocktail Party, Mille's All My Sons, Anouilh's Waltz of the Toreadore, and Becket's Waiting for Godot. A series ticket would appear to

be a sound investment.

Funds Needed

What the Charles Playhouse needs to stay solvent is money money at the beginning of the season to buy costumes, and settings, and pay salaries. A guaranteed audience would put it on a really firm footing.

In order to raise funds now, the managers are offering five tickets for the price of four, that is, a twenty percent discount on

series tickets.

Lectures and Discussions

In addition, a series ticket entitles you to attend a series of Sunday evening lectures and discussions on the theater by wellknown personalities within it.

If Boston is to remain a cultural center, it is requisite that the Charles Playhouse survive. Less than ten percent of the MIT undergraduates could fill the Charles Playhouse. We have always had the potentiality to be influencial in the cultural life of the Boston community. Here is a chance to do this and to see five really good plays at the same time.

Music Clubs Plan First Meetings

By Paul Robertson, '61 and Alan Ricketts, '63 The MIT Musical Clubs will start a busy schedule on Registration Day, when the Concert Band holds its first meeting at 5:00 p.m. With the Glee Club commencing at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Orchestra at 7:30, and Techtonians at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 24, all the groups will be in full swing during the opening week of classes.

Concert Tapes Played

All interested freshmen will be given the opportunity to sign up for any or all of these organizations and to meet their present members at the Musical Clubs Booth during the Activities Midway Friday evening. Taped excerpts from Musical Clubs concerts will be played at the booth.

Anyone interested in participating in the production of fine music is urged to attend and investigate the vast and varied musical opportunities at MIT. Membership varies from the strictly amateur to the nearly professional, and there are openings in each section of every

The Musical Clubs will inaugurate their concert season with a combined effort on Saturday, October 22, in Kresge Band, dedicated to the playing Auditorium, after which each group is slated to appear in- band, is planning a midterm tour dividually at least twice in Kresge, in addition to visiting other

The Glee Club, which has sung everything from seachanteys to Honegger's "King David" and Mendelssohn's "Elijah," is again planning two major productions, the second of which will be in conjunction with Douglass College. Also scheduled are concerts with Colby and Skidmore.

Instrumentalists

Symphony Orchestra, besides their Kresge appearances, will travel to Smith. The Concert of original works for concert of Canada and possible excursions to New York and New Jersey.

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3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. President and Mrs. Stratton's reception for freshmen and their parents, President's House, 111 Memorial Drive.

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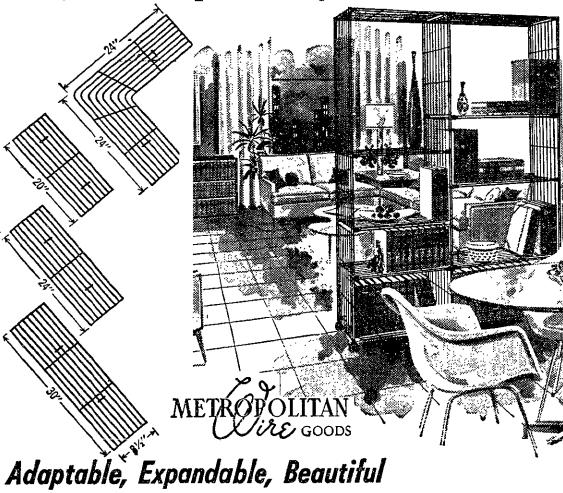
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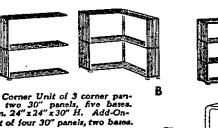


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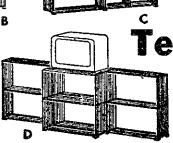
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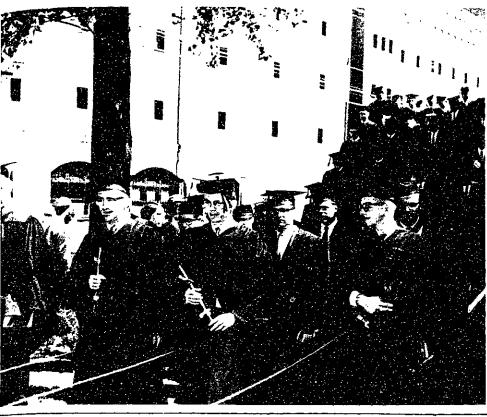
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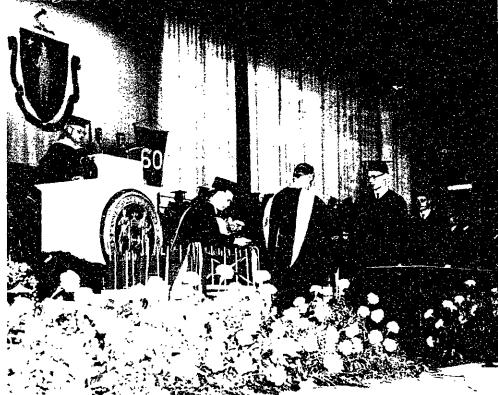


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Colonel Finberg succeeds Col. Gilbert G. Brinckerhoff, Jr., who retired last May 31 after 30 years of military service, the last three as commanding officer of MIT's ROTC detachment.

Buttner to Command Army ROTC Regiment

Peter Buttner, a senior from Homewood, Illinois, will command the cadet regiment of the US Army ROTC unit at MIT this year.

The announcement was made today by Col. Irving W. Finberg, professor of military science.

Buttner, who resides at Burton House, is a major in Political Science. His father is Col. Louis Buttner, currently on duty with the US Army at Camp Kilmer, N. J.

Mr. Buttner will hold the rank of cadet colonel.

Also named to the cadet regimental staff with ranks as indicated were the following MIT seniors: Lt. Col. James B. Lampert, Alexandria, Va., executive officer; Maj. Nelson E. Stefany, Maplewood, N. J., personnel of-

The photo, above left, shows the Class of 1960 filing out of the Armory on the morning of June 10 — Graduation day. They are shown proceeding into Rockwell Cage where the ceremonies took place.

Above right, President Stratton hands out degrees while the dean of each school reads off the names of graduates.

At right, Dr. Edwin H. Land, President of the Polaroid Corporation and a visiting professor, delivers the Commence-ment address. Behind him sit members of the Class of 1910.

The picture, lower right, shows the luncheon given the graduating class under tents on the Great Court. The head table with President Stratton is in the background just to the right of the pole. Seated at the table in the foreground are members of Dr. Stratton's family, Dean Fassett, and Dean Rule.

- All Photos by Boyd Estus, '63





Frosh Crew Takes 2nd

MIT's freshman heavyweight crew completed a successful season with a come-from-behind second place finish in the Intercollegiate Rowing Association regatta, held on Lake Onandaga at Syracuse University, on June 18.

Navy, Washington, and MIT held down first, second and third place for most of the race, but in the stretch the Engineer frosh surged ahead to pass the Huskies in the last ten strokes. The final margin between the two crews was six feet.

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