

## Rally, sit-in protest war research

### SACC - NAC RALLY BEGINS AFTERNOON RESEARCH PROTEST

By Robert Elkin

A capacity crowd filled Kresge auditorium yesterday afternoon to listen to NAC and SACC speakers denounce US imperialism and defense related research at MIT and to announce tactics agreed upon at meetings the previous night.

Prof. John McDermitt of the Humanities Department began the speeches with a description of US world domination. He called the US the "major enemy" of peace and advancement in the world today.

Calling MIT the "Pentagon on the Charles," Ira Rubenzahl attacked DOD funded projects carried out by the university. The list included MIRV, ABM, MTI, CAM, ComCom, Helicopter stabilization, and International Communism. He said that "it sounds like 1984 and I think it is."

Jonathan Kabat, the main speaker at the rally, described MIT as the "mother and father" of the MIRV. He expounded the tactics of SACC stating that "we've got to beat the strongest power structure in the world." Though SACC is not a member of the NAC, Kabat explained that it supports the demands of the organization. SACC also "supports the NLF and its struggle for liberation in Vietnam."

Kabat attacked the press for its "purposeful distortion" and obscuring of the issues. He described how he and members of the administration were invited to present their positions on WGBH-TV, but the television station decided to cancel the show when the administration refused to send a representative. Thus, the issues of SACC and NAC were not "brought before the American people."

When members of the press attempted to take pictures of the proceedings, Kabat ex-

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## Cancellation of MIRV can result in penalties

By Steve Kaiser

Certain demands of both SACC and NAC include the cessation of certain controversial contracts, such as MIRV, Comcom, CAM and others. In response, the Institute has asserted that MIT "must keep its commitments" on work for which it has contracted. The issue of keeping commitments goes beyond direct policy and publicity implications: important multi-million dollar economic factors must also be included.

In a study completed by Robert Sullivan, a prime lawyer for MIT, the legal implications of any contract default were analyzed and the following summary conclusions were offered:

1. The Institute has no legal right to terminate unilaterally its existing research and development contracts with governmental agencies.

2. That if the Institute chooses to terminate such contract unilaterally it would be subject to a claim for



Members of the Women's Liberation Movement lead students at the SACC-NAC rally in Kresge auditorium yesterday afternoon in a round of "MIT, PHD, MONEY."  
Photo by Harold Federow

## MIT sets action on sit-in

By Bob Dennis

At an evening press conference yesterday, Associate Provost Paul E. Gray asserted that those students involved in the sit-in outside the President's Office will be subject to academic disciplinary review.

Although he emphasized that many of the persons there were observers, Gray was unspecific as to what means will be used to identify the students involved. He emphasized that the members of the student and faculty advisory groups at the scene were not there as spies. In addition to disciplinary review for the MIT students involved, the Institute will seek to identify the non-MIT people involved and to determine whatever actions against them might be possible. It was Gray's opinion that "very few of those at the sit-in were MIT students."

Gray reported that President Johnson "was alive and well" and had declared that he "has never administered so hard in his life." Gray stressed, however, that the NAC was "sadly mistaken" if they believe that they hindered the administrative op-

erations of the Institute. He explained that occupation of real estate does not mean obstruction of operations.

Apparently referring to Prof. Louis Kampf, Gray said that he observed one faculty member participating in the sit-in but was unsure as to what action might be taken against him. Earlier, it was reported that a group of faculty was seeking to censure faculty members participating in

erations of the Institute. He explained that occupation of real estate does not mean obstruction of operations.

Interviews with personnel of the Center for International Studies yesterday revealed a cautious note of optimism among the senior faculty and staff.

Dean Robert Bishop of the School of Humanities and Social Science stated that he didn't expect any further action by NAC at the CIS despite constant rumors of a NAC mill-in at the Center.

He said that the Administration was extremely reluctant to call the police in on Tuesday, and that even if the protestors had occupied the building, the police would not have been called unless actual physical damage occurred.

The mood today was calm despite some fear that the Center was closed on Tuesday to reduce the chance of non-MIT students precipitating violence. However, several secretaries said that they were asked to work till 11 am, then were sent home.

The Administration, according to Bishop, put a very high priority on avoiding violence, and felt that if "closing down the Center for a day is a way of avoiding violence, then we're ready to do it; but, we're not ready to close down every day."

### Bulletin.

There will be a faculty meeting today at 2:30 pm in Kresge Auditorium.

## Corridor clogged by sit-in

Following a Kresge rally some 300 members of NAC set up an obstructive sit-in in the corridor outside the administration offices on second floor of Building 3 to demand the end to seven war-related research projects.

They occupied the hall about three hours, leaving around 4:30 pm. NLF flags, singing, chanting and shouting filled the hall, attracting many bystanders.

The offices were locked and empty. No attempts were made to remove a group of members of the administration, faculty and press clustered outside the President's office. This group included Vice-President Wadleigh, Assistant to the President Constantine Simonides, Professor

French, Professor Halfman, and Captain James Olivieri of the campus patrol with a walkie-talkie.

President Johnson was at some undisclosed location, possibly 1-214, the School of Engineering conference room, to which several administrators were traced.

Though the action was called "obstructive", students who looked like demonstrators had no trouble passing through. Provost Jerome Wiesner and Vice-President Vincent Fulmer made attempts to get to their offices, but stopped when met by resistance.

### A MACEing

Two forceful attempts to penetrate the sit-in were made. The first, around 2 pm, was a YAF member, according to NAC marshalls. When resisted, he pulled a can of MACE from his pocket, sprayed a demonstrator, and broke through. For several minutes after that people in the hall were coughing.

At 3 pm student Kenneth McNulty G insisted on his right to traverse the corridor. He was blocked by demonstrators and called "pig".

Professors who attempted to go through were vilified as were members of the "pig press". NAC has become extremely hostile to the press for alleged distortion of the news and for taking photographs when not asked to. Demonstrators both at the sit-in and later in the rotunda (Building 7) attempted to block cameras, touching off heated arguments with press men. One said, "What do you have to hide?" Demonstrators replied that photos would be used in any court action that might be taken against them.

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## CIS staff calm, optimistic

Professor Lincoln Bloomfield, head of the arms control project at the Center, saw the Tuesday confrontation as two sets of quite different perceptions, differing primarily over tactics, of the same problems. However, "the issues raised will remain, and the MIT community must make a concerted effort to solve them."

He also said that he and many other senior staff of the CIS were very eager for students to come in and discuss these problems, but that the shouting must die down before substantive discussions could take place. He pointed to the Center meeting on Monday involving staff, students, and faculty



David Botstein, Assistant Professor of Biology, chaired a SACC canvass of the CIS yesterday.  
Photo by Joe Kashi

# Polish freedom fighter GA shelves research issue barred from Kresge



Plainclothesmen hustle self-styled Polish freedom fighter Joseph Mlot-Mroz into a waiting patrol car. Mlot-Mroz was parading around with a sign and singing songs in the Kresge lobby when the Campus Patrol asked him to leave. When he refused, they dragged him away and turned him over to the Cambridge Police. Charges will not be pressed.

Photo by Harold Federow

Hampered by the absence of two-thirds of its members, the General Assembly Wednesday night refused to vote on all but one motion, shelving consideration of major proposals.

Delegates overwhelmingly approved a call to professors to avoid scheduling quizzes, papers, or problems sets for November 13, 14, and 17, the weekdays around the march on Washington. "Students should have freedom of conscience," argued one representative, "to demonstrate. They should not be penalized for missing class."

But the Assembly refused to vote on war-related research. John Krzywicki '72 offered a two part motion: 1) MIT should avoid any contracts for "the design and development of systems that are intended for operational deployment as weapons, and 2) the Assembly should establish a Task Group on Conversion to investigate the possible realignment of Institute research.

Although most of the dele-

gates present supported the motion, and Krzywicki admitted that part one was lifted from an MIT Corporation resolution, the Assembly decided to allow time for canvassing constituents. Overriding protests that action on this crucial issue should be delayed no longer, the Assembly voted to table.

The rest of the meeting concerned such procedural details as a motion to reduce the quorum at Excomm meetings from five to four. Following adjournment, Information Center's Dave MacIlwaine detailed the events of Wednesday morning's I-Lab demonstration.

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## MORATORIUM NEXT ON PROTEST AGENDA

The Moratorium and Mobilization protests will be the next focus of attention this coming weekend.

There is one office in the East Lounge of the Student Center coordinating activities for both groups. It is manned by "all concerned-type people" which include faculty, wives, staff, and students according to Mrs. Eden, Professor Murray Eden's wife.

November 13 is the first day of the protest. Scheduled for that day is canvassing in Wards 1 and 2 in Cambridge.

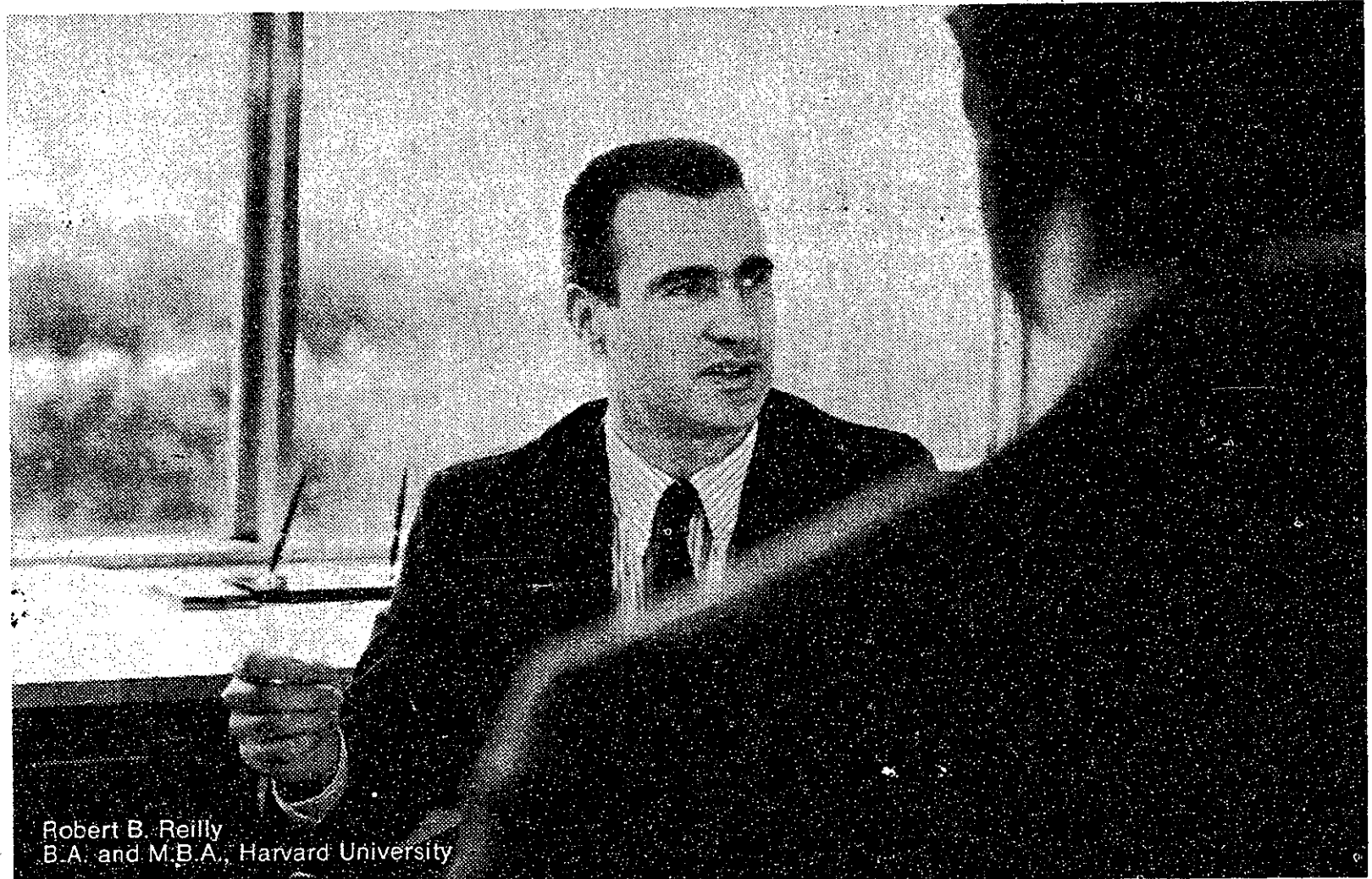
On Friday local action will center on helping at a low-cost housing project in Roxbury.

Friday's Washington action is the March Against Death. This is a single file march from Arlington Cemetery to the White House. There is to be one marcher for each American killed in Vietnam.

The Boston contingent is to march from 4 am to 6 am Friday morning.

On November 15, there will be a 9 am rally on the Mall at 3rd Street. From there the demonstrators are supposed to march to the Ellipse and hold a 2 pm rally. At the present moment there is no permit for that march. The New Mobilization's Washington office is optimistic about the permit as they claim that it is standard procedure in Washington not to issue any permits until the day before a march.

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# Outside press unwelcome

By Harvey Baker

Members of the establishment press have had a hard time at MIT this week trying to cover the hectic events of November Action and simultaneously maintain their cool.

Most of the major magazines and newspapers in the area had representatives or reporters here, but on the whole they were unprepared for their welcome.

As of Tuesday, the Student Center was put off limits to

cameras, and a statement was issued by the NAC that when a camera appeared, they would first ask that it be put away, and if it was not, they would seize it. Several members of the press received this welcome.

At the rallies, marchers were largely hostile to the press, due in part to the Institute's injunction, and the fear of the demonstrators that those individuals named in the injunction would be caught on film and beamed nationwide.

However, the press was not completely innocent. At the sit-in, for example, they insisted on standing, and blocking the view of everyone else. They often were interested in sensationalism or making the demonstration into a "zoo," as one student called it. They seemed not to care about the issues involved, and were singularly indifferent to the hows and whys of war research and the other issues polarizing the campus.

# SACC seeks support for Coalition position



Members of NAC and SACC begin march from Kresge to the administration offices. There the two groups separated. SACC went canvassing while NAC staged a sit-in. Photo by Gary DeBardi

By Harvey Baker

The obstructive demonstration outside the administration offices split in two about 2:30 pm as SACC members left to begin canvassing the Institute.

Several dozen "affinity groups" formed, consisting of about 3-7 members each, who made plans to talk to any and all passersby in the hallways, to enter classes in progress, and speak to workers in the various machine shops in the basement.

The largest and possibly most boisterous group was led by Jon Kabat. They stormed into the "Information Center", established in the Bush Room of Building 10, and began to talk to the people, mostly students, manning the desk there, and told them the information they were giving out was of the sterile variety, bereft of political significance. They did not support the popular movement, only translated it in an empty way for the press.

The overall plan of SACC was to get out into the Institute as a whole and try to seek out people, and "set the record straight" about the events of the last week.

While this canvassing was proceeding, representatives of Newsreel, the radical film documentary company, were showing movies in the lobby of Building 7, upon an improvised screen.

Several hundred people seated themselves in the lobby and watched the screenings which were interrupted from time to time by SACC speakers, explaining their stand behind the National Liberation Front.

Many onlookers had supposed SACC would be "neutral" in their outlook on the Vietnam War, and expressed this sentiment to various speakers. SACC's response, however, was articulated by Kabat, who explained that as far as he was concerned, the NLF was an ally, and the business establishment and bigwigs in his country were the enemy.

When asked to respond to the charge that the NLF flag and the chants of "Ho Ho Ho Chi Minh" and "Viva Che" would antagonize those very people whose support SACC hoped to get, he replied that while he was not in sympathy with everything that the NLF did, he saw their struggle as a successful one of defeating an oppressive government aided by an imperialist ally (the US).

At the conclusion of canvassing, the SACC members returned to report some gains via the "rapping" route, and some support for their rally to consider their next moves in the week-long battle against war research.



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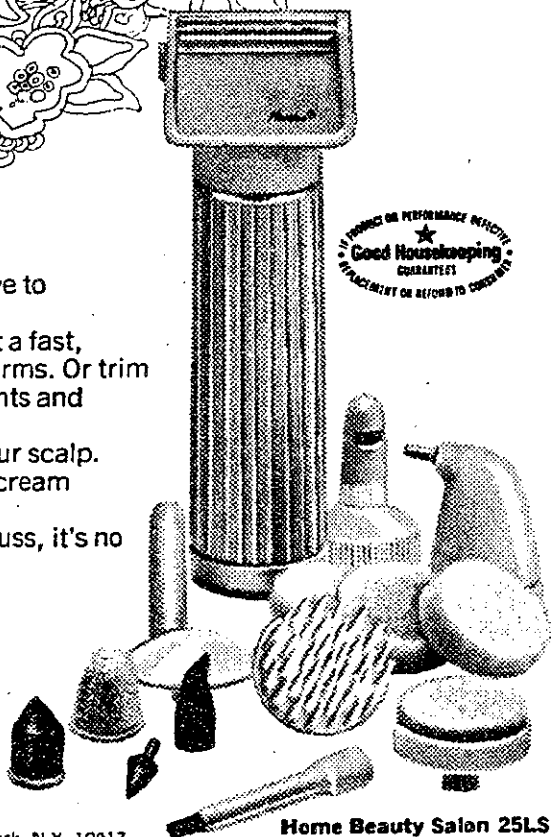
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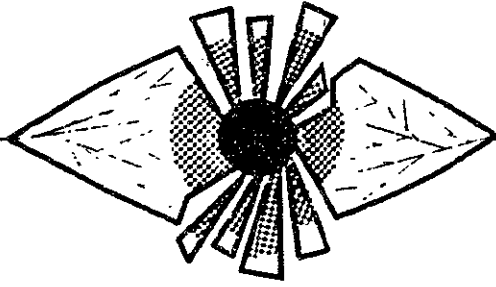
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by Bruce Schwartz

Scene: black sky painted over by invisible hand; world washed in Institute gray. Matches my mood. Walking around in the upside down world is getting tiring since it requires allnight attention. Sleep is the first victim of the November Action.

Fear. Walks around haunting the buildings, hides in the shadow recesses of everyone's mind. Push it back and it penetrates your block, creeps around the edges to clamp tiny little pincers on your guts. No matter where you stood on the issues, thought reduced and polarized around one thing in the cold and damp of the Nov Five morning - the image of the cop and his stick and his gas and his guns and the insensate rage that might bring them down upon you. In other words, most of the crowd sitting in the Sala was a wee bit worried.

*This, now, must be the time to harden in your faith, to bury doubts and nagging ideological discrepancies, to face the wrath of the state with good conscience that in us we trust and our cause it is just. For revolution, after all, is a serious business, it is not a tea party or a parlor game; it is blood and pain and bodies and no one will stand that unless he is firm in his belief.*

Anyway, when it is over, and the sacrifice is made, you will be more secure in your belief. Washed in blood maybe your

own a belief becomes holy, sacred. For would you face it, to bleed for no good reason?

Committed to action at last! Here we make our stand. Strange yet, though, if this is revolution why expose yourself naked, defenseless to the might wrath of the fascist juggernaut? And if not revolution why say it is? Simple answer must build the movement NOW and that means show the world what pigs they are. Prove they are pigs; goad them into proving it. They will not be uncooperative, for if not pig there is at least a little bit of low beast in them. They are only human.

And whodoubts, as the rain falls and the insurrectionists march and cheer and sing and shout and build to fever pitch, as Big Brother speaks and faceless hardnosed men make photographs for files hidden in Ministries of Justice (in my head Zappa & Mothers are singing "Who are the brain police?"), as a fight breaks out to attempt to break picket, as the gentle (sure, they are all honorable) men of MIT attempt to save the situation in its dying moments, as all this fine madness unreels who can doubt that the blue meanies won't enjoy their work?

They are here, this is it, I'm gonna get busted first time scared shitless billy club (I dream cracked skull) and hey I'm across the street dammit the demonstrators are retreating I'm

press! (So?) move along "I'm moving I'm moving" clear out and then the stick: in the ribs, in the gut, on the back (thanks not the head; they're restrained today) breathless but running. Must see, must learn, know understand. ("There's a book in this somewhere." Indeed, it will take one to explain this incredible happening, here, where they said it couldn't happen.)

So these are pigs en masse. Shouting also slogans, numerals, some laughing, enjoying the rout (though some have a bad taste in their mouths and say so; perhaps they have longhaired sons.) They look like SS; they are uniforms. Weathermen at least have obvious faces, contra ERGO. But they scare me, are intended to. The workers in the streets cheer them, curse the marchers, curse me. They know (and now I too) we are all brothers under the hair; they force us to be.

And later, reeling, aching, nervously apprehending the future, the fear creeps back, now that the adrenalin has ebbed. A TV image now to me is real: row of blue, neat files of pain, marching down the Gunsmoke street at ME! And the fear addresses me, points to the blue battalions, unveils another, further image, that of a boot stamping on a naked human face, and says: "This is your future."

I cringe. And now the question will come to me in the coming nights, destroying sleep: better to flee, or must I someday stand and fight. Maybe for what's right, but darkly perhaps, for survival.

## Heresy

# Nixon again....

By Harvey Baker

Mr. Nixon's speech Monday night, like so many of his previous ones, addresses itself to emotion rather than logic.

Again he appeals to "The Silent Majority", asking them to drown out the voices of the poor misdirected minority and support him all the way down the line, when clearly this support is not merited.

This is simply another manifestation of Mr. Nixon's cry of "Trust me!" Well, it's not good enough. The electorate trusted him to end the war when he took office in January, believing he had "a secret plan to end the war," which he could not reveal for fear of endangering its success. Clearly, there is no such plan.

What Nixon really wants is to have everybody just stop criticizing him, and leave political matters and policy questions to his Administration alone. America should return to being what he calls "a do-it-yourself-nation," as long as he is the only one to "do it." The fact is that the American people have a right, indeed an obligation, to criticize the President, and not to let him pull off emotion-filled, smiling, "down to earth" hoaxes like that of Monday night.

The only logical way Nixon can convince the people of the world that he is sincere in his "quest for peace" is to declare an American cease-fire. If American troops were ordered not to fire unless fired upon, then the burden of prolonging the war would clearly rest upon the shoulders of Hanoi. If Nixon insists upon playing God, however, and on making value judgments as to the relative sincerity of Hanoi's intentions, he will get

only war, and more war, and more. and more.

The President said last night that he has a plan worked out with the South Vietnamese for the withdrawal of all American ground combat forces. What is this plan, and when can we anticipate the return of our troops? Nixon's answer: "I have not and do not intend to announce the timetable for our program." Again: "Trust me." Papa Nixon knows best. Well, dammit, he doesn't. Just because he is "privy" to some information that most Americans are not, he does not have the right to dictate the future of the millions of Americans with whom he has no contact or communication. Included in this category are almost all Americans of draft age.

In short, Nixon should let more Americans into the decision making process by listening for once to that segment of the people whose advice has never been tried, the "Peaceniks", the "impudent snobs", and the "effete corps of intellectuals". For his reasoning as of the moment is so logically unsound, so unlikely to produce peace, and so calculated only to achieve a little mass support, that all he can possibly achieve is more war, and more, and more, and more....

# Letters to the The Tech

## COMCOM defended

To the Editor:

The obviously sincere and well-intentioned letter from Michael Hurst about the Center for International Studies refers to the COMCOM project in a way that makes it clear he is uninformed about it. Certainly he did not come to me for information. He first talks about the "good" (objective scientific analysis of problem areas in the world arena) aspect of it and the "bad" (partisan political objectivism) aspect of the Project. I am not fully able to decipher the meaning of those obscure phrases, however, if they imply that the Project has a partisan political position then they are flatly wrong.

The COMCOM Project is about the communication systems of the communist countries. Dramatic changes have occurred as a result of the growth of radio, television, publications, and other mass media there. Like any scientific study, this one seeks the facts. These facts interest many people, including both the U.S. government and also the mass media personnel and governments in

communist countries. I have lectured in Eastern Europe about some of the results. I have received visitors from communist governments and mass media organizations interested in our research. There have been communist publications using and taking note of our results. The same is also true for anti-communist organizations engaged in communication to the communist countries, such as Radio Liberty and USIA. The scientific results of the research are available for all parties to use.

If Mr. Hurst had bothered to interview me before jumping to conclusions he might have learned about some of the fascinating and important changes going on in some of the communist countries as a result of the growth of mass media. There are well over 20,000,000 television sets in the Soviet Union today. Half the population has access to world news via shortwave. In the Stalinist era it was less than 2%. There is, therefore, no Iron Curtain left. So the Soviet media themselves must now take account of the fact that their audience knows about all major world events instead of

trying to pretend that they had not happened.

If Mr. Hurst had bothered to talk to me he would also have learned that the COMCOM Project is already finished. He would also have learned that I undertook the project because of my own academic interests.

My personal interest in the subject matter of international communications is its importance in resolving international crises and preventing war. The hot line which served so usefully to prevent war in the Cuban Missile Crisis was an invention of social scientists. In some future crisis having an understanding of what information is entering the thinking of each side may be equally important in preventing war.

Perhaps Mr. Hurst regards it as partisan to be interested in facts about communication. The media people in the communist countries don't; they are just as interested as am I. In any case, it is a legitimate interest. It is not acceptable in an academic community to have a censorship system of the kind that Mr. Hurst proposes to decide

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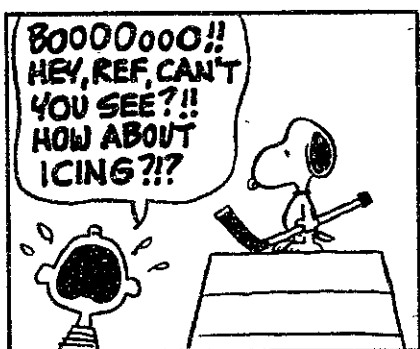
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whether these are facts that I or anyone else may be interested in.

The non-facts that are currently being thrown around without inquiring or checking regarding, for example, the COMCOM Project or Cambridge Project, get picked up and repeated third hand until people begin to believe them. I would urge anyone who is interested in the facts about what I am doing to get in touch with me. I would be glad to make all results of the COMCOM studies available.

Ithiel de Sola Pool

## Intellectual freedom?

To the Editor:

On Wednesday, October 29, I was refused entrance to the Placement Office because I was wearing a button—"No MIRV." I arrived there to research graduate school catalogs as the SDS demonstration against GE recruiters was ending. At the door I was told the office was closed to all except those who had interviews. After stating my business and giving assurance that I was not one of the demonstrators, I was told by the person in charge, a Placement Office admin-

istrator, that I could use the library providing I removed my button. I would like to know what kind of "intellectual freedom" this represents?

Kenneth Sills '70

Briefly said. . .

To the Editor:

As a former Smithie, I feel compelled to express my dismay towards footnote No. 85 in the Tuesday, November 4 issue of *The Tech*. Though I'm sure the comment was made primarily in jest, I nevertheless feel that it is no more justified to lump all Smithies together as being like Julie Nixon than it would be to say that all Techmen are just like Mike Albert.

Nancy Liebman, '71

# Rally speakers explain goals and tactics for day

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claimed that "we will wait for the press to stop disrupting the meeting" and addressing himself to the press, he said, "I am afraid gentlemen if you cross state lines, you will be in trouble."

Kabat then explained that after the meeting, SACC and NAC would march to MIT. He explained that SACC would not take part in NAC's planned obstructive sit-in in the halls of the administration building. Instead, they would break up into smaller groups and "constructively and cerebrally talk" to people. When he announced that they would go and talk to the workers, someone in the audience

shouted "They won't believe your lies."

A highlight of the meeting was a show of slides by Owen Franken depicting the events of the preceding day at the I-Labs. Slides repeatedly showed the police standing in formation, charging the demonstrators and carrying rifles and tear gas guns. A soundtrack accompanying the slides included the Beatles' song, "Piggies."

During the middle of the rally, several members of the Women's Liberation Movement led the audience in singing movement songs. They sang a parody of "Come oh ye Faithful" and to the tune of Mickey Mouse, they sang the MIT Ph.D. MO-NEY song.

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# Minor scuffles occur at sit-in

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NAC adopted a stand of not talking to "pig press".

## Arguments

Numerous arguments between professors and chanting demonstrators broke out, but there was no violence. One professor attempted to argue that violence was senseless; he was called a "pig liberal" and bombarded with revolutionary slogans including Mao's "power grows from the barrel of a gun" from a group of armed-linked demonstrators.

NAC marshals announced they felt little probability of a bust as many began to speculate on it. They noted that bystanders would be in the way, and that MIT would not want them hurt. Just in case, however, they issued instructions for everyone to disperse by walking away from the direction cops would come and spreading out through the Institute, leaving by various exits.

A xeroxed statement from Paul Gray's noon press conference was circulated and read by George Katsiaficas, stating

that in the event of an obstructive sit-in the Institute would consider disciplinary action against MIT students and trespass charges against outsiders.

## Wiesner statement

A growing mood of gaiety was shattered at 3:30 pm when Wiesner assisted by Karen Wattel '70 attempted to read another statement over a bullhorn. The official text: "I ask you to permit passage. This is a request."

He attempted to read it again from two other points in the corridor. Each time he touched off a chorus of shouts and defiant chants such as "Fuck you, Big Brother."

About 25 minutes later, Wadleigh told the head of the NAC marshals that people present

were now subject to the disciplinary action and charges mentioned in the Gray statement. As this took place, NAC announced they were waiting for SACC to return from their canvassing for a daylight march past the I-Labs. The march did not take place.

At 4:30 pm NAC leaders decided it was time to go. They asked the crowd to rise and move to the lobby of Building 7, where films were still being shown by NEWSREEL, the radical film group, members of the NAC. The crowd went there, some to return to the Student Center, others to remain and watch the films, and talk politics.

# NAC privileges expire in student center rooms

By Ted Lichtenstein

NAC was displaced from the Sala de Puerto Rico last night due to rehearsals of the MIT Concert Band and Orchestra after the reservation of the room had run out at noon.

Before yesterday the Student Center rooms were reserved for a YAF debate in the Sala, the band and orchestra rehearsals in the Lobdell Dining Room, and a small Urban Studies program in the Mezzanine Lounge.

The YAF debate was cancelled, however, and SCC decided to move the band and orchestra into the Sala to save the five manhours required to set up Lobdell. This decision was made in view of the apparent small NAC support.

As of yesterday morning it appeared that the number of NAC followers had dropped to about sixty. After the noon ral-

ly, the number of demonstrators had grown considerably, and SCC decided to put NAC in the Mezzanine Lounge. This solution, they felt, would be satisfactory for the NAC 7 pm meeting.

However SCC was caught unprepared when NAC wanted to come to the Student Center at 4:45 pm in large numbers. By this time the band rehearsal was set up in the Sala and the Mezzanine Lounge had not been readied for NAC.

Hasty efforts were made to prepare Lobdell. It turned out that the Mezzanine Lounge was not needed and was returned to the Urban Studies program.

The original decision to grant Student Center facilities to NAC was based on the fact that not knowing what action NAC would take the committee had no right to deny their request.

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# Johnson praises police for activities at I-lab

President Howard Johnson, who has been incommunicado most of the time this week, paid a visit Thursday morning to the Cambridge Tactical Police force which "engaged in [the Wednesday] action in front of the Instrumentation Laboratory," according to a release from the Office of Public Relations.

Accompanied by Cambridge City Manager James L. Sullivan, Johnson addressed the TPF at its temporary quarters in the Harrington School gymnasium in East Cambridge. The school has been used as sleeping quarters and mustering point since the November Action crisis began.

Johnson told the police:

"I came here today to tell you how deeply grateful MIT is for the patience, restraint, and professional discipline shown by all of you yesterday morning. When tensions are high, it takes courage to be calm. I am sure the citizens of Cambridge are proud of you. I know we are.

Johnson also thanked the leaders of government of the city of Cambridge, singling out Manager Sullivan for special thanks.

He personally thanked Chief of Police James F. Reagan and other leaders of the police force involved in the I-Lab action.

# Sidelined Ben Wilson - loudest Tech cheerleader

By Pete Close

He doesn't wear skirts, and he's not what you call pretty. But the unequivocal lung power that faithfully encourages MIT's athletes, no matter what the sport, is Tech's Number One cheerleader, Ben Wilson. Ben needs no introduction to Tech sportsreaders. The blond string-bean from Richmond, Virginia has "run" rampage through all of MIT's track distance marks, indoors and outdoors, during his college athletic sport career. Unfortunately for both Ben and MIT cross country, Wilson has been sidelined by a reoccurring foot injury this season. On the bright side, Ben is a five-year student and will be eligible for varsity cross country in 1970.

At MIT, basketball is the school's biggest drawing spectator sport. Excepting crew and wrestling, few other sports at MIT consistently play before many fans. But on a week day afternoon during the tranquility of a MIT soccer game, player and passersby alike are figuratively shaken out of their skin by a never-to-be-forgotten singular shrill of Ben Wilson.

Even last year when he was busily training himself at his specialty on the track, Wilson would be screaming encouragement to Tech's baseball, lacrosse, tennis, and the before mentioned soccer squads.

On a typical MIT winter sports Saturday, Tech's track, swimming, wrestling, basketball, squash, fencing, rifle, pistol, gymnastics, and hockey teams conceivably could all be engaged in home contests. You'd think after tripling in the 1000, mile, and two-mile, (and winning too!!!) that you would be tired or something. But not old sports fan Ben. He's everywhere—yelling at frat brother Walt Price to pin his opponent, or screaming at Steve Chamberlain to pass off. Woe be to the fan that belittles a Tech athlete's effort whilst he be in the audible range of Ben Wilson.

Ben carries his enthusiasm for MIT athletes even further. As president of the Varsity Club, MIT's undergraduate lettermen's organization, Ben has been lobbying for more sports involvement.

A summary of Wilson's collegiate career should raise a few eyebrows, especially for those that didn't realize that MIT has such a talented hooper. As a freshman, Wilson broke every MIT distance mark from the 1000 to the three-mile. His Greater Boston freshman championship run set a record that still stands. As a sophomore, Ben smashed every Tech varsity distance record, indoors and outdoors, that also included a nationally ranked indoor two-mile time of 8:54.6. Outdoors, Ben raced to a third place in the National College Division 5000-Meter Championships that earned him his first of three All Americas in track and cross

country.

As junior, Ben led his Tech cross country team to the school's first ICAAAA team championship, placing second himself in the title run. Later in November of 1968, Wilson placed fourteenth in the National Collegiate Cross Country Championship (second All America) and a third place team finish. Outdoors, Ben smashed the New England Collegiate 3000-meter steeplechase record and culminated another great season with a second place finish in the NCAA college steeplechase (third All America).



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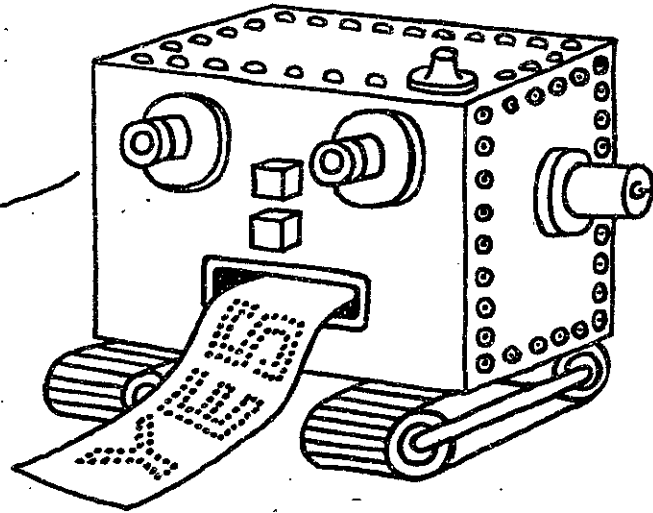
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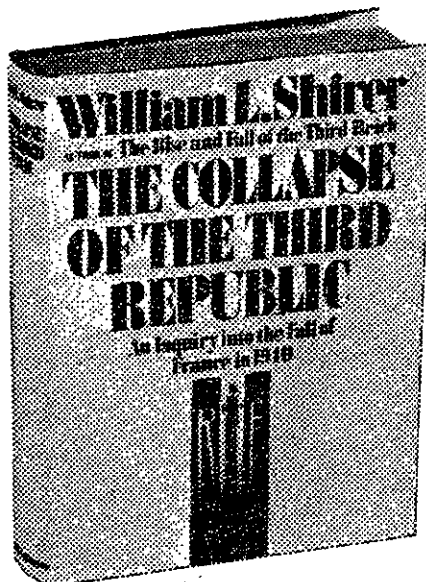
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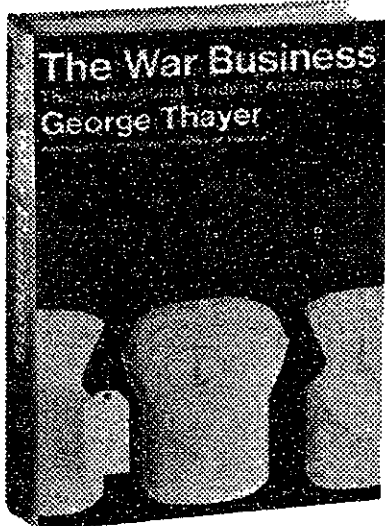
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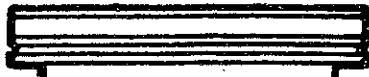


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lished a 2-3-4-5 by the second mark. McComb and Bernard collided, and McComb withdrew from the race just to insure the victory. As he hit the dock, there were cheers from the direction of the flashlights on the river as the rest of the team pulled the winning punch for the final time.

The Staake Trophy, which also took place this weekend, is another team race event, but for squads of three crews. The Tech crews got off to a slow start at Coast Guard with a loss to Harvard in the first march. However, as the day wore on, the Engineers found the combination and won the rest of their matches while Harvard and Coast Guard battled to stay out of the loss column. At the end of Saturday's 13 races, MIT led the series with a 6-1 record to Harvard and Coast Guard's 4-3. UConn trailed with 0-7.

Sunday's forecast was for rain and breezes over 25 knots. Winds of this sort proved to be the liking of all but one of Tech's skippers, who found himself swimming at the reach mark of the first race of the day. Even with this mishap, Tech edged Coast Guard with Dana Pettengill in first and Nesbeda third.

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## Crew coach captures 3rd single sculls title



Freshman crew coach Paul Wilson strokes his way to victory in the single sculls competition of the 'Head of the Charles' Regatta.

Photo by Gary Ezzell

By Ray Kwasnick

The Head of the Charles Regatta held two weeks ago saw few successes for MIT's official teams. However, the performance of Paul Wilson, Tech's frosh heavyweight coach in winning his third straight single scull championship, was a bright spot.

Paul has been rowing for over 11 years, and he has been coaching for three. He was first introduced to the sport as a freshman at Exeter. In his senior year there he was on the first team which won the annual race at Worcester for the schoolboy championship.

From Exeter, Paul went to Harvard where he was captain of the frosh heavyweight team, a crew which was undefeated through the regular season and went on to win their division at Henley during the summer. But in his sophomore year he realized that at six feet and 170 pounds he was three inches and 35 pounds below average for the Crimson varsity, so he joined his dorm's IM team instead. Fortunately, Eliot dorm had an excellent coach who was well-versed in the radical new techniques of the West Germans. Consequently, the team developed well and traveled to Henley in '64 and '65 winning once and losing in the semifinals the other time.

Paul spent the rest of the summer of '65 in Switzerland studying sculling under Dr. Ernst Ganz who coached the third place entrant in the '68 Olympics. Paul had taken up sculling for the dorm in '64, but this was his first real instruction in it. Although he and Ganz had some basic disagreements over technique and training, Paul measurably improved over the summer.

After graduation Paul spent a year at Cambridge University in England. After some differences of opinion, Paul quit the Blue team which has an annual rivalry with Oxford. This outraged quite a few people, but Paul got

his revenge when he began coaching the Trinity College team. After a year of training under Paul's interpretation of the West German method, the team went from ninth place among the colleges to first. The Trinity team then became the first college team in 100 years to defeat the University Blue team.

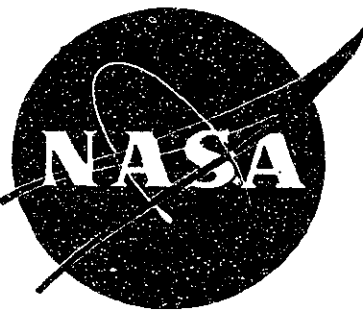
He then began training hard for the '68 Olympics, but he just wasn't ready as he finished fourth in the trials. He then teamed up with Bob Arlett for the doubles, but they came in second by two seconds.

This year Paul was ready for the Nationals, but he made the mistake of overtraining. He peaked a week before the race. He placed third in both the singles and doubles while not rowing very well.

Paul finds coaching at MIT very rewarding despite the difficulties the heavyweights have. They basically suffer from the same handicap he has—lack of size. There just aren't that many big athletes at MIT, and in crew, size and strength are more important than finesse. Thus last year's frosh heavies, who by the end of last spring had nearly perfect technique, just couldn't win against teams that maybe weren't quite as good but averaged 30 pounds heavier. However, this disadvantage is what makes the victories that much sweeter.

Paul sees some big improvements for his crews this spring. For one thing, he has over 20 people to work with this year as opposed to just over 10 last year. Furthermore, he actually has a few big guys this year as well as several enthusiasts who actually feel a sensual pleasure in the feel of a shell surging underneath them with each stroke. Although he isn't predicting an amazing turnaround in results this year, there should be several more of those sweet victories for this squad.

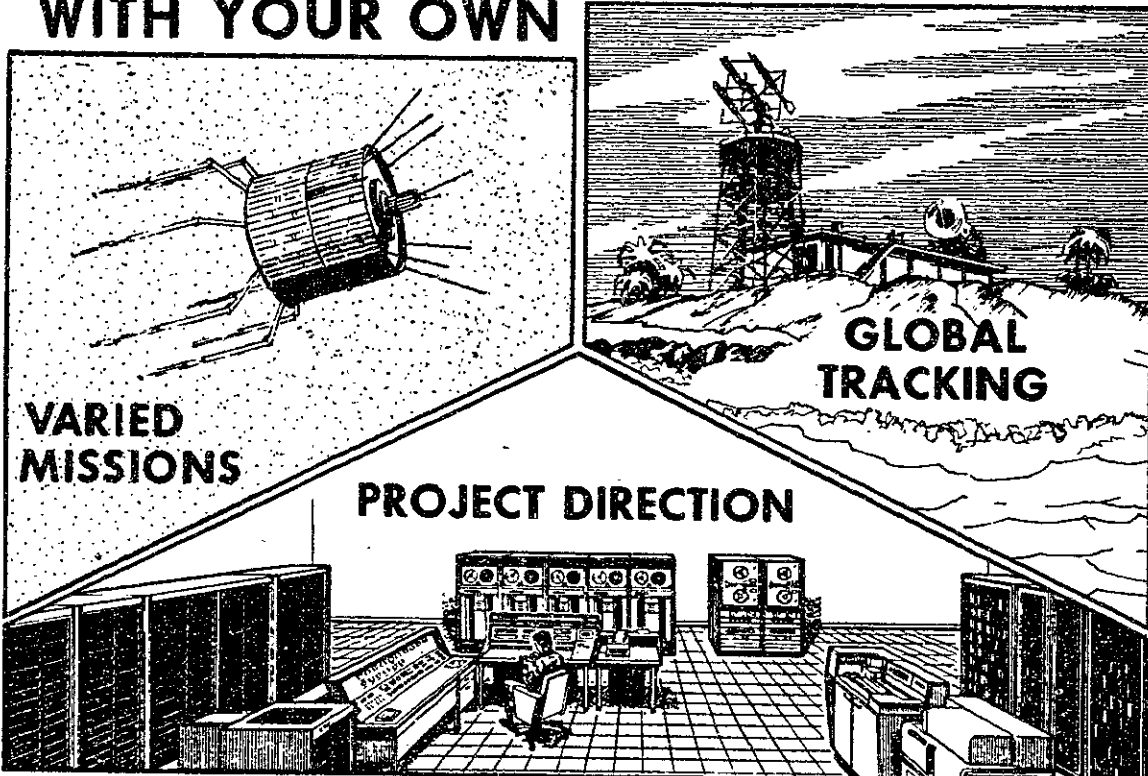
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## Benchwarmer

By Jay Zager

About a week ago, this column discussed the disadvantages of being an Intramural manager at MIT. Despite these, there are enough masochists at MIT so that every intramural sport has its scapegoat. For about half of the seventeen IM managerial jobs, one candidate runs unopposed and is consequently elected by white ballot. As for the other half of the positions, these jobs are unwanted at the time they are offered and intramural president Bob Dresser, or one of his associates, seeks out somewhat competent people to fill the positions. It usually takes a considerable amount of persuasion to con a guy into doing something he knows he'll regret.

Why then do people volunteer to become intramural managers? For some the answer is simple. IM cross-country manager Ben Wilson simply likes "the power of firing the gun". On a more serious vein, most IM managers enjoy the "apparent" power of controlling an intramural sport. Since all managers enjoy a dictatorial rein over their sport (with an appeal board which rarely rules against an IM manager's decision), they find themselves in a position to schedule teams as they so desire. For example: house A has a fairly strong basketball team and could possibly make the playoffs except for the fact that house B has a really strong team and could conceivably defeat team A and reach the playoffs. If the IM basketball manager is from house A, he could easily put team A in league A1 and put team B in league B2. Before the abolishment of intramural points and the All-Sports Trophy, this was a common practice and thus the so-called "jock" houses on campus were overrepresented on the IM council. One of the consequences of the removal of IM points then has been the removal of a purely selfish motive for becoming an intramural manager.

But no one really expects an IM manager to be able to single-handedly run an intramural sport such as basketball or softball. Accordingly each manager has been allowed to appoint at his discretion assistant managers. In the past, assistant managers were usually freshmen from the house of the IM manager, and having been an assistant manager, it became quite easy to move to the position of full manager the following season. Thus, the jock houses were easily able to perpetuate their hold on the IM council.

In some cases, houses had athletes who served as managers of more than one IM sport. It was not uncommon for the IM cross-country manager to serve as IM track manager, especially since both sports were one day affairs with no problems in the areas of scheduling or forfeits. In these cases, a man was allowed a vote for each sport he managed and thus a double manager of track and cross-country had twice as much voting power as the IM basketball manager who put in considerably more time and effort.

The "apparent" power of serving on the IM council and being an IM manager has declined considerably with the removal of IM points. Thus the job of manager has lost considerable status in the past year. But with the increase in IM sports on campus, a solution must be found if IM sports are to continue as they have done in the past. The major problem the IM council faces is the lack of publicity both in the council and in the job it does. This is primarily the fault of athletic chairmen of the dormitories and fraternities, who, with rare exception, fail to keep their houses informed of the opportunities available in intramural sports. Many freshmen would be interested in serving as an assistant IM manager if they became aware of the job openings. At the last IM council meeting, for example, not a single freshman was present, a direct reflection on the work of the athletic chairmen.

Besides finding IM managers competent freshmen to assist them, the council should concern itself with the possibility of having the athletic department hire people (even students part-time) to do the "hack work" involved in running a sport. Mailing and addressing letters should not be the mob of the manager. And if no one wants to work for the athletic department, then have the department pay the managers, thereby creating a considerable reward in managing and consequently drawing more competent people into the arena. It seems paradoxical that the department will pay for the basketball refs and softball umpires for their services, and then turn around and not pay the manager who spends considerably more time in the sport. It seems apparent that a problem does exist within the IM council, and if adequate steps are not taken soon, the future of IM sports at MIT may be questionable.



Senior Bob Vegeler leaps high in the air to snare a long bomb in last Saturday's Fiji-SAM IM football game. PGD won 25-0.

Photo by Tom Jahns

## Harriers trip BU, Brandeis

By Buzz Moylan

Last Tuesday on the rain-drenched turf of Franklin Park, MIT took on the harriers from Brandeis and BU in the last triangular meet of the season. Despite the extremely slow course, the Engineers emerged victorious; the final score: MIT 27, Brandeis 47, BU 51.

Goldhor second

In the varsity competition, a quick freshman from Brandeis named Gary Lyons "stole" the victory. He clocked 26:23. Rich Goldhor '72 placed second in 27:04. His time reflects the prevailing course conditions. Eric Darling '70, running close to Goldhor throughout the race, was third at 27:15. BU and Brandeis copped the next two positions. A string of Techmen occupied the following three

slots, led by Chip Kinball '72 in sixth, Bobby Myers '72 in seventh and Craig Lewis '72 in eighth. Pat Sullivan '72 finished eleventh to displace three Brandeis and two BU opponents. In the last two miles Bobby Myers made up two places to overtake teammate Craig Lewis.

This victory gives the varsity a respectable 5-5 slate for the season. However, these figures alone cannot give an accurate account of the team's success of failures. Three of its losses were by two-point margins. For much of the season the squad ran without either of its co-captains, Ben Wilson '70 and Larry Petro '70.

BU nips frosh

The freshmen did not fare as well as their varsity counterparts. In a dual meet, the frosh

harriers were nipped by Boston University, 26-29. John Kaufman took individual honors over BU's Massaquoi. Their respective times were 16:39 and 17:02. Kaufman started out behind the leaders as is his style. He did not challenge Massaquoi until the race was half over. From then on it was Kaufman's race. Greg Myers finished third at 17:19. In the final half mile Terry Blumer passed two BU runners, but he was overtaken by one in the home stretch. Blumer was sixth. Jim Foran broke into the scoring by finishing ninth, fourth for the Engineers. Bill DeCampi rounded out the tally in tenth place.

On Monday both squads will be competing against a strong field entered in the New England Cross Country Championships.

## Tufts robs kickers of title

By Ray Kwasnick

The varsity soccer team sloshed through three periods of soccer Wednesday before rallying and just falling short of victory and a share of the Greater Boston League championship. Tufts withstood the final Tech surge to claim the 4-2 triumph. The loss dropped the Engineers' overall record to 3-8.

The Tech kickers completely dominated the first five minutes of play, but for all the pressure they couldn't put the ball into the yawning goal mouth. Tufts finally recovered from its initial stupor and put two goals on the board in the first period.

One of the goals typified the frustration the Engineers have felt all season. Goalie Tom Aiden '72 made a spectacular

save on a point blank shot. However, as he attempted to hurl the ball out of danger, it slipped out of his grasp and rolled in for a Tufts' score.

Play was fairly even in the second and third periods, but Tufts scored a goal in each to increase the margin to 4-0. Meanwhile Tech was still missing opportunities to jump back into the contest.

The tide turned in the last quarter. With about five minutes gone, Gerry Maskiewicz '71 manoeuvred the ball down the right sideline before setting Dave Peterson '71 up in front of the goal with a good crossing pass. As Peterson shot, one of the Tufts defenders leveled him, and Tech was awarded a penalty shot. Steve Young '70 lined a one-hopper past the diving Jumbo goalie to make the score 4-1.

Six minutes and a few missed chances later, Maskiewicz was given a corner kick. He turned it into a beautiful six feet high shot which Young promptly headed in to draw the Engineers to within two.

Sensing a chance for a miraculous comeback, the Techmen didn't let up. In the last ten minutes of the game, the ball left the Tufts end of the field only twice. One time Tony Reish '72 just missed with a shot that bounced off the right post. Ken Stone '72 had three or four chances to head in good centering passes, but he couldn't convert.

The win gave Tufts a 3-1 mark in the GBL while dropping MIT's mark to 2-2. Therefore, Tufts ties Boston University for the championship while the Engineers finish third.



Sophomore Ken Stone boots ball past charging enemy defenseman and Tech fullback Val Livada '70. The Engineers dropped GBL title contest to Tufts on Wednesday by a 4-2 count. Photo by Craig Davis

## Varsity sailors capture Fowle, Staake Cups

The sun had gone down, but the Fowle Trophy finals were not yet complete. So, although unable to see a thing, four boats each from Coast Guard and Tech went back out on the river to a starting line marked by a boat with flashlights at each end. Less than half an hour later, Tom Bergen, Bob Berliner '70, and co-captain Steve Miligan finished 1-2-3 and wiped out the Cadets to win the New England Team Racing Championship.

Eight crews had gathered on the Charles Saturday morning to begin a round-robin quarter final series. When the crews moved to the semi-finals round Sunday morning, Harvard led with a 7-0 record, having been the only team to beat MIT (6-1). Those two were the only teams to beat URI (5-2), while Coast Guard (4-3) had lost to all of the above. Harvard and MIT had been favored heavily by all participating oracles.

Co-captains Dave McComb and Miligan led the charge against URI and brought the Tech team home to victory in the first two contests. With only one more victory necessary to gain the finals, the Tech squad took a short breather as

McComb fouled in a do-or-die effort at the finish. But the last race was all MIT, and McComb and Berliner teamed up to demolish the lead URI boat in a 1-2 finish. It was characteristic of the Tech supremacy in the first half of the meet.

In the other half of the meet, however, Harvard fouled out of three races to give Coast Guard, the dark horse of the regatta, its ticket to the final match. So much time had been consumed that it was nearly 4 pm before the Tech and Coast Guard crews squared off against each other. Tom Bernard, the CG captain showed the way around the entire course, although McComb finally broke free just before the finish.

McComb and Bernard then took each other on with the results being reversed. Berliner helped round off the winning 1-2 combination for MIT once again. In the third race, as the sun set, Tech managed to lose spots 2-3-4 and the race to CG.

In race four, the old 1-2 punch was back, as the course grew totally black. So the scene was set for the climactic Flashlight Race, in which Tech estab-

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